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Reina's Story



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In April 2001, 15-year-old Reina was leaving her home in Tenancingo, a high-plateau town west of Mexico City. She was happier than she'd been in a while, traveling north to Tijuana, in the company of Arturo López-Rojas. At 32, Arturo was nicely dressed, heavy, and short, barely five feet tall; Reina, with a pretty round face, was shorter by several inches. Arturo was taking her to the

border crossing at San Diego to get her into the United States; he would then deliver her to her new job as a housekeeper, maybe with children to watch; he also vowed that once she had established herself, they would marry. This bundle of offerings excited Reina. She knew of other girls who'd made the trip to California, who were cleaning grand houses with grassy yards and swimming pools

and sending money to their loved ones in Tenancingo — dollars instead of pesos.

But Reina was also worried. Six months earlier, she had given birth to a boy, Manuel. Leaving her son behind was the most painful thing she'd ever done. For miles she cried, felt the space between her and Manuel stretch across the span of blue sky. Arturo said, don't worry. In a month,

after she had earned his gas money, Arturo would return to Tenancingo and pick up Manuel and bring him north. He would get Manuel across the border the same way he would get her across. Don't worry. Reina felt better, remembering the swaddled baby she had hugged and kissed and given to Arturo's sister, a young woman who also told her, *No te preocupés*. Don't worry.

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Brizzolara Addiction
I can't imagine why Michael Hemmingson felt he needed to write such a nasty letter about John Brizzolara after his profile was published in the *Reader* ("Attracted to Oblivion," July 17). The sad thing is, I never bothered to write in to the *Reader* sooner, to say that since I moved here almost 20 years ago, John Brizzolara is the reason I got hooked on picking up the *Reader* every week. The good news is that I am now provoked enough to say thanks, John, for deciding to keep writing, even if it means people like Michael Hemmingson exist. As a well-read, well-educated East Coast transplant, I can't say I've ever seen Michael Hemmingson's voice in print anywhere except that holier-than-thou letter in the *Reader* July 24. So what if my introduction to Mr. B's writing was through a weekly paper in a still-provincial town that has a love/hate relationship to art and intellectuals. So what if John chooses to drink. But Michael, ask yourself: Why is John published every week (nearly), against all odds, while you....?

Sally Donatiello
Uptown

Cowardly Thugs
I write in response to your article entitled "We Don't Want Anyone to Surf Here" ("City Lights," July 10). It surprises me that an otherwise intelligent publication is even allowing the sort of ignorant fools you quote in your article any sort of outlet in which to express their stupid and dangerous views. Whilst such morons as "weasel" crow about being "brought up" to fight and indeed "look[ing] forward to that kind of stuff," the writer of the article makes no effort to point out just how inane

and foolish these people are.
I have been surfing since I was five years old. I have devoted my life to the sport and have traveled to all five continents in search of waves. I recently moved to California from the UK in search of warmer water and bigger swells than England. I have been genuinely surprised by how friendly and receptive the vast majority of surfers on this coast have been towards me and have loved surfing here.
But then there's Windansea. The simple fact is that whilst such career surfers as the people you mention in your article may respect an antiviolent form of localism, a lot of other locals do not. Windansea has become a terrible place to surf. It is dominated by middle-aged, testosterone-fueled fat men whose skill as surfers is about as pathetic as their cerebra. These men are out there not to surf but to fuel their egos and attitudes as "bad boys" and macho leaders of some sort of sad little pack of wannabes. The influence of this older, plumper crowd on the local kids is particularly distressing. I have been in the water and seen surfers as young as 14 heckling, abusing, and insulting visiting surfers. These kids know they have the backup of the local thugs who are hell-bent on any opportunity to pick a fight, and their perceptions of what surfing is all about have, sadly, been altered irrevocably.
"Localism" as a concept is inherently flawed anyway. The idea that anyone can "own" a part of the ocean is just unsustainable. So what if someone's family has lived in the area for a while. If you want to talk about ownership, the coast that includes Windansea is owned by the Native Americans that once fished and lived on these shores for hundreds of years, not by some immigrant who has lived there for a few decades.
If these people are so concerned about getting decent waves, then maybe they should concentrate on making some money so that they can buy tickets to such places as Indonesia or Chile, where empty, perfect waves are in abundance. Sadly, the sort of people

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The Attraction of Etc.

By Don Bauder

For many years, those all-purpose letters, “Etc.,” served Anthony W. “Tony” DeSio very well. He built Mail Boxes Etc. into a highly successful national chain that managed to compete with the post office and also dodge a financial bullet: It was acquired by a company that collapsed in ignominy, but the San Diego franchiser

DeSio, along with another group of former Mail Boxes Etc. investors, couldn’t carry the mail. Three months ago, Image Arts Etc. — which claimed it could put a digital photo on almost any-

The UPS Store.

There was a logic behind the use of the word “Etc.” at both DeSio-directed companies. In 1981, DeSio became president of a one-year-old Carlsbad company, U.S. Mail Boxes. In 1986, the name was changed to Mail Boxes Etc. because the company offered a variety of services besides mail boxes: wrapping and mailing packages, copy and fax machines, teleconferencing equipment, and the like. DeSio boasted to potential franchisees that a store was a group of profit centers under one roof — and that’s one

According to Blaine Roberts, DeSio plunked in about \$600,000. Eastman Kodak put in \$2 million, with the understanding that it would be an exclusive supplier of certain media and digital-imaging equipment. Other former Mail Boxes Etc. investors were Norman Roberts, La Jolla investment banker and Blaine’s father, \$250,000; and Blaine Roberts, \$100,000. Venture capitalist Michael Dooling, a former chairman of Mail Boxes Etc., also put money in the pot.

“We went through two rounds of venture capital and needed one more round of \$3 million,” says Blaine Roberts. But venture capital had dried up drastically since the halcyon days of the late 1990s, and little was available.

“They needed a million dollars to last them to get into the black,” and more beyond that, says Norman Roberts. “I didn’t want to give them a million dollars. They couldn’t raise it, so they went into Chapter 7. They sold the inventory and everything; it is a done deal.”

The company’s goal was to have 1000 franchisees by 2005, but at the end, it had 46 franchisees and 35 stores open. As Image Arts Etc. sunk, former franchisees sued the company, DeSio, Blaine Roberts, and others. It was settled out of court. Only two months before the bankruptcy filing, the company lost \$10,000 when an



Jim Janney



Image Arts Etc., India Street

slunk out of the slough and wound up with one of the nation’s few AAA-rated companies as its parent, the superbly managed United Parcel Service (UPS).

But the second time, Tony

thing — filed for Chapter 7 liquidation bankruptcy in San Diego.

There’s a final insult: More than 90 percent of domestic Mail Boxes Etc. franchisees are changing their names to

reason the company became one of the fastest-growing franchisers in the U.S.

In 1999, DeSio launched a company that also offered potential franchisees diverse profit centers within a store. This one was based on digital photography and wide-format printing. Within each store were a frame shop, art gallery, sign shop, and portrait studio. Again, the “Etc.” in Image Arts Etc. was an attempt to bundle up the various profit centers in a snappy name.

“It was tough picking a name for it,” says San Diegan Blaine Roberts, who was chief executive officer until right before the Chapter 7 filing in May. “The stores had a nice combination of profit centers.” Also, the word “Etc.” on the end, as well as the participation of DeSio, helped attract franchisees who knew about the success of Mail Boxes Etc. Image Arts Etc. also expected to do a land-office business online, mainly through Home Shopping Network.

Matt Potter
is on vacation.

employee stole software.

Blaine Roberts says that most stores are now running on their own, and that’s partly a blessing, because there is no franchiser to which to pay fees.

In fact, Blaine Roberts’s wife and sister, Barbara and Laurie Roberts, respectively, still run an Image Arts Etc. store on India Street. “We’re

operating without the help of a corporate parent and doing very well,” says Barbara Roberts.

“Nobody lost a lot of money, but suppliers did,” says Norman Roberts. Bankruptcy

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Allied Gardens storefront

Neal Obermeyer



Local Growers Leery of Year-Round Fruit

By Ernie Grimm

In late June, officials from the United States Department of Agriculture lifted a ban on picking Hass avocados that had been imposed on growers in Valley Center since Mexican fruit flies were found in the area last December. Testing done in the interim had revealed no evidence that the fruit flies, usually associated with citrus, were affecting the avocados. North County farmers were elated to be able to harvest their avocados, which were beginning to fall to the ground. Growers, under the new agreement, must first remove and dispose of all fallen fruit in their orchards. At the packing houses, 100 avocados from every load are cut open and inspected for evidence of "Mexfly" larvae.

Though the lifting of the picking ban was good news in the short term for local avocado farmers, some in the industry worry that it will hurt them in the long term by opening the door for avo-

cados grown in Mexico to be imported into California.

Since November 2001, avocados grown in the state of Michoacán in central Mexico are imported into 31 states — California and its neighbors not among them — during the colder half of the year. Between 1997 and 2001, it was 19 northeastern states during winter months. "That was the first time since, I think, 1917 that Mexico was allowed to export avocados into the United States," says Bob Bednar, who has grown avocados on 20 acres in Valley Center since 1973. "Between 1917 and 1997, there was a restriction placed on them because of the seed weevil and the stem borer."

The seed weevil and the stem borer are pests that can affect avocados. "You can't even spray for them because

they are internal," Bednar says, "and they just destroy the fruit."

"We don't even have seed weevil up here," says Jerome Stehly, president of the California Avocado Commission. "That is why we have been trying to keep them out; we don't want it up here. And the seed weevil drills into the fruit and then drills into the seed of the fruit, and that rots it from the inside out. You can't tell until the consumer cuts it open. That is a bad pest. I don't want that thing in my fruit."

"After NAFTA," Bednar continues, "the USDA came up with what they call a redundant process — there are about seven different processes that they go through — that should find insects if they are there. And by doing that, and they don't find any insects, then they should be safe for importation. But they restricted it to 19 Northeastern states, where you would have a freeze. So if any of these insects came into the United States, they could not winter over. And since that time, Mexico has been fighting to get the rest of the states. This past year — I think in last October it started — they were allowed to bring them into 31 states from October until April 15. These are all non-Sun Belt

states."

Along with the stem borer and seed weevil, the Mexican fruit fly was another pest believed by the USDA to affect the Hass avocado. As such it was another barrier against the importation of Mexican avocados into California, where more than 99 percent of United States avocados are grown. (And about 46 percent of California's avocados are grown in San Diego County.) But no evidence was found of Mexican fruit flies infesting avocados in the 150-square-mile North County quarantine area where Mexican fruit flies were found last fall. Thus, another barrier to importation from Mexico was removed. And in June of this year, concurrent with the lifting of the picking ban, the USDA published a 92-page "risk analysis" titled *The Importation of the Hass Avocado Fruit from Mexico*. The paper opens, "This risk assessment responds to a request to remove certain restrictions on the importation of Hass avocados from Mexico; its purpose is thus to analyze the risks of expanding the existing Mexican Hass avocado-import program to authorize imports of Mexican Hass avocados to all states during the entire year."

The report goes on to ad-

vocate year-round importation of avocados from Michoacán to all 50 states.

"In that risk assessment," says Stehly, who manages 1400 acres of avocado groves in North County, "they say that in certain circumstances the Hass avocado can be a host, but that they have a new systems approach that can

the country. I'm not convinced with the whole systems approach. With the Spanish clementines, they only shut them down for half a season and then they let them back in. And all they did, with no testing, was lower the temperature in the cooling as a way of saying that that would kill the med-



stop it, meaning they have redundant systems in place that will prevent any infected fruit from reaching growing areas or getting out of control."

Asked how much confidence the Department of Agriculture's pest-screening systems give him, Stehly answers, "Not very much. They had the same systems approach with the Spanish clementine tangerines and the Mediterranean fruit fly. But it came into the United States and got spread all over

fly. And they did not test it; no testing. And then they opened the doors back up for them. And they actually reduced the number of USDA people in Spain checking on the growth to make sure that they were medfly-free. But, you see, it's bigger than just agriculture. Where's our

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By the end of 1997, U.S. Office Products had gobbled up 206 companies — 97 in 1997 alone. As the stock

cratered, Mail Boxes Etc. investors holding the parent's stock wondered if they would go right down the toilet, too. In 1998, U.S. Office Products split itself into five publicly traded companies and bought back 28

percent of its stock. The buyback helped Mail Boxes Etc. investors get some cash for their company.

U.S. Office Products Co. went bankrupt in 2001, right about the time it was selling Mail Boxes Etc. to United

Parcel Service for \$267 million. Just recently, U.S. Office Products, also known as BRM Holdings, chalked up a dubious achievement: On July 23, the stock hit a 52-week high of half a cent (0.005). Two days later, the

stock hit a 52-week low of zero (0.000). The company lost \$804.1 million through its last nine months.

Ledecky left U.S. Office Products at the time of the split-up. He still preaches roll-up, rapid-fire acquisi-

tions. He got involved in a notorious affair: U.S. Technologies. When former CIA and FBI head William Webster was named to lead the newly created accounting oversight board last year, critics immediately noted that Webster was a director of U.S. Technologies, whose accounting turned out to be very questionable.

Webster backed away from the federal accounting post. Said James J. Cramer on *TheStreet.com*, "U.S. Technologies is an awful company, an Internet incubator roll-up that was controlled by none other than the notorious Jon Ledecky."

But Mail Boxes Etc. escaped the opprobrium. In 2001, as U.S. Office Products was going into bankruptcy, Mail Boxes Etc. was sold for \$200 million to United Parcel Service, which had had a minority stake in the company. (For those curious about the company's capacity, in the main, the UPS Store utilizes UPS and the post office for shipping.)

The company that Tony DeSio nurtured is booming. It now has 4500 franchisees worldwide, about 3400 of them in the U.S. The company expects to have 5000 franchisees in the U.S. by 2007 — even without an "Etc." in the name.

But Image Arts Etc. investors were wiped out, says Blaine Roberts. ■

Year-round fruit

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biggest air base in that region? It's in Spain. Who supported us in the Iraqi War? Spain."

Both Stehly and Bednar believe that, due to political momentum, Mexican avocados will eventually be imported to all 50 states. "They're coming," Bednar says. "They've been fighting to get their fruit into the whole United States since the early 1990s."

"After one of the recent meetings between President Fox and President Bush," Stehly adds, "when a reporter asked an aide what they had talked about, he answered, 'Well, they talked about avocados.' Of all the fruits and vegetable commodities there are, they talked about avocados. The deal was made."

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Year-round fruit

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Asked if it's pests or market devaluation that worries local growers, Bednar answers, "[Importation of Mexican avocados] will devalue the market, but my big thing, and I have been in the industry for a long time, has always been the protection of our groves from insects. In recent years, we have had a lot of new Mexican insects that have come up. We have got avocado thrips and perseia mite — which we didn't have five or six years ago — and it

costs us money because we have to spray because those insects damage our fruit."

Stehly insists his opposition to Mexican avocados in California is not economic protectionism. "You have to remember that we have no restrictions against Chile, and Chile has continued to grow their market. They are going to bring over 200 million pounds into our market this next year. And at no time have we ever tried to stop them from coming up here because they are pest-free."

Stehly says the avocado commission will do everything short of a lawsuit to

fight against the Department of Agriculture allowing Mexican avocados into California. But even if all restrictions against the importation of Mexican avocados were lifted tomorrow, he believes the economic effect wouldn't be felt soon, and, because of market changes, possibly never. "They have to put in infrastructure," he explains, "they have to get growth certified; there is a lot that has to happen. And the other thing is that weather will affect it. There could be a big freeze or a big wind or something in Mexico, and they could have a short crop,

and all of a sudden they don't have enough fruit to send up. And also, last year, the statistics show that 48 percent of the avocados eaten in the United States were eaten by 18 percent of the population. That is what our statistics show. Now, when you look at that kind of a statistic, you know that you've got some room to grow your market, and that is what we as California growers have spent hundreds of millions of dollars doing since the commission has been formed. And last year the National Hass Avocado Board was formed."

The Hass Avocado Board assesses 2.5 cents on every pound of avocados brought by growers to packing houses and also on every pound imported from Chile and Mexico. The money is also used for marketing avocados.

"You have to remember," Stehly adds, "that Mexico produces two billion pounds of avocados a year, but they also consume a lot. They only ship out about 10 percent. And the price in Mexico last year, from what the packing houses have told me, was about the same as what they were getting for sending them up to the United States. So if

that is the truth, then as Mexico's economy grows, their demand for the avocado is going to be higher, and they won't make as much money in sending them to the United States."

Bednar finds hope in demographic changes in the domestic market. "It will take some time before Mexico can bring in a lot of avocados," he says, "and in that time we are going to be expanding our market, especially with the tremendous amount of Hispanic growth in the population of the United States. Avocados are a staple in the Hispanic food tradition." ■

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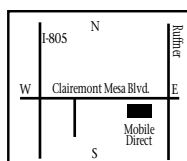
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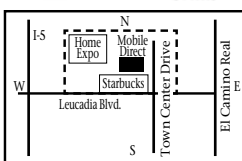
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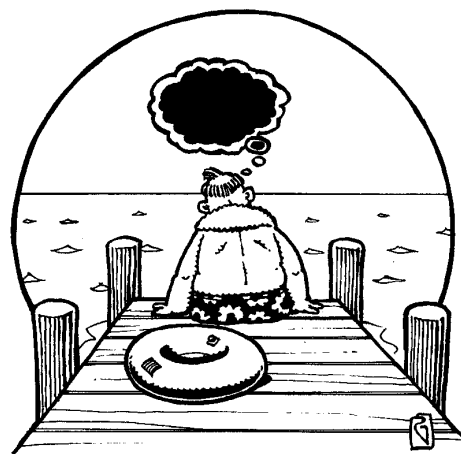
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Hey, Matt:

When I lived in Northern California there was never a problem with people swimming in the lakes and reservoirs, but down here I find that it's illegal to swim in our lakes and reservoirs. What gives? Is my hairy body worse than motor oil from a jet ski or motorboat?

— Hot Paul, the net

Mattster:

As I crawl through Escondido on my commute on 15, I always wonder what's going to happen to all those trees and bushes that have grown up in what used to be Lake Hodges. Someday, I assume, the lake will be full again and all those trees will die. What a mess!

— Creeping Charlie, stuck in traffic

The bigger mess is paddling upstream against the flow of all the state, county, local, and district committees, departments, authorities, and bureaus that have a hand in our water. California's biggest industries — agriculture and tourism? Phooey. Water and the lottery. Anyway, we checked in with the county water authority to find out about the marshy wetland that is now Lake Hodges. With or without more rain, the lake's level will rise and will stay risen when the new reservoir on Mt. Israel/Elfin Forest is filled, since the dam will feed the lake. (Oddly enough, lake water will also be pumped uphill to feed the reservoir occasionally.) But before the lake is refilled, all that greenery that you see from 15 will be cut so the place doesn't turn into a big mucky bowl of decomposing ooze. If everything goes as planned, the lake will stay filled and none of that shrubbery will come back.

As if decomposing ooze weren't bad enough, when Hot Paul's hairy body lands in a lake along with a lot of other hairy bodies, the water then needs to be specially treated to remove human-borne pathogens, *e. coli* most notably, if it is destined to be tap water rather than agricultural water. Much more 'spensive to deliver to our homes than no-swimming-allowed water, which just requires basic treatment. Each county has some input on whether a reservoir is licensed for swimming, since it has to pay the treatment tab. The state Department of Water Resources suggests that Northern California has more natural lakes for swimming (even if water from those lakes at some point ends up in a reservoir), and the economics of water up north may make county water officials more inclined to let you dive in.

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Oh, Crap!

Hey, Matt: I am loath to be the bearer of bad news, but "The Turd" isn't gone. It has been flushed to John J. Hopkins Drive, just off Genesee [UCSD area]....

— Will, the net

I didn't mean it was gone, like, melted down and turned into handguns or garden gnomes or something more acceptable. Just that it was elsewhere. Moved from its old site. I was willing to leave it at that. If you hate the thing, you don't care where it's gone as long as you don't have to look at it, right? If you love it, you don't need me to tell you its new location. I was hoping to spare the sculpture more whines and sneers and tiresome bad jokes. But enough of you wrote to say the thing wasn't "gone" that I figured I'd give you a little space. So, if you hate the thing, a little art education might modify your take on it, or just avoid John J. and Genesee. If you love it, the elves and I say good for you.

Oh, Crap! II: Attack of the Smartypants

So — fear of peeing in public is where it all started. This week I have a definite fear of opening e-mails marked "Matt, You Blockhead!" full of exclamation points and emoticons with asterisk eyes. Well, wanna hear me snivel and make anemic excuses so you can snort with derision and flip the page to the cell-phone ads? Hah!

Not all phobias end in "-phobia," I'm reminded by Earl Kline. And Mungo St. James is shocked, positively shocked at my moth-eaten report! The most learned response comes from SDSU psychology professor Louis R. Franzini. "The official diagnostic label for the fear of urinating in public is parauresis" (more commonly called paruresis or shy bladder syndrome). "It's considered a type of social phobia. The best treatment is desensitization and behavior therapy." Franzini co-authored the book *Eccentric and Bizarre Behavior*, so we've added him to Team Matthew Alice to help Grandma sort the mail into "Weird" and "Dangerously Weird," our two biggest categories.

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More Football

Readers will note the appalling lack of NFL action listed in this week’s Vegas Line. NFL games are scheduled on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The sporting public rubs its collective eyes and cries out, “Where in the hell are the Tuesday and Wednesday games!?”

Well, lucky for us, things are getting better. Come November 4, the NFL will inaugurate it’s own 7/24 television network. That’s right, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year of NFL news, talk, merchandise, insight, discussion, argument, nostalgia, biography, merchandise, merchandise, and propaganda. No games, of course. NFL games can be found on CBS, FOX, ABC, TNT, and ESPN.

I hear you. November is a long ways from here. That’s why I’m going to give you a sample of what is to come, a little something to tide you over. What follows are Tuesday’s football headlines taken from the hometown newspaper of every team in the AFC, plus each story’s lead sentence. Remember, in only a few weeks, the NFL will bring this kind of comprehensive, fast-breaking football news into your living room, every second of every day for as long as you may live.

AFC East

Buffalo News, hometown paper of the Buffalo Bills. Headline: Buffalo Return Puts a Smile on Gash’s Smash-mouth. Lead sentence: “Sam Gash almost couldn’t believe his ears during the offseason when he heard the Buffalo Bills were pursuing him because it seemed too good to be true.”

The Miami Herald, hometown paper of the Miami Dolphins. Headline: Buckley Comes Full Circle for Himself, Dolphins. Lead sentence: “Terrell Buckley is wearing a different number than he did in his previous Dolphins incarnation, and that’s about the only obvious sign this is a new day for the old cornerback.”

Boston Globe, hometown paper of the New England Patriots. Headline: Rookie CBs Shine, Rise. Lead sentence: “Bill Belichick can stand there and gush about rookie cornerbacks Asante Samuel and Eugene Wilson.”

New York Post, hometown paper of the New York Jets. Headline: Fun Done, Jets Get Busy. Lead sentences: “THE field trip is over and now the real work can begin for the Jets. When teachers take their students out of the classroom for a field trip, the concentration level is always bound to drop because of the various distractions that come from leaving routine.”

AFC North

Baltimore Sun, hometown paper of the Baltimore Ravens. Headline: With Hunter Out, Receiver Competition Heats Up. Lead sentence: “As he jogged out to practice Monday morning, Javin Hunter was locked in what promised to be a tight competition for the final receiver spots on the Ravens roster.”

Cincinnati Enquirer, hometown paper of the Cincinnati Bengals. Headline: Gibson Not Quite Done with His Career. Lead sentence: “Oliver Gibson has a full life waiting for him after football, but wants to put it off for as long as possible.”

Cleveland Plain Dealer, hometown paper of the Cleveland Browns. Headline: 3 And Out. Lead sentence: “Cornerback Jermaine Jones was signed by the Browns last week after Ray Walls left the club for undisclosed personal reasons.”

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, hometown paper of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Headline: Steelers Troy Polamalu on First Team. Lead sentence: “Rookie Troy Polamalu played with the Steelers first-team dime defense during practice yesterday, but no one will say whether the move is permanent or just a look.”

AFC South

Houston Chronicle, hometown paper of the Houston Texans. Headline: Walker Ready to Settle, Texans, Defensive End Must Rework Contract First. Lead sentence: “Gary Walker began his career in Houston, and this is where he would like to end it.”

Indianapolis Star, hometown paper of the Indianapolis Colts. Headline: Pollard Set to Bounce Back. Lead sentence: “There were times last season when the frustrations created by a new role and diminishing statistics threatened to boil over.”

Florida Times-Union, hometown paper of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Headline: Running With Rookies. Lead sentence: “Jaguars running back coach Anthony Lynn had a message for his young backups at the start of training camp.”

Nashville City Paper, hometown paper of the Tennessee Titans. Headline: Injury Means Opportunity. Lead sentence: “In training camp, one man’s injury is often another’s opportunity.”

The Vegas Line

| NFL Preseason (Home Team in CAPS) | | | | |
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| <u>Favorite</u> | <u>Spread</u> | <u>O/U</u> | <u>Underdog</u> | |
| Thursday | | | | |
| N. ENGLAND | 2 1/2 | 34 | N.Y. Giants | |
| Friday | | | | |
| MIAMI | 3 | 33 1/2 | Tampa Bay | |
| DETROIT | 1 | 35 | Pittsburgh | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| CHICAGO | 3 | 35 1/2 | Indianapolis | |
| MINNESOTA | 3 | 38 | Jacksonville | |
| TENNESSEE | 3 | 35 1/2 | Cleveland | |
| ATLANTA | 3 | 38 1/2 | Green Bay | |
| BALTIMORE | 3 | 34 | Buffalo | |
| Washington | 3 | 38 1/2 | CAROLINA | |
| Denver | 3 | 34 | HOUSTON | |
| KANSAS CITY | 3 1/2 | 38 | San Francisco | |
| SEATTLE | 3 1/2 | 36 1/2 | San Diego | |
| Dallas | 3 | 32 1/2 | ARIZONA | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| N.Y. JETS | 5 | 35 1/2 | Cincinnati | |
| Monday | | | | |
| N.ORLEANS | 1 1/2 | 35 | Philadelphia | |

AFC West

Kansas City Star, hometown paper of the Kansas City Chiefs. Headline: Chiefs Win Lightning-shortened Hall of Fame Game. Lead sentence: “As the Chiefs schemed during the off-season to repair the NFL’s worst defense, they had a game like Monday night’s in mind.”

Denver Post, hometown paper of the Denver Broncos. Headline: Broncos Bracing For Trip. Lead sentence: “On another picturesque Colorado morning, sunshine splashed across the Broncos’ practice field.”

Oakland Tribune, hometown paper of the Oakland Raiders. Headline: Brash Rookie Teyo Is Talk of Raiders Camp. Lead sentence: “He looks like him, he runs like him, and most importantly, he has shown he can catch passes like him.”

Trailer Boats Magazine, the hometown (Carson, California) magazine of the San Diego Chargers. Headline: Stern Language. Lead sentence: “When it comes to sterndrive warranties, you — the boat owner — bear most of the responsibilities.”

Let’s put all the incredibly bad writing to one side and consider how remote and boring it is to read about the daily life of professional football in cities other than your own. Frankly, besides the sterndrive warranties piece, I could not make myself read through any article listed here.

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
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Year founded: 1955
Senior pastor: Reverend Jim Rauch
Congregation: 340 members
Staff: 2 full-time, 16 part-time
Sunday school enrollment: 45
Annual budget: \$430,000
Weekly giving: \$8300
Singles program: no
Diversity: white
Dress: dressy casual to dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

I never wondered how money and real estate affected a denomination. I went to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Escondido for other reasons. I'd heard that Westminster was part of the "Confessing Churches Movement"—an informal nationwide network of Presbyterian Church U.S.A. members who disapprove of what they call "liberal trends" within their denomination's hierarchy.

Westminster sits on a stretch of Juniper Street lined with refurbished Victorian homes. Built in 1956, the church's sanctuary is bright white. The pews, upholstered in sensible gray, have low, unforgiving pine backs. Last Sunday morning, when I arrived for the 10:45 a.m. "traditional service," a largely older crowd of around 150 made its way into the cool, bright sanctuary. The ladies complimented each other on their summer dresses. A gentleman who must have been in his 70s stood with his arm around one of these summery ladies. He announced to a friend, "She and I are getting married." The friend grinned. "That's marvelous."

These people are the "grassroots" to whom Westminster's senior pastor, Reverend Jim Rauch, refers when he says, "Our participation in the Confessing Churches Movement is our way of sending a message to the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. General Assembly that the grassroots aren't happy with the liberal stance the church is taking on some issues."

These particular grassroots were so pleased with Reverend Rauch's sermon that it moved at least two of them to exclaim "Amen!"—a phenomenon as rare in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. as holy dancing and speaking in tongues.

In his sermon, "God and Government," Reverend Rauch painted a dark picture of the United States. The Boy Scouts, he said, had been subject to "incredible hatred" from gay rights groups.

"Would you want a gay scout master to be somewhere in a tent with your son?" he asked.

Reverend Rauch began his sermon by discussing a Christian's obligation to government. The New Testament, he told us,

"calls Christians to enthusiastic citizenship. Vote. Run for office. Read the newspapers. Pay attention to the editorials. Those are all Christian things to do." Nonetheless, "a Christian must *never* say, 'My country, right or wrong.'" To illustrate this point, Reverend Rauch recalled Nazi Germany, a government which, through its actions, "lost its legitimacy."

Reverend Rauch's at-hand parallel to the Third Reich was America's current debate about state-sanctioned same-sex marriage. He warned to this theme by first saying, "Let us not panic." But once in full stride, asked, "Am I going to be *persecuted* for holding that homosexuality is sinful?"

After the service, I asked Reverend Rauch about the source of this "hysteria." The word "hysteria" had just left my mouth when an older woman in a light-blue knit suit approached the reverend and myself. She said that, during the service, several people had noticed my avid note-taking. They wondered if I weren't from the CIA.

"Every year, every church within the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. pays what you might call a 'tax' of \$30 per member," Reverend Rauch told me, by way of explaining the high-pitch of his denomination's tensions. "For us that amounts to six- or seven-thousand dollars per year. According to the laws governing our denomination, it's very difficult to get out of paying that 'tax,' even if we as a congregation don't agree with stands that the higher-ups are taking on certain issues."

"In addition, we're supposed to contribute 10 percent of our operating budget to PCUSA missions, but we have some leeway there. This year—and it's perfectly legal—we've started dictating how we want that 10 percent to be spent. The PCUSA has, for example, lobbyists in Washington, D.C., and they may be lobbying on behalf of causes we don't agree with. We don't want our money going to them."

Dissent's cost isn't negligible. I asked Reverend Rauch why conservative congregations like his didn't leave the PCUSA altogether.

"The denomination owns in trust all our churches and the land they sit on. The congregation doesn't own anything. If we leave the denomination, we leave with nothing. You can try to buy out the denomination, or 'renounce jurisdiction.' I think one church in Indiana did so."

Reverend Rauch told me that of the 35 PCUSA churches in San Diego, almost half belong to the Confessing Churches Movement.

"It's all very political. We're sending a message to the hierarchy, saying they should listen closely to the grassroots. But the denomination controls loans, for example. And we're planning on building a new sanctuary. You have to submit your building plan to them, and they have the power to reject it."

— Abe Opincar



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| delivery | ★★★ |
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| congregational..... | ★ |
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

About three years ago I met and fell in love with a wonderful, caring man. "Richard" has a beautiful three-year-old daughter, "Sarah," whom I love dearly. Richard shares custody with his ex-girlfriend, though we care for Sarah about 75 percent of the time. Our problem is with Sarah's mother; she is a cruel, manipulative woman who uses Sarah to make Richard's life difficult. Ever since I came into the picture, Sarah's mother has become increasingly hostile toward Richard, but she takes her jealousy and anger out on Sarah. We cannot even have one week of peace before this woman creates some sort of chaotic, emotionally damaging situation for Sarah. She has called the police and filed false reports with Child Protective Services. She has verbally and physically harassed me to the point where I feel I need to leave both Richard and Sarah in order for them to have any sort of peaceful life. The latest blow was when we found out (just three weeks ago) that Sarah's mother had filed charges with the courts saying that Richard abuses Sarah. He may actually lose all rights to his daughter if this crazy woman is successful in fooling the courts. I feel that this is all my fault, that I created the jealousy and rage in Sarah's mother, and that in order to remedy the situation I may have to leave the two people I love most in my life. I do not wish to see Sarah emotionally damaged any further. What should I do?

HEARTBROKEN IN TIERRASANTA

Dear Heartbroken,

Yours is an extremely serious problem, and my prayers are with you. First: this situation is not your fault in any way. All you have done is love Richard and Sarah. There is no crime, and indeed much good, in that. As to your worry that you "created the jealousy and rage in Sarah's mother," I disagree vigorously. Sarah's mother is a sick person, and that is no fault of yours. A healthy adult does not use a child to manipulate another adult or act abusively toward an ex's new partner, or bring false charges of child molestation against the father of her child to serve her own ends. I can virtually guarantee you that someone who engages in this behavior was emotionally unbalanced long before you ever came into Richard's life. Two: you and Richard need expert help immediately. Don't wait another day. Richard must find a trustworthy, competent attorney specializing in father's rights and child welfare to defend him against this charge. There is also the question of whether Sarah's mother is fit to take care of a child. She sounds possibly unstable, and if there is a question of whether Sarah is safe with her, then Richard may want to discuss with his attorney whether he should seek sole custody. Three: if Sarah's mother is harassing

you, then you can try to get a restraining order against her. If the order is granted, it means that she will not be able to come near you, and if she does, she can be arrested. If you don't know how to apply for a restraining order, Richard's attorney can explain, or you can call a local police department and find out what to do. It involves filing court papers, having papers served on Sarah's mother, and then showing up for a court date. Fourth: of course, you have to follow the dictates of your heart and mind when deciding if this is a situation you want to continue to be involved in. I would seriously consider sticking it out through this dark time, though, if you love this man as you say you do. Believe me, if you leave him, and that's entirely your decision, that is not going to give Richard and Sarah "peace" or change Sarah's mother from an ill, out-of-control woman into someone ethical and well behaved. She'll simply find something else to lash out about later.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

We were recently invited to dinner at the home of a young couple with a two-year-old, so I bought the child some wooden puzzles as a present. When I proffered the gift, the wife opened it and returned one puzzle to me, saying, "We already have this one." Wasn't it rude not to just thank us and accept the three puzzles? Surely she could have given the duplicate to some other child.

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Dear Taken Aback,

While your hostess's manners did perhaps leave something to be desired (I'm no Emily Post and hence not the best judge of fine points of etiquette), you can now give the returned puzzle to a deserving child of your own choosing, and thus make another youngster happy. All's well that ends well...

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Southern California has softened me. I used to be able to bear the brutal humidity of summer in Kansas City. But then I moved out here, and the recent light blanket of dampness in the air has started my fingers itching for the air conditioner's "on" switch. The AC is an ancient behemoth, and we haven't turned it on since moving in over a year ago. The physical inspector said it worked, along with the heater, but I didn't trust it much.

And besides, who needed AC in a perfect climate? Me, that's who.

I was nervous about turning the thing on after a hiatus, so I talked with Robert Zabierek, president of Aairco Air Conditioning and Heating in La Mesa (619-697-6077, www.aairco.com). He told me that air conditioning worked by "removing heat from the indoor air and putting it outside where you don't care. The refrigerant absorbs heat from the indoor coil and transfers it to the outdoor coil, which dumps the heat to the outside." He also told me that a split unit like mine — with the actual air conditioner sitting outside the house — uses the blower in the heater to distribute the cool air through the house.

Now I was doubly nervous. Our heater is also ancient, and whenever I turned it on last winter, the blown air would start my husband Patrick sneezing. Now, with summertime allergies already doing a number on him, I wasn't eager to make things worse by blowing dust and allergens in his face. I knew the ducts could stand a good cleaning, but I thought maybe a new filter would help as well.

When it came to filters, it turned out I had a whole range of options. "The filters in window or wall units are very basic. They're very thin — about an eighth of an inch — and they just keep dirt from damaging the unit. They don't have any effect as far as helping relieve allergies or removing dust. They have a life expectancy of five to ten years," depending on amount of use, "and cost from \$7 to \$10. You can clean them by removing them, hosing them out, and putting them back in.

"Your basic throwaway filter in a home unit operates much the same way, protecting the equipment from large particles of dirt that might plug up the coil. It removes only 3 percent of fine dust particles. Then you start getting into some higher efficiency filters, which start at \$7.50 and go up from there. They're denser and pleated, and they allow fewer airborne dust particles to get past, but they won't do a lot for smoke or other allergens."

The allergy helpers are the media filter

"It works by generating high-voltage electricity to attract particles to the cells."

and the electronic air cleaner. "The media filter is about four to six inches thick; it slides into a cabinet. It's a high-density filter that restricts airflow. Installed with a brand-new system, it will run a couple of hundred dollars," but if you want to put it into an existing unit, "then they run about \$500." Also, "the cartridge of the filter needs to be replaced — normally once a year. Cartridges run \$30 to \$40." The electronic air cleaner, he said, "is the best filter for a residential home. It's about 95 percent effective for filtering the air. It works by generating high-voltage electricity to attract particles to the cells. It also generates negative ions that are supposed to cause airborne particulates to come together and drop out of the air. Honeywell makes the best one — in every test, they're the best, by far." Installing an electronic air-cleaning unit with a new system "runs \$600 to \$700, but installing it independent of a new system brings the price to \$1000 — there's more work involved."

Of course, if I just wanted to replace my old disposable filter (price starts at \$3.50 and increases with filter size), I could do that, too. "People can call and give us their measurements, or just bring in their old filter and we'll cut a new one to size for them." But whatever I did, Zabierek stressed that while filter maintenance is important to the quality of my air

and the life of my AC, both he and the manufacturer recommended "an annual or bi-annual tune-up service. The older the unit, the more the concern. You should do a carbon monoxide test on the furnace, but generally, you should do preventive maintenance to save yourself costs in the long run." A complete preventive maintenance from Aairco runs \$88.50 for the first system (heater or AC) and \$44.25 for the second, with an additional charge for replacing anything other than a throwaway filter.

Other prices around town for AC and furnace tune-ups (including filter cleaning or disposable filter replacement):

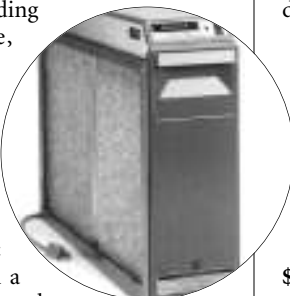
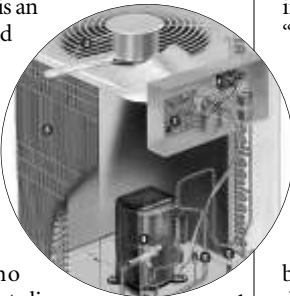
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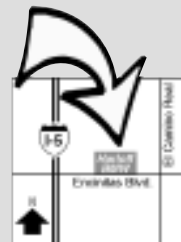


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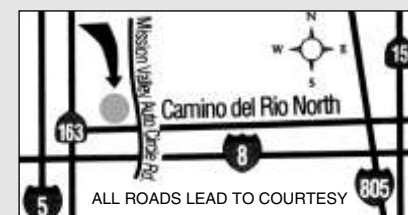
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by Daniel Ridge

as I lean over the bar I overhear two women talking about the drink they just ordered: Pussy Punch. I've heard of the Liquid Kitty and the Flaming Nipple, but Pussy Punch is a new one. Considering I'm in a lesbian bar, the Flame on Park Avenue, it kind of makes sense. Tonight is the drag king show I've been hearing about all week and, as I'm about to learn, it's not just the drink names that are dripping with sexual overtones. Tommy Salami, Rudy Ramrod, and James Bondage are a few of tonight's gender-bending performers.

The show's MC is Regina Styles, a 23-year-old drag queen in a black sequined evening gown. She has grace and poise, as most queens do, along with the wit it takes to keep a live performance going. But there is something a little out of place about a drag queen in a lesbian bar, especially when tonight's performers are all women dressed up as men.

I've never seen so many women with facial hair in my life. I'm not sure if it's real or not, and I'm also not sure who is part of the show and who's just there to watch. In the corner stands a policeman sporting a handlebar mustache. To his right is a cholo king with a bit of black fuzz just above the corners of his mouth. I guess this is a joke, right, like



drag queens at Mardi Gras? But when the performers take the stage, I'm still not quite sure what's going on.

Depeche Mode's "People Are People" blares over the dance floor as Will Hung lip-synchs the words. The song is overtly political, talking about racism and prejudice, which Will underscores toward the end by flipping through names like Nelson Man-



Kings Club at the Flame

with an anti-racism slogan on the front. His mustache and short blond hair demand recognition. Will is obviously a woman.

Will is part of a troupe of

another member, comments, "Drag kinging is a natural extension of all that drives me — weaving together the creative, the political, the outrageous in order to shake things up, and break apart gender preconceptions."

In direct contrast to Will's serious performance is Regina, who steps back out onstage once the song finishes. "Tipping is not a city in China," she sneers. A few more bills are tossed to the floor in folded squares. A dancer crawls from the audience on all fours to collect them, then stands and bends with her ass facing the crowd as she picks up the last note. After each performance a

young dancer struts her goods in front of the predominately female audience, hoping to squeeze a few more bucks out of them. The show's performers rely solely on tips for their evening's wages. The dancer flips her hair, fondles her breasts, and crawls back into the darkness as the next group of drag kings ready themselves onstage.

The Dead Beat Daddys have come down from Los Angeles as guest performers for tonight's show, and they've brought along their own MC, a large cholo king named Pachuco. He's dressed as an East L.A. gangbanger with a blue bandanna and a long gray shirt buttoned just at the top. In one hand he holds the microphone and in the other a 40 of beer, from which he occasionally swigs. If you passed Pachuco on the street or saw him standing in line at a 7-Eleven, you wouldn't think twice that he was actually a woman.

Pachuco introduces the troupe one by one. Each king comes out to a snippet of his own specific theme song. There's Hank, the hard rocker who looks like white trash in a Confederate flag T-shirt and a black mullet. Then comes Johnny Cockring bouncing around to a White Stripes song, dressed as an indie/emo boy in a cowboy shirt tucked into blue jeans that fall at

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dela, Harvey Milk, and Matthew Shepard printed on cardboard squares. Will's presence itself is a statement, though he wears blue jeans and a simple white T-shirt

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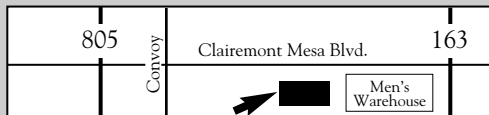
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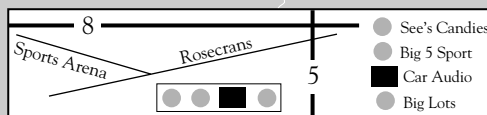
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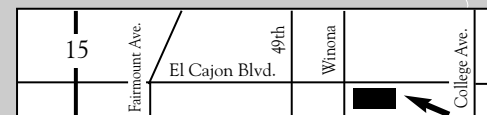
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the cuff to a pair of black-and-white Converse sneakers. Johnny is followed by David Steele, a black rapper.

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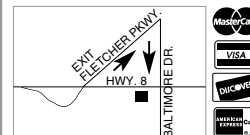
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He hit her again, harder. And

Reina's Story

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efore they left, Arturo asked about Manuel's birth certificate. Reina said it had been lost. But, he said, we must have proof of his birth. So he arranged for Reina to go before a civil registry judge in Tlaxcala, Arturo's hometown, where she told the judge that Arturo was Manuel's father. With the boy *theirs*, Arturo could now do things for Manuel that Reina could never do by herself.

From Tenancingo to Tijuana took several days of Arturo's driving the desert highways and their sleeping in the car. Upon arrival, Arturo, according to court records, took Reina to the home of his brother, Daniel López-Rojas. Besides Daniel, she met a woman named La Porfa, who also lived there. The next day La Porfa took Reina shopping. The kind of clothes La Porfa pulled off the rack were short dresses and tank tops, silver belts and black shoes, things her future husband Arturo, La Porfa said, would like. Reina was glad for something girlish to wear.

That night, after dinner, La Porfa walked Reina into the heart of Tijuana's nightlife. North along Avenida Revolución — by the discos pulsing out Mexican rap and packed with *norteamericanos*; by dark doorways with men extending their arms and opening their palms to invite them in; by all-night pharmacies, an AM/PM, lines of cars with California license plates. Along the way very young boys wore T-shirts riddled with holes; their soiled pants were belted low on their hips and drooped below their knees. Some staggered and fell, high from sniffing glue. Soon Reina and La Porfa reached the north end of the street. There, guy wires anchor a great steel arch, and a screen flashes the time and ads for Corona beer. Below the screen is the sign, *Bienvenidos a Tijuana*.

The border was only two blocks away. Would Reina see it now? Would they cross tonight? Not yet. They turned a corner and walked toward a narrow street. Crowds of people bunched together. Urine-colored light and angry motorcycles unsettled the scene; there was a bar called El Fracaso (the Failure), and out front a vendor sold carne asada, the smell as savory as Reina's grandmother's kitchen. Then a shock. In front of every building were girls, leaning against the wall, facing the street. Some were Reina's age, some were older, most dressed in the clothes she wore. They possessed a vigil-like silence, waiting for someone and no one. Men with ponytails cocked their heads while they lectured girls who gazed for-

ward, dead-eyed. What was this place? La Porfa told her, Zona Norte.

They walked farther. Two dozen girls flanked both sides of a fat man with a thick gray mustache, sitting on a stool at the entrance to a loud bar. How much the girls' faces resembled each other! Tall, skinny, or fat, how many were sisters? Their supershort dresses covered only their behinds; their feet, strapped into black or silver-glittering high heels, changed places, one foot easing forward and one moving back; their rouged-up faces, drawn-on eyebrows, and red or pale lipstick made them look tawdry and older. Many were darker skinned than Reina. Those girls were from states in southern Mexico, Chiapas and Oaxaca, maybe a few from Guatemala. Some looked Mayan, the most ancient women of Mexico and, many believed, the most beautiful.

Suddenly La Porfa thrust Reina into a brightly lit stairwell, marched her up the steps to a dark room with curtains. There, according to court documents, La Porfa told Reina, you must begin working, before you cross into the United States. What? Work. To pay off the coyote's bill. Now, sit on the bed and be quiet. In a minute a man was in the room, telling Reina to pull her skirt up, pull her panties down. He pushed her back and didn't ask.

What Reina had put out of her mind for three days, the truth about her past, now may have flooded back. It was her father — what he had done and why she had left. When Reina was 10 and her mother and grandmother had died, her father began abusing her — constant put-downs, slaps, and beatings. To escape, she quit school at 13 and, looking older than her age, got a job in a club. There, a Tenancingo policeman met Reina and, alone with her one night, had her take her pants off, had her do things she didn't like doing. When she resisted, he got angry and hit her; when she cried and screamed, he became enraged. He raped her. Reina wanted to tell her older sister, but she had left home. She told one of her brothers, but he didn't believe her. She cried to her father then, and he believed her but not about how it happened. He said she had seduced him, the policeman. She deserved what had happened, and she had embarrassed her father. She was nothing more than a prostitute.

He laid down the law. Since she was grown and probably pregnant, she was responsible for

again. Harder.
She ran into a closet.

herself. So he ordered her to leave. Reina wandered the city, sleeping outdoors for a time. She stayed briefly with an aunt and uncle. She took a job in another bar and there met a nice young man, whose kindness she felt she didn't deserve. She figured he wanted her sexually, and she made herself available. Soon she was pregnant. The two decided to marry, but the boy's mother opposed the union. Come wedding day, he didn't show up, and Reina was devastated. Her aunt and uncle helped her have the baby. After Manuel was born, she was back working in the bar where she'd met the boy's father. And there, Arturo, this mysterious benefactor, found her, promising America.

La Porfa

Someone was shaking Reina. "Wake up, wake up, *muchacha*. We're going to San Diego." It was the next day, late afternoon. Darkness was coming. Reina was put between La Porfa and Daniel in the back seat of a car, traveling east to Tecate on Highway 2. How many men did as they pleased with her last night? Men who had no faces, whose boozy smell remained in her hair. El Chivo was driving. Beside him sat Arturo. El Chivo, the goat, was the one getting paid, the coyote. Reina heard her price — \$2500. A lot of money, but then she was a girl who could make a lot of money. Arturo kept boasting about the ring that brought women from inside Mexico and placed them inside California. The ring had the same name as the woman beside Reina — La Porfa, from *por favor*, Spanish for "please."

Some 40 miles east of Tecate and before the Rumorosa Grade, El Chivo made the "jump" over the border. The car rumbled and rocked over mountain roads during the small hours of the night until the passengers felt pavement below the tires. The United States, at last. El Chivo got his cash and the four transferred to another car. Later that day, according to court documents, Reina, La Porfa, and the López-Rojas brothers entered 955 Postal Way #3, in Vista, where the brothers lived. It was a plain apartment at the top of a steep hill, terraced with blocky buildings. Along the road going up the hill is a sign: *Despacio, Niños Jugando*. Slow, Children At Play. The silhouetted figure on the sign shows a boy running; it may have reminded a weary Reina again of leaving Manuel behind.

At #3, the group was joined by another



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE ALLEN

Reina was in the house only briefly when Arturo told her she must begin working the next day — just as you did in Tijuana. You dress up nicely too. But Reina preferred the maid's job, the one he had promised. Arturo laughed. There's no money in cleaning houses. She pleaded;

The next several months either Arturo drove Reina to various brothels or Daniel and La Porfa took her in Daniel's white Lincoln Continental. La Porfa

A black and white photograph of a man standing in a field of dry, tangled brush and tall grass. He is wearing a dark, short-sleeved button-down shirt, dark trousers, and a watch on his left wrist. He is looking towards the camera. To his left, a large, white, rectangular sack or bag lies on the ground, partially obscured by the brush. The background is filled with dense, dry vegetation.

Rick Castro

the men. Gave them condoms. Told them they had ten minutes. Motivated them to finish. Handed each a paper towel. Four or

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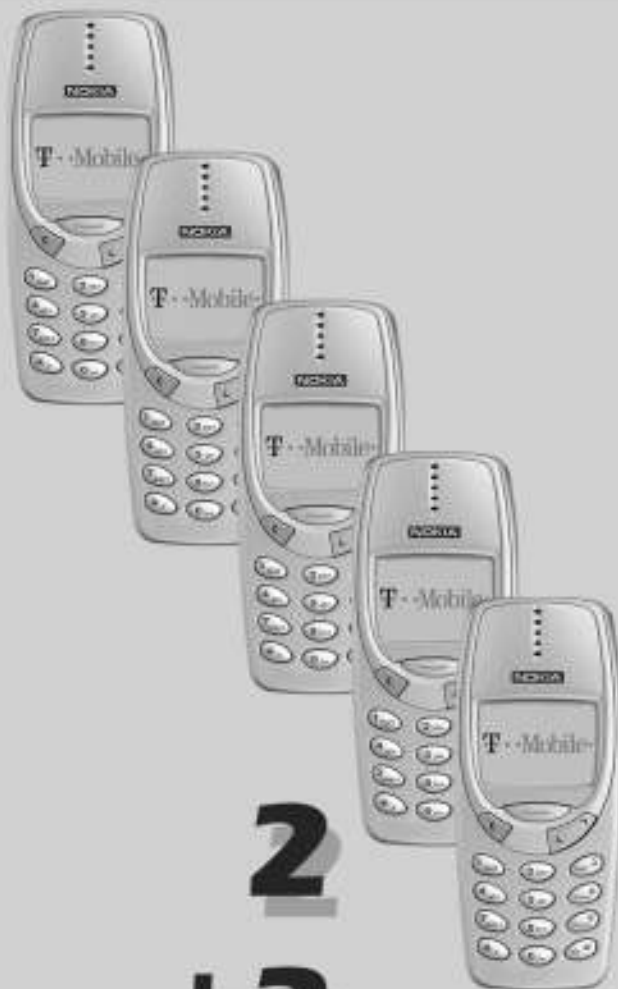
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worst disgrace the girls carried.

At night Reina cried, remembering Manuel's real father, whom she had loved because he was nice to her but whose mother suspected that in Reina was a prostitute who could never be banished. She dwelled on Manuel, in the hands of Arturo's sister; no, not in her *hands* — he was alone in a crib, neglected, missing his regular feedings, growing skinnier, dying like a plant without water or sun. Maybe he was already dead. How would she know?

Reina dreamed of being rescued — maybe one of the johns, one of the older, married men, might show pity. Reina imagined the face of her rescuer much as she had imagined Arturo's face before he, like a dust devil,

swept her north from Tenancingo. She prayed to a God who grants heroes, who reveals Himself in His saviors. Other girls in the ring also dreamed of their white knights. One drew a map and listed directions to 528 Citrus Avenue, the address where she was imprisoned, one of many houses and apartments in North County where the girls were kept. She wrote at the top "*casa de prostitución*" and slipped it under the door of Rick Castro, a deputy sheriff in Vista.

Don't Mess with My Bitches

Rick Castro's head is shaved so close that the hair underneath the scalp looks like an ink stain. In dark glasses, saddled with badge and gun, he seems unshakable. But, said one female friend, he's also gentle,



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE ALLEN

Lilia Velasquez

"testosterone mixed with mellowness." Castro has been working prostitution crimes for seven years.

As the only Spanish speaker on the force, he was assigned to bust up the prostitution ring in Vista. His

boss told him, "Here's a problem. Solve it. That's what you're paid to do." "Sure enough," Castro said, "within a few months, I organized a raid."

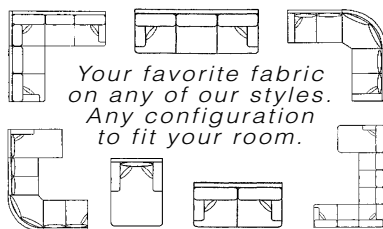
The first raid came in 1996 and was followed by a dozen more. By late 1998, Castro, along with federal and other local authorities, had shut down 25 houses of prostitution in North County and deported some 300 immigrants. Among those busted was Tomás Salazar-Juárez, whose brother Julio is suspected of being at the center of Vista's sex ring. Tomás Salazar-Juárez was arrested for beating a young woman. Castro told me that he beat her with "a wire clothes hanger on her back so hard that her skin ruptured. It popped right open like [she'd been cut with] a file knife." He tor-

tured the girl for two hours in front of other girls, who may, Castro says, have been victims of prostitution. "Just imagine the lasting impression those other girls had. Do you think they're going to run away or testify against them?" For Castro, the message was clear: "This is what will happen to you if you try and leave us. We own you. We control you." Though Salazar-Juárez was charged with a crime of domestic violence, Castro thinks it wasn't *just* domestic violence — it was the violence of intimidation.

During the preliminary hearings, the girl stuck to her story that she was beaten. "When she came to testify," Castro recalled, "she totally recanted and said [the beating] happened [not in Vista] but

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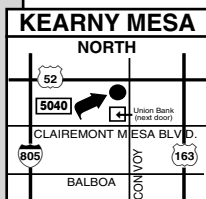
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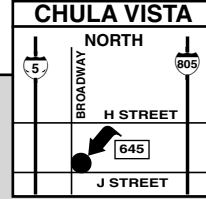
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when she was crossing the border.” The testimony from other witnesses, however, corroborated the girl’s initial tale. So did the “clothes-hanger evidence.” Castro said the jury felt her retraction made no sense. Salazar-Juárez was convicted of torture and mayhem and was sentenced to 20 years in prison, although that sentence has been reduced on appeal.

Whenever a prostitution raid or court case plays in the local press, the number of tips goes way up. Raids typically help a “culture of denuncia- tion” grow. Not only do the tips increase, but the pimps collabo- rate. After one raid, a sign in the window of



Las Palmas restaurant, Vista

a known house of ill repute read, “No More Women Here.” Still Castro didn’t suppose that his dozen raids had wiped out the pimps, but he knew he had disrupted

their operation. By 2000, he figured the pimps were reorganiz- ing. Since Castro was the number-one pros- titution lawman in the county, calls often came in, inquiring

about his schedule. When were his days off? Was he testifying that day in a trial? Once, at a commu- nity-outreach pro- gram, Castro was asked, “What are you

doing about prostitu- tion in Vista?” His answer revealed nei- ther time nor date of an impending raid. He eventually learned that the select men at these programs were planted by the pimps to gather information. In addition, harassing letters from the traf- fickers arrived. One read, “Don’t mess with my bitches or you’re messin’ with me — so back the fuck off.”

Castro was con- tacted by Marisa Ugarte, a crisis coun- selor who worked at Escondido Youth Encounter. Ugarte, a woman of fiery dedi- cation to helping Mex- ican minors in the United States, had sev- eral young female clients who spoke

openly about other girls practicing prosti- tution in the migrant camps. With Castro, she developed a plan, believing they’d soon have a case — a girl or young woman, who had been trafficked, who might inform on her abusers, and who would need the kind of life-building skills Ugarte could supply. For years, Ugarte had been guiding social service and law enforcement agencies in the United States and in Mexico into one corral, the Bilat- eral Safety Corridor Coalition. The idea was simple. If pimps and smugglers were trafficking women — from Central America and Mexico, across the border to California,

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Oregon, and Washington — Ugarte's coalition could outpost the same routes with support services for women and minors. Her idea was to set up safe houses for trafficked victims along this transcontinental corridor, much the way the Underground Railroad once provided safe houses for slaves.

The pimps of North County were devising outposts of their own, a string of open-air brothels along river bottoms and in chaparral. Some sites would be near the workers' camps or close to footpaths the migrants frequented. The idea was to rotate the women to five locations every week. Weekdays, business would be limited. Sunday, though, would be the busiest, the one day of the week the

migrants got to loiter.

Among the sites are three named for local landmarks. Beside Palomar Airport Road in Carlsbad are high-voltage towers, and beneath them is a prostitution site called Las Antenas. Also in Carlsbad, next to strawberry fields, is a long ditch with cardboard shacks covered in brush named Las Fresas. And in Ocean-side, in the dry bed of the San Luis Rey River, there's the most notorious spot of all, accommodating scores of men every Sunday, called the Reeds.

The Reeds

Not far from Camp Pendleton, North River Road snakes beside the San Luis Rey River. The road curves gently as it passes a community park and housing and condo developments on one side and a con-



Adrián Martínez

crete embankment that walls off a 400-foot-wide ephemeral river on the other. The San Luis

Rey here is usually dry, though the high water table and flash floods in winter nourish the growth of shallow-

rooted plants. Willow and mule fat cluster near the levee, while in the sandy soil of the channel an invasive plant has clumped in a dense thicket. *Arundo donax*, a 15-foot-tall bamboolike reed, is commonly known as Spanish, or giant, reed. Where the plant is thickest, about a quarter acre, lies the Reeds.

On Sundays, from 7:00 to 2:00, men ambled beside North River Road in a line one observer noted was like "ants" going back and forth, the returning ones silently acknowledging the deed to those going in. Lookouts with two-way radios paced the walkway that topped the levee. One watcher had a whistle — its sound meant the girls must abandon camp and hide in the bushes, bury themselves, if necessary.

The girls — Reina

among them — were vanned in, spirited out the sliding door and down the embankment, like a platoon run into the jungle. On the paths, they passed small open areas where men were already gathered, sitting on rocks and awaiting their arrival, a few arranging their *mercaditos*: ice chests with bottled water and sodas, \$5 apiece. Farther on, the girls went by the "executive suite," a space large enough for several johns and pimps to confer. There, as stated in court records, the pimps, Arturo and Pedro and Liliana, each with a stable of girls, assigned the girls and women their "hooches." These were small, tentlike caves cut into the reeds, where they might lie down. The reeds surrounding the space were bent and tied to

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form something more “intimate.” They were hardly intimate; pathways ran to them and beside them. None of the hooches, or “love shacks,” were as spacious as the executive suite. That was reserved for the chief prostitute, La Porfa.

Spanning the entrance to each hooch was a blanket or a plastic sheet. The sheet, along with the canopy of entangled reeds overhead, provided a meager privacy. Behind the blanket each girl got ready. From her knapsack, she removed a towel or carpet for herself, then paper towels and magazines, condom packages and jars of Vaseline, for the men. On a branch she tied a



Marisa Ugarte

plastic bag in which she deposited the used paper towels with which she and the john cleaned up.

In the small clearing, the pimps talked up their girls, negotiated which one each man would like. The

men paid the pimp first, money that the younger girls never saw; the older ones who had been doing

this for a long time may have collected themselves. Reina seldom saw money change hands, though she knew the price for ten minutes with her was \$25.

While the men waited, they passed around pornographic magazines with pictures of women smiling seductively and holding their legs open. The men usually brought the magazines with them: looking at pictures during masturbation or intercourse typically helped. From her hooch, Reina heard the other girls doing what she was doing. Girls and women like Silvia, Joana, Gabriela, Maria, Rocio, Alicia, Delmy, Denise, Theresa, and Herminia. They were on their backs, with men

on top of them or beside them, magazines propped open, next to the girls’ heads. Just outside the hooch where the two now lay, Arturo wound an egg timer to ten minutes. The clock on their tryst was literally ticking. If the timer rang and the man wasn’t finished, Arturo didn’t care. He was hollering, Get out, *Vámonos, ahorita.*

All morning the men streamed in. Waiting turns, they may have read Spanish-language pamphlets about sexually transmitted diseases. All morning the girls did as they were told. They did it whether they were disgusted or sick, whether sober or high (the high helped deaden the pain). They did it until day was done, when they

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backpacked out everything they’d brought in — including the hanging plastic bag now heavy with soiled paper towels and used condoms.

When I visited the Reeds with Castro and Ugarte, I said at one point that trafficking in prostitution like this has very little to do with sex. “Right,” Ugarte replied. “It’s organized Mexican crime.” Castro said that one of the strangest parts for him was that such a big operation — 300 men on one Sunday — was a secret to nearby homeowners. Outside the Reeds, church services and soccer games and families home watching Tiger Woods on TV went on as usual. But the contrary might also be true, namely, that most people had no interest in closing down any brothel. Were Californians going to deprive the migrants of their “fun” after picking tomatoes in the sun all week, whose end result was Vons’ family-friendly price of 49 cents a pound?

Why the Reeds? Why not a house? A house couldn’t accommodate the number of johns, the number of girls, the number of spaces the girls worked in, and the number of escape routes — if the operation were raided — as well as the Reeds could. Its unlikelihood was its genius and lure.

Escape and Bust

Reina worked at the Reeds and at other brothels from the time of her arrival in Vista in April 2001 until July. On July 9, her enslavement took an unexpected turn. That day a neighbor called sheriff’s deputies about a domestic dis-

pute at #10 Oak Terrace Apartments. Officers found a teenage girl in a second-floor apartment across the hallway from #10. The girl said a man named Arturo had thrown her down the concrete

stairs. He had also punched her and cracked her upper lip. She said she’d had enough of his beatings. The police found no one home at #10. They asked her name — it was Reina.

She had been moved from apartment #3 on Postal Way to this apartment, where Arturo had continued to beat her. Reina was treated by a doctor and placed in protective custody.

When Castro heard the news, he called Ugarte: “Marisa, we’ve got a case.” A week later, after Reina had been taken to a battered women’s shelter, she met with Castro and Ugarte. Reina

and Castro recognized each other. He knew her as one of the women he had surveilled in the Reeds; she recalled seeing him on patrol as well. Inquiring whether she was part

of a prostitution ring, Castro noticed that Reina was embarrassed by the question. She admitted that she had been forced into prostitution in Mexico and slipped back to it here. She also claimed to be 18, which, if she was working for a pimp, was an age Castro knew the pimp would have told her to give. Speaking about prostitution victims he has seen, Castro told me, "You can tell it in their eyes. You know, the eyes are the lights of the soul. Their body may look older, like 18. But their eyes don't say that."

Reina finally conceded that she was a minor, and Castro had her taken to San Diego's Polinsky Children's Center. He notified the Immigration and Naturalization Service,

who classified her as an undocumented minor. Over the next few weeks, Reina began to trust Castro. Court records state that she described how her

main trafficker, Arturo, ran the brothels and who else was involved. In the following months, the U.S. attorney's office interviewed Reina; so, too, did officials from

the Department of Justice, civil rights division; the FBI; the American Civil Liberties Union; and the Mexican Consulate. The ACLU contacted immigration attorney

Lilia Velasquez, who agreed to be Reina's *pro bono* lawyer. By October, "over 17 agencies," Castro recalled, "were involved in this one case, for this one young lady." When Reina saw such support, Castro said she may have thought to herself, "I think I'm going to do what they're asking me to do." Castro's hopes for multiple arrests grew. He could now add eyewitness testimony to the observational evidence — license plate numbers and Polaroids of men and women detained in raids — he had already collected. And, like a man scaling a mountaintop and seeing a new valley below him, Castro started to understand who Reina, the first traf-

ficked minor he had known, was. She was no longer "a prostitute, in my mind, but a victim." Finally Reina told Castro and other investigators that she had left her son, Manuel, in Mexico with Arturo's sister and that he was being held as collateral so that Reina would earn money as a prostitute. Investigators told Reina that they would work with Mexican officials to reunite her and Manuel. But, in the meantime, she would have to promise to testify against the López-Rojas brothers, Arturo, Pedro, and Daniel, as well as Liliana and La Porfa herself, once they were caught. Reina promised, and with her guidance, Castro began planning a raid



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on the Reeds.

Now that Reina was willing to testify, the government began building a case under its new Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. In fact, the law's "two severe forms of trafficking in persons" describe Reina's situation perfectly. These forms are "(a) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or (b) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery." The law carries stiff

finances and jail sentences for the pimps.

Reina's case was one of thousands nationwide. The State Department estimates that annually 18,000 to 20,000 women and children are trafficked into the United States and forced into prostitution. The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, a State Department agency, believes that every year between 800,000 and 900,000 people, mostly women and children, are trafficked into sexual slavery throughout the world. They have been "bought, sold, transported, and held against their will in slave-like conditions." Other studies put the number of trafficked persons between one and four million. In the brothels of India, many experts estimate that more than one million women and



Zona Norte, Tijuana

girls are sex slaves. To rank nations, the State Department uses a three-tier system. Tier Three, the worst,

means the country is doing nothing to combat trafficking. States currently in Tier Three are Belize,

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burma, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Georgia, Greece, Haiti, Kazakhstan, Liberia, North Korea, Sudan, Suriname, Turkey, and Uzbekistan. In 2001, Israel was moved from Tier Three to Tier Two (where most countries reside), perhaps embarrassed by its third-tier status. Israel had made "significant efforts," government officials claimed at the time. News reports, however, continue to surface about the "Natasha Trade," the selling of 100,000 to 150,000 young women and girls annually as mail-order brides from Russia to Israel, many of whom are pressed into sexual bondage.

On December 2, 2001, San Diego County sheriff's deputies, the Ocean-side Police Department, and agents from

the FBI and INS raided the Reeds. Eighty officers rounded up 44 people — alleged pimps, lookouts, customers, as well as 10 females, among them La Porfa. (Many of the women, Castro had picked up before.) One confiscated item was a ledger, with the names of women and men and numbers marked beside each man's name, along with "pagado," paid.

Alma Goss, special agent supervisor for the INS in charge of interviews following the raid, said that the ten women refused to cooperate. She believes they were coached to say they were prostitutes by choice and the money they made they kept for themselves. The women were also told to give a false surname, in part, to slow down the verification process and allow the

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pimps time to be released or to escape. Some of the women told Goss that they accepted the abusive treatment of the johns and the pimps as part of their profession. According to Goss's paraphrase, the women bragged that " 'even if they treat me bad, it's better than what I can do in Mexico.' "

Reina's lawyer, Lilia Velasquez, told me that when prostitution victims are arrested, she prefers a nongovernmental "women's advocacy group to intervene." Advocacy groups "talk to the women and say, 'You're not the only victims,' make them come to their senses, despite the fact that they're very scared of reprisals by traffickers in Mexico." Velasquez stressed that when untrained agents ask the women "how many times you do it and with how many men," such questions are too shameful for the women to answer. "Women who are scared, who don't speak the language, who are undocumented — it's very difficult for them to testify" against pimps.

Perhaps worse than the women's refusal to name names, Arturo and Pedro López-Rojas fled from the Reeds during the raid and, Castro believes, returned to Mexico. The government was able, according to court records, to hold six men on the charge of trafficking. One of these was Daniel López-Rojas, Arturo's older brother, who had put Reina up in Tijuana and helped bring her across the border. Reina said that she would point to him as one of her pimps. With a trial looming, in which she'd be the sole victim on the stand, Reina's testimony might nail Daniel with 25 years to life.

You Have a Right to Be Loved
Marisa Ugarte met Reina at the Escondido Youth Encounter in July 2001, shortly after her escape from Arturo. Ugarte recalled helping a girl that summer and fall who was "frightened, hoping to trust somebody, and very angry at her batterers." To build rapport, Ugarte told Reina what she

tells all her clients. That she has human rights. "I think there are a lot of things that have been happening to you that are hurting you," she said in a gentle, confiding tone. "I want to tell you what you have a right to: You have a right to be loved. You have a right to love yourself. You have a right to go to school. You have a right to feel safe. And that's what we're here for." Reina's tears, Ugarte said, "began streaming down."

Ugarte then brought out a police



Zona Norte, Tijuana

diagram of Reina's cuts and bruises. The cut on her lip was healing, though it would leave a scar. She asked Reina, who did this to you? Arturo.

Who was the man who recruited you in Tencancingo, the "chicken hawk" who filled you with promises? Arturo. Who was the man who beat you and

threw you down the stairway? Arturo.
Many who met Reina after her escape agreed — she *couldn't* be 16. One, seeing Reina with very little makeup, said, "I would guess she was in her 20s." A woman who interviewed what she called a "streetwise" Reina wondered, "Where is she? Is she a woman or is she a little girl?" In part, Reina seemed older because she'd been highly sexualized, packaged and coached as a lure for men. "Her behavior was flirtatious, her makeup was heavy," Ugarte said. "One day we were at a coffee shop and I told her, 'You're painting your eyebrows too thick; I can't see your beautiful eyes.' Next day, her eyebrows weren't painted, her makeup

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wasn't heavy, and for the first time her youth came out. 'How do I look?' she asked. 'You look absolutely beautiful,' I said." Reina dressed like a "teenybopper" — tight clothes that "detailed her figure. Exactly like the girls in the streets in Tijuana," Ugarte said, referring to the Zona Norte. Another person said that when a Spanish-speaking man met Reina, she automatically became coquettish. She believed " 'he wants me. He's stalking me.' She didn't know how to draw the line."

Under Ugarte's care, the child temptress began to change. Reina wore less makeup, baggier clothes, sweatshirts and jeans, then, one day, to Ugarte's joy, no makeup. "The change on the outside began to move to the inside,"



Aerial view of strawberry field prostitution site, Carlsbad

Ugarte said. She and Reina went to dinner, movies, the beach, shopping. Reina called Ugarte regularly, saying, "I'm lonely," and Ugarte would respond, "Don't get depressed — I'll be

right over." Ugarte recalled three days with Reina at a youth empowerment camp, where Ugarte talked to the group about not running away from shelters and about suicide prevention. At the

camp Reina went on treasure hunts and hikes. "This was the trigger — Reina got to be a kid. The kids began to love her and accept her. It was the first time that she was accepted after every-

thing she had done," which very few there knew about. After that, Ugarte said, "Reina never dressed up again like a woman. Except to go to court."

It's a delicate mind-set, the confused rage of a trafficked girl, of which Ugarte and Castro are well aware. Their protocol comprises seemingly opposed tactics: on one hand, to make the victim feel safe; on the other hand, to empower her so she will want to see her abuser prosecuted. "We began to work on her with how she could be a hero," Ugarte said. "What good she could do to protect other children like her." All of a sudden, this girl opted to fight. "She was saying, 'I'm going to save everybody. I'm going to get that guy,' Arturo, so she could

get her baby. That's when she really got involved with Rick. He had the qualities of a hero, a savior. She built a rapport with him, and sure enough, she was in a federal office directing the whole thing."

The empowerment may have worked too well. One evening in September, "overwhelmed with people giving her too much attention, asking too many questions," Reina snapped. She decided, Ugarte said, to confront Arturo, whom she called her batterer. She left the shelter and went to #10, "to beat the hell out of him." It turned out that Arturo was not there, so Reina called Ugarte. Ugarte was upset because Reina's status was still up in the air. At five in the morning, Ugarte contacted police, who returned

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Reina to the shelter. Safe once more, Reina began wearing a necklace from which two small talismans hung — one, the figure of a mother, the other, the figure of a child.

Stability and Chaos

Six weeks after the raid and six months after her escape, in January 2002, Reina appeared at a youth conference on trafficking at the University of San Diego, accompanied by her attorney Lilia Velasquez. With 20 years in immigration law, Velasquez — who is nicknamed *la flama* and often sports a lapel pin of the beret-wearing revolutionary Che Guevara — advocates on both sides of the border for human rights, particularly for refugee women. Velasquez introduced

Reina: a yellow silk scarf, draped over her head, concealed her face. Sitting close to Velasquez, Reina told the audience of 650 that “people need to be aware so that the same thing that happened to me doesn’t happen to others.” The headline in the next day’s *Union-Tribune* read, “Sex Slave, 16, Tells Her Story.”

Though Reina betrayed no details of her plight at the conference, the shelter she was staying at “didn’t want to risk [being identified],” according to Ugarte, “so they released her to me.” She found space for Reina at San Diego’s Storefront, a shelter and drop-in center for homeless and troubled minors. Since the kids at the Storefront shared “many of Reina’s issues,” Ugarte said, “relapsing for her would be very easy.”



July 1996 raid in Vista

Reina was vulnerable — given one bad move — to arrest by the INS and, most likely, a trip to juvenile hall or deportation. Storefront team leader Manolo Guillen

helped Reina with an exhaustive number of legal and social-service appointments. Attorneys and government officials were gathering evidence against her pimps, as well as oiling the

international machinery that would reunite her with Manuel. Reina had learned that Mexican authorities knew where Manuel was and that he was safe. This, Guillen recalled, buoyed

Reina’s spirits. She got on fine with the other kids, almost all of them American run-aways. Reina befriended a girl about her age, telling her that when she (Reina) crossed the border at night, at a specific spot, her smuggler was a man named El Chivo.

“Really,” the other girl said. “Is that what they call him?”

“Yes,” Reina replied.

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At first, Guillen recalled, Reina took part in activities the shelter ran. One night at a party, she found kids using marijuana. The next morning she reported that to Guillen, who told her that was a “pretty decent thing” to do. But, Guillen said, Reina dwelled on her pimps. “They humiliated her, they raped her, they beat her, they forced her to sell her body, and, in a sense, sell her soul. It killed



Tomás Salazar

her that these men, especially Arturo, who had lied to her, had her baby. She knew that the [López-Rojas]

family was irresponsible and heartless, and she couldn’t stand the fact of her son crying at night.”



Juana Salazar

thing, not with her history. Ashamed, Reina limped back to the Storefront. Her self-esteem vanished; she began to punish and “revictimize herself.”

Fearing she would never see her son again and having lost the Guatemalan man, Reina fell into a severe depression in February 2002. Soon, she missed the Storefront’s 7:00 p.m. curfew and was gone. No one knew where. Alerts went out to North County sheriffs and Border Patrol agents. Ugarte notified the INS that a despondent Reina might call and say she’d been kidnapped, hoping to keep her status secure with the agency. A week later, Reina did call the INS from Tijuana to report she’d been kidnapped. Next, she called Velasquez, who arranged for Guillen to pick her up. Before he went, he got the paperwork from the U.S. attorney’s office and the INS to place her into his custody. He agreed to meet her in front of the cathedral Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, one block from the Zona Norte.

Guillen arrived at the cathedral and waited. Reina, who claimed she was staying at a girlfriend’s home, was four hours late. When she did show, she was dressed as she used to dress: provocatively. At a restaurant, Guillen tried to talk with her, but Reina was evasive about what she’d been doing. He suspected she’d been practicing “survival sex,” exchanging sex for drugs, food, shelter, clothing, even companionship.

“I messed up” was all Reina could say. Guillen told her that he and others had

Guillen watched Reina throw fits of rage. Always about Manuel. “She would make comments like, ‘I know that his diaper is sagging, he has a rash, he’s not eating. [Manuel’s keepers] could care less. They use drugs.’” Reina hated herself for making “the poorest mistake of her life — handing over her son to strangers.” “A lot of her hatred turned

inward,” Guillen said. She believed “nothing would ever change” her past.

Reina still had friends in North County. One was a young Guatemalan whom she liked. Unannounced, one day, she left the shelter to visit him. Ugarte recalled that this meeting was a disaster. He abused her verbally, telling her she would never amount to any-



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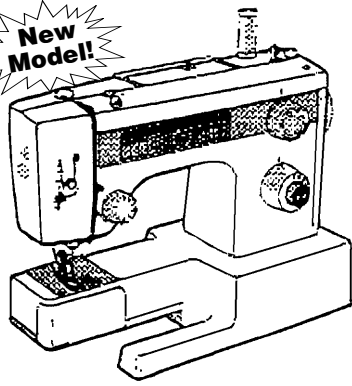
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“to move heaven and earth” to bring her back. “So, if you decide not to return [today], I’m not going to be able to cross you back” to the United States at a later date. Reina finally agreed. But then Guillen discovered that the officials at the Port of Entry he needed to meet with had left for the day. He returned without her. The next day, Guillen and Ugarte went to Tijuana and were relieved when Reina showed up.

Guillen did not tell Reina of his private

feelings, namely, that after she’d gone AWOL, “I thought, ‘We may not be able to get [her and Manuel] reunited.’ ” He told Reina that if she wanted to see her son she had to cooperate completely. She must realize, Guillen said, that there was “a different Reina from the one who’d been prostituted.” Guillen, along with a small armada of lawyers and prosecutors, judges and consular officials, would need this *different* Reina to resolve an unprecedented international custody case.



Julio Salazar

How the Pimps Get Away with It

At the Reeds, December 2, 2001, the INS had arrested six men

and ten women. Two of the women were juveniles and eight were adults. The next day, the six men were

charged with one felony count — conspiring to “illegally import” and to “keep, maintain, control, support, employ and harbor” the women in the United States “for the purpose of prostitution.” The men were detained because, with few ties in the United States, they would likely flee.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Larry Burns ordered that the ten women from the Reeds be held in protective custody while prosecutors gathered more evidence. In addition, arrest war-

rants for Arturo and Pedro López-Rojas were issued; they were wanted for “conspiracy to import aliens for immoral purposes.” The six men, if convicted, faced prison terms of 25 years to life.

Then, by mid-December, some ten days after the raid, all charges in the case — except those against Daniel López-Rojas — were dropped. The five men and the ten women were deported or voluntarily released to Mexico.

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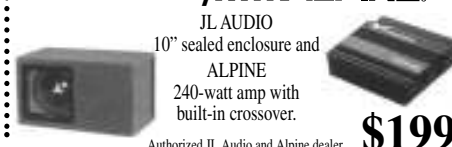
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have said that without the main traffickers, Arturo and Pedro López-Rojas, whose arrest warrants were also dismissed, the government would be prosecuting subordinates and not the "chicken hawks," who procured girls regularly from inside Mexico. Others have asserted that the witnesses in this case were mishandled because investigators, after the raid, failed to follow procedures that Marisa Ugarte and others had advised for victims of trafficking. According to Ugarte,

the women arrested should not have been placed in a holding tank or jail cell; they should not have been surrounded by uniformed and armed officers; they should not have been interviewed in English. Such tactics made the women only more fearful and more apt to lie.

Another reason the women refused to testify is that victims of prostitution don't see themselves as victims. INS agent Alma Goss avoids the word "prostitution"; instead, she calls it



Arturo López-Rojas

"abuse." "Prostitution" is the man's word for what the woman does; "abuse" is the woman's word. Even so, she

says, most if not all the women who know they are being abused by pimps and johns never regard them-

selves as victims. Why? The "opportunity" to earn more money and live a better life in America than they could in Mexico is inculcated in them deeply, by the pimps and the culture. Goss quoted one woman who told her, " 'How am I a victim? I chose this for myself.' "

The scariest part for Mexican girls detained in the United States for prostitution is that without parents or guardians, the girls can be deported to orphanages in Mexico, often in Tijuana. And this could happen

regardless of whether they share information with the INS. Not all orphanages in Tijuana are bad places, but several are, and one or two are notorious for cruel treatment. There is a recent case of a ten-year-old boy who stole into the United States by hiding above the axle of a truck. He had escaped his Tijuana orphanage because punishment for his misbehavior involved the staff's hanging him from the top of a window frame by his thumbs.

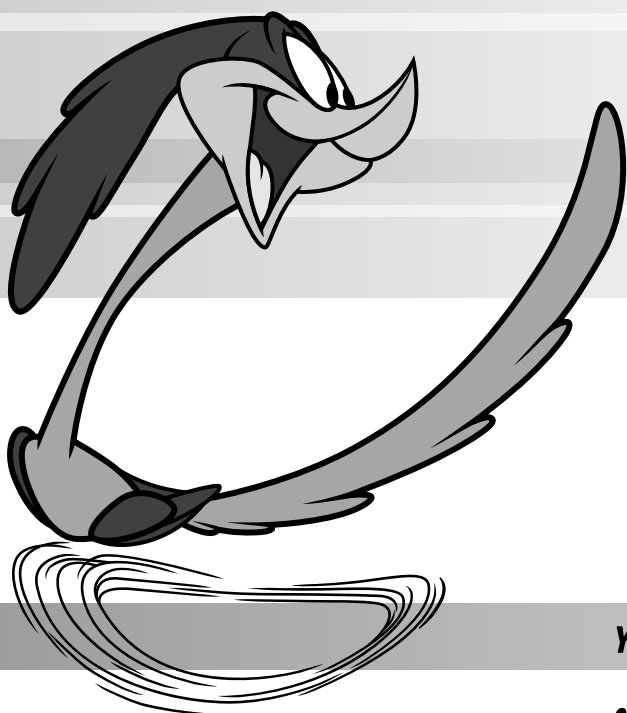
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However, for prosecutors, there was a glimmer of hope. According to court records, Daniel López-Rojas said, after waiving his Miranda rights, that when he was picked up at the Reeds, he was “not involved with prostitution.” However, he admitted that he went there “on multiple occasions...to smoke marijuana.” He also admitted “that his brothers Arturo López-Rojas and Pedro López-Rojas had prostitutes who worked for them.” In a separate court order, the government charged Daniel with “conspiring to import and employ aliens for purposes of prostitution.” The order stated that “the weight of evidence” against Daniel was “strong.” With this charge and other knowledge garnered from Reina about Daniel’s part in her being trafficked to Tijuana and to San Diego, the government was able to detain Daniel. Investigators told him that unless he provided information about the location of Reina’s son, Manuel, they would turn Daniel over to the Mexican authorities, who were themselves investigating Reina’s case.

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Adrián Martinez, a lawyer in charge of the Mexican Consulate’s juvenile division, had heard Reina’s story after she escaped from Arturo’s apartment in July 2001. To help out,

he contacted the U.S. attorney’s office, and they asked him to search for Manuel’s birth certificate in Tlaxcala. Though Reina was the biological mother, Arturo López-Rojas’s signa-

ture on Manuel’s birth certificate had made him the father, giving him more rights to the child than she had. By early 2002, the task of legally procuring Manuel’s papers had dragged on for

months: his rescue and reunion with Reina seemed in jeopardy. This question of “rights” in the hands of the Mexican government frustrated Lilia Velasquez so much that she told the

Mexican Consulate in San Diego, “I feel like going to Mexico myself and getting the baby back. This is taking too long.” Martinez surmised that Daniel knew where Manuel was. So,

with Daniel still in U.S. custody, Martinez and other attorneys pressured him to talk, “politely but, at the same time, in a tough manner.” Their main threat was this: following Daniel’s deporta-

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tion to Mexico, they would tell Mexican officials that he was a suspect in Manuel's abduction and direct them to arrest him for kidnapping. Daniel decided to talk. He said that Manuel was in Tlaxcala with his sister. Martinez dialed Daniel's sister's number. Martinez told me, "We put Daniel on the phone, and he asked if

the baby was okay. She mentioned that the baby was okay, but she wanted money for the baby's expenses. When he explained to her that he had been arrested and something very bad was going to happen to him, he asked her to release the baby to DIF" — Development and Integration of Families, Mexico's

state-run social service agency. The sister got scared, called DIF, and gave Manuel up. In exchange for his cooperation, the charges against Daniel were dropped. He was deported to Mexico, but investigators did not tell Mexican officials of the charges they had brought against him in the United States.

The López-Rojas sister also conveyed that Arturo was in Tlaxcala and, with his lawyer, fighting to get Manuel. A judge would have to decide whether Arturo's name on the birth certificate gave him custody of the child. This legal quagmire in Mexico, more than anything, is what slowed Manuel and

Reina's reunion. Finally, a judge determined that Manuel could be released to his mother. Martinez received a special 24-hour waiver from the INS not only to cross a minor, Reina, into Mexico and rescue another minor, her son Manuel, but also to bring both back. Reina was given a "consular

ID," which stated that she was a Mexican national residing in the United States. This ID would get her through post-9/11 security at Mexican airports.

Monday morning, April 29, 2002, Reina was roused with the news: "Wake up, wake up, *muchacha*. You're going to see Manuel today!" Martinez and Reina flew from Tijuana to Mexico City at midnight. On the flight, Reina told Martinez she feared Arturo would show up at the airport or the agency and harm them. But her fears vanished when, at DIF's office in Tlaxcala, Reina saw Manuel, who at 18 months was walking and talking. Reina cried, Manuel cried, and "attorneys from DIF started crying," Martinez said. "I almost had to go out of the room because it was very emotional." After five minutes Reina and Manuel "were playing and getting along." No sign of Arturo.

Returning to Tijuana, the three took a taxi to the Port of Entry. There, television crews from Televisa and Univisión were covering the story. Manolo Guillen, Lilia Velasquez, and INS investigator Kerri Marshall also showed up. Marshall had Reina and Manuel's I-904 INS form, which indicated she was a "parolee." At the time, Reina was still under the court's supervision. Written beside her parolee status and allowing her entry was the bureaucracy's most coveted phrase: "for humanitarian reasons."

Guillen recalled that when he saw the pair, Manuel was still getting used to his mother. "I had never

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Prosecutors say that with Reina's testimony, the López-Rojas brothers can still be charged if they're ever apprehended. Rick Castro says that one of the six men arrested in the December 2001 raid, Edmundo Zitlapopoca-Hernández, was seized again in a jump across the border and has been returned to Mexico. Castro calls Zitlapopoca the "right-hand man" of Julio Salazar-Juárez, who has been identified as a ring leader in North County's prostitution trade. Julio's brother Tomás is serving a prison sentence for torture and mayhem. Julio's brother Luciano

shows only “moderate activity”; each one is running at “different times” during the week. The good news, Castro notes, is that “it’s nothing like it was before.” ■

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I'll be the first to admit that I'm not into romance. Unlike my female peers who write in those teen magazines about their embarrassing moments that occurred when trying to get the attention of a major "hottie," there has never been a time in my life when I tried too hard to impress a guy. However, there was a time when someone was trying to impress me and I ended up embarrassed.

One normal day in eighth grade, I was energetic and ready to socialize with my friends at lunchtime. It was also Valentine's Day, but I was only celebrating by loading up on conversation hearts. While getting high on sugar in my algebra class, someone tapped my shoulder.

"Are you going to say 'yes'?" one of my classmates said. "Huh?" I slurred.

"Evan's going to ask you out. Didn't you know that?" he said, laughing.

This hit me hard. Evan was a good friend and a nice guy, but I was embarrassed. I wasn't into the dating scene, and I didn't want to deal with a relationship. Everyone made such a big deal about dating in middle school, and I just wanted to goof off and not be "committed."

That Valentine's Day, there was so much hype surrounding my situation, it was as if I was getting proposed to. For the first time ever, people on all different rungs of the social ladder noticed me, and I hated it. By lunch, there was a mass of people around, and Evan was waiting for me. In his hand was a heart-shaped chocolate box.

All I could think was *Why me?* I rolled my eyes as everyone paid attention, ready to spread gossip.

"You probably already know what I am going to ask, but will you go out with me?" Poor guy. I just stood there, my face red and my mouth open, waiting for the right

words to come out.

"I'll think about it." And that, my friends, was the kiss of death. Two days later, I shot Evan down. I tried to say the right words, but ended up sounding like a total flake. I felt bad for him, but I felt worse. I was such an idiot! Evan, if you're reading, I'm sorry.

—Stephanie Perricone,
Clairemont H.S.

Last December, I worked up the courage to ask a girl out on a date. Claire and I decided to meet some of her friends and mine for breakfast at Mimi's Café, near the stadium. But there was a problem: she drives, I don't. It's not the easiest thing in the world to wow a girl when you have to ride shotgun.

Before the day arrived, I decided that I needed to get Claire something special. It was to be the last time we would see each other until after Christmas. So I walked up to her car bearing many gifts in my grocery bag: a card, a two-page letter, and a \$20 aromatherapy candle.

"Sorry, I didn't get you anything," Claire explained after I had withdrawn the first two items from my sack. I felt like an idiot already, and I was still clutching that expensive candle. Though I didn't want to, I felt compelled to hand it over.

As we waited for our food at the restaurant, my comrades complained about having to get up so early on a Sunday morning. The restaurant was busy and crowded, so the five of us had to squeeze into a tiny booth with one of those squeaky plastic cushions. I sat in the middle, two people on each side, with Claire to my right. There was no escape. When the food arrived, I decided to cut my omelet into bite-size pieces before starting to eat, a process that took three minutes. During my meal, I had many drinks of water, the last of which ended with a

loud thud as I slammed the glass on the table. "I still don't know what I'm doing," I said, apologizing for my absentmindedness.

Claire owns two horses and a pig at a local stable. After breakfast, we visited them. I didn't know that pigs have a habit of sneezing on anything that comes near them. Otherwise, I would not have approached the railing wearing my new black Dockers. (My friends at church — where we went next — got a kick out of the dried blots of grimy pig snot that had been sprayed on both pant legs. Fortunately, the dark hue of my pants obscured the green pigment of the pig's snot.)

We walked around for a while before returning to Claire's car. Since there was still about a half hour before church began, she decided to rip open my letter and read it quietly while I sat next to her, twiddling my thumbs. "It's nice," she said half-heartedly. Afterward, we left.

Claire works 30 hours a week, has hard classes, and spends many hours at the stable. The following week, she told me that we were breaking up. She didn't have time for me.

—Shannon Price,
Poway H.S.

The summer after freshman year, my friends and I hung out at the pool every day. My friend Jessica had been teaching me how to do backflips off the high board, and I'd finally gotten the hang of it. One day in August, the pool was packed with teenagers. Most of the juniors and seniors were there. Five of my friends were sitting around, "tanning." (That is, we were checking out this group of surfer-type guys: golden tans, tousled hair, six-packs, and the kind of arms that only paddling out twice a day can sculpt.) Two of the guys came over.

Jessica and I began talking to Jerad, a 16-year-old sun-bleached

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blonde with blue crystal eyes and a surfer's body. He was wearing deep red Rusty board shorts — the same color as my bikini — and he smelled of suntan lotion. Jerad was a beach addict who loved anything to do with water. When their friends called him back, Jessica and I decided to go up to the high board in order to regain the boys' attention.

Jessica, the flirt, made a spectacle of herself in her bright yellow swimsuit, waving at them and blowing kisses before nailing a perfect backflip. Then it was my turn; I got up there and acted just like her, drawing the attention of the whole crowd, including Jerad.

When I went to spring myself off the diving board, I heard a "crack." That's all I remember until I woke up with all my friends and a lifeguard standing around me on the cement. Once everyone knew that I was all right, I became the laughing stock. My last wave to Jerad had caused me to slip and hit my head on the board. I performed a belly-flop while unconscious, requiring the assistance of a lifeguard.

I never found out what Jerad thought of the incident; witnessing the uproar of his guy group was enough. I stayed away from the

pool for a while after that, but the jokes have yet to cease from those who were there or heard about it.

— Erin Bala,
Helix Charter H.S.

I was at Knott's Berry Farm with my dad, three siblings, a family friend, and my two best friends. It was toward the end of the day. We were all headed to the restrooms.

I saw two great-looking teenage guys nearby and wanted to impress them. They were sitting at a table talking to each other. I knew that the restrooms were right around the corner, and I wanted to show them that I had some sense of direction, that I knew where I was going. I turned in to the first door around that corner, not even looking at the sign on the door.

I walked in with a smile on my face, thinking *This is the best thing that has ever happened to me. Man, both of those guys were even looking at me!* After locking the stall door, I thought *There are no girls in here? That isn't possible! Girls are known to go into the restroom in groups, and there is no possible way that at an amusement park there wouldn't be any girls in the women's restroom. Maybe I came in here while everybody else was on the other side*

of the amusement park. No, then why would it take me so many steps to walk into the first stall that is in the women's restroom? There is something wrong. I counted four stalls and urinals. URINALS! WHAT? I am in the wrong restroom! I heard the toilet flush, and I glanced underneath the door and saw that a man was in the restroom. I had to get out of there, and with my luck I knew that right when I walked out someone would walk in. *I can't stay in here forever.*

I made a plan to count to three and then walk out and run into the right bathroom. One...two...three... didn't come until three minutes later. As I was walking out, a guy walked in. I was embarrassed and looked down at the ground.

As I got out, I saw the two teenage guys there, sitting on the table, this time with their girlfriends. I saw them stare at me. They started laughing. All four sets of eyes gave me the most awkward stares I'd ever gotten in my life. I walked toward my family and friends and said that I was ready to go and we left.

—Lisa Shoemaker,
Granite Hills H.S.

I walked onto the small plane, and my heart fluttered when

I noticed I would be sitting next to the guy I'd been eyeing since I boarded my first flight from San Diego that day. I put one bag in the overhead compartment, slid my backpack under the seat in front of me, and sat down. There was the casual "hi" between us, and then we started talking. We were both heading to Burlington, Vermont.

He was older than I was, around 23 or so. He told me that when he graduated high school, a minor-league hockey team had drafted him. Mr. Hockey Hottie was going to Vermont for dry-land training. That would mean he would be in the area for a while...wouldn't it be nice if I happened to run into him somewhere?

"Who do you play for?" I wanted to know, as if I would be able to recognize the team's name. The only hockey teams I knew of were the San Diego Gulls and the Philadelphia Flyers (a former crush was a huge Flyers fan). It turned out that he played for a minor-league team in Canada. I think it was Quebec, but I forgot as soon as he told me. I was too busy taking the sight of him in: tan, chocolate-colored eyes, dark brown hair.

As we began our descent after our hour-long flight, Mr. Hockey

Hottie wanted to know where the good bars and clubs were in Burlington. Throughout the conversation, I had failed to mention that I was still in high school. I realized that he thought I was a little older than I was, and so I wracked my brain trying to remember anything from previous family visits.

You know how sometimes you say something that you're thinking but didn't really want to say? Well it happened to me: "I wouldn't really know; I'm only 17," were the words that flowed out of my mouth before I realized it. I'd blown it. There I was, sitting next to a guy who could not have looked any better and could be the next huge hockey star and who thought that I was older than I was... With those few words, our conversation dwindled and I sat there feeling like the biggest dork.

—Amanda Abeln,
Clairemont H.S.

One bright and beautiful day out on the quad, I stood there glancing toward the hard black bench on which my group of friends sat. There was a slight breeze blowing through my hair. Classmates hustled around me as they got to lunch tables and conversations with friends.

I started talking with a few girls sitting at a nearby table. I remained standing, my hands planted in my pockets. As I leaned against the table, from the corner of my eye, I glimpsed a friend's wave. I couldn't let these girls get the impression that I didn't have other social obligations, so I interrupted the gossip coming out of one of the girl's mouths ("...and Anthony didn't even buy Sharon a gift for Valentine's Day!") to explain that I had to leave for a moment. Reeking of self-confidence, I turned around...and then it happened.

We must have a large problem with theft at our school; why else would each bench in the quad need to be chained to the ground? I tripped over the chain. As I began to fall, I ducked into a somersault and then landed on my feet, unscathed. Never before had I performed such acrobatics. I imagined the crowd cheering in amazement as I lost my balance and fell fast and hard toward the concrete. I threw out my hands to protect myself. My palms stung from taking the fall, but there was more than physical damage inflicted. Humiliated, I paused before dragging myself to my knees at a snail's pace, and then slowly stood

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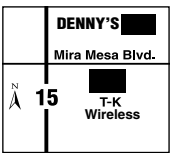


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—Josh Hattersley,
El Capitan H.S.

Are you sure you want to do this, Amy?" Billy shouted from the driver's seat of the speedboat, his hand cupped to shade his eyes from the sun.

"I've jumped off of rocks higher than this," I replied, my voice bouncing off the walls of the ravine. Unfortunately, I did not recognize the warning signs that warm summer day as I stood

atop a boulder in the middle of Lake Powell. Earlier in the day, I'd retold my encounters with the cliffs of the High Sierras, so there was nothing I could do but jump. Besides, I was not going to let a guy I was attracted to think I was a loser. No. I was going to jump.

I'd hopped out of the boat, swam the length of the river bend, hoisted myself up onto the

embankment, and scaled the side of the rock — without shoes, thank you. I wasn't afraid of jumping. The problem was that while I was striving to appear cool in front of Billy and my friend Jennie, I had neglected to take my physical appearance into account. So there I stood, in a (loosely tied) bikini, ready to plummet into the water below.

"Ten...nine...eight

...seven...six..." Billy and Jennie counted off. *Okay, here goes nothing*, I thought to myself. "...three...two...one!" I hurtled from the marbled stone. I knew something was wrong the moment I broke the surface of the water. Jennie's face was frozen in terror and Billy had turned a shade of pink.

"Uh...Amy...you might want to ... um ...yeah..." Billy mum-

bled, his eyes downcast. Horror struck. I glanced down at my chest, where my fears were confirmed. I sank down into safety and frantically searched for my bikini top. I found it a few feet away, floating in the ripples. With my ego crushed, I put on my top and pulled myself into the boat. While on the brink of tears, I attempted to laugh it off. ■

—Amy Asman,
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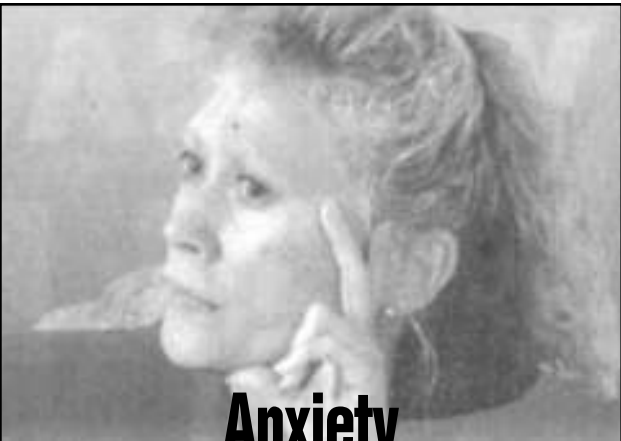
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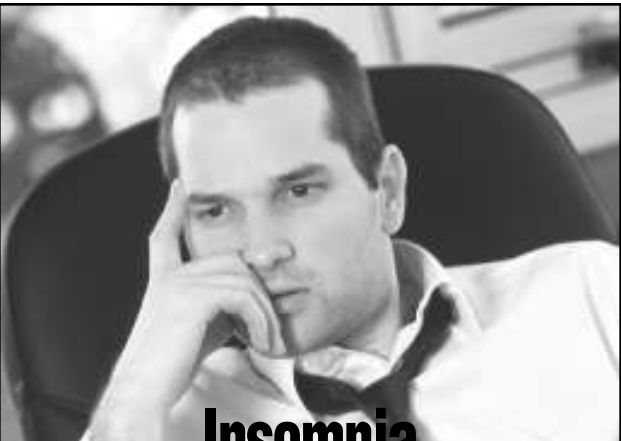
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The creator(s) crafted rectangles within rectangles, dizzying rows of lines, also linkages of C-shaped blocks within other blocks. Some look like the battlements of a castle wall; others, the spinal column of a giant. The carvings, called petroglyphs, are engraved in the rock; the paintings are called pictographs. Though patterns vary, many lines are half an inch apart.

The mazelike works aren't mazes, however. There is no way in or out, or even through the interior. The parallel lines tease your eye from spot to spot. Rather than become locked within the labyrinth, bouncing down hallways for eternity, you want to pull back, take in the whole.

On a typical site, in the low foothills of Poway and Rancho Bernardo, many of the bold designs are isolated. If other rock art styles share space, the mazes

and frets lie underneath, like ghost images, suggesting an earlier date. Nearby is usually a cave, natural spring, unusual rock formation, or ancient game trail. Often the wind echoes through the area. Stone scrapers, arrowheads, and other primitive implements indicate that some sites may have been ancient settlements. What the designs mean, however, and who the artist (or artists) was, remain mysteries.

"We just don't know," says Ken Hedges, a founder of rock art studies and curator of the San Diego Museum of Man. The field, in fact, resembles the Big Bang Theory. The closer you get, the more you probe, the more the actual event recedes.

Hedges has identified three styles of rock art in San Diego County: San Luis Rey in North County (characterized by zigzags, chevrons, and diamond chain designs); La Rumorosa, from south of El Cajon extending deep into Mexico (which takes many, often representational, forms); and the unique, mazelike Rancho Bernardo style, which runs in an L-shaped corridor from El Cajon to Moreno, then to the desert. But did the latter begin in the desert, then head toward Rancho Bernardo, or vice versa? As yet, no one knows.

Current estimates date the art at over 500 years. "Radiocarbon dating

has been of little help," writes Manfred Knaak. "Items such as fossilized vegetation, bone, and charcoal, necessary for this type of analysis, are seldom recovered at sites with petroglyphs and pictographs."

Who created the art remains as puzzling as when it was created. "One person could have done much of it," speculates Hedges. "A design a year — for, say, 30 years — could account for most sites. Though the farther away you get, the less the one-person idea becomes tenable." Just as apprentices aided Michelangelo, the "artist" could have had a family or even generations of helpers. After more than 30 years studying the subject, Hedges is "reticent to pin anything down."

About the only certainty: the creator of the Rancho Bernardo style never considered him- or herself an artist in the traditional sense. The designs — so abstract, schematic, intricate — look like nothing in nature. This has led to several theories about what they might signify.

The simplest: they express a profound sense of order. In a world where life, death, and the unknown were far more everyday, focusing on a pattern could have had a centering effect on observers: chaos does not reign; things have an appropriate place, are possibly interrelated.

Other theories look *into* the design. "The uniformity of their outline," writes



The Hemet Maze Stone, Riverside County

H.H. Dunn, "and the persistent selection of an eastward-facing boulder near a spring indicate some religious significance."

That many face the "ceremonial" direction suggests the designs could be ornamental. Ancient religions in the Poway/Rancho Bernardo area believed spirits of the dead flew off to the east. Designs could commemorate that journey.

In primordial times, according to ancient beliefs, earth and heaven were connected. The first people moved back and forth at will. Then a "sin" occurred — it differs from culture to culture — and the road became blocked to the living. The dead could cross over. And, risking their lives on the "dangerous bridge," so could shamans. A successful journey momentarily reconnected heaven and earth. It could predict the future, give shamans visions, knowledge, spirit or "dream" helpers, and sacred "power."

QUOTATIONS:

1. John Manchip White: "There is nothing somber about the Indian palette, no shadow or chiaroscuro...Indian art is permeated with the great American landscape, and when one studies it, one comes to realize how dark and claustrophobic much European art seems in comparison."

2. Mircea Eliade: The Yakut rely on the vindictive gods of *bis* ("below"); "benevolent as the gods and spirits 'above' may be, they are unfortunately passive and hence of almost no help."

3. Ake Hultkrantz: "The spirits are not as common today as in the old days. The power lines and poles especially have scared them away."

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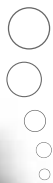
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Ancient religions also believe that power exists in netlike grids throughout the world. It accumulates in caves, fissures of rock, springs, waterfalls, or geological formations that sculpt "wind shadows" — where the air vibrates like a Buddhist chant. Each could be "a place of power."

And rock art could be its marker. Shamans entered the other side through portals — fissures in a rock, water, cave — or by floating upward. Hedges suggests another possibility: "The artist could return to the rock and re-enter his vision." But was the site a portal, or the art, or both?

Jungians would call the mazelike grids an archetypal descent into a dreamer's unconscious. The maze blocks wishes and desires from coming into the light. Thus a shaman would paint a maze at his portal to thwart unwanted spirit helpers and demons from following him into this world.

The theory is flashy and might be accurate if the designs were indeed mazes in the modern sense. But they aren't, and Hedges leans away from that theory. Since we have "no truly aboriginal interpretation," he's reticent to ascribe literal readings to the mystery.

Approaching designs from an ancient perspective might put us more in touch. Hedges: "I would love to have seen one of the big mazes when it was fresh: a brilliant ochre red, the ten-foot panel five feet across, probably on a speckled granite surface. The lines might have jumped from the rock, wavered, shimmered." The space between the painting and the observer would have become a numinous vision.

What David S. Whitley says of the Wukchumni holds true for all rock art: "The motifs...are themselves sacred objects in a concrete sense. It is for this reason that the Wukchumni object to calling them 'art,' with its primary connotation of aesthetics." Losing the motifs "would be the loss not simply of a beautiful and scientific record of the people; it would be the loss of sacred objects important

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for their spiritual survival.”
In Ruth Alter’s *Painted Rocks*, when young Cassie asks Tom Quahan, a Native American, if many people know about rock art, he replies, “Probably too many.”

This is a story about

“Long Ago San Diego,” and also about today. Rock art sites lie in people’s back yards and other private property. The last public Rancho Bernardo–style site was closed not long ago because vandals continually sprayed graffiti on

the rocks — and because visitors couldn’t keep from touching the designs. (The Hemet Maze petroglyph is open to the public; for directions call Riverside County Parks at 909-275-4310.)

Johnny Bear Contr-

eras is the unofficial liaison for the San Pasqual Band of Indians. He’s also a sculptor of growing renown who did the Native American Monument for Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. His concern: preservation of a sacred

legacy.

“People ask: ‘Know any shamans?’ Or, ‘Where’s your most sacred thing?’ But I wouldn’t ask that in your church. And anyway, even tribal people don’t know everything that’s out there.

“Rock art should be for everyone. What’s needed, first, is to bring appreciation of the sites to a tribal level.” This includes educating those “you’d think wouldn’t need it.

“People should have

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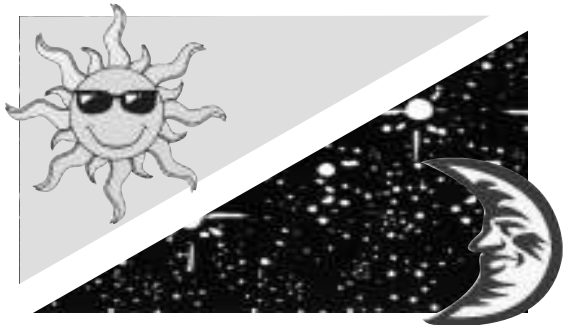
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a feeling for what's around them. My ancestors spent their time working, raising their kids, laughing, and dying in a natural rhythm. Certain areas attracted or detracted from aspects of their lives. I believe that after hundreds or thousands of years they were able to say, "This area makes me feel this way."

Contreras also cautions about narrowing down the meaning of rock art designs. "They are tributes, recognitions of natural instinctive things for different individuals."

Among his duties, Contreras works with the county on pre-excavation agreements and mitigation plans for rock art sites. Once, when realigning a trail, someone asked where it should go: over there, up this hill, past that tree? "Where *don't* you want it?"

"They were trying to find a little sacred spot," says Contreras. "But *the whole area is sacred!*" ■

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CHAPTER 5

I wrapped the fish in corn oil, lime, salsa, and aluminum foil and baked it the way Homeboy showed me. While I heated the beans and cooked rice, I brought the gin bottle down out of the cabinet and put it back. Twice. I figured I'd be easier to kill if I was drunk.

Emilio showed up and passed some bottles of Corona around to the boys in the trailer park and then parked himself on the porch with an opener. We watched the surfers and the tourists' kids riding the tired ponies the *caballistas* paraded around the cliff. The late-afternoon sun slanted in hot and lazy beneath the browned palm fronds overhanging the porch roof.

"Octavio's wife is very pretty," Paz said. "Very polite. She busied herself with



"Kids were dancing on the sidewalk in front of the Rosarito Beach Hotel."

dinner for her sister's kids, asked all the right questions about the body, arrangements. I gave her some money. She thanked me. She has my number in San Diego. It hasn't hit her

yet really." He drank half a bottle of beer, handed me one, and I took it. Opened it. Smelled it. It smelled good. "There's no good way to tell somebody something like that, so I

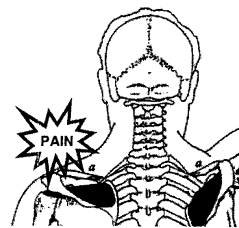
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just spit it out. She's a tough little lady. I said he died doing his job. Freak accident. Said he was one of my best men. I don't really know if he was any damn good at his job or not."

"He did the job just fine," I said.

We ate out on the porch, and Pescado stopped by to bring Emilio a jar of olives he had cured or whatever it is you do with olives. In payment, Pescado accepted a rickety reclining chair and drank four Coronas. He asked me if I wanted to go surfing with him. I told him, "Not tonight," and he brought Sufi the wetsuit I would have used.

Paz was saying, "Pelon don't surf in jail... Too much of me in him. Not enough of his mother... What I'm gonna do is get you a babysitter. A big babysitter..."

The sunlight through the bottle on the railing.

The ocean winking with molten coins.

The sound of Paz's Mercedes grinding gravel on the old road as he headed north.

A Havana cigar. Sufi poised on his board, the sun setting behind him.

Pop pop pop. Like three little firecrackers.

A rifleman on horseback steeple-jumping the fence across the toll road and a flatbed truck swerving, scattering lettuce over

the highway.

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"Muerto," Pescado said as I swam up alongside him. He was cradling Sufi's head with one arm and treading water with the other.

Sufi's eyes were open and expressed no surprise or pain. "The Look," that thousand-yard stare, was gone. In its place was a kind of blank acceptance that I hoped was something like peace.

Pescado tugged the leash toward shore, and I held Sufi's body on the board and pushed from behind. When we got to shallow water, the tide was high, sending every other breaker into the rocks. Pescado and I wrestled the body and the sea and the darkness. Eventually Pescado went for a rope. It was the only way we would get him up the cliff. Meanwhile, using the

leash, I lashed myself and the body to the chassis of the rusting Ford Bronco so we wouldn't be washed out again by undertow.

It was almost an hour later when, with the help of a dozen people who had witnessed the shooting, we finally got the body to the top of the cliff and covered

with a blanket. It was an awkward, rough business: jerking, scraping, and bouncing. Maybe he was beyond the need for gentleness and dignity, but he deserved better.

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The cops got around to me sometime near midnight. I was back in the Rosarito

police station sitting in the Oficina de Turismo that was also the *Judicial*'s prosecution office. I had chain-smoked a pack of Del Prados and sat staring at the DA's closed door. I scratched. I hadn't had a chance to shower off the saltwater, and I had thrown on a gray cotton pullover with a hood.

Other than that I was wearing cut-off Levi's and a pair of huaraches. The scratchy cotton rough-cloth shirt, tight denim shorts, and a half pound of sand in my crotch chafed in a decent approximation of some biblical hair shirt. Sackcloth and ashes. All I needed was a cat o' nine tails.

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I could get up, walk out of here, get on Javier Paz's motorcycle, and keep heading south, I told myself, until I found some dusty cantina to get drunk in, ride inland to the desert, where the sun and alcohol would broast me as efficiently as a blast furnace. After a few rapturous hours I would be buzzard and iguana food and no one would ever have to die because of me ever again.

Yes, York. I think you've hit on a plan there, buddy. Why didn't I think of that? That would do Sufi and

Octavio a lot of good, naturally, and everybody else you feel responsible for getting killed. A mental list of names came to mind starting with a 20-year-old private named Ritchie Vestak in 1969 in a village known as Vill Tango 5 or Pham Phooey something or other. The list grew in my mind's eye — as they say — until I bit down on my lower lip and tasted blood. *Where's that cat o' nine?* My train of thought continued on that track a little further. *Sure, fry yourself to death with a little tequila and fun in the Baja sun. That*

would definitely teach that prick Walters a lesson.

And thinking of Walters was almost as good as a hot shower that made me

I wanted a cigarette and I wouldn't have minded just taking one of his, but this was not the moment to betray nervousness.

forget my itching and bruises and guilt, a reminder of a kind of ace in the hole I had, a powerful engine, a die

hard battery, a sort of grace, in a way. A divine mission, a gift from the gods, a magical shield and a mighty sword. It was hatred with

such a force I could have tempered steel with it. Oh, yes. Hatred of a pure, dark, unstepped-on kind. It wasn't

hysterical or erratic, not the fast-burning, explosive kind, but a steady white phosphor flame that, when you tried to smother it, would just burn all the more intensely through flesh and bone. I had tried to smother it, too, for a long time because hatred is exhausting and degrading and I didn't want to admit, after almost a year, that I carried that kind of poison around. But I did.

A man who hates is very nearly as dangerous as a man who loves. One is a kind of immovable object, and the other is a kind of irre-

sistible force.

The force was with me. At that moment, with an almost subliminal act of will, I had decided I would find and kill Eugene Walters. I didn't really know that fully until a few hours later, but I felt immediately better. York's reptile brain had been roused from idiot slumber and was now grinning happily, red in tooth and claw.

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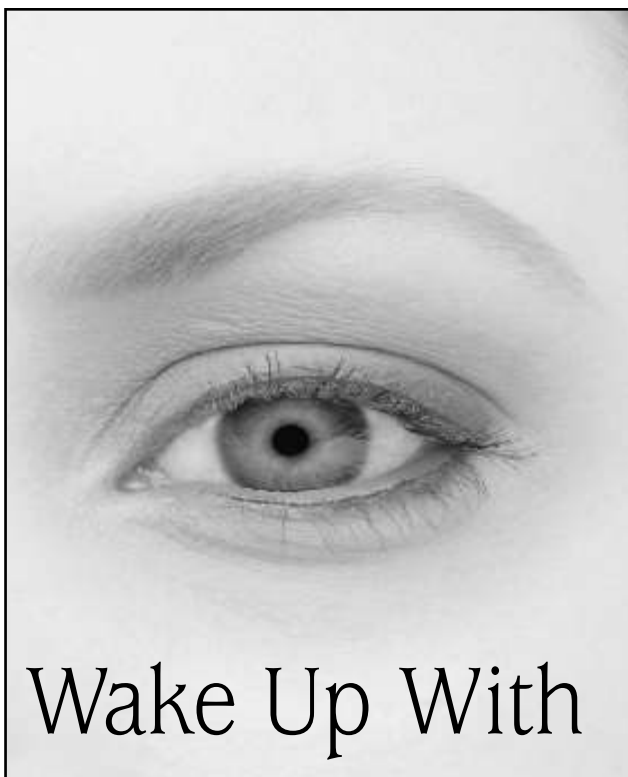


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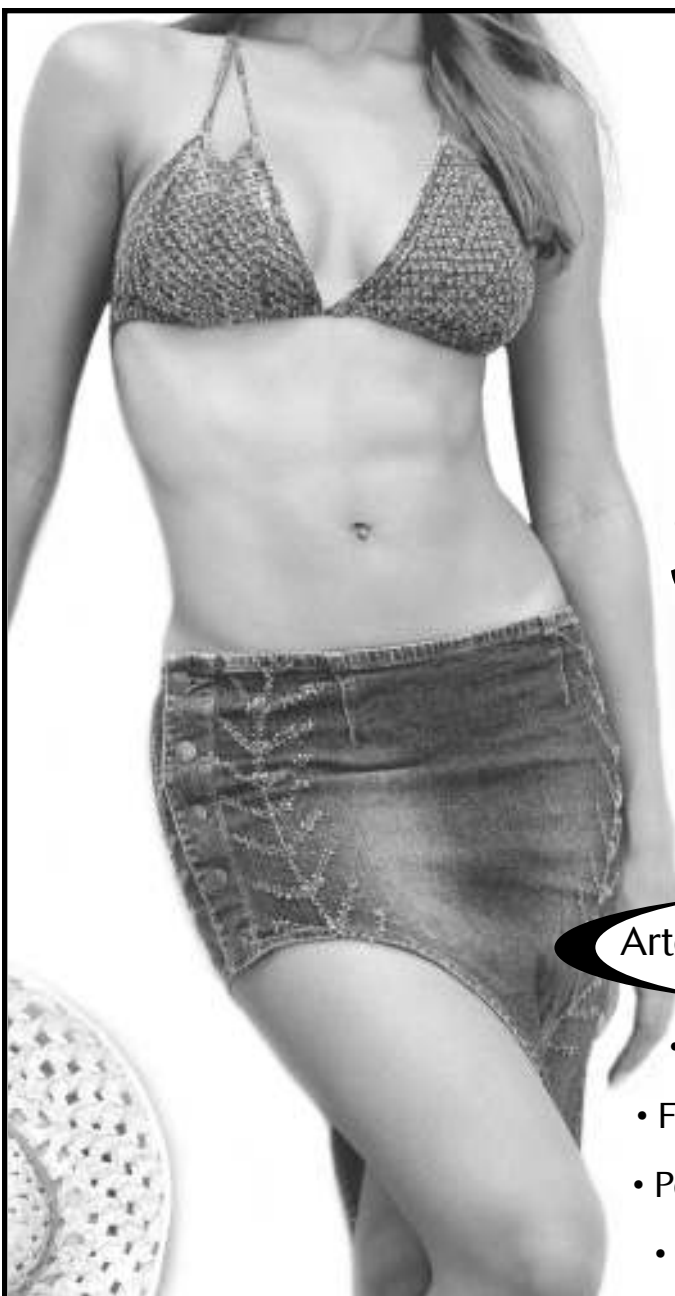
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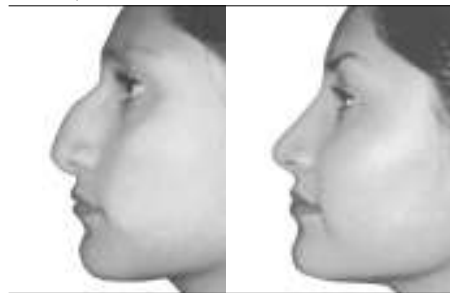
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posters were starting to peel away from the wall above a couch where a Mexican man lay sleeping. His name was Padero and he was one of the men who helped Pescado and I drag Sufi's body up the cliff. Pescado had been questioned about an hour ago and released. On his way out, all he said to me was, "See you back at K-38. We'll talk. Don't let 'em fuck with you." Officer Maradon and an assistant prosecutor

named Guernando were questioning another witness, an American whose name I didn't catch.

The door swung open and the American, a florid-faced man of about 50, stepped through. He clutched an L.A. Angels baseball cap in his hands and wrung it, as if it were soaking wet, before putting it on his head. He leaned over to me, cast a look at the sleeping Padero on the

couch, and said, "I don't think they're going to do a damned thing about that young man getting killed. I think life is too damned cheap to you people. That's what I think. ¿Comprende?"

"Do you have a cigarette?"

He didn't answer, just shook his head and said, "We're packing up the kids and going to San Felipe. To hell with this."

Maradon stuck his head

out of the DA's office and said, "Cruz, come in, please."

I nodded and went in. Maradon had spoken to me in English, and I didn't know why, but I didn't like it.

Guernando waved me to a seat in front of his desk and told Maradon, in Spanish, to dismiss Padero outside. They wouldn't be questioning him.

"We saved you for last," the assistant DA said to me in English. My nerves tight-

ened another few notches. "Thank you for your patience, Señor Cruz." Guernando had a meticulously moussed helmet of a hairdo that reminded me of Elvis Presley. It looked as if, were you to hit him over the head with a broom, you'd break the handle. He was maybe 30 years old, and his dark blue suit looked too big for him, as if he had lost a lot of weight recently. His eyes were close together and

secretive. There were bags beneath them. He had a wedding ring of filigreed gold and a turquoise and silver pinky ring with a large black stone in the center. "Everyone's story matches so far. No need to detain Señor Padero. Would you please tell me what happened?"

Guernando leaned back and lit a Benson & Hedges. He was tired of this story. Maradon came back in the

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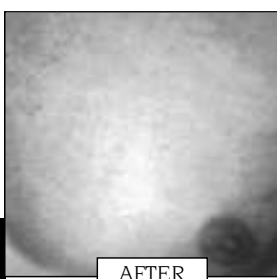
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room and seated himself behind me somewhere. I began in Spanish and he interrupted me.

"You speak English well, don't you?" he asked.

"Pretty well."

"Let's all practice up on our English, then. You don't mind, do you?"

I looked puzzled but shrugged and told them what happened in English leaving out the part about lending Sufi the wetsuit. If someone else had already told him that, I could always say, yeah, I forgot, I lent him the wetsuit. My reptile brain was making plans; they didn't include any time in jail and they might well include leaving town. I didn't want to be uncooperative in any way, but I didn't want to be any more valuable a witness than anyone else.

When I finished, Guernando looked at me, looked at Maradon, back at me. "This hasn't been a very good day for you, has it? This morning one of your security men met with a fatal accident, and this evening, one of your neighbors is murdered. How do you explain such bad luck following you?"

"I don't try to explain bad luck. Good luck either. That's why they call it luck, I guess. No one knows what else to call it." This was a little too flip, maybe. Guernando looked over at Maradon again, then back at me.

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became head of security for the club that opened another just like it in Los Angeles. I went back and forth between Los Angeles and New York, working for Night Studio Inc. for three years. I first met Emilio Paz at Studio 5

in L.A., a disco he frequented. We became friends. When I was arrested in North Hollywood for drunk driving, they discovered I was in the U.S. illegally. I was deported again, and I ran into Señor Paz in Tijuana. He offered

me this job and I took it.”
I don’t know where all this shit came from. Reptile fiction, I guess. There was no way of knowing if Maradon bought any of it, but I think I had Guernando going all right. He smiled.
“A...how do they say it in English?...crisscross past?”
“A checkered past.”
“Yes.” The assistant prosecutor leaned forward and put on his “troubled” look. “Señor...Cruz.” He had paused just long enough before saying my last name to indicate to an imaginary judge that the court cannot be certain that this man, with such a crisscross past, is who he represents himself to be. “Has it occurred to you that this man who died this morning was of the same height and build

as yourself, in a uniform identical to the one you wear? And that the man who was shot to death this evening was wearing your surfing suit?”
“That is not my wetsuit.”
“Oh. I have a statement here from a witness who said that this was the...wetsuit you customarily wore while surfing.” Must have been Pescado. Oh, well.
“I have worn it on a few occasions. It belongs to Señor Paz.”
“Is there any reason why anyone might want you dead, Señor Cruz?”
At first I looked puzzled, at a loss. Then I nodded as if I caught on. “Well, I see what you mean, but no. I mean, aside from a jealous husband or two in Los Angeles...” I grinned manfully.

Guernando smiled indulgently. “What do you know about this man, Soofee? Do you have any idea what his real name was?”
I did because I had taken his wallet and the registration out of his VW. Rather, it was the reptile that made me do it, because it needed an unidentified gringo body reported, not an aging blond surf doggie by the name of Terry Campbell from San Pedro, California. I said, “Not really. We talked. He was a nice guy. Cheerful. He didn’t deserve what happened to him, whatever the reason.”
“He never told you his name?”
“He never did.” Just the facts.
“Why do you suppose this man had no identification, no car registration, no papers of any kind?”
“Well, I have no idea. Gringos come down here for many reasons. One of them is to disappear.”
“Yes,” Guernando said, pregnant with savvy. “So true. Many gringos come down here to disappear. And like a lot of gringos, he got what he wished for.” He was probing at me in the dark. I wondered if he knew how close he was.
“If that’s what he wished for. Maybe the killer took his ID.”
Guernando nodded encouragingly. “That is possible.” He stood and lit another cigarette. He said it again distractedly as if he were thinking about something else now and had dismissed the idea. “That...is...possible.”
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blew smoke at it. I wanted a cigarette, and I wouldn't have minded just taking one of his, but this was not the moment to betray nervousness.

From behind me, Maradon asked me, "Did

this guy Sufi take drugs?"

Oh good! Drugs. When all else fails, bring drugs in. They didn't know a fucking thing. I reached for that Benson & Hedges now, lit it. "I...wouldn't know about that."

"How about you, Señor Cruz?" Guernando latched onto this new line of questioning.

"No. I used to. Not anymore."

"Not anymore." He echoed.

Maradon moved around in front of me and sat on the edge of the desk. Guernando shot him a look that said, "Who do you think you are, sitting on the DA's desk?" Maradon stayed there. Good for him. "Do you mind?" Maradon pulled a flashlight from his belt and turned it on. "Stick out your tongue."

"Yes, I mind. You guys are probably searching the house right now. You find any drugs, you can arrest me and shine that flashlight anywhere you want."

"I can shine it anywhere

I want right now, Cruz." Maradon was cranky. He was pulling a double shift. The flashlight beam fixed me in the eyes. "If I want to find drugs in your house, I can do that too." I blinked. Turned away. "You stoned, man?"

I blew smoke into the beam and waited a beat. "No," I said.

"This is not L.A., Cruz," Maradon pointed out. "Or Corpus Christi, or New York."

"Or the Big Rock Candy Mountain either, I bet."

Neither of them looked at each other, I'll give them that.

"Stick out your tongue," Maradon said again. I laughed and stuck out my tongue. I don't know where they got this bit. It seemed to me like some 1930s *Reefer Madness* bullshit about drug users having coated tongues. Maybe if I had been into my fourth day on an amphetamine run I could have delivered the desired effect, but as it was they just got a faceful of Del Prado and Benson & Hedges

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breath.
 “Happy?” I inquired.
 “No, we’re not happy, Cruz,” Maradon pointed out. “There’s some kind of shit here with you and Salsepueda’s death and this gringo *maricón* Soofee get-

ting shot with your clothes on him.”
 “He wasn’t a fag, Maradon.”
 “Really? A muscle boy like that with such long, long hair? Good for him. You want a soda?”

Oh shit. One of the things Mexican cops do, their version of the rubber hose, is to ask you if you want a Coke or something, then tie your hands to the chair you’re sitting in, tilt it back at an angle, shake up

the bottle, and shoot the stuff into your nostrils at about 45 miles per hour. This may sound pretty harmless and it may not do permanent damage, but try it sometime and see how fast you want it to stop.

“No. What can I tell you? What do you want to hear from me? I don’t do drugs. As far as I know Sufi didn’t do drugs — maybe he smoked grass, what the hell? You don’t need to serve me any Cokes here, okay?”

Maradon turned off the flashlight, got up, and paced. Guernando seated himself again, tapped one of his rings on the desk. It was time for Maradon to be the good cop and Guernando to be the heavy. “What

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"Suspicion." Guernando said the word defiantly, though he seemed to taste its flatness as he chewed on it for a moment.

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They looked at each other. Maradon shrugged. "I don't like it. You're fucking with me," he said. "If you disappear, don't even think about showing up within a hundred miles of here ever again. You check in here with me every day until I tell you otherwise. Give me your security ID."

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Nodding to the DA's assistant, I stepped past Maradon, through the waiting room, and out into the police station parking lot. It was just after one in the morning, but it was still hot. A plodding barrage of eighth notes from a nearby disco that catered to tourists echoed off the buildings around me. It was synthesizers and electronic drums. It sounded inhuman and way too loud. A dozen blond kids in what looked like uniforms of pastel shorts, expensive sneakers, and T-shirts that read CORONA BEACH CLUB were dancing on the sidewalk in front of the Rosarito Beach Hotel. Cab drivers leaned against fenders, eyeing the Americans and speaking to each other in negligent tones. They cast me a sideways look and didn't spare me a second one.

It didn't seem possible that I could get in much more trouble, but I've learned that just at the point you start telling yourself that, the burner underneath you is generally just warming up. I bought a pack of Mexican Marlboros from the bartender at El Corral across the street and then cut a deal with a cab driver to drive me back to Rancho Paz for 300 pesos. I thought about renting a room in town, but I needed to change clothes, and I figured that if Sufi had been killed because he had been mistaken for me, then the killer had no reason to think he hadn't succeeded.

On the way back I scratched and thought about how I was going to steal Sufi's body out of the police station. ■

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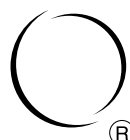
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that one sees hassling visitors at Windansea probably lack either the initiative or the cash to broaden their horizons outside their sad little domain.

Of course it is frustrating for surfers to see their favorite breaks "infested" with visiting surfers and beginners, but the answer is not, and should never be, a violent one. Local surfers should simply have a quiet word in the offending surfer's ear and explain the rules and "wetiquette" of surfing. After all, we were all there once. Ignorant, unsubstantiated violence is the antithesis of what surfing is all about, and it is a real shame so many "kooks" out there have forgotten that.

So, in the future, if you want to write an article about localism, how about a little unabashed criticism of what is essentially just a form of cowardice and bullying. The majority of the surfers who get hassled at spots like Windansea are not biker thugs such as the one you describe in your article, but merely visiting surfers trying to get a few waves at a famous spot. (Isn't it ironic that the same surfers that seek to "protect" Windansea proudly strut around in Windansea Surf Club T-shirts and have the same bumper stickers on their cars. If you don't want visitors, why advertise the place so loudly?)

I have been shouted at, spat at, and heckled by the morons at Windansea, but I will continue to surf there. If anyone ever offers me a "surf name," however, I will be quick to tell them which orifice to shove it up. They can stay in the car parks, drinking their beer and killing the surfing spirit; I'd rather just get some waves.

Will Carless

Green Eternity

In reference to the Don Bauder article "Bury Me Near the 15th Tee" (July 24), we have an example of golf eternity right here in the center of the city! Edwin Burke Woodworth, Captain, USN, who was the first executive officer of the naval training station, is buried under a stately eucalyptus

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Immigration Disgust
You listed me, Joe Guzzardi, at 500 to 1 ("Sporting Box," July 31). While I like being the long shot, the reality is that I will do much better. I am the only candidate talking about California's big problem — legal and illegal immigration. Don't for a minute think that every enlightened voter isn't disgusted with this.

There will be snow in hell before Simon, Huffington (either one), Issa, et al., get to Sacramento without talking about the tough issues.

Joe Guzzardi

Transgender Selfishness
I am responding to the July 17 article in the music cal-

endar "Blurt" section, by Aspacia Burnsworth. I worked with John, or Aspacia, whatever he or she may be going by nowadays, in the Scripps Ranch collections office for three years. Some people like myself were there just to work, so I never noticed anything that would've led me to foresee his revelation to our small, tight-knit office. People thought it was for attention; others accepted it with open arms. Personally, I was disgusted and wanted nothing to do with John ever again. I don't have a personal problem with people having their beliefs or lifestyles, but it wasn't very fair for him to push his views on us without warning and expect a very positive response. Many people, including the general manager, knew John for almost ten years. It wasn't easy for everyone to embrace this

new person. When someone dresses like a man for years and one day decides to show the world his "true" self, a female self, things can get complicated. I left the office because I could not deal with this new person. I felt extremely uncomfortable dealing with this person on a day-to-day basis. It's unfortunate that the collections department is being closed off; a lot of family-supporting people are having to change their lives around because John decided he was going to be himself regardless of the consequences his fetish was going to bring to the rest of the people in the company.

To Aspacia I say: you should've just left the company as John and started cosmetology school as Aspacia, but since attention was what you needed, you did what you did. I hope now as

a female you can be happy after losing your friends and family, but also by the problems your selfish acts have brought to people around you. Individuals that had shared meals with you, drinks with you, and a job with you. We didn't need the attention that you required; we were there to make a living, nothing more. I hope life gets better for you and one day whatever or whomever you are is happy.

David Padilla

Limited Vegetarian
Within Naomi Wise's review of Meritage restaurant in last week's *Reader* (Restaurant review, July 31), under the "Need to Know" synopsis section she states, "Ample vegetarian choices."

Her review covers what she and her party ordered (presumably), lobster/shrimp bisque, crab/lobster croquettes, artichoke halves,

chicken spring rolls, pozole (Mexican hominy soup) with tiny bits of pork, dinner salad, pork prime rib, wild salmon (with vegetable sides), jambalaya (mussels, fish, and a scallop), and then several baked fruit desserts. Menu items also mentioned were herb-crusted chicken and shrimp linguine.

So far, the vegetarian items on her list include salad, an artichoke heart appetizer, and desserts. (Neither fish nor chicken are vegetarian, despite claims by some to the contrary, as they are animated creatures made out of meat.) All right, so her review is light on vegetarian choices, maybe she wanted to use her limited space to fully describe what she had. A quick phone call to the restaurant revealed that Meritage has one vegetarian entrée: vegetable cannelloni.

If one entrée, a dinner

salad, and two desserts are the full selection of vegetarian items available at this establishment, then these hardly qualify as "Ample vegetarian choices." A person can get more vegetarian choices at a Denny's than Meritage, by including spaghetti or a veggie burger (instead of the cannelloni) in the list with salad and desserts.

Restaurant reviewers are consumer reporters who perform better when using accurate and complete information. Had I relied on Naomi Wise's assessment and gone to the restaurant, I'd have been disappointed.

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Maine Coons are big — the Saint Bernards of the feline world. "The girls average 10 to 12 pounds, the boys, 15 to 18," says Eigenhauser, whose Bonita cattery is named Eigenkat. "They originated as a working breed in New England. Some were barn cats or farm cats. Others went with the whalers on their ships." Yankee traders took them on their voyages, too. "That's because you'd bring your year's supply of grain, and if rats got into it in the middle of the ocean, you were in big trouble." So all the seafaring nations bred some kind of seafaring cat. "And the reason that the Maine Coon became preferred

was because it could survive in a broad range of temperatures."

The folklore is that this bushy-tailed breed has some raccoon in it; that's where it got the last half of its name. "But they have the wrong number of genes," says Eigenhauser, who sells his cats for \$500 to \$1200, the higher prices for those destined to be show cats or breeding cats. "Every breeder would like every cat they breed to be a top show cat, but as a practical matter, pick of the litter is going to be one cat. The other four or five would be available as pets."

Selkirk Rex is the name of a new breed of curly-haired cat that Jan Mellinger raises at Spellbinding Cattery, also in Bonita. How new is new? "In 1988, there was a spontaneous genetic mutation," says Mellinger. "It was a kitty found in an animal shelter in Wyoming. The shelter gave it to a breeder, who decided to try it with a Persian, and the cat had curly kittens."

How curly is curly? "I have some that are extremely curly, like 'Afro' curly, and some with curls that are looser." Since the breed is so new, Selkirk Rexes still produce straight-haired kittens. Mellinger sells those as pets for \$150. ("They aren't showable.") The rest are \$400.

Suzanne Berrin raises North American Burmese at Bon Marché Burmese Cattery in Poway. They come in four colors: sable, champagne, blue, and platinum. Is the blue really blue? "The blue," says Berrin, "ranges from a light blue with an icy silver sheen — an overall silvery glow — to a medium

slate blue-gray."

North American Burmese are known for their heft relative to their (medium) size. People are surprised when they lift one for the first time. "The expression is 'bricks wrapped in silk,'" says their breeder. "They have a very well-developed body. They're very compact and athletic."

Berrin and her husband, Ken, have a dozen adult cats right now. "And then, when we have kittens, that's temporary. We raise the kittens until they're four months old, then we adopt them into their new homes at that age." Their pet-quality Burmese are \$600; their show cats range from \$1200 to \$2000.

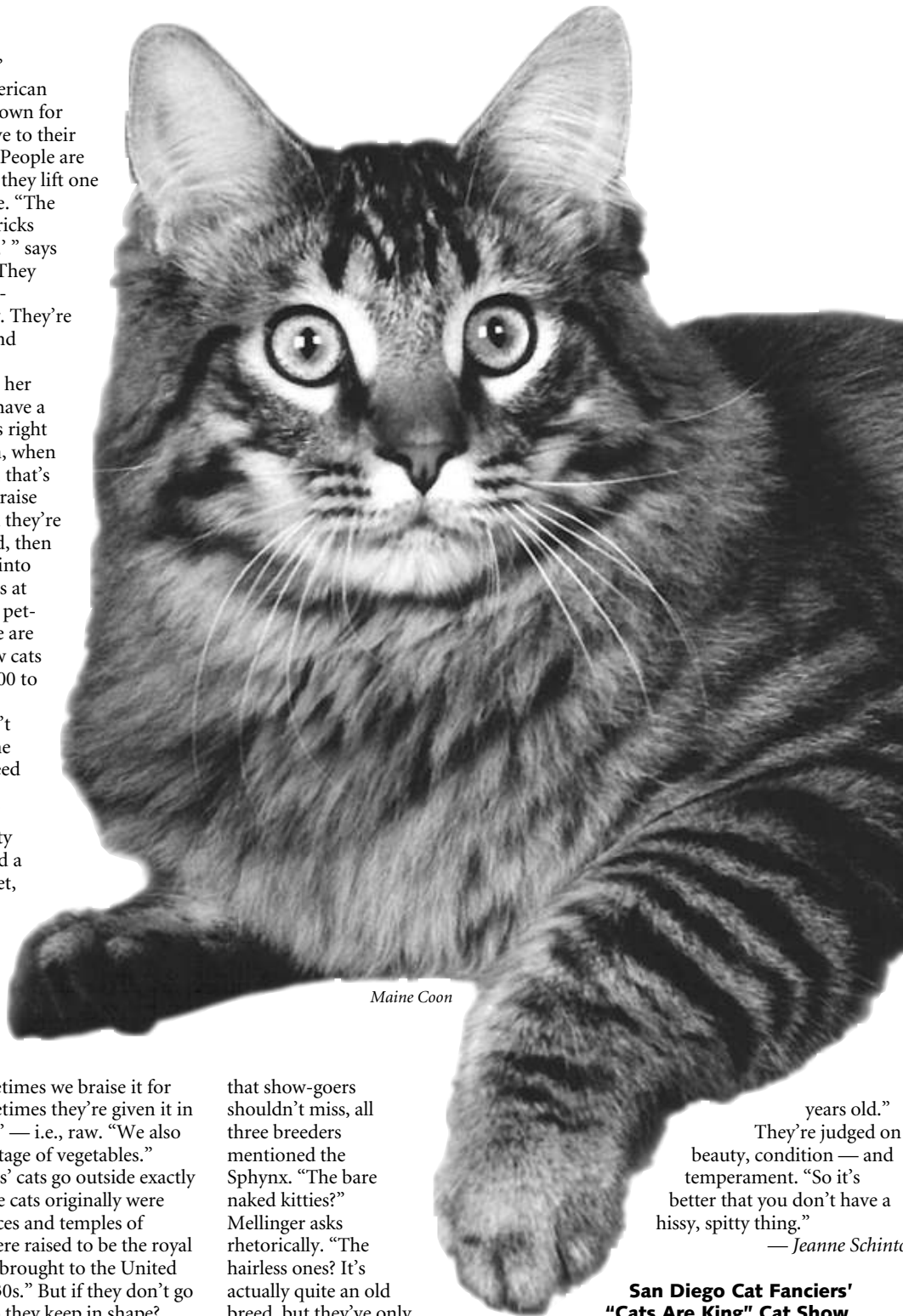
Dinner isn't Meow Mix at the Berrins'. "We feed them a combination of premium-quality canned food and a natural-food diet, which means the foods the cats would have eaten in nature. They get a lot of fresh steak. We grind it ourselves. Sometimes we braise it for them, and sometimes they're given it in its natural state" — i.e., raw. "We also mix in a percentage of vegetables."

The Berrins' cats go outside exactly never. "Burmese cats originally were kept in the palaces and temples of Burma. They were raised to be the royal cats. They were brought to the United States in the 1930s." But if they don't go outside, how do they keep in shape? "We have several six- and eight-foot cat trees. We have an upstairs-downstairs house. They enjoy jumping. When you're walking through the room, they'll jump on your shoulder. They love to be up high." Does all this activity take place in the Berrins' own living space? "We have a separate wing where the show cats and young adults live."

Asked to name an unusual breed

that show-goers shouldn't miss, all three breeders mentioned the Sphynx. "The bare naked kitties?" Mellinger asks rhetorically. "The hairless ones? It's actually quite an old breed, but they've only been accepted by CFA [Cat Fanciers Association] for championship competition within the last year."

At the opposite end of the spectrum, some people will be showing ordinary "HHPs" — household pets. Unlike show cats, they have no required look. "The nice thing with HHPs," says Mellinger, "is that you get great big ones and little teeny ones, and cats that are four months old and cats that are 17



Maine Coon

years old." They're judged on beauty, condition — and temperament. "So it's better that you don't have a hissy, spitty thing."

— Jeanne Schinto

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GETAWAYS

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Ten Pianos in Concert, performance starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-681-7084 or 011-52-664-687-9633. (TIJUANA)

Fiestas de la Vendimia 2003 (Wine Harvest Festival 2003) continues through Sunday, August 10. Restaurants in Ensenada, Tijuana, and Rosarito Beach host wine dinners. Activities include winery tours, grape stomping, sunset concerts at participating wineries.

Vendimia Domecq in Valle de Calafia offers wine, food, and a grape harvest celebration, Saturday, August 9, 5 p.m. Tickets: \$65 U.S. Chateau Camou Winery features a guitar and violin concert, Saturday, August 9, 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$45 U.S. A paella contest — with wine, food, and music — starts at noon on Sunday, August 10, at Rancho San Gabriel (km 94.5 on the Tecate-

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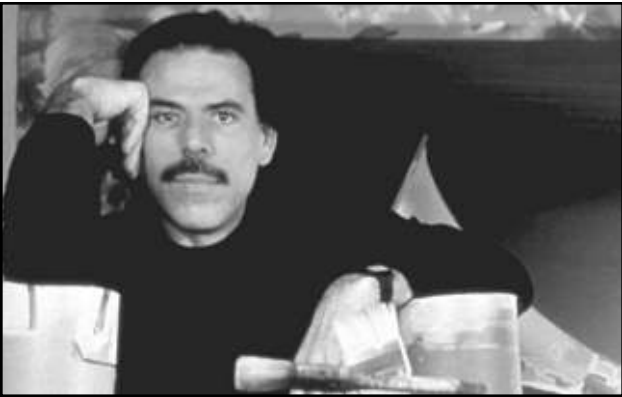
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Rodin in Mexico, sculptures on display through January 19, 2004, at the Tijuana Cultural Center, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Orioles, the bright yellow or yellow-orange-and-black birds seen flitting among the palm trees, are summer residents of San Diego County's coastal areas. A century ago, the orioles preferred to nest in sycamore trees, which were then more common in our area's river bottoms. Today these birds are most likely to take up residence in the planted palm trees, where they obtain fiber to build their nests from the easily shredded fronds.

Gathering Around Sunset on east side of Mission Trails Regional Park, members of San Diego Astronomy Association host public viewing with telescopes, Friday, Au-



Artist Peter Max at Borders Books and Music, August 8 (see In Person)

gust 8. Equipment remains set up until around 10 p.m. Meet in Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Special Birds make birding at Salton Sea worthwhile at this hot time of year. Head out to search for wood storks, black terns, yellow-footed and laughing gulls, lesser nighthawk, and migrant phalaropes with Audubon Society birders on Saturday, August 9, 7 a.m. to noon, beginning at Salton Sea National Wildlife Headquarters. Free. 619-692-3246. (IMPERIAL VALLEY)

mile north of Lake Poway Road. 858-679-5469. Free. (POWAY)

Hunters from the Sky, Nancy Conney brings live birds of prey to William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road), Saturday, August 9, 6 p.m. Learn to spot the birds in the wild and recognize their differences. Day-use fee: \$2. 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, August 9, beginning at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Sikes Adobe Restoration, learn about the Battle at Mule Hill and the old town of Bernardo when Ron leads an easy 2.5-mile hike with update on Sikes restoration, Saturday, August 9, 8 to 10 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 858-6474-2275 x31. (ESCONDIDO)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk, Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

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watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, August 9 and 10. Saturday: 8 a.m., Sunday: 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Monthly Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper and Surfrider, Saturday, August 9, is at Tamarack Beach (meet at end of Tamarack Street on the beach), 9 a.m. 619-758-7743. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Highest Tide this month (+6.9 feet), associated with the full moon, is predicted for 8:51 p.m. Sunday, August 10. The month’s lowest tides (-1.2 feet), also associated with the full moon, will occur Sunday morning at 3:17 a.m. and Monday morning at 3:56 a.m. In late October, strongly negative tides will begin occurring during afternoon periods, a far more convenient time for exploring tidepools.

A Big, Yellow Full Moon rises into the purplish eastern sky Monday evening, August 11, about 20 minutes after the sun has set. From the west shores of San Diego Bay, Mission Bay, or any coastal lagoon or inland reservoir, you can admire the “glitter path,” or reflection of the moon’s beams, on the surface of the water.



“I, Rigoberta Menchu” discussed at Escondido Public Library, August 14 (see Special)

The Perseid Meteor Shower, the best known of the many meteor displays that return year after year, will take place under poor conditions this year because of the strong glare of the moon, which will be very near full phase. During the hours between midnight and dawn (4:45 a.m.) on the mornings of August 12 or 13, you might see about 10 to 15 bright meteors per hour under clear but moonlight-polluted skies.

The Perseid meteors, like those in similar annual meteor showers, occur when the Earth plows through a broad stream of tiny dust

particles left over from the past disintegration of a comet. The particles burn up as air friction slows them at heights of about 50 miles, resulting in luminous streaks visible for a second or two from the ground. The bright Perseids often leave a lingering luminous trail that may remain for several seconds or more. Lie in a comfortable position, facing northeast, under an open sky, for best results. Strong coffee is essential.

Walk n’ Talk, join “urbane, witty, erudite talkers” for a flat, moderately paced Walkabout adventure around Mission Bay, Wednesday, August 13. Outing starts at 6 p.m. at roller coaster ticket booth on Mission Boulevard. Bring money for optional dinner afterwards. Free. 619-231-7463. (MISSION BAY)

Escape to the Natural Beauty of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, with secluded native plant communities such as oak riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. The 750-acre open-space park features ten miles of trails, primitive picnic areas, 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. 760-632-4212. (ELFIN FOREST)

DANCE

International Dance Festival 2003, dances from Bali, east Africa, and Mexico showcased on Friday, August 8, 6 p.m., at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Nightclub Mix Dance Party, Pattie Wells Dancetime Center hosts dancing. Friday, August 8, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays swing, hustle, salsa, and requests for dancing, 9 to 11:30 p.m. Dance lesson, 9 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

Jump to Dance, JoAnn Koppany calls and Jump Fingers make the tunes for contradancing on Friday, August 8, 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)

Hailing from Lake Charles, Louisiana, Mark St. Mary “plays zydeco music in the good old-time way.” He performs for a shindig hosted by the Bon Temps Social Club, Saturday, August 9, at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Dance lesson: 6:20 p.m., dancing 7 to 10:30 p.m. \$12, free for those under 12. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

“Snow White” is presented by New West Ballet School, Saturday, August 9, at 2 and 7 p.m., at Truax Theater (at El Camino High School campus, 400 Rancho del Oro Drive). Young dancers perform lyrical jazz, hip-hop, tap, and classical ballet during the show. \$9. 760-525-6738. (OCEANSIDE)

Swing Dancers, Unite! The Los Angeles band the Campus Five plays for dancers, Sunday, August 10, at Aubergine (500 Fourth Avenue, at Island and Fourth). Swing lesson, 7:45 p.m.; band plays 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cover: \$12. 858-395-6060. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Dips and Tricks Workshop promised when Jim and Margie lead workshop on Tuesday, August 12, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (\$15 at door, \$12 in advance). Also on tap: beginners East Coast swing lessons (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; \$3 for first-time students); open swing dancing 9 to 11 p.m.; \$5. Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal (near Shelter Island, off Rosecrans). 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

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led by gifted ballerina Susan Jaffe on Wednesday, August 13, 6:30 p.m. City Ballet Studios, 941 Garnet Avenue (entrance is on alley). \$25. Required reservations: 858-274-6058. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Club Cleopatra, Vilia, Dhakirah, Markos, Dilek, and Lucia present belly-dance showcase, Thursday, August 14, 7:30 p.m., Nagi's Bar

and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5 cover. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

Ukrainian Festival 2003, the Rozmai Dance Company performs for festival on Saturday, August 30, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado Theater. The troupe is based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. \$15. 619-460-5733. (BALBOA PARK)

FILM

Movies before the Mast, selected Fridays are date nights (with nautical games of skill), Saturdays

are family nights (with games and exploration of the ship) on the *Star of India*. See *The Perfect Storm* on August 8 and *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* on August 9. Films are projected on sails of the ship.

Gates open at 7 p.m., with movie commencing just after sundown (around 8:15 p.m.). Tickets: \$12 general, \$7 for children 12 and younger. Find the *Star* at 1306 North Harbor Drive, at Ash Street. Reservations: 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Long Cult Summer: The Adventure Continues," through September 26, at the Museum of Photographic Arts. Friday, August 8, enjoy Antonioni's *Blow-Up*

(1 and 7 p.m.) and Coppola's film *The Conversation* (3:20 and 9:20 p.m.). *The Conversation* repeats on Saturday, August 9, at 7 p.m., followed by *Blow-Up* at 9:20 p.m. Barbara Chronowski's *Kingdom of the Shadows* screens at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, and at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 14. Tickets: \$5 general. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

The P.O.V. Documentary Family Fundamentals by Arthur Dong attempts to "understand American contempt for homosexuality and its effects on family, culture, and the nation's political landscape." The film screens August 10, 2 p.m., for Sunday Matinee at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. USD theology professor Evelyn Kirkley leads following discussion. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Henry and Dovid: Sex, God, and Revolution" — this documentary by Michael Bedar may be seen on Sunday, August 10, 8 p.m., at Lestat's Coffeehouse (3343 Adams Avenue). \$8 general, \$4 students. 619-850-5208. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Up for a "Brassy Deflation of the Male Ego"? See *Casanova Falling* when this satire starring Mark Feuerstein, Amy Redford, Dabney Coleman screens for Film Forum on Monday, August 11, 6:30 p.m., San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)



Linda's San Diego International Teddy Bear, Doll, and Antique Toy Show and Sale at Scottish Rite Center, August 9 and 10 (see Special)

"America's Pastime — Baseball" provides theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. *Pride of the Yankees* screens Wednesday, August 13, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Screen on the Green, outdoor film festival at San Diego Museum of Art continues with Elizabeth Taylor's first starring role, in *National Velvet*, also starring Mickey Rooney, Angela Lansbury. Thursday, August 14, at dusk on museum's east lawn. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Bugs!* (opening Friday, August 8), *Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa*, and

Coral Reef Adventure (through summer).

"Summer Classic IMAX Film Festival" continues through August. See *Africa: The Serengeti* and *Amazing Journeys* through August 10. *Bears* and *Alaska* screen August 11-17. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"The Sculptor and the Craftsman," European art curator Steven Kern considers the relationship between Degas's sculptures and his drawings, Thursday, August 7. Kern returns to focus on "Paris: A Century as Europe's Art Capital" on Thursday, August 14. Both talks begin at 6 p.m. at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Make Some Puppets during classes hosted by Puppetry Center of San Diego, Thursdays, August 7 and 14. "Building Kids' Giant Puppets" at 10 a.m.; "Kids' Puppet Building" at 1 p.m.; "Adult Puppet Building" at 6:30 p.m. Find the center in Clairemont Town Square, 3998-A Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. \$15 per class. Registration: 800-954-6696. (CLAIREMONT)

"Trauma, Healing, and the Leo/Aquarius Polarity" explored by Deborah Parker for San Diego Astrological Society, Friday, August 8, 7:15 p.m., Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Fee: \$12 for non-

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Melocactus and Hoyas discussed by Mark Fryer and Jeanette Dutton, respectively, for San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society, Saturday, August 9, 1 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Comprehensive Bike-Maintenance Class planned 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Bring your bike for practice; tools and bike stands provided. Members, \$60; nonmembers \$75. Registration: 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Beginning Genealogy Course offered by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

Whaddaya Know About Your GPS? Every button will actually have a meaning after the GPS class planned Saturday, August 9, 9 to 11:30 a.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). \$25 for nonmembers. Registration: 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Melon Basket? Egg Basket? Carol Lang leads workshop creating this basket — a.k.a. Appalachian rib-style buttocks basket — Sunday, August 10, noon to 5 p.m., Oceanside Museum of Art, School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). \$65. Registration:



Susan Jaffe master class at City Ballet, August 13 (see Dance)

760-721-2787; information: 760-431-1645. (OCEANSIDE)

Designing Garden Meadow Lawns “requires replicating the diversity found throughout the evolutionary growth of a meadow or grassland,” according to landscape designer Anita Green. Green speaks for San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, August 11, Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m. Plant forum follows. 858-756-2579. Free. (DEL MAR)

“The 3 R’s of Alcohol and Drugs: Recreation, Relaxation, and Regulation” — Donald C. Barrett discusses the roles alcohol and various other drugs play in our rituals and daily lives, Monday, August 11, 1:15 p.m., at SDSU Continuing Education Center (16776 Bernardo

Center Drive, suite 110). \$14. 858-487-0464. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

“Back from Baghdad,” slide show by Quaker activist Mary Burton Riseley for “Matters of Controversy” dialogue series, Tuesday, August 12, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). Riseley spent a month in Baghdad as member of the Iraq Peace Team. 858-459-4650. Free. (HILLCREST)

“E-Mail Features as a Basic Task” discussed by Dorothy Miller for Computer Genealogy Group of the North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, August 12, 1 p.m., Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Lighter and Faster! Pick up the latest tricks when REI hosts “Advanced Backpacking Techniques” workshop on Tuesday, August 12, 7 p.m. Free. REI, 5556 Copley Drive, 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Hone Your Map and Compass Skills during class planned Thursday, August 14, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

“Origins and Recognition of Wine Aromas,” seminar sponsored by San Diego Amateur Winemakers’ Society, featuring

Lisa Van De Water, Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Belle Marie Winery (26312 Mesa Rock Road). Attendees will smell a demonstration of up to 50 common wine aromas, both positive and negative. \$40. Required reservations: 760-729-5868. (ESCONDIDO)

IN PERSON

“Beauty and the Beast,” written and directed by Randall Hickman, is presented by Theatre West Youth Theater, through August 10, at Hearth Theater (San Marcos Community Recreation Center, 3 Civic Center Drive). Per-

formances: 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$8 general, \$6 seniors, \$5 youth/students. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

A Beautifight Coalition presented by Able Minded Poets, Friday, August 8, 8 p.m., Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Expect music and spoken word fused “into performances dealing with themes of identity, politics, and social justice.” Donation. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Pop Artist Peter Max signs *The Art of Peter Max*, Friday, August 8, noon, at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Tour Send-Off for “grand mistress storyteller” Sylvia McConico, Friday, August 8, 7:15 p.m., at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue). Vocalist Mario Moreno is on the program as well. \$10. RSVP: 619-291-9460. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream” performed by New Village Arts Theatre and directed by Kira Sim-

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Musical Legend Roberta Flack joins conductor Matthew Garbutt and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 8 and 9. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Navy Pier (960 North Harbor Drive). Tickets: \$15 to \$59, available by calling 619-235-0804 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Laugh It Up when Sinbad performs for Humphrey's Concerts on the Bay, Friday, August 8, 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$55 to \$102, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Humphrey's, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

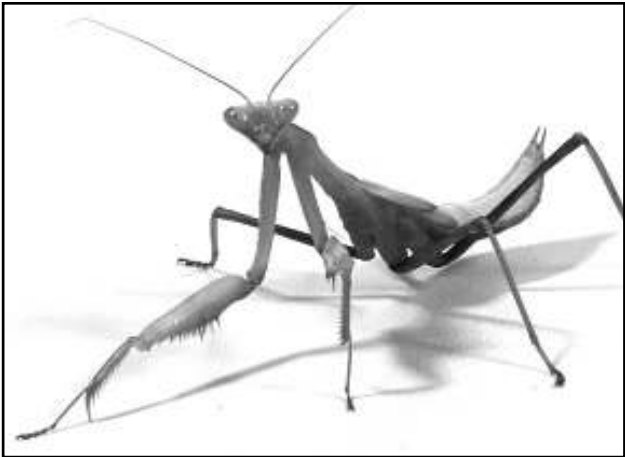
Summer in the Park, University Heights concert series features Bayou Brothers playing Cajun, zydeco, and Mardi Gras tunes Friday, August 8, 6 p.m. at Trolley Barn Park (1900 block of Adams Avenue). Free. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks, Whitey Covell performs his swamp blues, Friday, August 8, 6 p.m., at Calavera Hills Park (2997 Glasgow, at Carlsbad Village Drive). Shuttle service available. Free. 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)

Rock Music is on tap when Cold Fire performs for Concerts on the Green, Friday, August 8, 5:30 p.m., Prescott Promenade (on Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"Blue Man Group: The Complex Rock Tour," Saturday, August 9, 8 p.m., Cox Arena at San Diego State University. Tickets: \$28.25 to \$43.25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SDSU)

Author R.L. Buss (*Life between Cigarettes*) plans a reading, Saturday, August 9, at Red's Espresso



"Bugs!" at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, opening August 8 (see Film)

Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). \$1.99. 619-523-5540. (POINT LOMA)

Businessman and Author Wm. James Long signs *The Challenge: What Can We Rely On?* Saturday, August 9, 7 p.m., Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Merchant of Venice" presented by Semi-Spontaneous Shakespeare Society and guest director Allan Holmes during public reading, Saturday, August 9, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., in front of Botanical Building. All parts are open to public; no rehearsals or memorization. 619-846-5585. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1991, author and motivational speaker Jackie Waldman presents her take on MS Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m. to noon, at Hilton San Diego (1775 East Mission Bay Drive). Free. Registration: 800-522-5185. (MISSION BAY)

Midsummer Acoustic Music Festival, featuring Joe Rathburn, Roger Hunt (devotional singing), and Linda Hill (concert harp), Saturday, August 9, 1 to 5 p.m., in shade of oak grove at Prayers for Peace Park (29455 Pamoosa Lane). \$10. 619-239-8052. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Celebrate America," the San Diego Chamber Orchestra performs patriotic music including a salute to the armed forces, Sousa marches, selections from *Chicago*, a tribute to Linda Ronstadt, and "American favorites from Broadway to the Beach Boys." Concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, at the Oceanside

Pier band shell (at the foot of Mission Boulevard). Soloists: soprano Megan Watson, tenor Robert MacNeil, bass-baritone Philip Larson. \$20. Reservations: 760-433-4632. (OCEANSIDE)

Concerts by the Sea continue with music by City Limits, Sunday, August 10, 3 p.m., at Moonlight Beach (at foot of B Street). 760-633-2740. Alcohol, glass, and dogs are prohibited. Free. (ENCINITAS)

La Jolla Concerts by the Sea, the King Kelly takes the stage for standards, soul, and Latin music, Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

Music in the Park, summer concert series features Tami Thomas brings big-band and swing music to Memorial Bowl, Sunday, August 10, 4 p.m. 619-585-5682. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Poetry Are Us, open mike for poetry and spoken word for all readers, Sundays, August 10 and 24, 4 to 6 p.m., at French Cafe (1005 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-729-5216. (CARLSBAD)

Quail Concerts, summer concert series at Quail Botanical Gardens continues with jazz vocals by the Robyn Adler Group, Sunday, August 10. Light supper at 5 p.m., concert at 6 p.m. Find the gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. \$22. Reservations: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Classic Rock performed by Rockola, Sunday, August 10, 6 p.m., in Spreckels Park (at 7th

and Orange Avenue). Free. 619-435-9260. (CORONADO)

The 2003 Talent Quest National Singing Finals (karaoke), Sundays, August 10 and 24, 1 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$15. Reservations: 619-445-6002. (EL CAJON)

Carlsbad Author Antonio F. Vianna signs *The Interview*, *A Tale from a Ghost Dance*, and *Career Management and Employee Portfolio Tool Kit* (with purchase), Sunday, August 10, 11 a.m., at Sumner and Dene Gallery (2807 University Avenue; 619-688-5969). Free. (NORTH PARK)

Share Your Poetry or selections by someone else during open poetry reading, Monday, August 11, in Green Room at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m., open readings 8:10 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Summer 2003 Poetry Slam, Monday, August 11, at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). The MC is Bob Nanninga. Poets call at 6:30 p.m. at front door; competition gets underway at 7 p.m. Free. 760-944-6027. (ENCINITAS)

"Nimbus: A Concert for Two Percussionists" presented by the Glatter/Hubbard Percussion Duo on Tuesday, August 12, 9 p.m., at the Space (916 Washington). \$5 donation. 619-235-9815. (MISSION HILLS)

Frustrations and Joys of raising a "special child" are chronicled in Debra Ginsberg's *Raising Blaze: Bringing Up an Extraordinary Son in an Ordinary World*. Ginsberg signs and discusses her book Tuesday, August 12, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Twilight in the Park Summer Concert Series, Rufus Rex performs blues music Tuesday, August 12. The Air Force Band of the Golden West entertains Wednesday, August 13; City Ballet takes the stage Thursday, August 14. Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Perhaps You Remember Him From *The FBI* and *77 Sunset Strip*? Efram Zimbalist Jr. signs and discusses his memoir, *My Dinner of*



San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society at Casa del Prado, August 9 (see Lectures)

Herbs, Tuesday, August 12, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

"Beyond Superwoman: 25 Top CEOs Show Us How to Get a Life," signed by authors Karin Strasser Kauffman and Peggy Downes Baskin, Wednesday, August 13, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Magee Park Poets host poetry reading, Wednesday, August 13, 7 p.m., in community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Reservations: 760-434-2881. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Ronald Reagan Speechwriter Peter Robinson offers a survey of ten life lessons he learned from observing the president in *How Ronald Reagan Changed My Life*. Robinson signs and discusses the book Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry and Art Showcase, San Diego Art Institute hosts events Wednesday, August 13, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Featured poets/artists include Los Angeles poet Monica Copeland and San Diego poet/activist Theresa F. Shannon Bates provides saxophone rhythms. Poets and artists are invited to participate in open-microphone format preceding and following features; read poems related to or accompanied by visual works of art.

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SummerFest La Jolla, for the 18th annual installment of this series hosted by La Jolla Music Soci-

ety, mezzo-soprano Joan Morris and pianist William Bolcom present "An American Songbook: Broadway and Beyond," Thursday, August 14, 7:30 p.m. Program includes pieces from Gershwin, Porter, and Berlin to Rodgers and Hart. Audience members will be treated to the screening of a "classic American musical film with commentary" by Bolcom. Tickets: \$20 to \$90. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Author David Dibble signs and discusses *The New Agreements in the Workplace*, Thursday, August 14, Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

"Man of Many Voices, impressionist Rich Little performs Thursday, August 21, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). Tickets: \$35. 619-445-6002 x1139. (EL CAJON)

Back on the Road, comic Paula Poundstone entertains Friday, August 22, 8 p.m., at Humphrey's Concerts on the Bay (2241 Shelter Island Drive). Tickets: \$28 to \$75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SHELTER ISLAND)

SPORTS

Professional Surfing Tour of America hits the waves at Ocean-side Pier, August 7-10. Competition runs 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Free for spectators. 831-728-9001. (OCEANSIDE)

The Crack of the Bat, the San Diego Padres host the Chicago Cubs in Qualcomm Stadium, Thursday, August 7, 2:05 p.m. The Cincinnati Reds arrive for games August 8-10; the baseball starts at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2:05 p.m. on Sunday.

The Pads are off on a road trip in Atlanta, with games against the Braves Tuesday through Thursday, August 12-14, at 4:35 p.m. each day.

Games on August 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 are broadcast on Channel 4. Listen to games in English on KOGO 600 AM and in Spanish on XEMO 860 AM. Tickets: \$6 to \$32, available by calling 877-374-2784. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets: \$4, plus permit fee (\$4.50 for adults, \$2 youths). California state fishing licenses required. 858-679-5466. (POWAY)

Surf Kayak Clinic offered by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m.; \$65. Full Moon Paddle on Mission Bay set for Monday, August 11; \$75 fee includes wine and cheese. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (MISSION BAY)

Rev It Up and Go, speed trucks, street stocks, bombers, and pony stocks race, along with legacy and train race competition, Saturday, August 9, at Cajon Speedway. First race: 6:45 p.m., following qualifying runs at 5 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field. Take I-8 to Highway 67, take Bradley exit. Turn left, drive two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to track entrance. Adult admission: \$9 (west side) and \$10 (east side); \$3 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

The Football Pre-Season gets underway when the San Diego Chargers head to Seattle to meet up with the Seahawks on Saturday, August 9, 7 p.m. Game will be broadcast on KFMB. Ticket information: 877-CHARGERS.

Swell at Swami's, join the Knickerbikers for a ride through Rancho Santa Fe with lunch at Swami's in Encinitas, Saturday, August 9. The 30-mile ride for intermediates starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Carmel Valley park and ride (one block west of I-5 on Carmel Valley Road). Bring lunch or money. 619-298-9581. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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Sparkling and silvery like a freshly minted silver dollar, Dollar Lake lies cupped amid a talus-frosted natural bowl, not far below the highest summits of the San Bernardino Mountains. Snow lingers late on the steep slopes overlooking the lake, sometimes into July. It's hard to believe this splendid landscape, reminiscent of the High Sierra, exists here in Southern California, only 20 air miles from the suburban tracts of San Bernardino.

Dayhiking to Dollar Lake, 12.6 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 2700 feet, is feasible for any in-shape San Diegan willing to rise early (5 a.m. or so) and arrive at the trailhead by about 9 a.m. A wilderness permit for entry into the area is needed, so you have to stop by the Mill Creek Ranger Station, at Mill Creek Road (Highway 38) and Bryant Street, east of Redlands. You'll pass

this facility if you're driving into the San Bernardino Mountains via San Bernardino and Redlands. For the summer season, the station opens at 8 a.m. weekdays and 6:30 a.m. weekends. Some permits may be available by self-registration outside the door before those hours. Other permits may be available in advance by mail. You will also need a National Forest Adventure Pass (\$5 per day) for parking at the trailhead. Call 909-794-1123 for more information.

To reach the starting point from Mill Creek Station, drive 18 miles east on Highway 38 to Jenks Lake Road. Turn right and proceed 3 miles to the large South Fork Trailhead parking lot on the left. Starting off on the trail, you cross Jenks Lake Road heading south and commence a moderate ascent up a shady canyon. Soon, the trail switches back, pulls out of the canyon, and climbs southeast toward a fern-filled clearing called Horse Meadows. Near the meadow's upper edge, you cross a disused dirt road (1.5 miles).

Continue your ascent through the typical mid-elevation yellow-pine belt, consisting here mostly of ponderosa pines and white firs. At around 4.0 miles, the trail draws close to the South Fork Santa Ana River. Remain on the right bank of the creek, staying right at the signed junction with the Dry Lake Trail. Off



Lightning-struck pine above Dollar Lake

to the left is South Fork Meadows, where many small tributaries combine and funnel into the South Fork.

Your ascent continues on the crooked, mostly shaded Dollar Lake Trail. The yellow pine belt fades while stout and straight lodgepole pines appear in greater numbers. At 5.9 miles, just past a large, manzanita-covered patch on the mountainside, you'll come to a junction where a side trail starts slanting down toward Dollar Lake, a short half mile away.

The San Bernardino Mountains are the only range of mountains within Southern California that show geologic evidence of glaciation (prior to about 10,000 years ago). The pitlike depression occupied by Dollar Lake illustrates this.



The San Diego Cricket Club/UCSD Cricket Club first team hosts the Pioneer Cricket Club on Saturday, August 9. The second team hosts the BNB Cricket Club, Sunday, August 10. Games begin at 10:30 a.m. and last until about 5 p.m. (bring lunch) at UCSD's Warren Field. Free. 619-518-1596. (LA JOLLA)

En Garde! The fourth annual San Diego Junior Invitational Fencing Tournament is Saturday and Sunday, August 9 and 10, at Bishop's School gym (7607 La Jolla Boulevard). Fencers from California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, and Mex-

ico compete. Free for spectators. Competition: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 858-547-3589. (LA JOLLA)

The San Diego Spirit, a Women's United Soccer Association team, hosts Washington Freedom, Saturday, August 9, 1 p.m., in Torero Stadium at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Tickets range from \$15 to \$35, available by calling 877-476-2237. (LINDA VISTA)

Up for Water Skiing? Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for water-skiing and wakeboarding 8 to 11 a.m. on Sundays year-round and Thursdays from

5 p.m. to dusk (during summer). Instruction on request. Group meets at south end of Crown Point Beach; guests of any skill level welcome. Nonmember fee: \$8 per run (about 15 minutes). Information: 800-699-2466, press pound sign, then mailbox number 456-838-6754. (MISSION BAY)

Hidden La Jolla, join Fitness Walkers for a fast-paced six-mile walk through wooded areas above Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, August 10, 9 a.m. Wear shoes with traction, bring water. Park at North La Jolla Scenic and Wood-

ford Drives. Free. 858-453-3340. (LA JOLLA)

Surf and Turf Cup, at San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, August 10. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., featured polo match starts at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Tuesday Night Racing, summer bicycle racing series at San Diego Velodrome continues, Tuesday, August 12. Gates open for warm-ups at 6 p.m., with the racing beginning at 7 p.m. Free for spectators. Find the velodrome at 2221

Morley Field Drive. 760-703-6280. (BALBOA PARK)

The Horses Are on the Track, the 2003 seaside racing season hosted by the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 10. Races every day except Tuesday; post time 2 p.m. except Fridays, when racing begins at 4 p.m.

General admission is \$8 general, free for those 17 and under. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

Midnight Madness Fun Bicycle Ride, it's the 30th year for the event, during which a couple of thousand bicyclists follow a mostly flat 20-mile loop course route from the County Administration Building (1600 Pacific Coast Highway) beginning at midnight on Saturday, August 16. Registration starts at 8 p.m. Donation is \$30. 619-645-8068. (DOWNTOWN)

Hotter Than July Karate Championships, Master Dixon's third annual all-style event takes place Sunday, August 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spectators, \$8; competitors, \$40. 619-948-4080. Competition held at 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

The Oceanside Labor Day Rough-Water Swim takes place, for the 74th year, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 1, Oceanside Pier (found at the foot of Mission Boulevard). Registration starts at 7 a.m. 760-643-0919. (OCEANSIDE)

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Cedros Gallery Nights, art galleries on Cedros Avenue stay open until 8:30 p.m. on August 7 and the first Thursday of each month. Music, refreshments. Free. 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

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| <p>Every year, the first Saturday of April they hold this liar's contest in Borrego Springs (actually just northeast of town out on S22). It's held in honor of this guy named Fog Leg Smith who was a gold miner (and notorious liar) back in the 1850's. If you can tell a good lie, or just like to hear them, you should go.</p> | <p>If you're mountain biking on the Anderson Truck Trail, pay attention about 2 miles in from the trailhead. There's a little splinter of single-track that heads off to the left a little beneath the trail you're on. It takes you on a sweet little mile-long diversion down to El Capitan Reservoir. Easy to miss, so pay attention.</p> | <p>WE WERE FISHING OUT ON THE OB PIER WHEN WE REALIZED THAT NONE US, NOT EVEN BIG MIKE, HAD EVER BEEN TO THE SALTON SEA. SO THE NEXT DAY WE DROVE OUT THERE. WHAT A WEIRD PLACE. IT SMELLED REALLY BAD, AND THERE'S DEAD TILAPIA ALL OVER THE SHORE, AND THE BEACH IS MADE OUT OF DEAD BARNACLE SHELLS. AND ALL AROUND IS THE RUINS OF WHAT USED TO BE A PRETTY BIG SEASIDE RESORT. VERY ODD AND KIND OF SAD.</p> <p>A GOOD PLACE TO GO ONCE.</p> | |
| <p>There's this place up in the mountains around Julian where they keep a whole pack of wolves. They've got like 20 Alaskan wolves. It's a breeding center and an education place. Totally strange to see these giant, beautiful wolves hanging out under palm trees. Check it out next time you go out to Julian for the Apple Days festival.</p> | <div data-bbox="728 559 1379 693" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Get out there and write your own guidebook.</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="741 720 1392 1069" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="694 1139 1422 1349" data-label="Text"> <p>There's a lot to do in San Diego. Travel around. Discover things. Tell your friends. That's our idea of a life well spent. Of course, a good deal on a car you like driving makes it that much sweeter. So go, have fun, take some notes. We'll see you later.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="694 1413 1416 1631" data-label="Text"> <p>2003 Jetta GL sedan 1.9% APR*</p> </div> | | <p>One of the coolest things Anne and I ever did was go to Carlsbad in April to see those huge 50-acre fields of flowers. Giant squares of color like you can't even imagine. It was her idea, of course, and she tried to teach me all the names, which I immediately forgot. But it was a lot more fun than I thought it was gonna be.</p> |
| <p>IN THE PARKING LOT ABOVE SWAMMA'S THERE'S USUALLY THIS YELLOW VAN THAT PULLS UP IN THE AFTERNOONS. THE GUY WHO DRIVES IT, ALBERTO, GIVES THE BEST MASSAGE I HAVE EVER HAD. KIND OF COMBINATION OF THAI-STYLE AND DEEP TISSUE. 25 BUCKS FOR A HALF HOUR. AMAZING.</p> | | <p>the best place to buy used tools is at the swap meet on Sports Arena Blvd. there's this guy, he usually has his stall over by the two cute girls who have the hot stand. Great stuff, good deals and if you buy regular hell even give you your money back if something breaks.</p> | |
| <p>Deidre and I were hiking around in Anza-Borrego, up around Indian Canyon, when we found this ancient Indian sweathouse. Well, we didn't know what it was at first, we just thought it was cool this rock slab cave up near the pools on the north side of canyon mouth. A ranger told us on the way back. There's also some great swimming pools a couple miles up the canyon, but you need a rope because the hike in can get pretty vertical.</p> | <p>Just across the railroad tracks in Encinitas there's this giant yellow house, I forget the name, but it's the best breakfast place in the whole North County. On weekends you'll see tons of bicycles stacked up on the lawn because it's where all the cycling groups take a break. Great coffee, French toast and these weird things called bialys like a bagel and a muffin combined.</p> | | |

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Festival of the August Moon, this moon-viewing event — with fellowship, tradition, and entertainment — takes place Saturday, August 9, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Japanese Friendship Garden. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Scottish Fold, Selkirk Rex, Colorpoint Shorthair...the San Diego Cat Fanciers host their annual summer show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, August 9 and 10, at San Diego Concourse (202 C Street). More than 200 cats will compete; vendors' booths, Friskies Cat Team demonstrations. Admission: \$7 general, \$5 seniors and those 7-12, free for those 6 and younger. 619-267-0787. (DOWNTOWN)

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he's already found a home for — he can't be around dogs or cats, too much risk. He says,

I can't have anything. She says, *A bowl of goldfish?* He says he doesn't want to start

with anything and then describes the kind he'd maybe like, how their tails would fan

to a gold flaring. They talk about hot jewel tones, gold lacquer, say maybe

they'll go pick some out though he can't go much of anywhere and then abruptly he says *I can't love*

anything I can't finish. He says it like he's had enough of the whole scintillant world,

though what he means is he'll never be satisfied and therefore has established this discipline,

a kind of severe rehearsal.

That's where they leave it, him looking out the window,

her knitting as she does because she needs to do something. Later he leaves a message:

Yes to the bowl of goldfish. Meaning: let me go, if I have to, in brilliance. In a story I read,

a Zen master who'd perfected his detachment from the things of the world remembered, at the moment of dying,

a deer he used to feed in the park and wondered who might care for it, and at that instant was reborn

in the stunned flesh of a fawn. So, Maggie's friend — is he going out

into the last loved object of his attention? Fanning the veined translucence

of an opulent tail, undulant in some uncapturable curve, is he bronze chrysanthemums,

copper leaf, hurried darting, doubloons, icon-colored fins troubling the water?

— Mark Doty

"Brilliance" appears in *The Vintage Book of Contemporary American Poetry*, second edition; edited by J.D. McClatchy; Vintage Books: Random House; April 2003; 736 pages; \$17.

ice cream social, Sunday, August 10, 2 to 4:30 p.m., Wildwood Park (at Escondido Avenue and East Vista Way). Antique bicycle display, music. 760-630-0444. (VISTA)

"Seeing America — Through Children's Eyes," photographs of Vista and the Birch-Aquarium Museum by children from the Vista Townsite area, are on exhibit through September at the Vista Library (700 Eucalyptus Avenue). 760-645-5100. (VISTA)

World of Coca-Cola on Tour, memorabilia from the brand's creation to the present showcased in exhibits including advertisements and promotional items, through Tuesday, August 19, noon to 8 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way).

Appraisal Affair, Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m. to noon and 3 to 5 p.m. Guests may bring two Coca-Cola items for appraisal. Free. 800-427-7247. (VALLEY CENTER)

Unconventional Baseball Artifacts, memorabilia, and other treasures from the permanent collection of the Baseball Reliquary, on view through August 29 at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Among the artworks and artifacts are a group of baseball-themed paintings from Bene Sakoguchi's "Orange Crate Series"; 19th-Century soil sample from Elysian Fields in Hoboken, New Jersey; Ty Cobb Humanitarian Award; handwritten letter from pitcher Carl Mays. Free. 619-236-5848. (DOWNTOWN)

Loves, Lives, and Work of Latino Families in the United States and Latin America examined in bilingual book discussion series at Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Led by journalist Miriam Ruvinksis, the series continues with *I, Rigoberta Menchu*, Thursday, August 14, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Blues in the Schools, eight bands perform for this fundraiser, Saturday, August 16, 3 p.m. to

1 a.m., at Humphrey's by the Bay (2241 Shelter Island Drive). \$10. 619-224-3577 or 619-256-1124. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Pan-African Activist Marcus Garvey is celebrated on Sunday, August 17, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on lawn at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Live music, drumming and dancing, vendors, crafts, food. Admission is free. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Pickin' in Paradise, Summergrass San Diego bluegrass festival picks up August 22-24 at the outdoor Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum (2040 North Santa Fe). Live music (California, Bluegrass Etc., Ron Spears and Within Tradition, New West, many others), workshops, food and craft vendors, dry camping. Friday, \$10; Saturday, \$15; Sunday, \$15 (\$2 discount in advance). 760-295-1834. (VISTA)

Wild Bogs and Leaping Frogs! Celebrate the many species of carnivorous plants from around the world at Quail Botanical Gardens. Events begin with reception for juried art show featuring images of carnivorous plants and endangered amphibians, Friday, August 22, 4 to 8 p.m.

"Children's Day" festivities run 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, with art, science projects, and theater performed by children working with Class Act. Hands-on art and learning projects featuring amphibians and carnivorous plants.

The San Diego Carnivorous Plant Society and local cultivators offer plant sale, Sunday, August 24, noon to 5 p.m. Lectures and information.

Find gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Regular admission: \$8 general, \$5 seniors, \$3 for those 3-12. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

You're Invited to a Garden Party, the San Diego Historical Society's Marston House, a classic 1905 William Hebbard-Irving Gill-designed Craftsman-style home with formal English gardens, is site of barbecue, tours, plein air art, children's crafts, arts and crafts, silent auction, live entertainment. Sunday, August 24, 1 to 5 p.m., 3525 Seventh Avenue, at the northwest edge of the park. \$25 general, children under 12 free. Reservations: 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Sleepover on the Star, sleep on the "tween deck" where immigrants slept during voyages when the *Star of India* hosts a sleepover, Saturday, August 30. Participants learn how to set sail, move cargo, stand night watch. \$65. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x124. The *Star* is berthed at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). (DOWNTOWN)

Rarely Seen Pieces of Mata Ortiz pottery by master potter Juan Quezada and members of his extended family as well as works by other Mata Ortiz potters may be seen through 2003 at Wells Fargo Bank (401 B Street). Viewing: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pieces are on loan from San Diego Museum of Man's collection. Free. 619-239-2001. (DOWNTOWN)

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A Small Town Is Turned Upside-Down in *Footloose*, adapted for stage by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie; music by Tom Snow, lyrics by Pitchford. San Diego Junior Theatre presents the show through August 17.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in Casa del Prado Theater. August 16 performance is American Sign Language interpreted. Tickets are \$7 to \$10 adults, \$5 to \$8 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Sum-Sum-Summertime Story Time, listen to Linda Glaser's *It's Summer!* during events, Saturday, August 9, 12:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Choo-Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, August 9 and 10, Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 25 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

Bring Some Crumbs! San Diego Actors Theatre presents *Hansel and Gretel* for "Children's Classics," Saturday, August 9, 11 a.m., L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). Program includes *Gerald McBoing Boing*, poetry, songs. 858-268-4494. \$4. (DEL MAR)

Ms. Frizzle's Roving Reptiles, discover more about reptiles when the Friz leads class, Saturday, August 9, 12:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$12. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Keep Your Balance, explore the center of gravity and make balancing toys when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday, August 9, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. Included in paid admission. 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

SummerFest La Jolla, this year's SummerFest family concert promises the premiere of "Oceanophony" by composer Bruce Adolphe, starting at 6 p.m., Sunday, August 10, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$5 for children. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Dive in With *The Tub People* during story time, Tuesday, August 12, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

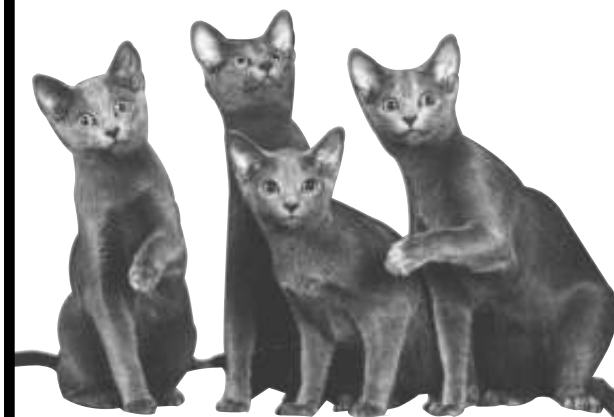
Comic Magic provided by Craig Stone, Thursday, August 14, 3 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). 619-538-8165. Free. (MIRA MESA)

First-Time Rowers aged 12-18 invited to participate in rowing camps offered by San Diego Rowing Club. Two-week camp begins Monday, August 18, introduces fundamentals of rowing. Camps meet 4 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday. \$225. Classes take place at 1220 El Carmel Place, off Mission Boulevard. 858-336-7404. (MISSION BEACH)

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Mark Doty

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FROM THE DUST JACKET: "Where do I live? I don't have a ready answer, not really, but I've realized there's something I like about not having an answer. And indeed something of that spirit — a curious, open engagement with the now, in its slippery and uncertain character — animates this book."

— Mark Doty,
from his Introduction

In a shifting world, concepts of place and home take many forms. Mark Doty gathers an impressive group of writers to describe their contemporary sense of

home. Victoria Redel lives her teenage years from inside a 15-pound body cast — loving and hating the loss of her body; Barbara Hurd finds that within a cave, the absence of all light allows for clarity of vision; and Andrea Barrett wipes filth from a sill in her Brooklyn apartment only to realize that the dirt is actually "ash of buildings, ash of planes. Ash of people." Surroundings — walls, trees, or states of mind — are defined by our reactions to them. These essays are about how the mind can create a home — for a moment, or for a lifetime.

Contributors include Andrea Barrett, Carmen Boullosa, Karen Brennan, Derick Burleson, Kathleen Cambor, Rafael Campo, Bernard Cooper, Kathryn Davis, Carol Muske-Dukes, Michael J. Gross, Barbara Hurd, Paul Lisicky, Deborah A. Lott, Elizabeth McCracken, Honor Moore, Mary Morris, Victoria Redel, Reginald Shepherd, and Terry Tempest Williams.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Describing the chaotic, polyglot world we live in now, one that disconnects us from the past and from one another, Doty asks, "So where do I live? I don't have an answer, but I've realized there's something I like about not having an answer... Sometimes home is found in unexpected places." National Book Critics Circle award-winner Doty has gathered 17 writers to consider those unexpected places, among them Andrea Barrett, Carol Muske-Dukes, Mary Morris, and Paul Lisicky. For Morris, a sometime travel writer, the answer is the subways beneath New York City's streets. Barbara Hurd writes of caves, of finding herself "squeezed into a cleft in 350-million-year-old limestone...60 feet under the earth," where she experi-

ences a moment of sudden, unexpected intimacy with another caver. Other equally surprising "homes" are gracefully described in this fine collection.

From *Booklist*: Ruminations about home evoke strong emotions, allowing poet and memoirist Mark Doty to assemble a provocative collection of 19 essays that reflect 19 distinctive visions. Doty, who since boyhood has lived a nomadic life, kicks things off by musing over how much the "built landscape" of America has changed over the past 50 years, along with our notions of home and identity, and, sure enough, change is this involving anthology's prevailing theme. Honor Moore writes with lyrical candor about selling a much-loved house. Andrea Barrett offers an unnerving account of her recent move to Brooklyn and soul-wrenching experience of September 11. Derick Burleson tells the harrowing story of his Peace Corps sojourn in Rwanda and considers the desecration of home as one of genocide's myriad tragedies. Rafael Campo muses on the lost Cuba of his grandparents, and Reginald Shepherd shares his quest for "gay space." The overarching recognition that emerges from this compelling forum is that the one home these insightful writers, and their grateful readers, can count on is literature.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Poet, memoirist, and university professor Mark Doty was born in 1953 in Maryville, Tennessee, to a housewife mother and aerospace worker father. Doty was the younger of the couple's two children, the elder being a sister. "We lived," Doty writes in his introduction to *Open House*, "in Sun Belt places — Tennessee, Florida, Arizona, California. My

fairies to your home or deck," at San Diego Natural History Museum, Sunday, August 24, 1 to 3 p.m. \$37 fee includes supplies. Program is for those seven and older with an adult. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141.(BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, "Warm Your Hands While Soothing Your Heart: An Exhibition of Chinese Handwarmers" continues through Tuesday, September 30. These ornately decorated containers were popular between the 16th and 19th Centuries in China, resembling spoutless teapots, complete with lid and handle. They were filled with glowing pieces of charcoal to emit heat and light through openings in the lid. Handwarmers were associated with the literati and were considered prized pieces of artwork.

View artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum

is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, unlike gemstones, which form deep within the Earth, organic gems are the products of living organisms, formed by biological processes. Organic gems such as amber, coral, ivory, jet, and pearls are showcased in "All-Natural, Organically Grown Gems from Plants and Animals," on view through April 2004. Exhibit includes a mastadon tusk (carbon dated at around 30,000 years). "The Magical World of Ilya

Schar," a collection of creations that resemble paintings but are composed solely of gem material, is also on display. Continues through April 2004.

"From the Vault: Gifts to Our Collection," continuing through October, includes an array of Ramaura rubies, synthetic alexandrite gems, two intarsia boxes of inlaid gem materials created by Nicolai Medvedev, and much more.

Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x 4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30

ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, current exhibits include "Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State," "The Story of Lemon Grove," "The Parson's Study." Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, retrospective exhibit "Reaching for the Stars: The Fleet's First 30 Years" documents the history of the Fleet. Each decade of the past 30 years is highlighted through graphics, photographs, and artifacts taking visitors on a visual journey of the center's accomplishments. Through summer.

Over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display in "ExploraZone 4," on exhibit through Monday, May 31, 2004. The exhibition's themes are forces and structures, light, and rotation.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Journey "To Worlds Beyond" in the planetary show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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father's work, which drove our nomadism, was founded on the new: he built Air Force bases, missile silos, buildings for assembling rockets that would go to the moon."

Soon after graduation from high school, Mr. Doty married. He told another interviewer, about this marriage, that it was made "in flight from both my family and my sexual orientation which scared me half to death." Ten years later Mr. Doty divorced and moved to New York City.

On the East Coast, Mr. Doty made a new life as a gay man and a writer. By 1987 his first book of poetry had been published.

Mr. Doty graduated from Drake University in Iowa with a B.A. in Literature and from Goddard College, in 1980, with an M.F.A. He has taught at many colleges and universities and has been widely published in journals and magazines. By the non-poetry reading audience, he perhaps is best known for *Heaven's Coast: A Memoir*, a meditation upon the death from AIDS of Mr. Doty's companion. He has been the recipient of many prizes, awards, and fellowships, including the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Guggenheim Fellowship. He is the first American poet to win the T.S. Eliot Prize in England. He makes his home in Manhattan, Houston, and Provincetown, Massachusetts.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: In Mark Doty's 1999 memoir, *Firebird*, a reader learns that Doty's father's job with the Army Corps of Engineers caused the Doty family to move at least ten times before Mark Doty finished high school. I said to Mr. Doty, on the afternoon that we talked, he from his Provincetown home, how much I admired his account of his difficult childhood. I added that I thought that having read *Firebird* not

only helped me better understand Mr. Doty's interest in home as a subject but made it clear why he created such an anthology.

"Ah," he said, "somebody with an experience in homelessness or practice in mobility. Sometimes I feel like I've re-created that life as an adult by being an academic and a traveling writer so everything stays in motion just as it did when I was little."

I was curious as to how Mr. Doty came to put together this particular anthology.

"This began," he said, "with an incident that the introduction describes. I was in Houston where I had recently come to teach, and I was shocked by the great jumble of the place."

Houston, Mr. Doty writes, never had zoning laws. "So," he said, "you could do anything you want. If you own it you can do it, and people do. And it has a very jangly heterogeneous feeling that it's just a place where so many things have come together and nothing is harmonious. At first I was horrified by this. It seemed, for one thing, like an environmental disaster, and for another, there was such an absence of the sense of order that a person from New England would enjoy. I very gradually found myself enjoying being there. Not that Houston doesn't have massive problems, and not that it isn't in many ways an ugly place, but there is something about it that started to get under my skin and interest me. So that was the genesis of the book.

"Then I set out to think about writers whose work I admire who might have something to say about this idea of changes in our sense of home and a sense of place. I wanted the book to be an open house in a sense too, like a really great dinner party with very surprising, interesting conversation. So I thought, 'Now, well, who would I want to invite to this party who would have

interesting and unexpected and perhaps even contentious things to say?' And thus," Mr. Doty said, in tones that indicated his pleasure at what he was saying, "a guest list was drawn up.

"Invitations went out and some of those people could agree to write an essay and other people were too busy. Then there was a process of coaxing along; some people produced something right away, and others I had to remind and prompt. Within a space of 18 months, we had this collection. Which I was very excited about."

Mr. Doty paused, then added, "Sometimes, anthologies are very coherent things, where there's a common tone or a common point of view."

"There's not a common point of view in this one."

"No, and I like that about this book. It's various, and I think it's a book where very few readers are going to like everything in it. It comes from many different perspectives, and there are stylistic differences and different attitudes towards the world. I love that about it."

We talked about Bernard Cooper's essay, which, Mr. Doty explained, was part of a work in progress about Cooper's "desire to be a visual artist and this idea of imagining a world that you

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riages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, the museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "From Blueprints to Buildings," an exhibit of San Diego architecture, traces this region's architectural history from early Indian bark houses to modern and postmodern buildings. The exhibit showcases the most significant examples of various architectural styles and types of structures. See the historical artifacts, photographs, and ephemera through Sunday, February 15, 2004.

Also on view: "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot" (through Thursday, December 9, 2004); "Popcorn Venus: The Business of Hollywood Fashion" (through Sunday, August 31), and

"Out of Our Vaults: San Diego Collects" (through Sunday, August 17).

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, during the 18th Century, Europeans and Americans developed an interest in the art and culture of the Far East. The desire for "all things Chinese" sent the great clipper ships across the world's oceans with cargoes of exported Chinese art. "Mariners and Mandarins — Seafaring and the Arts of the China Trade" highlights both the traders and the sought-after goods that drew them around the world. View "The Race for Riches" onboard the *Star of India*, highlighting the historical, maritime, and sociological aspects of trade with the Far East. The exhibit features rare early charts and navigation instruments used on the dangerous ocean voyages, examples of the cargoes, ship models, letters, photographs, and personal items of the sailors and merchants that participated in the enterprise. The show closes on

Sunday, September 14.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "The Turquoise Path/El Camino Turquesa: The Story of Turquoise in the Native American Southwest," on display through April 2004, focuses on historical, social, cultural, and economic implications of the age-old stone. Turquoise jewelry-making tech-

niques documented, and pieces from the museum's extensive collections exhibited.

Ongoing exhibits: "Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance," focusing on reality of torture in world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. Collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some extremely rare, primarily used from 1400s up to early 1800s. Pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated

slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest

surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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will be able to join someday. In his case the world of Pop Art was a kind of childhood rehearsal for imagining a home in the future."

We reminisced, Mr. Doty and I, about other of Bernard Cooper's essays. Cooper is fond of sensuous detail, and we were not surprised at how many details in Cooper's essays that we recalled. I asked Mr. Doty if he ever thought about his readers' minds being furnished with lines of his poems or anecdotes or observations from his memoirs.

He did, yes. "People come up and say, 'I was so struck by the time when you did whatever,' or 'I feel as if I know you and here's why.' There's something kind of wonderfully unnerving about that. Your life comes to lodge in the imaginations of readers."

"That said, though, don't you think it's always a mistake to think that a reader will know a writer in the way that the writer's friends know her?"

"Absolutely. But I try to remember that this is really a compliment to the writer. One of the prime examples of this for me was meeting James Merrill, whose poetry I had admired all my life. He was a heroic figure to me. It was quite late in his life, about five months before he died, so he was almost 70. He was still quite present, alive, and

perceptive and responsive. I had the oddest split sensation that here was somebody whom I knew so intimately from his work that I could almost anticipate what he was going to say. And I, of course, knew what his apartment looked like before I got there because I had imagined it so fully from the work. And yet at the same time, he didn't know me from Adam, and I didn't really know him in a social way. I knew the imaginative version of his life that he had presented to me.

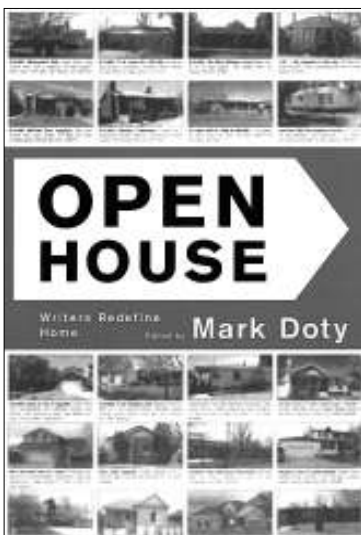
"But this meant that I had inhabited his work in some way. So when total strangers come up and ask me how my dogs are, for instance, even though I'm sometimes startled, I've also come to regard this as an honor, because it means that people have lived into those books in some way."

Your reader, I said, "has made a home in your work."

"That's true. And that is absolutely something that readers do; that we look for those texts and those writers who can become our inner company."

"Or," I said, "your inner dinner party."

"Yes, exactly. I love this about being part of a literary life, a writerly life, that over time you're inner dinner party gets larger; you invite more guests, and the conversation gets more complicated and prolonged over the years."



"And it's a different kind of intimacy," I said, "the intimacy that develops between writer and reader. What a writer puts on the page tends to be far more intimate than what he says at a dinner party."

"Yes. I think about the paradox of that sometimes, particularly as a person who gives readings of his work, because I will say things in a poem that I might not talk about. Too personal, too intimate, too demanding somehow of the listener. And yet with the safety net of art, you have that control and measured nature of what you're saying. You protect yourself in order sometimes to be able to say the most startling, intimate things."

French philosopher Gaston Bachelard (1884–1962) seems to serve as something of a literary father to many writers. Bachelard's *Poetics of Space* is a book that seems to inspire writers like Mr. Doty. I asked Mr. Doty about Bachelard.

Bachelard was important to him, Mr. Doty said, explaining, "His sense of remembered space and emotional space is something that has very much matched my own sense of what memory is. So when I found *The Poetics of Space*, in particular, I felt that I had a home in that book. It worked on me in the way that it does on many writers in that I couldn't read two or three pages of it before I had to run off and go write. It was so generative. And it's so close to the nature of my own reverie. He puts his finger on some quality of daydreaming that's enormously useful. His idea that we don't necessarily organize our memories in time but rather in space certainly lies behind *Firebird*. It also lies behind my *Still*

Life with Oysters and Lemons."

I read to Mr. Doty something of Bachelard's that I'd copied out that morning. "Both room and house are psychological diagrams that guide writers and poets in their analysis of intimacy."

"Yes," Mr. Doty said. "He's amazing. And you know another thing that I love about him is that he's so daring. He speaks with such authority. He'll make the most startling pronouncements that really have a great deal of weight behind them. For instance, he talks about how space contains compressed time, right? And then he goes on to say, 'That is what space is for.' I think, 'Well, on the one hand, what an act of sort of intellectual hubris, but on the other, I love him for doing it.'"

I'd wondered, reading in Mr. Doty's anthology and reading his introduction, if he differentiated between house and home. "What's the difference, for you?" I asked.

"Home, it seems to me an infinitely more portable notion. There are people who spend much of their lives in one house and for whom the notion of house and home is more closely identified. But there are also those, probably some of them also spend lots of time in one place, who are always looking for the home that will suffice for the imagination now. I think that part of being human is this sort of restlessness; we feel ourselves at ease in a certain image or a certain dimension of experience for a while. And then some other yearning asserts itself, some other desire. And we need to find another way to house ourselves metaphorically."

"I think we're always making new homes, we're always probably either abandoning them or adding to them. So the difference is portability and mutability. Of course, our relationships with houses change too. For instance, I'm in Provincetown right now. I'm in this wonderful house that I've had for almost 14 years now. Sometimes it's been my year-round home, and sometimes it's my summer refuge, and sometimes it's cumbersome, and I'm like a snail with a shell that's too big, this sort of creaky antique house that has lots of me in it that I can't keep up with. So my relationship to house shifts just as one's relationship to home does."

I asked Mr. Doty if he

cleaned his Provincetown house himself. "Well," he said, "the cleaning is somewhat occasional. But this house is now very layered in time for me. This is probably irrational, but I have this feeling that nobody else can clean it. Because it's too peculiar. They wouldn't know what to do; they wouldn't be able to distinguish what is precious from dirt."

"I have a very old dog, who is just now asleep on the gravel in the garden, and it's like that. You know when you have an elderly pet, the older your pet gets, you can't leave them. You can't take them to a kennel, and you can't leave them with a babysitter so readily either, because their needs are so specific and quirky."

We went on a bit about how much we liked dogs. "They're marvelous companions and muses," Mr. Doty said. "And they get you out of the house and out of yourself. Or at least Arden used to get me out of the house. Now he's too old to get me very far."

Mr. Doty admitted to a fondness for *House and Garden*-type magazines. "I can really lose myself in them and relax. I think that partly has to do with having no real use for them. If I have some professional stake in the matter, the evaluator is always at work, and the aspect of me that says, 'Hmm, how can I use this?' is always at work. When I read something like *House and Garden*, it's almost suspended. I'm very happy."

As for home decoration, Mr. Doty said, "When I was younger I had a ferocious amount of energy for such matters. And that shows up especially in *Heaven's Coast* and a little bit in *Still Life*, too. I did lots and lots of work and much, much elaborate gardening. I find myself now not doing that. It probably is just a matter of having a busy professional life, but it's not just that. It's also something about how I'm wanting to be using my energy that has shifted. So I'd probably rather look at a decorating magazine than take on a large project."

I confessed that when I looked at these *House and Garden*-type magazines I found it difficult to believe that real people lived this way.

"They probably don't, not to the extent that a magazine would suggest. Actually, I had an instructive experience about this. I guess it's been two years

ago now. I wrote a little article for *House and Garden* about my garden. And it was because they did a series of articles called 'Small Things.' And I was supposed to write about a small thing which was important to me, and my garden is tiny, so I thought, 'I'll write a piece about the garden.' And I wrote it. And once they got the piece they said, 'This is fine, but we really feel we need to have pictures to go with it.'

"This sent me into a dither, and I literally spent every day, all day, for three weeks, pruning, weeding, trimming, and going and getting plants to fill in the bare spots. It was just the most intensive labor to arrive at perfection with something that is inherently imperfect and not really controllable. Then the photographer showed up and spent two days taking very elaborate shots. We got her here at the moment the roses were in bloom. And then they decided not to run the story."

"Oh," I said, "what a horrible little life lesson."

"Yes, it really was. And all my pleasure in the garden went out the window while I struggled so to make it look like it should from the outside as opposed to how it would look to be lived in. I don't really want the life of the people who have the perfect gardens in the magazine. I want the other life of the imperfect interior, but I still really like looking at the photographs."

"When you wrote your garden piece, was the garden that you wrote significantly different than the actual garden?"

"Well, what I wrote was true."

"But was it accurate?"

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Gustavo Romero ended the first four concerts of his Athenaeum Mozart cycle (there will be four more next summer) with a program of three concertos. I heard only two of these, but by the time I left I was already feeling that a program of this nature, whatever its musical value, was a mistake of judgment. The works themselves were nicely diversified: K.450 in B-flat (playful and exuberant), K.482 in E-flat (grand and festive, with trumpets and drums), and K.466 in D minor (dark and passionate). But these concertos were never meant to be heard *en masse*. Each one by itself makes a definitive statement about the concerto form, and provides a thoroughly fulfilling experience of Mozart's genius.

Thus, the first movement of K.482 contains enough thematic material for another act of *The Marriage of Figaro* (with which it is contemporary). The Andante, one of the most heart-breaking of the composer's minor-key movements, also offers — as a virtually independent section — a radiant E-flat-major serenade for wind instruments. The concluding Rondo in six-eighths unexpectedly embeds a graceful minuet (Mozart had experimented with such a composite form before: in his K.271 concerto, also in E-flat).

All Mozart piano concertos present a comparable cornucopia of inventiveness. When they are piled one on top of the other, however, the

fullness becomes overwhelming and ultimately deadening. Moreover, the vivid personality of the individual concertos tends to get blurred; after the recent Romero concert, listeners who did not know the works intimately may have been hard pressed to remember (for example) which slow movement went with which concerto, or what the differences were between the triple-time finales of K.450 and K.482.

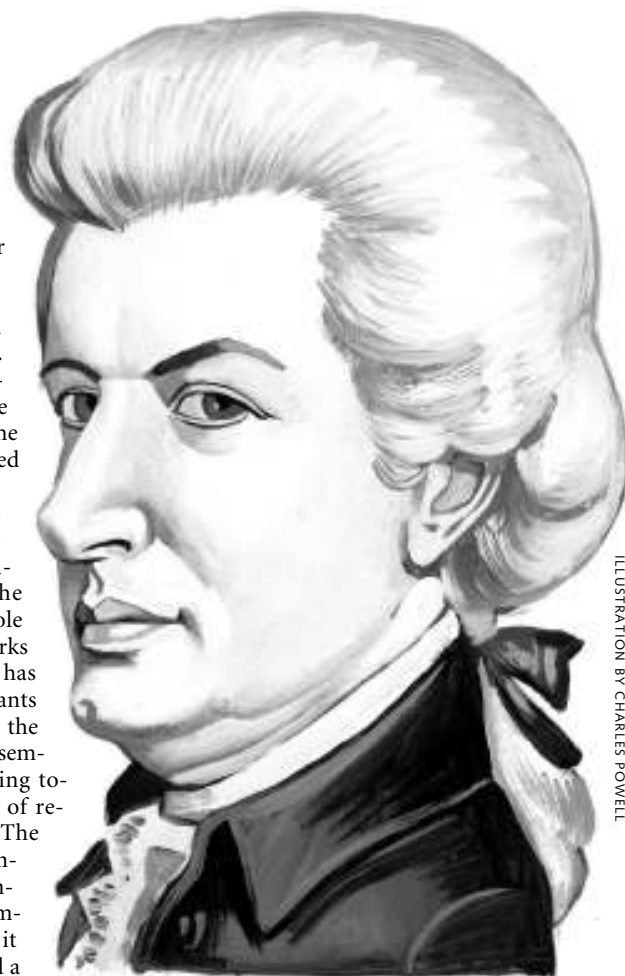
The idea for a program of this sort probably comes from the existence of CD editions of the complete Mozart piano concertos (all 27 of them, including the 4 that Mozart fashioned from music by other composers). This is a great convenience for shelving, but their proximity on the shelf does not mean that anyone wants to listen to several concertos in a row. Many record collectors even find it a nuisance that there may be more than one concerto on a single CD. You don't want to hear a succession of undifferentiated Mozart movements, as though they all constituted a unified utterance; often you have to leap up from your chair to stop the CD player before it blindly segues into the next concerto. But at least you can stop it, something you can't do at a concert. In 1995, Gustavo Romero made a complete recording of the Beethoven concertos. The performances are exemplary and worth repeated listening — but one at a time, please.

Having mentioned that recording (on Koch

International), I need to point out some significant differences between it and what the audience heard at the Neurosciences Institute a week and a half ago. For his Mozart concerto concert, Romero assembled a group of fine local musicians and conducted them himself, from the keyboard. For his Beethoven concerto recording, he had the collaboration of the English Chamber Orchestra, and the conducting was done by the gifted James Sedares.

The consequences of these two approaches were far from being the same. It is nowadays not uncommon for pianists playing the Mozart concertos to take on the role of conductor as well. But that works only when the pianist-conductor has very firm ideas about what he wants the orchestra to sound like, when the orchestra itself is an established ensemble with a lot of experience playing together, and when there is plenty of rehearsal time to get things right. The musicians at the Neurosciences Institute played with great skill and intelligence. But this particular ensemble had no continuing existence; it was a pickup group; and it needed a full-time conductor.

It did not have one. Aside from his all-consuming duties at the keyboard, Romero generally did little more than establish the beat, after which he sat on his hands while allowing the orchestral musicians to continue without any central direction. Did they do



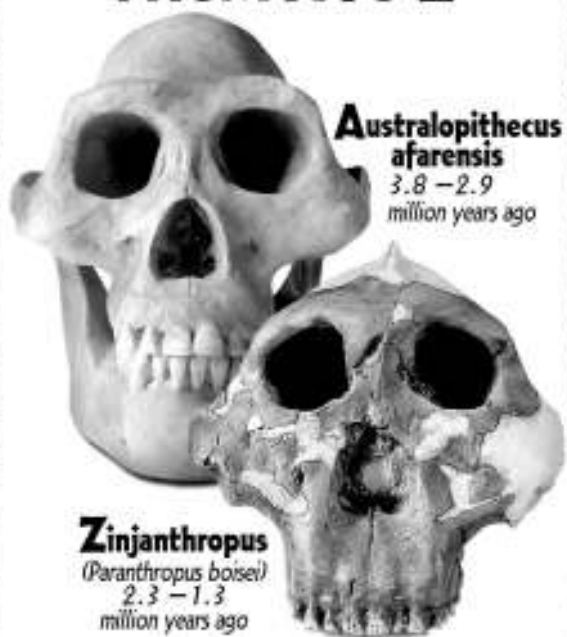
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a respectable job on their own? Of course — they are professionals. Did they play the music with refined nuances of rhythm and dynamics, in a way to do justice to Mozart’s exquisitely expressive orchestral writing? Of course not. Without a conductor to shape the music at every moment, to stretch a phrase or swell a tone or un-

derline an articulation or contrast a repetition, the only way they could keep together was by playing everything straight, anonymously (as it were), adhering rigidly to the score, with only the most obvious interpretive alterations. This is not what a Mozart piano concerto needs, for one of the most striking features of Mozart’s writing for piano and orchestra is the way he treats the two as equal partners, giving to their interplay a crucial expressive (and formal) importance. You will not encounter

problems of this sort in the recording of the Beethoven concertos, where Sedares attends to his task with the utmost imaginative suppleness, and where the orchestra follows his direction with impeccable sensitivity. There are other differences as well. Actually, I would rather talk about those Beethoven CDs than about the recent Mozart concert. Romero’s recordings of the Beethoven concertos, back in ’95, were not merely good; they were among the very best. His playing was ravishing, with that limpid, floating tone that characterized his technique from the beginning of his career; with those flawlessly executed runs, never rushed, never skipping a note, never treated as filler to be gotten through but lovingly shaped and endowed with meaning; with those infinite gradations of volume and fluent deviations from strict rhythm, like a great opera singer; and with that ineffable poetry that made the slow movements (especially of the Fourth and Fifth Concertos) so poignant that you cannot listen to them without tears coming to your eyes.

I have tears in my eyes now, as I write this, so I had better stop. ■

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SummerFest La Jolla, the 18th annual installment of this series hosted by La Jolla Music Society promises a wide range of concerts, artistic encounters, open rehearsals, and National Public Radio performance-chats, led by artistic director Cho-Liang Lin. Except where noted, concerts take

place at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street).

“East Meets West III,” Friday, August 8, features pieces by Vivaldi, Boccherini, De Falla, and Tan Dun, at 7:30 p.m. (following preconcert talk at 6:30 p.m. by NPR’s Fred Child and percussionist Steven Schick).

Celebrate Leon Fleisher’s 75th birthday with concerts on August 9 and 10. Program includes pieces by Bach and Brahms. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday (following preconcert talks by Gary Hoffman and Paul Neubauer one-hour prior to each concert).

This year’s family concert promises the premiere of “Oceanophony” by composer Bruce Adolphe, starting at 6 p.m., Sunday, August 10, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way).

“Opera Masters in Chamber Music” provide the theme on Tuesday, August 12. Selections by Rossini, Verdi, Richard Strauss, Wagner. Concert, 7:30 p.m., preconcert talk by scholar and composer Eric Schultz.

The Shanghai Quartet and Friends take the stage for pieces by Mozart, Brahms, and Beethoven, Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 p.m. (following preconcert conversation between Eric Bromberger and

members of the quartet).

Mezzo-soprano Joan Morris and pianist William Bolcom present “An American Songbook: Broadway and Beyond,” Thursday, August 14, 7:30 p.m. Program includes pieces from Gershwin, Porter, and Berlin to Rodgers and Hart. Audience members will be treated to the screening of a “classic American musical film with commentary” by Bolcom.


Festival continues through Monday, August 18. Concert tickets range from \$15 to \$90. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

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Mineral Fastness

"He was taken with the notion that sculpture had become very sick with Rodin and his influence."

Twenty years ago Al Pacino decided he wanted to star in a film biography of the Italian artist Amedeo Modigliani. A script was commissioned, rewrites ordered, directors and supporting cast considered. The project languished so long in development that Mr. Pacino, then in his late 30s, finally grew too old to play the role of a man who died at 35. One understands the attraction.

Feverishly handsome youth from Livorno, a port town near Pisa, shows an early gift for drawing, studies art in his hometown, then in Florence and Venice, where he's exposed to his grand predecessors, then goes to Paris to make his career, settling in the artists' quarter of Montparnasse (surrounded by characters more or less as filmworthy), where he quickly wins the esteem of his contemporaries Brancusi and Picasso, while showing his work, mostly portraits and nudes, at noteworthy galleries. By 1911 he has crafted a trademark style: oval head, slightly ailt, on a columnar neck; pasty aquamarine eyes; pinched or languid features; bluish flesh tones. He dresses (according to Picasso) better than anyone. He acquires women and a consuming taste for alcohol and hashish. He has three major, tempestuous loves, children by two of them. Jeanne Hébuterne, his companion when he dies of tubercular meningitis in 1920, kills herself two days later, nine months pregnant with what would have been their second child.

Although his style has become iconic, companionable, and familiar like Chagall's — his paintings, again like Chagall's, are instantly recognized even by casual museumgoers — Modigliani had so little time to mature that he hasn't been studied with the same scrutiny as, for instance, his friend Chaïm Soutine, not to speak of Picasso and Brancusi. Some of his salient work now looks a little too readily settled into, even a bit decorative, not powered by the formal restlessness and crashing experimentation with space, volume, and line carried out by his contemporaries. *Modigliani and the Artists of Montparnasse*, currently at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, sets out to reassess

the work and seat Modigliani's career in the matrix of his neighborhood.

What a neighborhood. By 1913, Montparnasse, called by one writer a "little international republic," had a directory of artists who, in their different practices, established the gene pool of modern art. The Italian Giorgio de Chirico, the Spaniard Juan Gris, the Mexican Diego Rivera, the Pole (later émigré to America) Elie Nadelman, the Bulgarian Jules Pascin, the Dutchman Piet Mondrian, and the Russians Jacques Lipchitz, Chagall, and Sonia Delaunay. The list goes on. Except for their practice of portraiture, not much connects the art of the Lithuanian Soutine, master of bad nerves and rotting meat, to Modigliani, whose work has a carved, heroized clarity. Early in his career, in fact, Modigliani devoted much of his energy to sculpture. His stone heads — roughly carved, squared off, totemic — are evidence of conversations with his neighbor and friend Brancusi, who had worked briefly and unhappily for Rodin and whose double block of embracing stone titled *The Kiss* is near cousin to Modigliani's heads. Lipchitz, another sculptor friend, later reported what Modigliani was thinking: "He was very taken with the notion that sculpture had become very sick with Rodin and his influence. There was too much modeling in clay, 'too much mud.' The only way to save sculpture was to start carving again, direct carving in stone."

When you enter the room reserved for the sculptures, six heads ranked side-by-side stare straight at you. I've never felt so *watched* by art objects. They're like an impossible-to-please audience waiting for a performance — ours — to begin. The pouting and solemn vertical blocks look formed by a vise, the figures' plump lips and stolid physicality recalling the Cambodian sculpture and African masks Modigliani so admired. By installing the sculptures so dramatically, the curators shape how we re-see the paintings, which begin to look more hewn, the textures pumiced, physical features (brows and eye sockets especially) defined like cut rock. We begin to see less dash and quickness, more

mineral fastness, pictures that are dense and dry rather than moist and fluid.

Modigliani's colleagues were most impressed by the psychological acuity of his portraits. His men, with their pursed faces and sunken cheeks, seem preoccupied, skeptical, inquisitive. His women, who tend to recede from our gaze, are the wonderers, always a little aloof but still capable of surprise. There's not much revealed in the blotted or unreadably beady eyes of the figures, so the positioning of the head and the rhythm of the body's descent to the hands establish the degree of melancholy or remoteness or curiosity. He angled the head on the cylinder of the neck to set the temperature of accessibility of the female presence. His *Servant Girl*, her hands meekly clasped, is a portrait of servility and humbleness. *Elvira Resting* relaxes into petulance and insouciance. The girl whose head and neck are neatly aligned in *Girl with Blue Eyes* looks almost happy, though Modigliani keeps the picture interestingly off balance by hanging two asymmetrical hanks of hair

either side of her face. A woman wearing a black-velvet choker, which breaks the continuity of the neck, looks terribly *wrong*, but of course the disruption is exactly the effect Modigliani wanted. The nudes are rather dry, but you can follow the serial touch as it constructs the figure, whether with short, jabbing strokes or loose, long gestures. His 1917 nude from the Guggenheim is one of the top things in the show; you can almost sense the hand modeling the flesh.

The exhibition constellates around its Modigliani core very good work by his Montparnasse neighbors — a dreamy, typically spooky Chagall; a tart flower picture by Rousseau; de Chirico's famous *Anguish of De-*



The Anguish of Departure, 1914, de Chirico

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parture, its shadows cast for eternity; two paintings by Léger, whose tubular solidities recall Modigliani's form language; and much more. The choicest thing on view (among many sweet choices) is Soutine's tall and hectic red *Page Boy at Maxim's*, an image of physical existence as an anxious action. It's classic Soutine, the body rendered as misbegotten, runny, baggy matter. In his angular, wrinkled, buttoned-up Call-for-Philip-Morris outfit, the figure represents embodiment in chaos, a nervous system shaken dangerously loose.

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generation. He, too, died young, in the trenches at Neuville-Saint-Vaast. In a letter to Pound from the front he described how, since the shape of it didn't please him, he carved his rifle stock into a more satisfying form. His 1912 bronze head titled *The Idiot*, with its bat's ears, twisted lips, and deep eye sockets, looks ravaged and lost. Its impacted psychic energy is stunningly unpleasant, not easy to study for any length of time, but nearly impossible to walk away from. ■

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"Currents, Cycles, and Groves,"

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"Modern Abstractions, Cultural Refractions," this group show on view through August opens with reception for the eight artists Friday, August 8, 7 p.m., at 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street). 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

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Servant Girl, c. 1918, Amedeo Modigliani

through Monday, August 18. Exhibit includes painting, sculpture, pottery, weaving, and jewelry. Reception for the 26 participating artists is Saturday, August 9, 6 p.m. The gallery is located at 2807 University Avenue. 619-688-5969. (NORTH PARK)

"Colors of a Better World," an exhibit of work by Peter Max, features over 100 original paintings, drawings, and limited-edition prints. Show opens with reception for Max, Saturday, August 9, 7 p.m., at Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street). RSVP: 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

"Local Color VIII," juried by Dorothy Annette, opens with reception on Saturday, August 9, 5:30 p.m., followed by awards at 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). Fifty-nine works of art by 45 artists are included. See the show through Saturday, September 6. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

"Look Spot Look III," exhibition of "the unbound work" of five artists opens with reception, Saturday, August 9, 6 p.m., Gallery

DX, in Caffè Calabria (3933 30th Street). Closes Thursday, September 11. 619-757-8680. (NORTH PARK)

"After Hours," lyrical paintings by pop artist Madison Mikel Weiss go on exhibit with reception Saturday, August 9, 6 p.m., at Joseph David Gallery (760 Eighth Avenue). 619-702-6290. Closes Saturday, August 16. (DOWNTOWN)

"The New Guys," group show of works by "San Diego Art Department's new faculty" (3830 Ray Street), Saturday, August 9, 6 p.m., part of Ray at Night festivities. 619-299-4ART. (NORTH PARK)

"Inner Visions" — watercolor and colored pencil works by Lynda Muse and Kathleen McLeod are on exhibit through August at the Cottage Gallery (2520 Congress Street). Reception for the artists: Sunday, August 10, noon to 3 p.m. 619-296-1893. (OLD TOWN)

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Page Boy at Maxim's, c. 1925, Soutine

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"Mingei of Japan — The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of objects from the museum's collection by known and unknown craftsmen from throughout Japan continues until January 25, 2004. Included: *tansu* (Japanese chests), pottery, calligraphy, woodblock prints, stencil work, kimono and other textiles, baskets, toys.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, the desire for "all things Chinese" sent great clipper ships across the world's oceans with cargoes of exported Chinese art during the 18th Century. "Mariners and Man-

darins — Seafaring and the Arts of the China Trade" highlights both traders and sought-after goods that drew them around the world. View "The Celestial Cargo, Treasures from the China Trade," featuring examples of Chinese export art, through Sunday, September 14. More than 100 works of art included — some of it dating as far back as the late 17th Century. Pieces include rare soapstone carving of Peter the Great, examples of Chinese porcelain, elaborately decorated traditional Chinese fans, jewelry and other artifacts in silver and gold, and paintings on paper, canvas, and silk.

Artist Dario Robleto explores "the fetishism surrounding vinyl records by shredding, melting, and molding albums into objects" referring to songs from which they're created in his "Cerca Series" exhibit, on view through Sunday, August 24. This exhibit builds around Robleto's installation *The Diva Surgery*, described as the "artist's failed attempt to recreate the perfect female voice from bits and pieces of other divas."

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 San Diego, La Jolla,

"Andy Goldsworthy: Three Cairns" is on view through Tuesday, August 26. The show includes photographs, drawings, sculpture, and temporary site-specific work, including a version of his cairns in front of the museum. The artist has constructed these stone pyramids in various locations across the U.S. Large-scale photographs of some of his cairns provide thematic backbone of the show, which includes works of Eastern and Western native materials.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts,

"Frida Kahlo: Portrait of an Icon" consists of 60 photographic portraits of the infamous artist. Some are snapshots, some are by Kahlo's father (a commercial portrait photographer in early 1900s), and others are by photographers including Manuel Alvarez Bravo and Imogen Cunningham. Show closes Sunday, September 7.

Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Eddie Adams exhibits "Speak Truth to Power," celebrating the efforts of human rights de-

fenders around the world, through Sunday, September 7. Images of subjects including the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu are combined with interviews conducted by human rights activist Kerry Kennedy Cuomo.

Highlights of Peru's landscape offered in "Visions of Peru: Martin Chambi, Mario Algaze, and Javier Silva Meinel." Show focuses on emergence of ancestral monuments and the changing identity of Peru's landscape and people. Concludes Sunday, August 24.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art,

"Irving Gill in Oceanside" features original drawings and plans, furniture, photographs, artifacts from now-demolished structures. The building housing the museum itself was designed by Gill. Show continues through Sunday, August 17. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, all 73 bronze sculptures by French impressionist Edgar Degas, augmented by a selection of Degas drawings and prints, on offer in "Degas in Bronze: The Complete Sculptures." The collection of sculptures is one of only four complete sets of the artist's bronzes in existence, on loan from the Museu de Arte de São Paulo, Brazil. Show closes Sunday, September 28.

Paintings, sculptures, prints, videos, and photographs from inspired by elements in nature are gathered in "Of Earth and Sky: Elements in Abstraction," closing Sunday, December 14.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art,

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West made her body a billboard for liberation.

Her rock album, *Wild Christmas*, includes “Put the Loot in My Boot”; another lyric boasts, “Now that I’m a lady, I get my sugar refined.” She wrote novels, a play called *Catherine Was Great*; when Billy Wilder wanted her for Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*, she refused to play an older woman (she also said most of Hollywood’s leading men are “all kissed out when they get on the screen”). And when her landlord wouldn’t let her bring William Jones, an African-American boxer, to her apartment, she bought the building.

And hired Jones’s parents to oversee her staff and bodyguards.

She was Mae West. During the Flapper Era and the Depression, when women dieted to a vanishing point, West did the opposite. She dressed like a bespangled linebacker: an upside-down corset to enlarge her breasts and splay her shoulders; padded gowns and high-heeled shoes. West made her body a billboard for liberation.

The French critic Colette: “She alone, out of an enormous and dull catalogue of heroines, does not get married at the end of the film, does not die, does not take the road to exile... She alone has no parents, no children, no husband. This impudent woman is, in her style, as solitary as Chaplin.” Solitary, but never alone or needy. She was her own solar heater — and couldn’t give a hoot about your

approval. Compared to Miss Mae, the rest of us are clinically repressed. She was the Oscar Wilde of her era.

The first two scenes of Claudia Shear’s *dirty blonde* bookend West. In the first, ardent fans Jo and Charlie polish the image. West was “tough,” one says. She doesn’t “want you to bring her home to Mother, she doesn’t want to *meet* your mother.” Jo and Charlie, it turns out, are more than fans. They want to dress like her, live like her, *be* her. As Jo says, “Obsession grants the patience to really fine-tune the details.”

Scene two’s set in New Haven, 1912. West is hardly a platinum icon. Backstage, young Mae yammers at her stage manager about precise beats in her routine (“I want that ‘bum, bum’ for the finale,” she shouts, “and *then* off, and don’t forget the vamp to the chair”). She’s a micromanaging perfectionist, more obsessed with being Mae West than her fans.

dirty blonde, which Shear wrote as a vehicle for herself, tells two stories: we watch the slow assemblage of the image: parts come together at various stages. In the second story, which takes up more than half of the 90-minute play, the fans embrace their obsessions.

One of the *blonde*’s best scenes: West is rehearsing. Director Edward Elsner (who, her biographers say, was only “small-time” at this point) sees an “unusual quality.” He tells her to do everything actors shouldn’t: stop acting



Kathy Najimy in *dirty blonde*

dirty blonde, by Claudia Shear

Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by James Lapine and Gareth Hendee; cast: Kathy Najimy, Kevin Chamberlin, Bob Stillman; scenic design, Douglas Stein; costumes, Susan Hilferty; lighting, David Lander

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a character, slow way down, steal maximum focus. “Other actresses need to be someone else,” he advises, “you don’t.” Against every actors’ manual ever written — the closer she

gets to absolute stillness, the better it works. A line underscores the point: “She found what worked, what she was supposed to be, and she froze it.”

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All that glitters in *blonde* is not gold, however. The fans are one-dimensional — you wonder why they get so many scenes — the themes sketchy, passive. And, as with most theatrical biographies, the play hasn't figured out how to negotiate between information and drama. Like Douglas Stein's set, we see West through a rose-colored camera and wonder about the person inside the image. *dirty blonde* would have been much stronger if the playwright gave Jill Watts's *Mae West: An Icon in Black and White* a good (re)read.

Acting saves the production. It's hard to imagine *blonde* without Bob Stillman and Kevin Chamberlain. As both did on Broadway, they play umpteen roles — doing split-second character and costume changes, as precise as West, and never less than vivid. Without these gifted pros the script's flaws would deflate *blonde* like a popped balloon.

When Kathy Najimy made her first entrance, the opening-night crowd whooped and hollered. A woman seated near me looked at her neighbor with puzzlement. The neighbor whispered, "She's ours."

Indeed. Najimy's from San Diego — graduated from Crawford High, studied at the immortal Big Kitchen School of Comedy — *and* from Broadway, where she performed the women's roles in *blonde*. Najimy does what she can with Jo (there isn't much *there* there) and shines as West, marking each shift and alteration with consummate skill, speaking each line with aplomb. I must admit it's hard to review her performance. I spent much of opening night so thrilled at seeing Najimy on the Globe stage I took few notes. In fact, the only legible one reads, "SO PROUD OF HER!"

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FIELD NOTES:

(1) Lewis Brown, the Old Globe's master costume designer, worked many years in Hollywood. He saw West's measurements at Western Costume and was shocked. "She had a tiny body," he says, "a sparrow's body." So she "padded her profile in one direction and had to pad in another." To make herself taller, West wore high, high heels, then put her shoes on lifts, "like having bound feet."

West clothed herself as tight as a mummified pharaoh but, says Brown, "Here's the kicker: She had a dancer's athletic control. That she could move at all was something. That she

could move with such grace — astonishing!"

(2) The passing of Bob Hope last week led Brown to commemorate one of Hope's most trusted allies: Bernie McNulty. "In the early '50s, he studied at UCLA's then-fledgling film department. When he got out, he didn't get much work, so he went into business for himself. Bernie invented the cue card. This allowed performers to come into a show, without any prep, and see their lines in letters you could read 20 feet away. His crew hid under tables, anywhere you could pick up a line.

"Bob Hope may not have been the first to rely on Bernie. But by 1955 Hope had made him a national figure. Hope wouldn't do a job on either coast without him. Nor would Perry Como, or countless others. Bernie made a tidy fortune, and to this day, those who remember handwritten, handheld cue cards much prefer them to the mechanical ones." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens,



Beehive

and the military. Ask at the box office.

Act 2: HOMICIDE

In H.I.T. Productions' newest interactive mystery, everyone says 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. 619-561-8673.

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. Those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

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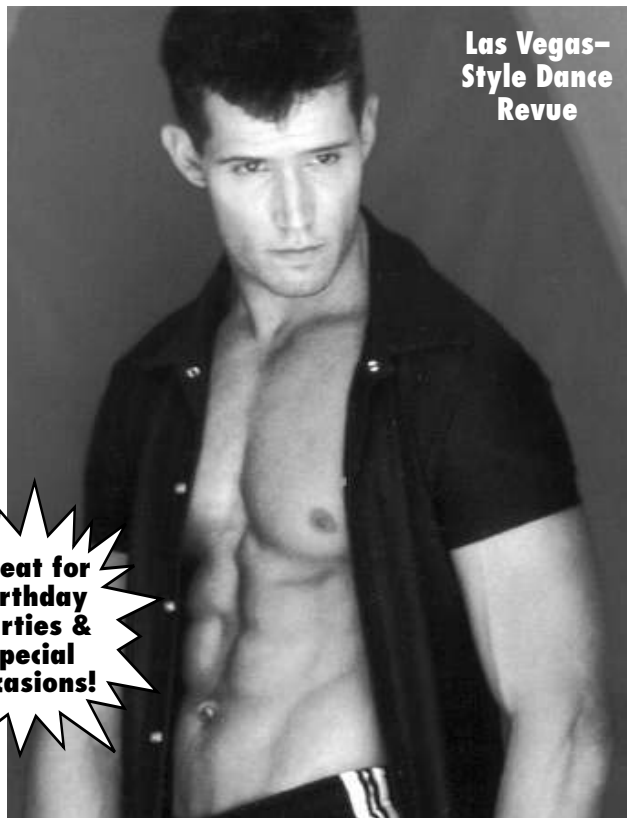
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The Children of Heracles

Go to a play about Heracles' children and you'd expect buff teens on steroids, snarling like snakes. The ones on 6th @ Penn's stage, however, are thin, homeless, and hounded by Eurystheus. He enslaved Heracles for 12 years and wants to murder them before they grow up and kill him. Euripides' drama, about the cycle of violence, tightens complications in successive twists. He depicts an irrational, meaningless universe fraught with significance. Most modern productions of the Greeks look like reciting statues. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg's fine direction puts human faces on the characters and gives them mortal pain. As gaunt, angry Iolaos and the harried Demophon, Jack Banning and Rhys Green do some of their best work. The production's not without annoyances. I caught a preview, and not all the cast was up to speed (some were still at the onramp). And at times the chorus's hokey wooden gestures resembled a guys' night out version of the Supremes. Credit for the production's vitality also goes to Ahahid Shahrik's choreography and especially Marianne MacDonald's crisp new translation.

Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AV-
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hoochee, and Satan quotes the Rolling Stones, “pleas’d to meet you.” The familiar story unfolds in fresh ways. It’s a humble hoedown. People say “aw shucks” and “y’all.” And on Mike Buckley’s barnlike, bailed-hay set, under Deborah Gilmour Smyth’s assured direction, and backed by the 7th Day Buskers, the story — and Harry Chapin’s bluegrass gospel music — gets a deft and lively treatment. Rick Meads, Ryan Drummond, and Mark Christopher Lawrence dance, sing, play numerous roles, and clearly relish their tasks. They hit all marks and belt every note (in fact, the only odd note all evening long: there are no women in the cast, which, in our allegedly enlightened age, looks strange). **Worth a try.** LYCEUM STAGE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The Country The La Jolla Playhouse presents the American premiere of Martin Crimp’s psychological thriller about a married couple “who seem to have escaped the demons of their urban life when they move to the country.” Lisa Peterson directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UCSD, THROUGH AUGUST 31; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY

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dirty Blonde Reviewed this issue. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH AUGUST 30; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

An Evenin’ With Billie Last year, when the Ira Aldridge Players staged *Harlem-Harlem*, a musical revue, Anasa Johnson sang a couple of Billie Holiday’s tunes. Wait...sang? No. She evoked the spirit of Billie Holiday! At the time I wished Johnson could do an entire evening. Wish granted. It’s the summer of 1958. We’re in a Las Vegas Jazz Club, Caesar’s Cafe, where waiters shout orders, dishes clink, the air conditioning thumps, and Holiday’s documenting her life and music before a live audience. She won’t sing until she feels a song. Throughout Act One she recalls horrors (sexual abuse) and heartaches (the man who was “greasin’ my runway to hell”), and how they shaped her style. In Act Two, her music does the talking. Billie Holiday weighed 200 pounds. Anasa Johnson doesn’t — if you don’t count her heart. She began opening night tentatively, nudging her way through initial efforts

(imagine the audacity of attempting *those* songs — everything from “Gimme a Pig’s Foot” and “Fine and Mellow” to “God Bless the Child” and the tragic, haunted “Strange Fruit”). Once Johnson settled in, she was so special that a transformation occurred: you could close your eyes, time machine back to 1958, and spend an “evenin’ ” with the amazing Lady Day. **Critic’s pick.** CAESAR CAFE, 801 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (WITH DINNER OPTIONAL) DINNER AT 2:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 3:00 P.M. 619-283-9387.

Fault Line August One-Acts Fault Line Theatre presents *Strip*, by Deborah L. Fabiano, *Heroes, Incorporated: John System & the Legend of the Lost God*, by T. Falagan, and *timid*, also by Falagan. The shows “contain adult language and sexual situations.” FAULT LINE THEATRE, 3152 FIFTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, THROUGH AUGUST 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-692-3382.

Grassroots Greeks 6th @ Penn’s former “Seven Weeks of Greeks” has become so popular it’s a regular series. And what a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There’s no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. 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



Joey and maria’s Comedy Italian Wedding

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. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: *Medea*, Monday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. **Worth a try.** 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN. 619-622-9012.

Harvey The Laguna Playhouse stages Mary Chase’s popular comedy about El-

wood P. Dowd, amiable tippler, and his invisible pal, a white rabbit. Charles Nelson Reilly directed. Charles Durning plays Dowd. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH AUGUST 31; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Hedwig and the Angry Inch Sean Murray’s new Cygnet Theatre Company opens its season with the “post-glam rock musical” about wannabe rock star Hedwig’s search for “identity, love, and the ‘other half.’ ” Murray directed. CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH AUGUST 24; THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 877-597-7258.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying Starlight Theatre continues its summer season with the musical about “just another day at the office.” You know: “power, sex, ambition, and greed.” STARLIGHT BOWL, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, THROUGH AUGUST 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-7827.

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Julius Caesar On the Old Globe Theatre’s outdoor stage, director Dan Sullivan turns ancient Rome into a “futuristic political nightmare” of the late 21st Century. “The American Empire has long since ended,” says a program note, and civil wars — as in Bosnia and Chechnya — infect the world. Sullivan’s concept, especially in Act Two, makes for eye-filling theatricality: the stage looks like a war zone on CNN, only you’re holding the camera. It’s *Black Hawk Down* in Balboa Park. And no one “does” Shakespeare. The acting is anti-precious, the performers thugs and backstabbers who, in the passion of the moment, become eloquent — otherwise they’re no different from the mob they long to control. Not all the acting’s of a piece: Robert Foxworth’s well-spoken Brutus is the sanest Roman of them all, if only for a nagging conscience; but Robin Gammell’s blustering Caesar never crossed no Rubicon. The director’s concept doesn’t always cross it either. To make contemporary points, he stuffs *Caesar* into a tiny receptacle, replacing Rome, an “idea in the mind of God,” with a blasted landscape where everyone’s disillusioned and myths are dead. But Shakespeare’s characters, more than anything else, are *spin doctors*, forging myths of glory to mask their heinous acts. This is why they obsess with how things will look “ages hence,” when their “lofty scene be acted over in stages unborn and accents yet unknown.” **Worth a try.** LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH AUGUST 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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Worth a try.

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

New Village Arts "Shakespeare in the Park" presents the Bard's bucolic comedy. Kira Simring directed. NEW VILLAGE ARTS, STAGECOACH PARK IN CARLSBAD, AUGUST 8, THROUGH AUGUST 17, FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 760-633-1130.

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



Julius Caesar

done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActoTurf. 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.



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Community Actors Theatre presents local author Earl Hamilton Jr.'s "dramady" about a conned playwright and his trip to Hollywood. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH AUGUST 31; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

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Patio Playhouse offers George Batson's mystery farce about an elderly woman and the run-down hotel she buys to make life more interesting. Guess what.... Cornell Ellison directed.

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Rio Can Be Murder

Mystery Café reprises its most popular show. *Rio* is the least mysterious of the interactive dinner theater's offerings. It is also, however, the funniest. Author Byron LaDue takes us to Rio de Janeiro's Hotel Ipacabana. It's 1946. The war is over, though a German U-boat was spotted offshore loaded with would-be war criminals. Speaking of loaded, the hotel owner, Fritz ("call me Uncle Fritz") Wright, likes to get high on poisonous snake venom, especially during Carnival. In preparation for which, hotel denizens break into sambas. And there are no unsuspecting types: Nicole Larsonette (Victoria Velasco) in Rio to marry handsome Captain Jack Legstrong (Ben Gilbert), who shouts, "I'll deck anyone who says Americans are intolerant!" There's Orphio Carioca (Chris Wylie), who fights for truth, justice, and the Brazilian Way. Or does he? There's also headstrong Rita Sambina (Laura Arnold); Roscoe Carnahan (Jerry Urick), a

corporal up to little good; the "Black Widow of Rio," Cordelia Ranchera (Bonnie R. Stone); and, of course, Uncle Fritz, played by James Pascarella, one of the funniest people in San Diego. The show takes place aboard the *William D. Evans*, at the Bahia Hotel. The evening includes a funny show (the audience making big contributions), a three-course dinner, a harbor cruise, and a mystery to boot!

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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.”

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Sight Unseen

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Donald Margulies’s drama about an early painting by a superstar artist. Ralph Elias directed.

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Social Security

OnStage Playhouse presents Andrew (*Blazing Saddles*) Bergman’s comedy about “a cantankerous mother-in-law and her walker.” Bob Christiansen directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH AUGUST 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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The Sopranos’ Last Supper

to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid*

problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-

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Last month *Union-Tribune* writer Nina Garin wrote a piece on *Fox Rox*, the locally produced, half-hour rock show that airs Thursdays

through July 17, Kimmel's show had a 1.7 rating while *Fox Rox* had a 0.81 rating.

Fox Rox executive producer Mark Jacobs said his station based the figures on three different days (May 22, June 12, June 19) where *Fox Rox* beat Kimmel. The shows on those days featured the Troys, a SXSW special, and

"There is no other show like this anywhere in the country where I could book a band like Kennedy."

Josh Mills does publicity for bands out of his L.A.-based PR company called It's Alive Media. He said he met *Fox Rox* host Troy Johnson at the South by Southwest music



KENNEDY EXALTS FOX ROX confab and through that connection was able to talk him into booking his garage rock power trio called Kennedy for an interview and live set on *Fox Rox* on July 17. "I grew up in the '80s and I watched a lot of TV shows like *Fox Rox*, and they just

don't exist anymore." Not in L.A. or anywhere else in the U.S., says Mills.

"Now that I have a clip of them on *Fox Rox*, I can try to get them booked on [CBS's] Craig Kilborne or [ABC's] Jimmy Kimmel." Those are the two late-night network talk shows based in L.A. that feature breaking bands.

Mills says everyone in the L.A.-based music community knows about *Fox Rox*. "But the average guy in the street doesn't because it doesn't air here. But this is a way to expand Kennedy's fan base two hours south to San Diego or two and a half hours if you include Tijuana.... The guys who run the show are really into the music. They are like kids in a candy store."

— Ken Leighton

Last month a superior court jury heard the civil trial of Ira Coulston, who was hospitalized July 22, 2001, after attending a multi-band punk-and-bowl event at Aztec Bowl in North Park.

In its final months of operation, Aztec Bowl held live music events to bring in new business.

Promoter Bill Young promoted that night's "Final Frame" show. Young

physically ejected Coulston. Eyewitnesses testified at the trial that Young carried



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Coulston outside and then threw Coulston against a brick wall. Coulston's attorney David Zugman said Coulston was suing Aztec Bowl Inc. for \$35,000 in medical costs and "a couple hundred thousand" for pain and suffering and punitive damages.

"He had a collapsed lung, scarring, and had signs of a closed head injury," said Zugman.

Neither side contested

that Young promoted the event. But what was contested was whether Young was acting as an agent of Aztec Bowl Inc. when he dealt with Coulston.

The jury voted unanimously that Young was in fact an agent of Aztec Bowl Inc. But in a second verdict it also voted nine to three that when Young assaulted Coulston, he was acting "out of the scope of his agency," meaning Aztec Bowl Inc. is off the hook and Coulston can't collect.

Today Coulston's attorney goes before a judge asking the judge to overturn that second decision.

"We will move to have the judgment in our favor," said Zugman.

Meanwhile, the Aztec Bowl, which was sold to a developer in 2001, is still vacant. "It is my understanding the developer wanted to acquire more businesses before he tears it down and develops it," said attorney Jerome Moe, who oversees the assets of the former owners of Aztec Bowl Inc. "But I understand the developer just acquired those businesses."

— Ken Leighton

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at midnight on XETV, Channel 6.

Garin wrote, "*Fox Rox* has recently been ranking third in the local Nielsen ratings, averaging about 15,000 to 20,000 viewers a week. It constantly beats *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and comes in behind *The Late Show with David Letterman* and *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*."

This is incorrect, according to Susan Turman, research coordinator for KGTV, Channel 10. Turman said that from January 30

the Buzzcocks, respectively.

Channel 10 based its figures by comparing the 30 minutes where half-hour *Fox Rox* and 60-minute *Kimmel* aired head-to-head (midnight to 12:30 a.m.). XETV research analyst Bobbie Perez said XETV used Kimmel's entire 60-minute rating, which includes the 30 minutes when *Fox Rox* isn't even on the air.

"That's how we do it here," said Perez. "It's a show-to-show average."

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"We just separated from Bill."

Unwritten Law drummer Wade Youman explains the parting of the ways with longtime manager Bill Silva.

"We love him to death, but it hasn't really been working out businesswise. We haven't been clicking on a



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UNWRITTEN LAW WRITES OFF BILL SILVA

personal level. We slowly drifted apart. Bill hasn't been really well connected with us."

Youman said that his

band's business is now being overseen by Les Borsai, who worked as Silva's left-hand man in Bill Silva Management.

"Les has pretty much been our manager the whole time anyway. He packed up and got the hell out of there. Bill is just really into Jason Mraz right now."

Youman said the band is "in the middle" of recording their sixth album for Lava/Atlantic Records.

"We just signed a deal with them ourselves."

Youman also told a confusing story about stage hostility.

"[Lead singer] Scott [Russo] is still helping out [singer] Aimee Allen. I told her to stay off my stage. Scott thought I hit her, but I didn't. Scott busted a bottle over my head. This stuff has happened before. But we aren't breaking up. We couldn't break up if we wanted.... We just got back from some bonding on this Montana Indian reservation."

— Ken Leighton

Long Board TV, a new half-hour magazine show that launched July 5 on Fox TV's new Fuel channel, is created by the four-person crew at Opper Sports, run out of the Solana Beach office of owner Ira Opper.

Long Board TV is the only original surf program created especially for the channel.

Fuel is available to those with digital cable or Direct TV (channel 612). It airs Saturday and Sundays at 6:30 and 9:30 a.m. "It's Fox's 24-hour-a-day extreme sports channel," said Justin Krumb, who directs the program. He says Fuel has a reach of three million homes. The show is dedicated to the personalities, special events, surf spots, and culture of surfers with boards that are at least nine feet long.

Local artists Pocket and Rochelle, Rochelle have contributed tracks to Long Board TV segments, as well as DJ Greyboy, the Free-Range Chickens, Cuban Roots, the Long Beach Dub Allstars, Large Professor, and Charlie Hunter's Garage a Trois.

"I've had some major labels initially resist gratis licensing," said Kimberly Feilen, Opper's music coordinator. "But I have always been able to win them over once they see this is a way to reach the entire surf culture."

Director Krumb needs four to five new songs for each half-hour episode of *Long Board TV* he creates. He said artists, managers, and labels understand how sexy the surf culture has become. "We've got *Surfer Girls* on MTV, *Boarding House* on WB, and *Blue Crush* in theaters. This has all propped up surfing. Artists recognize this is a lifestyle they need to be connected with."

But isn't long boarding a little lower on the hip food chain?

"Long boarding is not the sexiest part of surfing, but it's probably the one everybody



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can relate to. Everybody rides a long board. [Local pro surfer] Rob Machado rides one all the time. In the last ten years long boards have really come to be accepted."

Feilen says many bands contact her about getting their music on. "I get bugged all the time. E-mails only, please." She said she would like to hear from local bands via music@surfhistory.com. Feilen said that even though her job is only part time, "I have a really cool job that anyone would want."

Krumb says Opper Sports is not getting wealthy from

what Fox pays them for each episode. In fact, he said, it is "barely enough" to make it worthwhile.

"They have the right to air [each episode] for a certain period. Then ownership of the product reverts back to us," said Krumb.

At that point, he said, the plan is to possibly package the shows in DVD form, with four episodes per DVD, which would be sold individually. "At that stage, a contract extension would be offered to each artist to share in the DVD profits."

— Ken Leighton

Prizefight got a record deal with independent Loud and Clear Records of Santa Barbara because of a broken trailer hitch, according to Tom Peart, Prizefight's drummer.

"We were playing at Dream Street. We were the last band on. It was, like, 1:30 in the morning on a Tuesday. Falsehood from Santa Barbara played before us, but they had trouble with their trailer, so they were there when we played. The bass player from Falsehood dug us, and he put us on his label."

Prizefight guitarist Ryan Dineen says, "Because we are from Poway, people associate us with blink. But we don't sound anything like them.... I have an extreme distaste for that band... [They] are concerned more with stage

antics than the music."

Prizefight just returned from their first tour of the West. Two of their 14 dates were in Utah.

"At this show in Provo, some kid got up on this couch and just dropkicked this other kid," says Peart. "He rifled him with both feet to the chest. It was pretty gnarly. If that is pent-up Mormon punk behavior, they have a lot of issues to deal with. But being in a town you've never been in, seeing a kid dropkick somebody in



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PRIZEFIGHT SURVIVES UTAH

the chest, you just kind of leave it alone."

Prizefight appears 10 p.m. Saturday at the California Club with Transit War and Resolver; free admission; must be 21.

— Ken Leighton

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"We were very close to signing with Bruce Flohr of RCA [Records]," said manager Lou Niles concerning his band Rochelle, Rochelle. "Someone tipped me off that there were going to be some changes at RCA. So I asked him directly, 'Are you going or are you staying?' He almost fell out of his chair."

Niles, who hosted the 91X local music show *Loudspeaker* from 1990 to '96 until he moved to L.A. to work at Ultimatum Records, now manages Rochelle, Rochelle and two other acts through his L.A. company North Bound River A&E.

"In midsummer last year we were hot."

But then came the major bloodbath. Within a month Flohr was out due to consolidation and staff reduction at RCA's parent company BMG. "BMG let 600 people go. Sony cut 1200.

Vivendi/Universal cut people. Warner Brothers cut. Suddenly all the people who were ready to sign the band were either in fear of a Christmas present pink slip or they were in a signing freeze."

Rochelle, Rochelle and Niles issued their second self-released EP in April.

The band has opened for the Strokes, Stone Temple Pilots, and the Breeders.

Rochelle, Rochelle appear at Qualcomm Stadium Friday, August 22, 5-7 p.m., free with admission to the Padres.

—Ken Leighton



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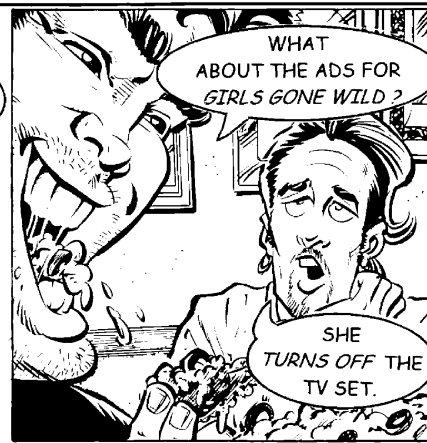
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As of this writing, the funding thermometer was up to \$500.

—Jay Allen Sanford

The following online auctions of San Diego music memorabilia took place at *eBay.com* between July 1 and July 20.

The cover of *Voluptuous* magazine's September 1997 issue ("All Stacked! All Natural!") features busty blues

singer Candy Kane, barely wearing a white lace top and gloves. The auction opened at \$5 with four bidders placing 16 bids totaling \$26.

On February 16, 1978, Captain Beefheart, a.k.a. Don Van Vliet, performed two shows at SDSU's Back Door. This auctioned CD captures the shorter 45-minute set and includes "A Carrot Is as Close as a Rabbit Gets to a Diamond" and cuts from the *Shiny Beast (Bat Chain Puller)* album he was ostensibly promoting at the time, such as "When I See Mommy I Feel Like a Mummy" and "The Floppy Boot Stomp." After an opening bid of \$18, six bidders entered a total of ten bids before the CD sold for \$52.50.

Jewel teamed up with Taylor Guitars in 2000 to

produce a limited-edition, acoustic-electric, six-string guitar. Only 1000 were manufactured, and this auction was for number 36. The guitar has faux-tortoiseshell binding and wood inlays with Jewel's name in "yellowheart script" on the fingerboard. The auction opened at \$700. Even though no auction photo was included with the listing, three bidders wanted the axe bad enough to place six bids, with the final bid buying it at \$820.99.

—Jay Allen Sanford

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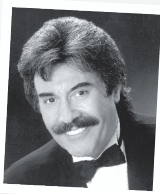
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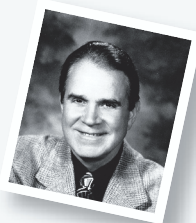
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Crow Marches

"They were bootleggers during Prohibition. The only miners with a car."

Sixty amateur musicians have turned up tonight for James Romeo's band. They are playing John Phillip Sousa's "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine." A dozen trumpets, a couple of oboes, a row of bassoons, maybe four French horns, two string basses (the only strings in the band), a rack of flutes, clarinets, saxophones, and they sound good. In tune. Okay, an occasional bum note, but the rest of the orchestra disguises it pretty handily. They go on to Zdechlik's "Chorale and Shaker Dance II," and then another march, "The Footlifter," by Henry Fillmore. On their music stands they have arrangements of sophisticated pieces like Dvořák's *New World* symphony, or the intermezzo from Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana."

You never hear about these community bands, and yet there are eight of them dotted around San Diego, and thousands around the country. The longest running, the Allentown band of Allentown, Pennsylvania, started on July 4, 1828. They played for Abe Lincoln when he passed through in 1861. They played at the inaugurals for Ulysses S. Grant and Theodore Roosevelt.

And like them, this Kearny Mesa Concert Band rehearses once a week, then does the rounds of concerts in the park and schools, and has for the past 30 years (with a few different conductors).

"You guys are having too good a time down there. Come on! Lead me into the next phrase!"

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James Romeo, the leader of the band — he looks like a cross between Frank Sinatra and Buddy Holly — tries to get the clarinet section into line. He's been leading the band for eight years. "You sound like Angela, my fiancée," he says. "When she sings, people want her to be a tenor. Like, 10 or 15 miles down the road..."

Badda-boom. Frank, the ex-Marine drummer, whacks out a rimshot from the back of the room. Of course Romeo's told the joke before, but the way he rattles it out, you can't help but laugh.

"This is why I love music," he says later. "It transforms people. We've got lawyers, Navy guys, kids in high school here, teachers, old folk from better or even professional orchestras who can't give up their instrument. It's a true community band. But listen to them! Not bad! Of course, you don't bring the same attitude here that you would to the San Diego Symphony. We try hard, but here everything is laced with a little humanity. You can't have a conductor pulling his hair out every time somebody plays a wrong note."

That's a comfort for Jim Ingraham. All his life he's wanted to play the sax. "I got around to it two to three years ago. Took lessons from Jim. It's a lot different than what I do for a living. I'm a partner in an accounting firm. Jim says, 'You ought to come to the band.' I'm thinking, 'I can't play in a band.' And I was right. I couldn't play. But I came



James Romeo conducting the Kearny Mesa Concert Band

anyway, and after a couple of times, I thought, 'Yeah. I can do this.'

John Merrill came back to music after he crashed his F-86 in Germany, survived, became a pharmacist, and retired. He'd been an outstanding trumpeter in high school. Now he's playing in this and a couple of other bands. "These are good organizations because they don't require any tryouts," he says. "We want to play. You just bring your horn. I started way back in high school and did

well in state competition. I won as many letters in orchestra and band as I did playing football and basketball." He was all set to go to the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music when life took over. "I'm just coming back to it now. Jim is a natural in withstanding our mistakes, our goofs. He has great patience. Great sense of humor."

Across the room, Lon Cumberworth's warming up his euphonium. "Today's my dad's 79th birthday," he says. "He's a high school band teacher.

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And before he retired he wrote three marches. So I brought them and showed them to Jim, and he let us play them. So I called my dad and I said, 'Hey, we're going to play one of your marches in the fall concert!' He lives in Travers City, Michigan. He got so excited about it, he flew out here. They recorded it. I have it on CD. It comes right after Sousa's 'Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.' 'Pride of the Lakes March,' by Rodney Cumberworth. It sounds pretty good too. This is the most fun I've had in years."

He has the sheet music with him — "Pride of the Lakes," "Der Oberlander," and the "Lustig Jodler March" ("Happy Yodler March"). They're all in E-flat, and two have a happy 2/4 beat ("Lakes" is 4/4 "cut time," Lon says, written in 4/4 but played in 2/2). "The thing I like about them," he says, "is that they're nicely complex. Some marches can be a bit thin. Others get too complex and the theme gets lost. Dad got a good balance."

Lon's dad wrote them in the early 1980s but found his inspiration from his experience in World War Two. "He was in the Army, in a military band playing French horn," says Lon. They were stationed in Italy for 18 months when his dad got the



James Romeo

chance for a week's leave in Switzerland. "Dad says it was extremely strange. Switzerland was neutral, so there were German soldiers and GIs wandering down the same streets. They weren't allowed to fight each other. But dad fell in love with the Swiss. One day he was climbing in the Alps when he came across a Swiss family above him. They turned and bust out yodeling, communicating to a family down below him. That family replied with their own yodel. Those sounds echoed back and forth.

It blew him away."

Forty years later, Cumberworth senior incorporated that moment into his "Lustig Jodler" with different horns taking the yodeling parts.

The opportunity to play new music is one of the perks that James Romeo gets with this community band. He also plays classical saxophone with the San Diego Symphony, has recorded with the New York Chamber Symphony, and locally, he has his own jazz quartet and sax quartet.

"I was born in Canton,

Ohio. My dad's Sicilian, Mom's Greek. Both were first generation born here. Dad was a tool and dye maker. Mom was a dressmaker.... My grandma raised cows and pigs on a hillside. Grandpa was a coal miner. They made their own beer and wine. They were bootleggers during Prohibition. The only miners with a car."

At home, most of the music they heard was the Italian opera their father played on the turntable wired to the TV loudspeaker. "The music we'd fight to play, my brothers and I, was, like Puccini versus Franz Von Suppé. 'The Poet and the Peasant' versus the *William Tell* Overture."

But outside the family, life could be tough. "I was nicknamed 'Crow,' because I was so dark. When we moved to north Canton — the Del Mar of Canton — that became a problem. There was a lot of racist attitude there."

After a nonstart with the violin that his mom longed for him to learn, he took up the saxophone his dad had played in the Navy. He learned from Lou Marini (father of "Blue Lou" Marini, who played with the Saturday Night Live band, Blood Sweat and Tears, the Blues Brothers, and the Rolling Stones). Then the clarinet, oboe, and flute from another famous teacher, Al Vinci. "It's so important to have a great teacher at the start," Romeo says.

When asked why he stays at

a junior college, he says, "Underrepresented members of our society get started in community colleges. They don't go to Eastman. They don't go to Curtis. They get started at some Podunk community college. And they find out, 'Hey, I can do this. My family can succeed.' Where else were we going to start? Where were we going to get a piece of the American Dream? I ask my classes, 'How many of you are the first in your family to go to college?' Sometimes it's as many as half of them. And that's wonderful.

phisticated students."

It's almost 9:30. At the back of the room, the oldest member of the band, Frank Anders, and its newest, Angel Martínez, sit together waiting for Romeo to get organized with the evening's climactic piece, John Williams' "Out of This World — Star Wars" collection. Angel is 22. This is his first night. Mr. Anders is 81. Been playing the trumpet for 72 years. On his 25th birthday, October 25, 1944, he operated the radar that discovered the Japanese Southern Fleet in Surigao Strait in the



A Kearny Mesa Concert Band member's father's composition

That's why I love the community college. I'm making a difference in families that never had the chance before, to have their minds expanded in a way that they can at the community college. I'd rather teach at Mesa College than San Diego State or UC San Diego. I feel that my contribution to society is better fulfilled with these kinds of people than so-called more so-

Philippines. That night the entire fleet was destroyed. He remembers it like yesterday. But even there he kept at his trumpet. "I used to practice in the bowels of the ship," he says. "In 1952, I started the La Jolla Symphony from scratch." These days he plays just to play. "My wife died last week," he says. "Jim, he came and sat right here and just hugged me." ■

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“Audiophile? This describes some nerd sitting home all day to test tones.”

Bits and pieces: Here I am, back at the ranch, clearing my desk before flying off again to exotic climes in search of musical treats. What a mess! I really need to pull myself together one of these days and get organized. Let's see: Ah, yes, an irate letter from my audiophile guru Kirsch, whom you have encountered in this column before. He is taking umbrage with the tag “audiophile,” which *The New Merriam-Webster Pocket Dictionary* defines as “one who is enthusiastic about high-fidelity sound reproduction.” Now how is someone going to get his nose out of joint about *that*? Well, *ahem*, I give you Kirsch:

Audiophile? Audiophile? This is how you think of me? Why not just paint a picture of some pathetic loser with Jerry Lewis buckteeth and tape on his glasses? Better yet, jump on the bandwagon and label me a pedophile [?] while you're at it. Audiophile? This describes some nerd sitting home all day to test tones and rearranging furniture to avoid harmonic distortion (okay, yes, I sit at home, but the rest...?). This is how I strike you? And strike you I will, sir, if retraction is not forthcoming, and right quick. I am no effete snob. No pedantic loser. I, sir, am a connoisseur. A connoisseur of music. And, unlike yourself, I know that if one is to listen to recorded music, the quality of the reproducing equipment is critical. Would you attend a concert with stuffed ears? Would you holler to the band, “Cheaper mikes! I need to hear you as I would at home!” I think not. Don't praise yourself as “music lover” and demean me as an “audiophile.” Particularly after insisting that Messiaen's massively percussive *Vingt regards* was written for organ.

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Well, shut my mouth! I've never... Let me try to get a grip here... I simply can't recall being dressed

down in such a manner before. Deary me. This is libel! An outrage! I would never suggest Messiaen's piano masterpiece *Vingt regards* was for organ. (Or did I?)

Messiaen composed his *Vingt regards* in 1946, the same year he published his musical “autobiography” *Technique de mon langage musical*. The composition (the full title of which is *Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jésus*) was completed in only six months, an incredibly short time given the complexity and magnitude of the piece, which includes passages of such difficulty that it has been called “an Everest among pianistic challenges.” Just reading about its structural organization and the ideas behind the piece make my head swim. But as with much outstanding and difficult music, one

doesn't necessarily have to have a grip on the musical blueprint to enjoy the music, just as one doesn't need to know the structural complexities of a Gothic cathedral to experience the majesty of its space. Mind you, that sort of knowledge only enhances the experience — musically, architecturally, what have you — but it's usually not essential.

Kirsch, who is a musician, or was (at the bar-band level back in the day), and can read music, probably wouldn't have known what Messiaen was up to with his cycles and symmetries and the rest when first hearing the piece on December 4, 2002, at the Angel Orensanz Center on Norfolk Street in lower Manhattan. Now a music venue, the Orensanz Center was formerly a Jewish *shul* (synagogue). I believe there has been music of one kind or another performed there since 1986, if not necessarily in its current incarnation. Regardless, the performance of the Messiaen piece by the pianist Christopher Taylor was one of the great musical experiences in Kirsch's life, and this is a listener who would normally be given to

going to hear jazz performed. I asked Kirsch if he had a copy of the piece on CD, to which he remarked that it was the performance, the drama and virtuosity of it, that captivated him and couldn't be reproduced by mere listening. He had, quite plainly, never seen anything quite like it, and apparently the Orensanz Center is a perfect venue for such a performance.

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Speaking of the piano, a Brit by the name of Geoff Smith has invented a new one. The modern piano has 88 keys and notes, which may sound like more than enough but, in fact, leaves out an entire world of quarter-notes and microtones that exist between the piano keys and leaves the 300-year-old instrument ill-equipped to play other kinds of music that rely on different scales. I'm thinking particularly of Eastern music in this context: Chinese, Persian, Indian, and so on.

Geoff Smith, a composer and dulcimer player, seems to have succeeded where many before him have failed outright or come up short. His new invention is fitted to a standard 88-key piano but incorporates something called “fluid tuning,” by which it can play the full range of sounds that exist between notes on the conventional piano, sounds previously only able to be generated by a synthesizer.

Some awfully good stuff got written on the old-fashioned standard piano. But composers have almost always sought to extend the tonal possibilities of the instrument, and one does wonder what someone like Beethoven — especially Beethoven — might have wrought if he had all those quarter-tones and microtones right there at his fingertips.

I picked up a video the other day of a Muddy Waters tribute at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. It appears to be from the late '90s, and Waters died in April of 1983; therefore, it consists almost exclusively of other musicians covering the songs for which Waters is famous. The backup band is the tiresome *Saturday Night Live* house band.

There's not much in the way of documentary footage, since Waters, in his heyday, played black clubs and taverns on the south side of Chicago. White documentary filmmakers didn't visit such places,

nor did they really exist in the middle-class white consciousness in the 1950s, when Muddy and his cohorts would have been in their full vigor.

It's a mug's game, covering a Muddy Waters song, and what was interesting was just how transparently unsatisfactory most all of the performances were. Worst of the lot was Muddy's son, Big Bill

Morganfield, who is, indeed, big and grabbed his crotch a fair bit, but to little or no effect.

Koko Taylor was noisy, but she's shot and was firing blanks. Robert Junior Lockwood had simply grown too old. Phoebe Snow — well, my goodness gracious, what the hell is she doing out there? Peter Wolf was shrill and dreadful, and Mem Shannon not much better. The formidable Buddy Guy, heir to the Waters throne in Chicago, sang a version of

the nasty, naughty, splendid “She's 19 Years Old.” Guy was — and is — impressive, but like much of his later work, it was overblown and theatrical and went on far too long. Nick Gravenites, a fat old white guy who looks like a record producer, sang a tolerable (because of its modesty) version of “Forty Days and Forty Nights.” Charlie Musselwhite, one of the very few white blues artists who is so able on his instrument, the harmonica, that he can pass, did a creditable version of “I Got a Rich Man's Woman,” even if he can't sing worth a damn.

The two notable performances were by Keb' Mo', a thirtysomething black blues performer from L.A. who sang a convincing, understated, and elegantly played (utilizing a slide) version of “I Can't Be Satisfied.” Played on the heels of Big Bill Morganfield's performance of “Hoochie-Coochie Man,” the Keb' Mo' performance served as a kind of rebuke to Big Bill's sloppy bravado.

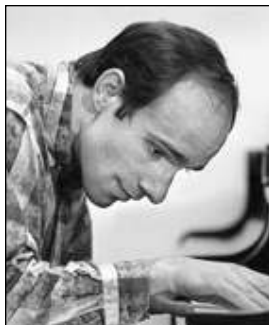
But far and away the best performance was by John Hiatt of that searing old Muddy Waters chestnut, “The Same Thing.” It was a hypnotic and chastening performance, since I am forever going on in this column about how and why white men not only can't jump but cannot properly sing the blues. Muddy Waters felt the same way. But I wonder, had he been alive, what he would have made of Hiatt's performance. ■

Messiaen, *Vingt regards sur l'Enfant Jésus*, Naxos (2-8550829/30)

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EXTENSION 4000

THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

Herman's Hermits and **Lou Christie**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

FRIDAY

David Gray [614] and **Turin Brakes**: Open Air Theatre, Friday, August 8, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Eagles: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, August 8, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

The Blue Man Group, **Tracy Bonham** [145], and **Venus Hum** [217]: Cox Arena, Saturday,

August 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Nelly & the St. Lunatics and **Murphy Lee**: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, August 9, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Pato Banton [732] and **Skanic** [743]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, August 9, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Rugburns [263], **Rookie Card**, and **Trophy Wife**: The Casbah, Saturday, August 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

SUNDAY

The Go-Go's [555] and **Michelle Penn**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals [923] and **Jack Johnson**: RIMAC Arena, Sunday, August 10, 6:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Marco Antonio Solis and **Ana Gabriel**: Cox Arena, Sunday, August 10, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

MONDAY

Olivia Newton-John: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 11, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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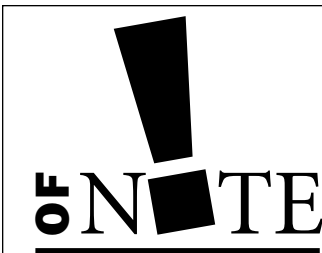
Boz Scaggs [559] and **Garrin Benfield**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 12, and Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

AUGUST

Randy Travis [786]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows



BY DAVE GOOD

It's easy to become cynical with all the hoopla thrown at reviewers by the music industry. This may be why I first saw the **Blue Man Group** as a hoax, not that I knew anything about them. I think the first time I saw them was in an ad during a Super Bowl game. The blue men, as I recall, shilled for Intel's Pentium-class computer processors. But as it turns out, the Blue Man Group had already been around for a number of years in their own off-Broadway show called *Tubes*. That said, I will not call the Blue Man Group a band, but they are definitely musical.

Bald, mute, expressionless, and with shiny electric-blue heads and hands, the supply list for a typical Blue Man show includes toilet paper, Twinkies, marshmallows, cream cheese, Jell-O, and a lot of pureed bananas.

Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Manhattan Transfer [563]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 14, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Tony Orlando: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, August 14, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Mariah Carey: Open Air Theatre, Friday, August 15, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Los Amigos Invisibles: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, August 15, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Eels and **MC Honky**: 4th & B, Saturday, August 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"Lollapalooza" featuring **Jane's Addiction** [104], **Audioslave**, **Incubus** [146], **A Perfect Circle**, **Jurassic 5** [176], the **Donnas**, **Cold**, and more: Coors

Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 17, noon, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Earth, Wind, & Fire [439]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 17, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Jane Monheit and **Holly Hofmann & Mike Wofford** [648]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 17, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

India.Arie [927]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 18, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Gipsy Kings [578]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 19, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Medeski Martin & Wood [647] and the **John Scofield Band** [658]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241



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Luciano [733]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, August 19, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Los Lobos [529] and **Buddy Guy** [949]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dave Gahan: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, August 21, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [650]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 21, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Chris Isaak [521]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 21, and Friday, August 22, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Toots & the Maytals [737]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, August 22, and

Saturday, August 23, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"91X 20th Anniversary" featuring the **Violent Femmes** [117]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, August 23, 6 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

The Human League: 4th & B, Saturday, August 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Pat Benatar [557] with **Neil Giraldo**: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 24, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Ray Charles [931]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 24, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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The Neville Brothers
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Iron Maiden [533], Motörhead, and Dio: San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Brubeck Quartet [567]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Joe Cocker [466] and the Yardbirds: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Righteous Brothers [539]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 28, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Earth, Wind, & Fire [439]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 28, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Toby Keith [774], Blake Shelton, and Junior Brown [762]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Freddie McGregor: 4th & B, Thursday, August 28, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Israel Vibration [194]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 28, and Friday, August 29, 143 South Cedros

Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Joe Jackson Band and David Mead: 4th & B, Sunday, August 31, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

SEPTEMBER

Tony Bennett [600]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 2, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Hanson: The Scene, Thursday, September 4, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Hiroshima [572] and Strunz & Farah [654]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 4, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Air Supply [573] and Christopher Cross [574]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 5, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: The Casbah, Friday, September 5, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

"Street Scene 2003" featuring R.E.M. [202], the Sex Pistols, Macy Gray [917], Social Distortion [405], the Goo Goo Dolls [203], X, the Allman Brothers Band [417], Cypress Hill [212], the B-52's [431], 311 [355], G. Love & Special Sauce, Arrested Development, Slightly Stoopid [352], Buckwheat Zydeco [938], Bad Religion [226], Nickel Creek [850], Burning Spear [742], the Skatalites [744], Wilco [496], Switchfoot [103], the Dropkick Murphys [481], Michael Franti & Spearhead, De La Soul [605], Ozomatli [228], Concrete Blonde, Finch, the Reverend Horton Heat [215], Eek-A-Mouse [734],

NOTE
BY WILLIAM CRAIN
How did we get to the point where the most Kennedy-esque figure in American politics is the prime minister of Britain? When he spoke to Congress during his recent visit, Tony Blair gave a stirring call to carry on the war on terrorism, not for oil or revenge or even national interest, but because he believes it can make the world a safer, more just place. "I know out there," he said, "there's a guy getting on with his life, perfectly happily, minding his own business, saying to you, the political leaders of this country, 'Why me, and why us, and why America?' And the only answer is because destiny put you in this place in history in this moment in time, and the task is yours to do." Can you imagine President

Pennywise [159], Karl Denson's Tiny Universe [681], the Yonder Mountain String Band, the Distillers, Kinky, the All Mighty Senators, and more: Friday, September 5; Saturday, September 6; and Sunday, September 7, Gaslamp. Info line, 800-260-9985.

Bob Schneider: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band featuring John Waite, Paul Carrack, Colin Hay, Sheila E., and Mark Rivera: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Beach Boys [576]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 8, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Lucinda Williams [854]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 9, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Delerium and Conjure One: 4th & B, Tuesday, September 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Cher [609]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, September 12, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.



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Huey Lewis [504]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 12, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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Natalie Cole: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

George Benson [623]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter

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Julio Iglesias [615]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 16, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Fischerspooner: 4th & B, Wednesday, September 17, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Morris Day & the Time [610] and Rose Royce: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, September 18, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

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EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Kenny G *[664]:* Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Lee Ritenour *[669]* and **Mindi Abair:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Neil Young & Crazy Horse: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, September 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Neville Brothers *[580]* and **Marcia Ball** *[950]:* Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 19, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dennis Quaid & the Sharks: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra *[857]:* Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dashboard Confessional, Brand New, and MXPX *[199]:* Open Air Theatre, Sunday, September 21, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Martin Sexton *[840]:* The Casbah, Sunday, September 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Jimmy Buffett: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, September 23, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Chicago *[617]:* Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 23, and Wednesday, September 24, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The White Stripes *[359],* the **Yeah Yeah Yeahs,** and the **Soledad Brothers:** RIMAC Arena, Thursday, September 25, 6:30 p.m., UCSD

campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

"Classic Rock All-Stars" featuring **Mike Pinera, Peter Rivera, Jerry Corbetta,** and **Dennis Noda:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, September 25, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Craig Chaquico *[673]* and **Keiko Matsui** *[674]:* Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Steely Dan *[498]:* Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 26, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield *[515]:* Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 26, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 26, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Evan Dando: The Casbah, Friday, September 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Billy Idol *[590]* featuring **Steve Stevens:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, September 27, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

"The 21st Annual Adams Avenue Street Fair": Zydeco, rockabilly, Latin, jazz, folk, country, and blues. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, September 28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-7833.

Radiohead *[183]:* Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Al Jarreau *[562]:* Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 28, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

John Hiatt & the Goners *[830]* and the **Robert Cray Band** *[951]:* Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 29, and Tuesday, September 30, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

OCTOBER

Little Feat *[523]:* Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, October 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.



MUSIC ► rock, reggae, roots, hip-hop, jazz, acoustic
SPECIAL NIGHTS ► every Monday in summer there is "Recess" for the under-21 crowd; Wednesday is "High Society Jazz Band"; every other Thursday has rotating hip-hop DJs
CLIENTELE ► during jazz, it was mostly people in their 30s; 70% Caucasian, 20% African-American, 10% Asian; 60% male
COVER ► varies; an occasional free show; usually from \$5 for local bands to \$25 for national acts
HOURS ► 7:00 a.m.–2 a.m. every day
DRINKS ► they rotate the beers on tap, but when I was there they had Sierra, Hefenweizen Widmer, Bud, Karl Strauss Red Trolley, Stone Pale Ale, Red Hook Nut Brown; \$2 drafts
FOOD ► inexpensive; hamburgers

Cheap Trick *[458]:* Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 3, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Acoustic Alchemy *[864]* and **Gerald Albright** *[678]:* Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 5, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Tom Jones *[571]:* Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, October 6, and Tuesday, October 7, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive,

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words "Head Cheez" scratched into top of urinal; women's had two entrances and two exits, three toilets, a big mirror with lights, two sinks, and no graffiti; both were clean with plenty of liquid soap and paper towels
CAPACITY ► 2000 (for outdoor concerts); 200 inside the lounge where local bands play
SPECIAL AREAS ► eating on the patio gives you a view of a waterfall and tropical pond; golf course and driving range (which gets you free admission to the waterfall concerts); golf prices: \$23 (seniors and juniors \$20); 9 holes, \$14
FURNISHINGS: ATM by front door; wood beams (two slightly obstruct view of stage), five large booths; bar in other room, but you can still see the band from most areas; 20 small tables with four chairs each; 10 tables on patio for the smokers
DECIBEL LEVEL: Peter Sprague was 98; Spirit of Rush (tribute band) was 103; 93 last week at Desi 'N' Friends

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ► The Grandmothers
QUOTABLE ► A guy yelled, "Play some rap tunes," right after Peter Sprague finished a Miles Davis song

When Sprague finished his set, a different guy was yelling for an encore. Sprague said, "Buy the CDs in the back if you want to hear more." They did have to tear down so a Rush cover band could play. Seems like a weird billing to me, but, hey, Jimi Hendrix used to open for the Monkees.

I asked the manager about Recess, the under-21 show they have on Mondays. "We sometimes draw 1000 kids. And we have the support of the local high schools and principals. It's an alternative to Tijuana. It's hip-hop, and they all do their freak dancing. It's alcoholfree, and it's two-thirds teenage girls."

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Jim Brickman *[865]:* Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 8, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Charlie Daniels *[777]:* Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, October 9, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Soulive and Me'shell Ndegeocello: 4th & B, Thursday, October 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 10, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Joe Satriani, Steve Vai, and **Yngwie Malmsteen:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, October 11, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Aerosmith *[591], Kiss,* and **Saliva:** Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

James Taylor *[863]:* Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 17, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

John Prine *[819]:* Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, October 18, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

NOVEMBER

Crystal Gayle: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, November 1, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Cowboy Mouth *[612]* and **Cracker** *[502]:* 4th & B, Wednesday, November 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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ALTERNATIVE

- Accident Experiment:** ’Canes
- Across the Room:** Moondoggies
- The Afflictions:** The Casbah
- Audio Karate:** Soma
- Aura:** Dream Street
- Battling Maxo:** The Casbah
- Bender:** Bub’s Whiskey Dive
- Will Bernard:** Victor’s Restaurant & Bar

- Better Than Erza:** Belly Up Tavern
- The Bitty Bums** *[223]:* Lestat’s Coffeehouse
- Blind Society:** Soma
- The Brothers from Another Planet** *[397]:* ’Canes
- Butron:** Tiki House
- Caramelize:** The Casbah
- Career Soldiers:** Soma
- Cobra High:** The Casbah
- Code: Adam:** Brick By Brick
- Colporter:** ’Canes
- Compass:** Brick By Brick
- The Corduroys:** Island Sports & Spirits
- Crooked Fingers:** The Casbah
- Cross Canadian:** Belly Up Tavern
- Dama:** Dream Street
- The Dekoys** *[182]:* Soma
- Deploi:** Blind Melons
- Die Trying:** ’Canes
- The Disco Pimps:** 5fth Qtr.
- DJ Bob One:** Neimans Bar and Grill
- Earthless:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- Electrocrypt:** The Casbah
- Eleventh Hour:** ’Canes
- Gasoline Chicken:** Brick By Brick
- Good Riddance** *[246]:* Soma
- The Heavenly States:** The Casbah
- Innocent:** ’Canes
- Inthevisualz:** Blind Melons
- Inure:** Blind Melons
- Jackpot** *[158]:* The Casbah
- L.O.Z.:** Blind Melons
- Madafacts:** Blind Melons
- Malakai:** Epicentre
- Mannequin Piss:** The Casbah
- Maquiladora** *[139]:* The Casbah
- The Millionaires** *[416]:* The Casbah
- Miss October:** Epicentre



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Album Name: *Ricksha* (self-titled) (2003)

Artist: Ricksha

Label: SkinnyFat Music

Songs: 1) Radiostick 2) Monkeybutt 3) Move the World 4) Petulant 5) Turn the Record Over 6) Everything

Price/Where Available: www.rickshamusic.com for \$9.50

Band Members: Lane Dawson (vocals), D. Medina (lead guitar), B. Ligman (keyboard, guitar), Brian Grover (bass), Jason Forrest (drums)

Extra Info: The band has been together since 2001

Website: www.rickshamusic.com

Listed on Ricksha’s home-page under “Long Term Goals” are the following: “Sell platinum records. Change the ideals of our society.... Make money and provide a life for ourselves that involves being respected for our creative,

energetic, passionate views of the world.”


After listening to Ricksha’s second album, their objectives boil down to those of just another group of OB rockers aspiring to change the world with their very average sound. Ricksha gets somewhere

- Money Shot:** Blind Melons
- Mururous Red Glare:** Blind Melons
- The Nervous:** The Casbah
- Gregory Page** *[186]:* The Ould Sod
- Party of One:** The Casbah
- The Perils of Being:** ’Canes
- The Pinwheels:** The Casbah
- Plastilina Mosh:** Over the Border
- Plump:** Victor’s Restaurant & Bar
- P.O.P.:** Epicentre
- Prize Fight:** California Club
- Ragweed:** Belly Up Tavern
- Rambis:** Brick By Brick
- Resolver:** California Club
- Return:** The Casbah
- Ritual:** Cannibal Bar
- Rookie Card:** The Casbah
- Roots of Orchis:** The Casbah
- The Rugburns** *[263]:* The Casbah
- The Scotch Greens:** The Casbah
- Seven Times:** Epicentre

with “Petulant.” Its chorus is catchy, but the melody cheapens the effect by repeating itself over and over. The most striking thing about it turns out to be the title. Something must be said about the band’s use of vocabulary; after all, they could have just called the song “Grumpy.” This is about as audacious as it gets. Occasionally the guitars reach a certain groove, but for a good portion of the album, both the vocals and melodies ramble aimlessly.

Frontman Lane Dawson has some strange vocal capabilities. His voice seems to smooth out when he hits the higher, longer notes. The rest of the time it’s as if he is having a conversation with himself.

It’s always a crime to witness a group with the smarts rendering something less than what they are capable of in



Ricksha

order to gain general acceptance. Ricksha’s sound has potential. The musicianship is there, but the apparent need to preserve the mainstream alt-rock sound detracts from their originality.

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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The Bartones: Tiki House
The Bigfellas: Winstons
The Blazers: Tio Leo's Lounge
Circo: Over the Border
DJ Aero: Cannibal Bar
DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
DJ Coastal Eddie: Cannibal Bar
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The Free Range Chickens: Surf N'Saddle
The Go-Go's [555]: Humphrey's
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Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort
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Madcap: Soma
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The Menagerie: Winstons
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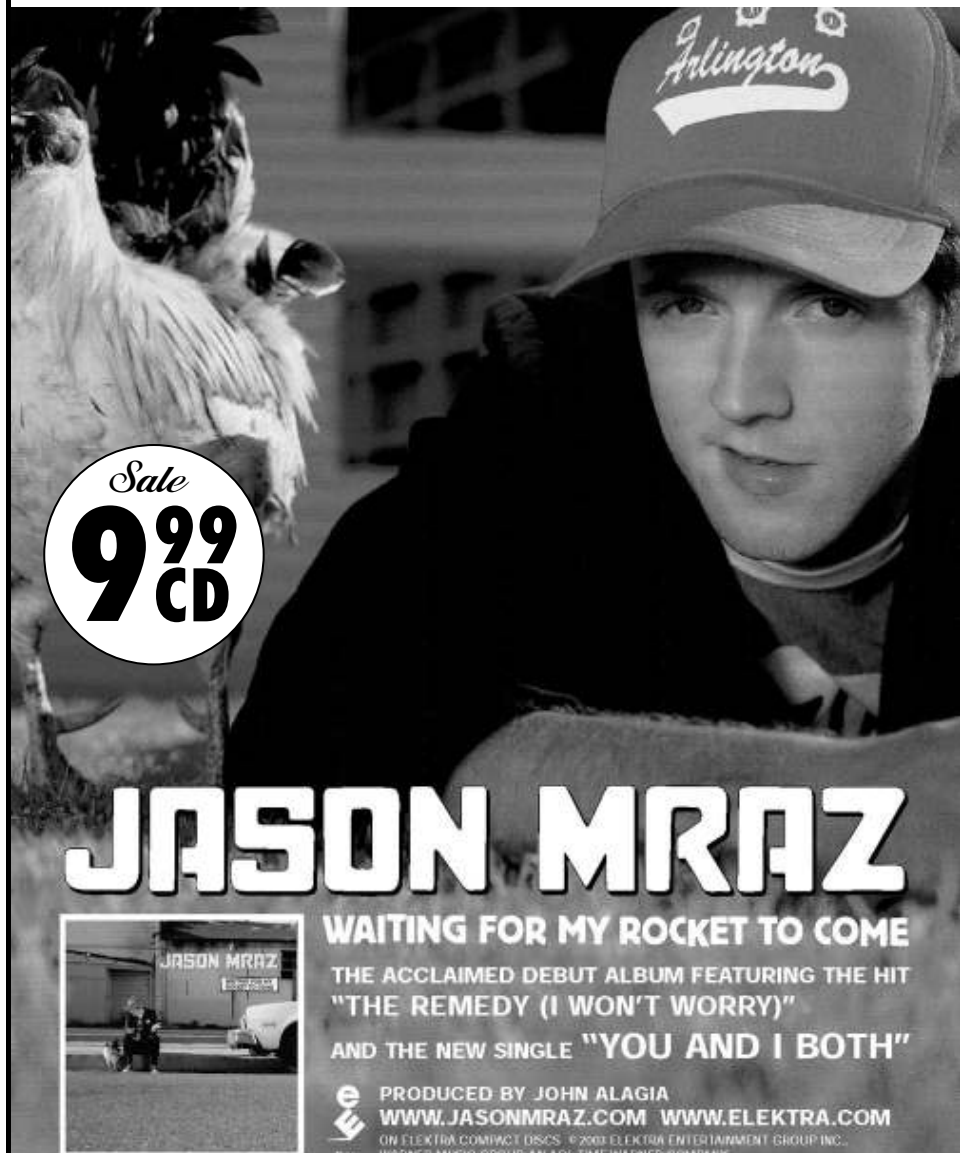
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Riot House: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)

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Rockola: Humphrey's

R.O.K.: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Boz Scaggs [559]: Humphrey's

Scary Mary & the Noose: Coyote Bar and Grill

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Zone 4 [499]: Fannie's

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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Center Isle: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Coco Loco: Dick's Last Resort

DJ Geoff: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

DJ Lenny: The Plum Loco Saloon

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The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Blue Largo /636/: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Coyote Bar and Grill

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The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

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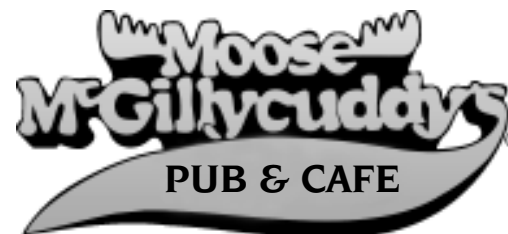
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\$10 - 7:30

FRI. AUG 8
GOOD RIDDANCE
TEEN IDOLS
MADCAP
AUDIO KARATE
RIVER CITY REBELS
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SUN. AUG 10
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EARLY TIMES
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THE STRANGERS SIX
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\$5 - 7PM - LUNATICS

FRI. AUG 15
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UNDERMINDED
SAOSIN
THE MUTES
THE KINISON
THE BRONX
\$8 - 7:30

SAT. AUG 16
HOT LIKE A ROBOT
CAUSEWAY
SCARLET SYMPHONY
DIVIDED BY ZERO
SPELL TORONTO
THE APPLES
\$7 - 7:30

THURS. AUG 21
Matches
DIE SEPTEMBER
THE HUXTABLES
POUND FOOLISH
ONE MORE WEEKEND
\$7 - 7:30

FRI. AUG 22
YELLOWCARD
AUTOPILOT OFF
DONT LOOK DOWN
OFFSET
REMIX
\$12 ADVANCE - 7PM

SAT. AUG 23
EVERYBREATH
LIFE AS NUMBERS
FALLEN OUT
FALL OF MONROE
SWEETNESS
\$7 - 7:30

SUN. AUG 24
AGENT 51
OFF BY ONE
ONE TRACK MIND
PIVIT
DENVER HARBOR
PLUS GUESTS
\$9.01 - 7PM

THURS. AUG 28
STORY OF THE YEAR
PLUS GUESTS
\$8 - 7:30

THURS. SEPT 4
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HOMEGROWN/ALLISTER
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Hey Mercedes
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EXTENSION 4006

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The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill
Mystic Roots: Winstons
NZ Rough: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
Skanic /743/: Belly Up Tavern
Steve Stedham & the Citizen X Posse: 5th Qtr.
The Tribe of Judah: 'Canes
The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
Warsaw: Winstons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

American Made: Second Wind
(Escondido)

The California Rangers: McCabe's
Beach Club

Kennard & Miller: Don's Cocktail
Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

**ACOUSTIC /
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Tim Blumh: The Casbah
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub
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Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Patrick's II

The Bayou Brothers [948]:
Patrick's II

Big "Mo" Blues: Patrick's II

Big Daddy & the Moneysmakers:
Winstons

The Blues Brokers: Patrick's II

The Blues Invaders: O'Connell's
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Lee Brown: Dick's Last Resort

Jane Bunnett & the Spirits of Havana: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings [965]: Patrick's II

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Shooters Bar and Grill, O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Chateau Orleans, Bayou Bar & Grill

The Full Effect Band: Humphrey's

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]:
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Candye Kane [939]: Tio Leo's
Lounge

Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill

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Kymerlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro
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Nite Life [1934]: Pal Joey's

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Soul Persuaders [1945]:
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The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Uncle Bob & the Earthmovers:
Downtown Cafe

Billy Watson: The Gordon Biersch
Brewery, Tio Leo's Lounge

Wright & Hess: The Metaphor
Coffeehouse

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze
Eva Ayllon: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
Sammy Dale Canonidado: Cafe LaMaze
Kevin Cavanaugh: The Caliph
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze
Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate Hotel
Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant
Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant
Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant
Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
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BK Lounge: Fridays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Fifth Qtr., corner of Fifth Avenue and Market Street, Gaslamp. 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

Bottoms Up: Fridays, good vibes, house, breaks, drum 'n' bass, hip-hop. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tivolis, corner of Sixth Avenue and Island Street, Gaslamp. 619-232-6754.

Brown Sugar: Fridays, black, white, Latino, and Asian get down to the urban sounds of DJ Myxzlplix; 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Cask 'N' Cleaver: Sundays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., DJ Doctor Swing spins the best dance music from the '40s, '50s, and '60s. 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-451-8805.

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Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan P, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic at Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. First Friday of every month at the Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827.

Club Ice: Wednesdays, hop-hop and house music with DJ Skidone. 10 p.m.

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Club Tropics: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-9402.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, the best of ethereal-electro-gothic-darkwave. Free entry. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500. Information, 619-465-5827.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Tom Foolery's, 3191 Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena. 619-222-5233.

Dragon Lounge: First Friday of every month, breaks and drum 'n' bass. Brick By Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Fashion: Every third Saturday of the month, '80s retro, nu wave, and electro with DJs Bryan Pollard, Adam Z, Black, and Tym. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown. 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Thursdays, *Wild On Thursday* featuring DJ Shakes. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop and R&B; DJ Battle spins Latin and house on the patio. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

Glitter: Thursdays, hip-hop and house in North County. Full-color laser show, heated patios, lounge area; 18 and up. Neimans, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131.

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The Go-Go's, August 10, Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay

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Jumping Turtle Bar & Grill: Fridays and Saturdays, resident DJs Flash and Little Miss Anna spin techno, house, and R&B. 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7101.

Kadan: Thursdays, *Illfonix*, urban underground music. Saturdays, *Kabuki Breaks*, nu skool with DJs B-side, Tommy Boy, and more. Sundays, *Delete*, drum 'n' bass. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Locals Only: Tuesdays, hip-hop, R&B, Top 40, and house with DJs Antonio Aguilera and Blake Miller. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Local, 1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-4447.

Plush Fridays: Room 1: Top 30, hip-hop, and R&B. Room 2: dancehall. Room 3: house, hard house, and progressive. Fridays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aubergine, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. Fridays, hip-hop and old skool with Boy Toy Jesse. Saturdays,

DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, disco, and reggae. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

The Psy-Bar Lounge: Sundays, DJs David J, Tom King, and Eric Talbot spin IDM, trip hop, electro, downtempo, and techno. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Club Pure, 8125 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa. 858-538-7873.

The Red Room: Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 with DJs D-Skwiz and Enigma. No cover. Moondoggies, 909 Prospect Street, Suite 290 (upstairs), La Jolla. 858-454-9664.

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Saturday Night Mix: Saturdays, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma, Nick, and Big Dude. No cover. Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Fifth Qtr., corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp. 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

Soul Sanctuary: Thursdays, hip-hop, soul, rap, and house with resident DJs Felix Prince Jr., Meric, and Trevor Young. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163.

Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. First Friday of every month at the Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827.

Thrust: First Friday of every month. Two rooms, Club '80s upstairs, Club Therapy downstairs; 21 and up. Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Information, 619-465-5827.

Verb: Sundays, house, breaks, and hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop. Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8:30 pm, *Better Than Erza*, alternative. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Super Diamond* with *Flock of '80s*, pop. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Pato*

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SAN DIEGO

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay, 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 pm. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Sound in Color*. Saturday, *Gasoline Chicken*, Code: Adam, Compass, and Rambis.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Saturday, *Transit War*, *Prize Fight*, and *Resolver*, alternative.

The Caliph, 3100 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-9495. Friday, 9 pm, *Kevin Cavanaugh*, lounge piano.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Son of Jorel*, *Seven Times*, *Malakai*, P.O.P., and *Miss October*, alternative.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Billy Watson*, blues.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday and Friday, 9:30 pm, *Rockola*, classic rock. Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Simply Complex*, original rock, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, pop, disco. Sunday, 8 pm to midnight, *Patrick Yankall*, jazz. Monday, 9:30 pm, *the Full Effect Band*, disco, dance. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 pm, *The Soul Persuaders*, soul, funk.

Concerts by the Bay: Thursday, 7:30 pm, *Herman's Hermits*, rock. Sunday, 7:30 pm, *the Go-Go's*, pop rock. Monday, 8 pm, *Olivia Newton-John*, pop. Tuesday, *Boz Scaggs*, rock.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Thursday, *the Truly Lover Trio*, rockabilly.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

The Inn at the Park, 623 Spruce Street, San Diego. 619-291-0999. Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano, vocals, open mike.

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *Triple X*, rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *the Bitty Bums*, alternative. Friday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Streaming Audio*, alternative. Saturday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Angela Correa*, folk. Sunday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Henry & David*. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Josh Hall*, acoustic.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Blues Invaders*, blues. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney*, blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gregory Page*, alternative. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday, *Mass Transit*, classic rock. Saturday, *Nite Life*, blues.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Call club for information.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *R.O.K.*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, 7:30 pm, *Virus*, *Blind Society*, *Swindle*, *The Dekoys*, and *Career Soldiers*. Friday, 7 pm, *Good Riddance*, *Teen Idols*, *Madcap*, *Audio Karate*, and *River City Rebels*. Sunday, live bands.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Blazers*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Candye Kane* and *Billy Watson*, blues.

Monday, swing, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9 pm, *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet*.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Sunday, 4 pm, *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, 6:30 pm, open mike.

DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 9 pm, and Friday, 5 pm, *Lady Dottie & the Sliders*. Saturday, 9 pm, and Sunday, 5:30 pm, *Fred Heath & the Sidewinders*. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

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Up until two months ago, when residents of Golden Hill/South Park wanted to eat dinner out nearby, our choices were restricted to tacos, pizza, or cook-your-own at the Turf Supper Club. For a short while, a big (but bad) Cuban eatery occupied the prime corner spot across the street from Gala Market. After its demise, its darkened windows wore a long series of “Coming Soon” signs, on which the name of the new restaurant-to-be changed every few months. We waited, and waited, and waited. And now it has come.

The South Park Bar and Grill, owned by John Kopecky, epitomizes the neighborhood spirit. I hit it for the first time just like any other starving native: After the monthly shopping safari through the fabled souks of Hillcrest, the unloading of a dozen grocery bags, and a case of One-Buck-Over-Two-Buck-Chuck (a.k.a. Villa Mt. Eden Chardonnay), and the total reorganization of the fridge and freezer to make room for it all, my sweetie piped up, “You don’t really feel like cooking tonight, do you?” Cause I’m hungry *now!*”

Minutes later, we were sipping glasses of delicious Prosecco (a naturally sparkling Venetian white), which turned out to be a heavenly match for South Park’s divine pesto bread — long, soft strips of sourdough splotted with fresh basil, garlic, and plenty of cracked black pepper, a mixture so thick and verdant it looked like broccoli. An inner purr started in my belly, and it wasn’t from hunger pangs.

The menu and atmosphere place South Park firmly in the American bistro camp: a loud, lively, local watering hole serving tasty comfort food. As we pored over the menu, we studied the house, which is warm-looking with a dozen or so craftsmanly wood-inlay tables and comfortable matching chairs. The staff already knew several regulars by name. To my left was an elderly foursome. To my right was a young gay pair. My sweetie and I filled in the middle. A couple of weeks later on a slamming Sunday, we had to wait a few minutes in an entry line, behind a family from Montana whose dad was asking how to get back to Shelter Island after supper. A more interesting question: How did tourists end up dining in godforsaken South Park, anyway? General manager Dave Waring doesn’t know either, he only knows it happens frequently.

Unlike the many restaurants that feature elaborate appetizers and bland entrées, South Park Bar and Grill puts its energy into the main courses.



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Since its three-cook kitchen is tiny and its bar is large and busy, the bar/appetizer menu pragmatically features simple pub grub (Buffalo wings, mozzarella sticks) that can mainly be made ahead. There’s no room for baking, either, so breads and a few pastries (including a velvety New York-style cheesecake) are delivered every other day by the new Bread on Market.

Your best-bet appetizers are the rewarding crab cakes invented by chef Eric Wilburn, a North County native who trained at CCA in San Francisco. The cakes are substantial in size, lightly panko-coated, and really crabby, with corn kernels, red bell pepper, red onion, and just enough panko in the filling to hold it all together. They come with a little splash of red-pepper coulis, a ramekin of house-made tartar sauce, and a spicy succotash on the side.

Those of you who’d happily drink hot sauce straight from the bottle will probably enjoy the appetizer of spicy crisp-fried tofu cubes. A subtler flavor distinguishes the gentle sake mignonette that comes with Malpeque oysters on the half-shell; it

really highlights the bivalves, which cost only \$9 the half-dozen. (Unfortunately, on busy nights these are shucked just before the restaurant opens and lose some oomph as they wait.) The Caesar salad is simple and refreshing, boasting two plump anchovy fillets across the top.

The entrée list is where the serious eaters go grazing. An order of grilled rib-eye brought 12 juicy, beefy ounces of USDA Choice. Despite its relatively thin cut (about a half-inch), it arrived as rare as ordered, deeply cross-hatched from the gas grill, and sporting a huge lump of parsley-flecked *maitre d’hotel* butter melting on top. Very nice; very Frenchy. Alongside were buttery garlic-mashed potatoes along with buttered asparagus spears and adolescent carrots. The veggie duo currently reappears on nearly all the entrées but may change seasonally with Sysco’s produce schedule.

The menu listing for Mom’s Meat Loaf says, “We’re not sure whose mom’s, but it’s extra tasty.” My sweetie said, “I know the answer. It’s *my* mom’s.” And extra tasty it is, too: a juicy, light-textured loaf,

REVIEW

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liberally doused with a very sweet — actually too sweet — tangy red barbecue sauce, in the mid-South mode of Memphis or St. Louis. I loved the loaf and kind of cottoned to the sauce.

This restaurant-starved community turns out to abound in sophisticated “foodies,” the chef tells me. They come in regularly, usually order the specials, and demand new dishes to try all the time. Hence, the menu evolves constantly to hold their interest. Dishes are fine-tuned week by week, while successful nightly specials often end up on the permanent menu.

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Among the latter is the new Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops Florentine, an indulgent gratin topped with a cross-hatch of oven-crisped Parmesan shreds and a snowfall of panko. Breaking through the crust, you discover a clean, lush Mornay (cream) sauce bathing tender shrimp, crabmeat, a toss of spinach leaves, and a few sea scallops that actually have a hint of scallop flavor (although they're bought frozen). I lucked into another perfect wine pairing when I ordered a glass of Pepi Sauvignon Blanc (\$6.50) to accompany this dish.

Remember that we're talking about a modest neighborhood restaurant that can't match the budget of, say, Mille Fleurs in Rancho Santa Fe — and neither can its patrons. The ingredients have to reflect that price point. A fillet of Atlantic salmon lightly moistened with *beurre blanc* came grilled to my order of slightly rare, but no matter how well the kitchen treated it, the farm-raised

fish was on the bland side. And despite a daub of pesto, the potato wedges alongside had the drab, rooty flavor of agribusiness spuds grown in Nevada or So-Cal. (I'll take Idaho any day.) A delightful garnish of garlic-flecked, bright green sautéed spinach, however, transported me right back to San Francisco's North Beach. So did the chewy-tender risotto accompanying a mustard-crust chicken breast. Yet the latter should come with a warning label: "Don't bite off more than you can chew!" The mustard coating (a combination of Dijon and whole-grain) can blow your head off and overwhelms the supermarket-quality airline breast it's got to work with.

Some entrées are still in the "work in progress" stage. A dish of soft, large macaroni sauced with four bland white cheeses recalls the all-soft, all-white meals prescribed for Victorian lady invalids (Alice James, or Elizabeth Barrett before Robert Browning

rescued her). But that recipe is likely to be sharpened up even before you read this. This chef is young, hungry, hardworking, and willing to experiment. He's looking to make his name by making the best possible food. It's really going to be fun watching him stretch in the months to come — and since this is my one and only neighborhood restaurant, I'll be doing just that. I only hope he doesn't move back to San Francisco any time soon. We need him *here*.

ABOUT THE CHEF
Eric Wilburn had a hard time figuring out what he wanted to do in life. Born in San Marcos, he wasn't turned on by studying, so between fitful stabs at attending community college, he worked at a variety of manual jobs. "I wasn't happy with anything," he says. Then he and his wife moved to San Francisco and stayed there four years. While his wife attended medi-

cal school at UCSF, Eric got a different sort of education. "I hated San Francisco at first, I wasn't used to all that culture, and then I got to love it. I'd done a little restaurant cooking here and there, and I got interested in the California Culinary Academy up there. I really got lucky to find something I liked doing. San Francisco was where I learned how to experiment with food, just have fun with it. A lot of the things I ate up there and enjoyed, I've put on my menu here.

"I did my externship for a year at Lark Creek Inn. Bradley Ogden is the celebrity chef there — he's known for his comfort food — but Jeremy Soule is really doing the cooking, and he's the one who taught me so much. That's where I really learned about the quality of food. You really have to take your time with it. It's about a work ethic and how much people really care about food. Then I

worked at the Park Hyatt's grill, where I learned more of the mindset of a chef — not just what you're cooking, but how to deal with employees, order ingredients, all that stuff. I was trying to get as much knowledge and experience as I could so I could come back down here.

"Then we came 'home' when my wife started her residency at UCSD, and we moved right here to South Park," he says. Keeping an eye on those "Coming Soon" signs on the empty restaurant, Eric applied to South Park Bar and Grill well before it opened. Working there presents some interesting challenges — a small workspace in a hectic restaurant. "The kitchen is tiny, but it's amazing what we can put out in it," he says. "Space is a real issue, but luckily we're so busy that food doesn't pile up; we go through it fast. We're not going to compromise quality — it's my name, my reputation on the line. One of

the things I like most here is that the owners leave me alone. 'You can be yourself here,' they told me. The freedom I have keeps me motivated. I'm still not really satisfied with what we're doing here — not at all! The menu has to be constantly evolving. I just want to experiment with new things and see what kind of reception we'll get. People in this neighborhood are willing to try stuff like that; they're really adventurous about food.

"I want to convey how much this neighborhood means to me. We're really happy with the reception we've gotten from everyone, especially the people of South Park. We have a lot of regulars who come in two, three times a week, and we're so happy with these guys and happy to be a part of this neighborhood. I live two streets down from Dog Park, and when I go walking in the morning, people there come up and ask me, 'Hey, Eric, what's the special tonight?' " ■

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Did I tell you Hank’s into planes these days? Specially vintage. That’s why we’ve been staring at planes coming and going up here at McClellan-Palomar Airport all morning long, seems. Right now an ancient black-and-orange bi-plane rumbles down the runway and sort of bounces into the air.

“Travelair,” says Hank.
“What?”
“The plane. Travelair. First flew 1927.”

A snort of blue smoke puffs out of a big old WWII fighter-looking plane as its engine cranks to life.
“T6 Harvard,” says Hank. “The Texan, 1935.”
“Oh, look at that,” I say.
“What?”

“Café on stilts, 2003, open for burgers, full view of runway. The Palomar. Come on, buddy. I’m hungry. You won’t miss anything.”

The eatery sits on top of an old two-story building on legs. You can see people looking out over the airfield as they chow down on burgers. Others stand with brewskis in their hands. Still others sit out on a balcony shaded by a huge Stars and Stripes canopy.

We bolt up the stairs, past a table filled with police officers eating under a palm-frond shelter.
“CHP chopper pilots,” says Hank.

Then we’re inside. Wow. *Top Gun*. Place buzzes with people. Lots of air talk. Hands imitating planes. Big models hang from the bare-board ceil-

ing. A P-51 Mustang fighter. A razzy red-and-white 1930s racing plane. The GeeBee Super Sportster. Giant wooden propellers from some ancient flying monsters hang on the walls. A stained-glass panel above the bar shows a WWI air battle going on.

They have early posters too. “Join the Air Service and Fly in France.” “First Transcontinental Autogyro. Fly \$1.”

But mostly what Hank’s noticing is the waitresses. “Oh man, what babes,” he says. We sit up at the counter. Three of them

fly around us, picking up salads and burger lunches, hauling bottles of beer out to the flag-covered deck. Actually, it’s kind of noisy, what with planes out there starting up and taxiing off.

“This is the second-busiest single-runway airport in the entire country,” says Angela, standing in front of us with two menus. I can see her blue eyes are killing Hank. “You gentlemen ready for something to drink?”

“Just to drink in your eyes,” Hank’s wanting to say. But he says, “Uh, just an iced tea, I guess. Working this afternoon.”

“Me too,” I say.
Guy in an olive green flight suit comes in. Looks the spittin’ image of Sean Penn. That nose. The eyes. One of the waitresses brings him a bottle. He half sits on the bar and takes a swig.

“You a regular here?” I ask.
“Could say that,” he says. “I’ve eaten here,

drunk here, partied here, fell down here, been kicked out of here...”

He has an English accent. Name’s John. Chopper pilot. Does commercial flying, photographic flights, gives flying lessons.

So what do chopper pilots eat? John recommends the B-17 sandwich (“thinly sliced turkey, Swiss cheese, alfalfa sprouts, avocado, lettuce and tomatoes on whole-wheat bread, with French fries and coleslaw,” \$7.95), then goes off to sit with a glam waitress who’s just finished her shift.

Actually, the B-29 looks even better. It’s the turkey, Swiss, and avo plus Ortega chili “melted together on grilled sourdough bread.” Also \$7.95. Love grilled sourdough.

Then again, a couple of the salads look like they’d keep you fresh and fill you too. The Mediterranean is basically Greek, all kalamata olives and feta cheese (\$7.95), and the BLT salad is, well, BLT plus cheddar and hard-boiled egg slices for \$7.50.

But no. Chuck Yeager wouldn’t eat no wimpy salad. He’d hit the Burgers and Birds section, like the Almost Famous Mustang Burger, open-faced with chili all over it (\$7.50), or the New Top Gun. Hmm. See one passing by. That looks delish. A Louisiana hot link split and grilled, also drowned in chili, cheeses, and chopped red onion, \$7.50.

Hank decides to go all healthy. He chooses the Chicken Sesame Salad (\$7.95). Lots of mandarin

orange wedges, crisp wontons, sesame seeds, oriental dressing, and grilled chicken chunks.

I go for their Spitfire Burger, partly because I’ve always liked that plane. Helped win the Battle of Britain and all that. Plus it’s their original, and it’s the cheapest (\$5.99). It’s basically a burger with Thousand Island dressing and lettuce and red onion and tomato, and fries. I order up a \$1.35 add-on of avocado, and sure glad I did. It makes it good and squelchy.

But do any real top guns come in here? “Oh, sure,” says this guy Ken, who manages facilities at the airport. He points to a WWII photo on the wall. It’s a P-51 Mustang in flight. “Lowell Williams was piloting that,” says Ken. “Flew 140 missions. Chuck Yeager flew with him. Lowell was a certified war hero. He’s in here all the time. One of the best aerobatic instructors we have at Palomar. Still.”

As we finish up, the waitresses all sit down to have their own lunch. Angela’s having a BLT. “Best in the world, honest,” she says. “The cooks stuff it with bacon, and not just for me.” Kelly’s having the veggie sandwich (\$7.50), and Rebecca, the manager, is munching grilled chicken without the sandwich. Turns out the crew’s not just glam but lethal. Angela takes boxing, and Kelly’s won a place in competition karate this year.

“Ooh, that’d be a delicious dilemma,” says Hank as we leave. “Fight or flight?” ■

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Frank Mittricker’s life in wine thus far has been a felicitous mix of effort and grace. Born and raised on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, he grew up drinking wine at dinner with his parents, and the seeds of happy habit were planted. Once out of college and “into the rat race,” he recalls, “I realized that if I didn’t open a bottle of wine, I’d eat on the run. Opening wine made me slow down, because you can’t chug a bottle of wine. I would actually talk about what was happening in the world, or in my day. It made dinner a social occasion.” He began to investigate this civilizing pleasure, starting with French wine, “because they were projected as the best,” and then moving on to Italy and Spain. And he started collecting early enough to stockpile Bordeaux wines from the standout vintage of 1970.

By beginning with Bordeaux, in particular, a powerful Bordeaux like Chateau Montrose, he was following “the progression I think every wine drinker goes through. Almost everybody looks for power first. They’re just looking for full mouth impression — the biggest, boldest thing they can put in their mouth. They relate that to quality; they don’t feel sure enough about their own tastes, and they can distinguish something big — it’s an easy first comparison to make. After you learn a little more, taste a little more, you learn that wines don’t have to blow you away.” You learn about finesse. And if you’re Frank Mittricker, you learn about Burgundy.

Mittricker is semi-retired now and living in Jamul. His professional life has taken him to remote corners of Venezuela, but it has also taken him to London, and to Paris. “I was there for just over a year and a quarter, ’85 and ’86. The exchange rate was 11 francs to the dollar; it was perfect for an American. I had an apartment up

in the 16th Arrondissement, right on the Seine.” He also had a copy of Patricia Wells’s *Food Lover’s Guide to Paris*, which listed her take on the best wine shops in Paris. One of those shops belonged to famed wine writer Steven Spurrier. Mittricker stopped in for a look around and saw a notice for wine tastings on Monday nights. They sold out quickly, but with a little effort, he managed to become a regular.

The tastings served two purposes. First, they gave him regular exposure to the wines of Burgundy and Bordeaux, often presented from two successive vintages and usually featuring a bottle from the winemaker’s *caves*. “We were tasting ’55s, ’59s, even ’47 once — stuff that’s just impossible to have over here.” Second, because they were conducted entirely in French, they forced him to work on verbalizing his newly acquired tongue. “I had taken some French classes, and I wanted to work hard at the language. I had a tutor on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make myself talk more, I’d go to a couple of the blue-collar wine bars in Paris and buy one or two guys a glass of wine. Of course, after you buy somebody a glass of wine, they’ll talk to you. They were very good about it — if I said something wrong” — in terms of grammar, pronunciation, or tone — “they’d look at you and say it. You’d say it again, and they’d say it again.” The tastings provided an additional test: “At the end, they would go around the room and everybody would have to say something about the wine.”

The exposure to Burgundy’s wines — together with the region’s relative proximity to Paris — drew him to make weekend forays into that wine region. There, he discovered “wines that had lots of finesse — not power, but length. Interesting flavors, and that silky texture that

Pinot Noir can give in the mouth. That’s one of the things that is really seductive about Pinot to me.” He ended up helping a small producer with his harvest and was paid with a post-harvest feast — “more than enough reward for putting out a little labor.”

The Paris idyll ended; he returned home to Short Hills, New Jersey. Once there, he noticed “there wasn’t a good wine shop around. I said, ‘Hmm, maybe I should correct this.’” He found a liquor license that didn’t have a store, scouted a location, and talked to a friend whose family owned four or five stores in New Jersey. “He had a lot of small brokers he bought from, and I said, ‘Can you hook me up with some of these guys so that I won’t have the same stuff that everybody else does?’ He was very cooperative — everywhere in the wine business, especially in winemaking, people are fairly cooperative and open.” He kept his day job but spent “lots of hours there every week. I enjoyed working the floor on Saturday, just talking to people about wine. We had hand-sell-type wines; you had to talk to people, or they wouldn’t know what was in the bottle.”

Business was good — and protected. Legally, there was a minimum price on every bottle, one that included “a good markup.” Then, in the late ’80s, the law changed. Suddenly, wine was a discount business, like liquor. You couldn’t sell a bottle for a loss, but otherwise, cost was the limit. In came the warehouse-type stores, down went the mom-and-pops.

Mittricker survived by specializing — he decided to go to California and seek out wines that nobody else was distributing. If he was the sole carrier, nobody could comparison shop, and he wouldn’t have to play the discount game. “I knew a couple of sommeliers out in Napa. I’d go out there, and they would help me by saying who was new, who was doing something different, who I should visit. I’d go, taste the wines, and bring back samples. Every Wednesday night, the staff at the shop would have a blind tasting, and we’d determine at what price a wine would be a good value for a customer. When we unveiled the wine, if the price worked, we bought it.”

He brought wines in a container at a time, us-



16th Arrondissement, Paris

ing a small wholesaler to clear the wine into the state for a dollar a bottle (on top of the dollar-a-bottle shipping costs). “It worked so well that we started bringing in containers from France and Italy. Brokers and negotiants would send me samples,” and he avoided the usual 21 percent markup brought on by the three-tier distribution system.

One of those trips out west brought him a meeting with Burt Williams and Ed Selyem, two guys who were just getting started making Mittricker’s beloved Pinot Noir. Their Williams & Selyem Pinots would eventually become the standard for California, but back then, nobody was selling them in New Jersey. “On one of my first visits, they had an electric blanket wrapped around a barrel that was suffering from a stuck fermentation — trying to get it warmer, trying to get it to go through. Every barrel was important to them.” Mittricker bought all he could. ■

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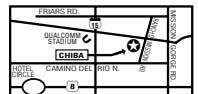
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NORTH COASTAL

Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael (hosting) offer personalized, home-style renditions of diverse Latin American and Italian dishes, including house-made breads, pastas, and beverages. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. The bill of fare (about five choices for each course) changes nightly. (Groups of three or more can order sampler dinners with tastes of everything.) Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The signature dessert is a cloud-like Tres Leches cake. Reservations absolutely necessary. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; special wine dinners Fridays from 10 p.m. to midnight. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Bird House Grill 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofie* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

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What the Chef Eats

GAZPACHO ANDALOUSE (SPANISH TOMATO SOUP)

BY FABRICE POIGIN

Executive chef, Bertrand at Mr. A's, Banker's Hill

Most chefs nowadays are becoming more health conscious, in part because of the nature of our business — being around food 24/7 can be quite a challenge if you like food like I do — and also because more and more people want healthier food. When I cook at home I make simple dishes that take me back to my roots, mainly to the south of France. It usually is pasta or grilled fresh seafood on the barbecue. The summer and fall is hot and beautiful around here and it also means the beginning of the football season. No time to lose, I've got to watch these games and play outside all at once! So here it is, one

of my favorite summer/fall dishes: gazpacho. This is a traditional Spanish recipe except for the watermelon that I added, which gives a nice sweet taste. I serve it often at the restaurant, sometimes with fresh Oregon bay shrimp or even with fresh marinated diver scallops from New Bedford. It is refreshing. Enjoy it with a bottle of chilled Bandol rosé wine. Cheers.

HOW TO DO IT

Place all soup ingredients except tomato juice in a large stainless steel pot or food processor container and let infuse for 5 minutes. Mix everything with a hand blender or a food processor until

smooth. Add the tomato juice last for color, and blend in. Run the soup through a fine strainer (preferably a *chinois*) and reserve in the refrigerator. Serve chilled in four soup bowls and top with the diced garniture.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 1 cucumber, peeled and seeded, cut in small cubes
- 1 green sweet bell pepper
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
- 5 vine ripe tomatoes, peeled
- 1 large slice of seedless watermelon
- 1 teaspoon fresh chopped Italian parsley
- 1 teaspoon fresh chopped mint
- A few fresh almonds
- 1 soup spoon extra virgin olive



- oil
- 1 soup spoon aged sherry vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- white pepper to taste
- 1 pinch Basque espelette pepper
- 1 pinch ground cumin
- 1 liter mineral water
- 1 cup tomato juice
- 1 small piece of leftover bread
- Garniture:
- 1 Torpedo onion, finely diced
- ¼ cucumber, peeled and seeded, finely diced
- 1 Chino's purple sweet pepper, finely diced
- 12 pitted green picholine olives, sliced
- 2 chopped hard-boiled eggs

cies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — *E.W.*

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.) which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed 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 side-

walk 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)*

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they

do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — *E.W.*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other

healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

St. Tropez 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chiêu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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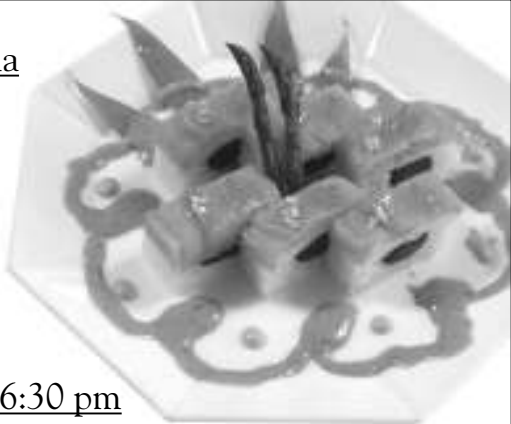
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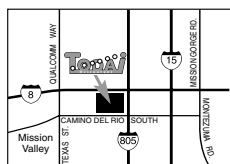
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El Taquito Mariscos 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), Escondido, 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts 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)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasure-house is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knickknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crepe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/03)

GOLD COAST

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Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (6/00)

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

Cafe Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Plunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to “Paree” anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two “plain and simple” steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the “Popeye” omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Donovan's Steak And Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (9/02)

Ocean Kitchen 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening

to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W.* (12/99)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both “top chef” and “chain” about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, “Kahana” *shutome* (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (4/01)

Shabu Shabu Jin Sang 7614 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-4545. *Shabu shabu* is a style of Japanese cuisine in which the ingredients are cooked in boiling water and then dipped into sauces. The liquid becomes a soup, which you drink last. This gorgeous restaurant offers an excellent selection of *shabu shabu* entrées, electric cookers, patient servers, and an exotic appetizer list. Food is low calorie, low fat. Portions small, but aesthetic. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Baci Ristorante 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you're on a low-fat, low-calorie diet, consider this “healthy Italian” restaurant a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Some dishes heavily salted. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful “home interiors” chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and

mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish “to die” for at this So-Cal-based chain restaurant. It calls itself “The Mother of All Seafood Buffets” and has spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, *teppanyaki*, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., “Dungeon” crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before serving, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — *N.W.* (10/02)

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-576-6433. Also at 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-4406. This stylish little pair of eateries is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom), with raw egg drop you drop yourself, and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (2/99)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese “run over” between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an “outback experience,” order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

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 weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/02)

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.*

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Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Honey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (2/03)

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)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

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Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the

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Asmara Restaurant 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount), City Heights, 619-563-3666. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian) and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The three-meat combination platter is a terrific array of chicken (*tsebbi derho*, a.k.a. *ye-doro wat* on Ethiopian menus), beef (*gored-gored*) and lamb (*al'cha*), each in a distinctive treatment. From the à la carte choices, consider *zilzil t'bsi*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry. Luscious vegetables, too. A porous pancake, *injera*, serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels. Food is seasoned to your specifications, and “hot” means seriously spicy. Vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

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)*

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

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 *kiffo* (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)*

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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Aswan 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell), La Mesa, 619-464-7100. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant “where the Mississippi meets the Nile.” Most dishes are made to order, so don't expect to eat and run. Start with a sampling of Maryam Suliman's *Somalian sambussas* (of chicken, beef, spinach, potato, lentils, shrimp, cheese, fruit) — each savory filling is differently seasoned. Then dive into a bowl of co-owner Vernon Sukumu's exemplary seafood gumbo. You can choose dishes from the Big Easy or opt for African specialties such as *tibsi*, *zigni*, *Somalian* spaghetti, or a vegetarian sampler. “All you can eat” weekend brunches offer items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats *halal* (butchered following Islamic sanitary rules). Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch and dinner weekends. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast “Eggs and Cakes” (two eggs, three pancakes), the “Touchdown” (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the “Monte Cristo” hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on 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



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Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-honey-fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a bland, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucrouste garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano" -style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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)*

Cafe W 3680 Sixth Avenue (south of Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-291-0200. Chef-owner Chris Walsh combines world-ranging ingredients into eclectic, fusion-y "tapas" to mix, match, and share around the table in a lively, casual ambience. Three plates per person make a reasonably filling meal, particularly if you include some starches (e.g., pizza, polenta). Unfortunately, though, the number of menu choices has grown to a length beyond what the kitchen can execute with any consistency. Numerous vegetarian choices. Can be very noisy. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Chez Odette 3614 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to a drop-in French bistro in town, even if Odette (yes, she's real) comes from Belgium. Her place is small, slick, and smells of fresh French bread. She and her husband are usually slaving away in the kitchen preparing for the constant banquets they seem to cater. She has cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor

Jerry Brown, and Linda Ronstadt. For you, she'll cook great breakfast omelets (the *Provençal*, with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and onions, or the smoked salmon are two good ones). They come with sautéed potatoes with the perfect tang of garlic. Lunchtime, the *salade niçoise* (with tuna, anchovies, olives, and potatoes on lettuce) is the real thing, and so is the quiche Lorraine. But be like the French: Have your main meal in the middle of the day. Weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacoguis cuilacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

El Fandango 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8 a.m., and you'll be practically alone. You're suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you'll be conjuring up all the fandangos — dances — that happened here. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, home-made, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

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

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The Gathering 902 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)*

Mission Hills Cafe 808 Washington Street, Hillcrest, 619-296-8010. By day, your neighborhood breakfast-lunch café; by night, candles, napkins, higher prices! But François Goedhuys and his family soften the blow: with any entrée, you get an appetizer (try their delicious mussels sautéed in lemon butter, garlic, and cream) and dessert. Which entrée? People swear by the “Duck Mission Hills,” lamb shank, or bouillabaisse. The cheapest? Meatloaf. Yet it’s filling, with generous herby slabs, mashed potatoes, and crunchy flash-cooked veggies that burst with flavor. For dessert, try the house specialty: lemon crêpe wrapped around vanilla ice cream. Oh, that sauce. Well, François is from Belgium, where crêpes were invented. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (7/03)*

Mixx Restaurant 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), 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 and/or chef de cuisine Zhee Zhee Aguirre 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 Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of

Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/99)*

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street, uptown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond-lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — E.W. (5/99)

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 as 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)

Cafe 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-8282. It's worth making your way past the construction project next door: Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard'O in Rancho Bernardo) warmly presides at this "find," a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some California touches. Everything's carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don't miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto. Desserts alone are worth the trip the classic warm apple *tarte Tatin* on a crackly-thin crust... the pecan "cannoli" filled with a dense, satin-soft white chocolate mousse.... Full bar, below-average corkage for BYO wines. The "Sunset special" three-course dinner is a bargain. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. on weekends when there's usually live jazz. — N.W. (6/02)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

Faz 530 Broadway (at Sixth Avenue), Courtyard Marriott, Gaslamp, 619-446-3040. Persian-born Bay Area restaurateur Faz Poursohi presents Middle Eastern- and Mediterranean-inspired dishes interpreted in clean, streamlined Northern California style. Wood fire is the star of this show, ranging from kebabs on a rotisserie to a brined, smoked pork chop that's cooked to your "doneness" specifications. There are stellar appetizers too, and an ethereal warm cheesecake. But the fabulous room (a converted Victorian bank) is too vast, ornate, and snooty-looking for the light-spirited cuisine and the servers, alas, are clueless. Valet parking \$5 at hotel entrance (Sixth Avenue just north of Broadway). Full bar, affordable wine list. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

Feeding the Homeless Parking lot at 13th and Broadway, downtown. (Founders, St. Stephens Church of God in Christ, 5825 Imperial Avenue, 619-262-2671.) You may have to swallow your pride, but the food that St. Stephens and other churches hand out — which members cook in their own homes and pay for from their own pockets — is easy to swallow. Companionship's good too. Usually 200 or more people arrive weeknights, especially towards the end of the month, so lines are long, but street-side sermons keep you thinking, spontaneous outbursts of song may even get you clapping your hands, and the food is usually great. Chicken, stuffing, veggies, bagels, macaroni, fruit salad, cookies, bread, no questions asked. Weekdays 7 p.m.; weekends 3 p.m. Location may be shifting. Check with St. Stephens. Free. — E.B. (10/02)

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palatable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the lil' 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)

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anchovy butter, rice pilaf and a French

baguette. Lunchtimes are speedy — secretaries and their bosses; evenings, it's theater-goers. Breakfast and lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/02)*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate, and the moist, rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeliness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 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)*

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Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chic setting with a romantic view, the seafood is fresh off the boat, and so are chef Brian Johnson's superb flavor combinations. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef's tasting menu and its optional matching wine flight. A la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good, large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy; reservations urged. Dinner highly. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Diners Tuesday through Sunday nights,

open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

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)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sauté items

and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

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)*

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L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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 *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empandas 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)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Cafe Francais La Belle Claude Calle Galeana, #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade niçoise* (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriguez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Cid Lopez Mateo 993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crepes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining

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available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

El Faro De Mazatlan 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — *E.W.*

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there’s a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid “spread.” Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

La Lena 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don’t miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* (“fist”). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very “Euro” bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering “new Mexican cuisine,” creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become *the* destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some waitstaff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Mr. Fish 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It’s fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and wide variety of fish and seafood. Don’t overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who’d like a smorgasbord, the “Combination Mr. Fish,” which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild — there’s even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua

Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the right-hand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Rica Torta Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian’s department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it’s a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There’s other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D’Lish Pizza And Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D’Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex’d out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the “bistro entrées.” If you’re ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d’lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And “Mediterranean chicken salad” works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D’Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you’re not all-Mex’d-out, they’ve added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

Heidi and Bernie’s German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla’s Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: “Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger,” and “Single Burger.” But you know from Bernie’s authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Hometown Buffet 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area, 619-583-7373. If you’re a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that’s fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

At a Gallop

It is left to real-life jockey Gary Stevens to teach the less-is-more lesson.

Old business and new: *Seabiscuit*, the oldest at two full weeks, runs through the storied career of the too-small racehorse with the too-big jockey, blind in one eye to boot. In this treatment — a simple horse story amplified into a social history — the nag must lug the additional weight of the aggregate Little

Guy and the collective American Dream. Although these sentimentalities are to a large extent true to the horse's press clippings at the time, the practical result is that writer and director Gary Ross picks up the story too far back — it will be nearly an hour before the title figure makes his grand entrance from a fog bank — and goes to inordinate lengths to explain to the modern-day viewer the meaning of such things as the Triumph of Industry, the Closing of the Frontier, Prohibition, the Stock Market Crash, and the Great Depression: "A great national migration began," blah blah. (The authoritative voice of the narrator, complete with PBS credentials, is that of historian David McCullough.) At the more intimate level, Ross feels obliged to point out repeatedly in the dialogue, lest any-

one miss it, how this mishandled and discarded horse mirrors and symbolizes the three damaged men — owner, trainer, rider — who turned him into a winner: "You don't throw a whole life away just because he's banged up a little." The viewer, in particular the old-fashioned viewer to whom the film caters, could be forgiven for feeling

a little less enlightened than insulted. And when he reminds himself that Ross's prior credit was *Pleasantville*, he could be forgiven again for wondering whether the filmmaker, in his bland nostalgia and bottled optimism, is not somehow a prisoner of the antiseptic fantasyland he therein satirized.

The races, despite an overdose of slow-motion and of blustery billowy Randy Newman music in the mode of *The Natural*, are varied and exciting, even if the big showdown in 1938 against the favored War Admiral ("the perfect horse") seems a too-early climax, or in any event seems too much bigger a climax than the horse's later comeback from a ruptured ligament. The principals — Jeff Bridges, Chris Cooper, Tobey Maguire as the aforesaid owner, trainer, rider — are uniformly



Seabiscuit

sympathetic in their openly, operatically anguished way; and William H. Macy as a cornball radio commentator, up to his elbows in sound-effects gadgets, dispenses information more palatably than our stuffy narrator: "Oh, the heroism! The madness!" But it is left to real-life jockey Gary Stevens to teach the less-is-more lesson (from

the Richard Conte School of Acting), a tight-lipped, square-jawed oasis of professional cool and personal dignity. If any film producer had been contemplating an adaptation of one or more of the Dick Francis racetrack thrillers, a key piece can now be put in place.

Gigli, a mere sidelight in the Ben-

and-Jen media blitz, documents the moment in history when America's Sexiest Man got together with Super Buns. Only time will tell — and I am perfectly content to wait and see — how big that moment is. The way the media carry on nowadays, you'd think it was bigger than the moment when Dick met Liz. (Document: *Cleopatra*.)

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And the critical backlash, perhaps a tad overboard for a film that does evince an ambition or two, was inevitable and predictable: we can't get enough of them, till we get too much. From that perspective, the film's unpardonable sin is not that it fully rises to the surrounding silliness, but that it does not so rise. Imagine the bliss, the ecstasy, the mass hysteria, if this were *Maid in Manhattan* with Affleck, the aspiring politico, in place of Fiennes. In mitigation, it should be remembered that the two stars did not set out to make this film as a *couple*, let alone as a sop to the jillions of fans who regrettably will not be invited to the wedding. All of which is not to say that the film isn't silly: an "edgy," "gender-bending" romantic comedy written and directed by the unprolific Martin Brest (*Meet Joe Black*, most recently), about a macho mobster and a lesbian contract killer,

softies at heart, assigned to keep an eye on each other as they keep their other two eyes on the kidnapped kid brother of a gangbusting federal prosecutor — and as a mental defective, the kid brother (newcomer Justin Bartha) needs a lot of looking-after. Affleck, in self-mocking high spirits ("I am the fuckin' Sultan of Slick"), can be given credit for at least trying to impress, albeit failing: "lowering" himself to somewhere around the stature of, say, Edward Burns. Lopez, by contrast, with her pastel makeup and pixie-dusted hair, suitable for the cover of *Modern Bride*, acts disinclined to go anywhere near her role, either the lesbian half or the killer half. (The hit lady's leisure reading: *Being Peace* by the Vietnamese Buddhist, Thich Nhat Hanh.) Some of her dirty-talk might serve to reinforce those viewers who want to pronounce the title "giggly," no matter how many times they're told it rhymes with "really." She's too much a hardbody to reinforce any who lean toward "jiggly." Christopher Walken, along the way, makes a brief whistle-stop in his continuing cam-

paign to displace William Hurt as the nation's most unnatural actor. And Al Pacino, who worked unforgettably with this filmmaker in *Scent of a Woman*, seems, a bit later, to be daring him to exert some control.

Mondays in the Sun, by Fernando Leon de Aranoa, is a mildly maudlin group portrait of laid-off shipbuilders on the north coast of Spain, and their cheerless, unsmiling, grim camaraderie. The minor daily mortifications — watching a soccer match from a free perch without a view of the goal, applying for a bank loan from a smug yuppie, splitting duties with a fifteen-year-old babysitter for a cut of the profits and a shot at the liquor cabinet, massaging a runny hairdye into a head of gray for a job interview — have a cumulative if monotonous force. (The hardest punch: the shocking glimpse inside a comrade's apartment after helping the sousie home to bed.) Javier Bardem, sporting a beard of far greater density than the close-cropped hair atop his head, is more concerned to show his restraint than to show his range. And he shows so much of it as to expand his range in the bargain.

Abbas Kiarostami's *Ten* (very different from Blake Edwards's *10*) and Guy Maddin's *Dracula: Pages from a Virgin's Diary* divide the next week at the Ken Cinema, in the manner of a double bill but with separate admissions. (Those interested in one of these films could not be presumed to be interested in the other.) The Kiarostami, if not indispensable Kiarostami, is unmistakable Kiarostami all the same: driving around in a car for the entire film, the camera peering in over the dashboard during ten separate conversations counted down numerically on screen ("10"... "9"... "8"...). When the first conversation, between a divorced and remarried mother and her voluble young son, stretches out to twenty minutes, the arithmetic seems to bode a running time in excess of three hours. However, the conversations vary in length — I can't quite say the pace

picks up — and the whole thing comes in at a reasonable hour and a half. The driver remains the same from start to finish, but her passengers take turns: the boy takes the most, with four, and the rest are women, representative of diverse Iranian types. Sometimes the camera fixates on one face throughout an entire conversation (we never do see the face of the pious old woman or the brassy streetwalker), and each conversation maintains an illusion of "real time," even when we can detect blink-like cuts within a single take. In such close quarters, and with such fixation on faces, the shortcomings of the digital-video image are minimized — limited, really, to the blurry or blanched-out backgrounds outside the windows. (One exception: the second appearance of the once hopeful and now jilted fiancée looks oddly out of focus.) Occasionally the occupants of passing cars will take an unnatural interest in the proceedings, yet the fundamental concept of the film is so artificial that these intrusions hardly disrupt the "reality" of a scene. Indeed the entire film is a tight weave of, on the one hand, the mundane, the casual, the natural (the acting and writing conceal all art), and, on the other hand, the artificial, the formal, the rigorous. The rigor, in all honesty, amounts almost to a physical handicap, a voluntary straitjacket. A restless response in the audience is only to be expected.

The Maddin, meanwhile, is a spinoff of, or takeoff from, a Mark Godden production for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. The Canadian filmmaker has retained several remnants of dance (along with an Asian Count Dracula and nonstop excerpts from the first two Mahler symphonies), but not enough of them for the film to be a proper record of the ballet. It is much more an homage to the black-and-white silent cinema, though even there the record is spotty. While Maddin exhibits a real feel for the surface of the form (or at any rate a feel for a fuzzy, solarized,

second-generation 16mm copy of it), he doesn't carry the replication into the cutting and the camera movement. Drops of blood, fang marks, and the lining of Dracula's cape will be seen in bright red, like the revolutionary flag in *Battleship Potemkin* — not a common device. Blankets of color tint, although historically justifiable, will be thrown around helter-skelter and be changed in mid-scene without rhyme or reason. The affection is abundantly clear, but not contagious. Even at a mere seventy-five minutes, the stunt proves unsustainable: maybe five minutes of inspiration, and seventy of slog.

Amen, though business already taken care of, continues to hang on past its scheduled playdates for one show per day at Madstone Hazard Center. It is a pleasure to say so. ■

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Amen — Costa-Gavras's valuable addition to the Holocaust canon. As an adaptation of *The Deputy* — Rolf Hochhuth's pedagogical stage play of forty years earlier, and a hotly controversial one at the time in pointing an accusatory finger at the Catholic Church, among others, for complicity or at least acquiescence in the death camps — the film might not seem to be a strong prospect for freshness. Yet the streamlining of the play's unwieldy text and the tightening of its thematic net have transformed it into a completely new work. The filmmaker, even so, maintains the play's spotlight on two principal figures: the SS officer and "sanitation" expert, Kurt Gerstein, who, when he witnessed firsthand the uses to which his expertise was being put ("There aren't ten people alive who've seen what you just saw"), felt it was his duty as a Christian to raise the alarm;

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and *Dragonfly*. A clip from Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* sets the co-ordinates, and warns the viewer to watch out for low-flying schmaltz. One dependable chuckle, even on repetition, is the Latina newscaster (Catherine Bell) who puts maximum ethnic pride into the enunciation of the rolled "r" and pure-toned vowels of her name, "Susan Ortega." With Jennifer Aniston. 2003.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Camp — Musical comedy set at a youth camp, with a cast of unknowns, directed by Todd Graff.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/8)

Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle — What would probably like to be thought of as a big goof, or alternatively a big boner, must instead be regarded as a big botch. The bigger-headedness that results from the big hit of 2000 is not an attractive feature,

and in truth none of the three Angels — Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu — is even flatteringly photographed. (The one thing that worked in the earlier go-round — Diaz dancing — amazingly works again.) Really it's more a video jukebox than a movie: if the Angels don't disguise as nuns, we will get a selection from *The Sound of Music* in accompaniment; if they disguise themselves as welders, it will be *Flashdance*. Demi Moore, or an android double of Demi Moore, plays a former Angel turned demon, and her former real-life hubby Bruce Willis appears in a cameo as one of her victims. With Bernie Mac (in the Bill Murray role), Crispin Glover, Justin Theroux, and Robert Patrick; directed by McG. 2003.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Charlotte Sometimes — Shot-on-video indie, written and directed by Eric Byler, takes an interest in the unstereotyped private life of a taciturn Asian-American auto mechanic ("Specializing in German cars"), an area of existence into which Hollywood



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hasn't much inclination to shine a klieg light. It uncovers mystery and intrigue within its mundanity. Jacqueline Kim, Eugenia Yuan, Michael Idemoto, Matt Westmore. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 8/7)

The Conversation — The pervasive seediness is pretty well taken care of, in short order, with the haircuts, mustaches, bulbous features, and plastic raincoats of the anti-heroes, these superstars of surveillance, and also with the somber, tinkling musical score of David Shire. The disdainful, sedentary camera directions of Francis Ford Coppola serve chiefly to quash most of the incipient suspense and satire in this character study of an ace bugger who starts on the road to insanity when he starts to take an interest in the moral — and mortal — consequences of his spying. (Gene Hackman looks wonderfully transformed in the role — drab, dyspeptic, secretive.) The main plotline, surprisingly simple and catty, is dropped for long intervals, rather than developed, in order to

make it last the movie's length. It hinges on the inflection of one small word, and it makes a blatant borrowing from the dark-room scene in *Blow-Up*, which was an exciting enough scene to warrant borrowing, even if tape recordings, in place of photographs, offer less to look at on screen (spools turning 'round). With Allen Garfield, Frederic Forrest. 1974.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 8/8, 3:20 AND 9:20 P.M.; 8/9, 7 P.M.)

Dracula: Pages from a Virgin's Diary — Reviewed this issue. With Wei-Qiang Zhang, Tara Birtwhistle, Dave Moroni, and CindyMarie Small; directed by Guy Maddin.

● (KEN, 8/8 THROUGH 14)

Finding Nemo — Computer-animated fish story from the Pixar people (Andrew Stanton, director), by way of Disney, about a neurotically fretful clown fish by the name of Marlin ("Clown fish are no funnier than any other fish"), whose only sur-

living offspring, a normally inquisitive fingerling named Nemo, gets captured by a scuba diver and imprisoned in an aquarium in a Sydney dentist's office. At the very outset, the tossed-off justification (or "character motivation") for the parent's anxieties will not make you forget the death of Bambi's mother or Simba's father, but it will, unluckily, make you think of those. Nemo's abduction, on the other hand, is acceptably harrowing, as is the treacherous passage, later, through a minefield of jellyfish. And, although a trifle didactic, the eternal child-rearing issues — how much protectiveness? how much permissiveness? — admit no easy answer. (Apart, anyway, from the all-conquering, all-correcting power of fatherlove.) Visually, the cloudy, shimmering, undulating strangeness of the subaqueous universe seems uniquely well suited to the capabilities and limitations of computer animation, and yet at the same time the shapes and colors of the fish are a little too akin to your standard bathtub Rubber Ducky. (Ideal,

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one would suppose, for the ancillary “merchandise” on the toy-store shelves.) But rather than squeak like Rubber Duckies, they — the two main ones — speak with the overfamiliar and overshadowing voices of Albert Brooks and, as his volunteer helper in his search for his son, Ellen DeGeneres. (The latter does, however, earn a laugh in her efforts to communicate with whales, running her plain old English through their warped-tape-recorder cadence and modulation.) In the end, the film succumbs to the common blockbuster ailment of piling climax upon climax and not knowing when or how to quit. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

Freaky Friday — Disney remake of the magical, mystical mother-daughter switcheroo, adjusted for youth's further usurping of the culture since 1977. The osensible original idea was for the representatives of both generations to see through the other's eyes, but the bias in the remake tilts strongly toward the younger. The girl is a little older this time, and the casting was better the last time (Barbara Harris and Jodie Foster vs. Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan), and it's still a confusing situation — not just for the two who swap bod-

ies, but for us and the scriptwriters as well. With Mark Harmon, Harold Gould, Chad Michael Murray; directed by Mark Waters. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Gigli — Reviewed this issue. With Ben Affleck, Jennifer Lopez, and Justin Bartha; written and directed by Martin Brest.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANDO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

I Capture the Castle — Two wealthy American brothers take possession of the dilapidated castle occupied by two English sisters. Who will match up with whom? Literary la-di-da in period costume, from a Dodie Smith novel. With Romola Garai, Rose Byrne, Henry Thomas, Marc Blucas, Bill Nighy, and Tara Fitzgerald; directed by Tim Fywell. 2003.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/8; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 8/7)

The Italian Job — High-tech tale of betrayal and revenge, lighthearted to the point of self-contradictory and callous (Charlize Theron does, at least, haul off and sock the man who murdered her father: *that* sure felt good), mechanically directed by F. Gary Gray. As remakes go, it has the advantage of coming from an unremembered source, Peter Collinson's 1969 British heist thriller. By the same token, it has the disadvantage of coming from a source unremembered for good reason. Mark Wahlberg, the star, is perhaps at a little less disadvantage here than in the past year's remake of the well-remembered *Charade* (new title: *The Truth about Charlie*), insofar as he's a shade less pale a copy of Michael Caine than of Cary Grant. With Edward Norton, Jason Statham, Seth Green, Mos Def, and Donald Sutherland. 2003.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Jet Lag — Gracefully paced romantic comedy about a couple of wayfaring strangers who meet-cute in a French airport shut down by an air-controllers' strike. It is good to see Juliette Binoche's relentless intensity turned against her for the purposes of comedy — in the role of a high-strung beautician for whom her daily par-fait of makeup is "like clothing" — and it is good to see Jean Reno for once being human and vulnerable — a bundle of ailments, allergies, and neuroses in the part of a gourmet chef on the verge of unveiling a line of frozen dinners — instead of being an implacable killing machine. And it is good, lastly, to watch these two dissimilar people passing continual judgment upon one another: there is patently so much to judge, in both cases, and yet so much to learn, too. The film starts out with the heroine's wish, in voice-over, for one day in her life that would be like an old Hollywood movie, and the wish really does come true, no thanks at all to the Sappy Ending, but many thanks to the solidness of construction and the smoothness of finish. Writer and director Danièle Thompson (daughter of the featherweight French filmmaker Gérard Oury) was responsible as well for the underappreciated Christmas comedy, *La Bûche*. And like that one, this one marries the suavity of old Hollywood to the stickiness of real life. 2002.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Johnny English — The amiable Rowan Atkinson plays the Inspector Clouseau of Her Majesty's Secret Service, leaving the funny French accent to the megalomaniacal villain (John Malkovich, not so frightfully funny after all; not Peter Sellersishly). The hero has his humble origins in an ad campaign for a credit card, and there is undeniably sufficient talent, invention, and industry on display to fill up a few television commercials. With Ben Miller and Natalie Imbruglia; directed by Peter Howitt. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life — The video-game adventures, back in action. Here she is, punching a computer-generated shark on the snout and hitching a ride on its dorsal fin; and here, sliding in slow-motion down the face of a cliff on a rope, upside down, while picking off would-be assassins all around her with her handgun; and here, doing the contemporary action hero's *de rigueur* sideways dive, also in slow-motion, while firing two guns simultaneously; and here, pole-vaulting from a rooftop to a chopper's undercarriage, with a stick of bamboo, and affixing a magnetic tracking device from her handy wristband toolkit. She, or the film, makes Indiana Jones look like Lord Jim. In searching for a point of interest — somewhere, anywhere, throughout the quest for the real, not the mythological, Pandora's Box — one can hardly do better than to focus one's fascination on the noisiness of the nose-breathing of the roguishly romantic male lead, Gerard Butler (Wes Craven's Dracula). No interpretation of a stud has ever been more literally equine. With Ciarán Hinds, Noah Taylor, Djimon Hounsou; directed by Jan De Bont. 2003.

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Lawless Heart — Three men in provincial England struggle with their lives after the death of a fourth. We go over the same chronological ground three times, from three different points of view — those of the deceased’s homosexual lover, the deceased’s brother-in-law, and a long-lost friend returned from his wanderings — and we clear up murky details with each pass. The structure adds a measure of interest to humdrum characters and events. With Tom Hollander, Bill Nighy, Douglas Henshall; written and directed by Neil Hunter and Tom Hunsinger. 2001. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 8/7)

The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen — Yet another comic-book movie (“graphic-novel” movie, anyway), with no relation to the 1960 British caper comedy, *The League of Gentlemen*. The present gents, and one lady, are assuredly out of the ordinary, a Dream Team of Victorian fictional characters assembled to save the Empire from early termination: a senior-citizen Allan Quatermain, a kung-fu Captain

Nemo, an adult Tom Sawyer, a Hulk-sized Mr. Hyde, a sun-proof Dracula convert, Mrs. Jonathan Harker, an unwitty Dorian Gray, and finally, not *the*, but *an*, Invisible Man. Collectively, the, or a, Magnificent Seven. (It should come as no surprise that the archfiend behind the threat will prove to be Prof. Moriarty, apparently having thrown Sherlock Holmes off the scent.) The unpardonable sin of this sort of literary plunder, far worse even than plagiarism or vandalism, is its disrespect for boundaries. The world of the Great White Hunter is not that of the Mad Scientist, nor is Dr. Jekyll’s that of vampires, nor is the All-American Boy’s that of a Faustian fallen angel. How can this motley crew be expected to work together when they inhabit separate universes? Sean Connery (who really is too old for such rough-and-tumble) and a company of lesser lights, least of all director Stephen Norrington, neither have nor give a clue. Shane West, Stuart Townsend, Peta Wilson, Jason Flemyng. 2003. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, and Blonde — The sequel follows our pretty-in-pink Harvard Law grad to our nation’s capital (or Capitol) as a legislative aide with a personal agenda: to outlaw animal testing in the cosmetics industry and simultaneously to free the mother of her pet Chihuahua, Bruiser, in time for her nuptials. (Wishful point of reference: a clip of Frank Capra’s *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* on TV.) Our heroine is just going to continue



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to be herself no matter what, even if our leading lady, Reese Witherspoon, is going to appear to be a little less herself and a little more Lauren Holly, a little more Barbie Doll, a little more Gidget, a little more Everyblonde. But after all, why change, when the seas keep parting in front of her? Her string of successes takes all the awe out of her perseverance, and all the acid out of the caricature. The jokes, in any event, are so strained as to sour the mood long before she ever steps foot in D. C., and long before director Charles Herman-Wurmfeld (who, according to his bio in the press book, “currently resides in Los Angeles with his domestic partner, Jason Bushman,” a bit player in the film) can advance the political

agenda of canine homosexuality. Sally Field, Regina King, Jennifer Coolidge, Bob Newhart, Luke Wilson. 2003. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Masked and Anonymous — Star-studded cast in a dim, disjointed, desultory satire about an over-the-hill folkie named Jack Fate, tabbed to headline a benefit concert in an ill-defined police state. Bob Dylan, besides playing the lead, co-wrote (with director Larry Charles) the self-referential script, but his assorted cryptic and gnomic comments provide little illumination. The

highlight, if not the only light, is his toe-tapping rendition of “Dixie.” John Goodman, Jeff Bridges, Jessica Lange, Penélope Cruz, Luke Wilson, Val Kilmer, Giovanni Ribisi, Angela Bassett, Ed Harris, Bruce Dern, Mickey Rourke, Fred Ward, Chris Penn, Christian Slater — the list goes on. 2003. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Matrix Reloaded — Will Zion fall to the Sentinels? Is the Oracle to be believed? Can the Keymaker be found? And how many times will the Architect contrive to use the word “ergo” in a single scene? And, when faced with the Lady-or-Tiger

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dilemma of saving Carrie-Anne Moss or the entire human race, whom will Neo choose? And finally, can anybody make heads or tails of any of this? Like so many sequels, this one seems to assume that the viewer will have purchased the video or DVD of the previous installment and committed it to memory, thereby absolving the filmmakers (the Wachowski brothers, Andy and Larry) from the drudgery of plot exposition. And like so many planned trilogies (the first *Star Wars* cycle, the second *Star Wars* cycle, *The Lord of the Rings*, etc.), as opposed to an unplanned trilogy like *The Godfather*, this middle installment feels like merely marking time and taking up space. And like so many FX movies, it looks and sounds a little disingenuous in its championing of humans over machines: “But we control these machines,” asserts Neo, whistling in the dark. “They don’t control us.” (The humans, supposing Neo to be one, are not just engulfed in CG imagery but are occasionally and obviously transformed into it themselves.) And like so many movies of any stripe these days, the opaque and/or flimsy and/or Swiss-cheesy narrative of this one is no more than a pretext for surface spectacle, primarily in this case the fashion-modelling of sunglasses-and-raincoat ensembles. More simply, this movie is pretty much like a lot of movies. And the final installment could not come along soon enough to protect the second from forgettability. Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Harold Perrineau, Hugo Weaving, Monica Bellucci. 2003.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Mondays in the Sun — Reviewed this issue. With Javier Bardem, Luis Tosar, Jose Angel Egido, and Enrique Villén; written and directed by Fernando Leon de Aranoa. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Northfork — The final installment in the Polish brothers’ place-name trilogy (*Twin Falls Idaho* and *Jackpot*, earlier) is without doubt something different, but that doesn’t mean it isn’t something awful, a lugubrious curio about the evacuation of a desert town in the shadow of a proposed dam in the mid-Fifties, while at the same time a queer quartet of supernaturals, named Happy, Cup of Tea, Flower Hercules, and God, search the terrain for the Unknown Angel. (Signs of angels are everywhere: the halo-like hot plate on the stove, the white feathers in the hatbands of the black-garbed Evacuation Committee, the metal wings pinned to their jacket pockets.) There are some striking images — the cemetery of open graves, for example, or the shaggy rust-colored beast on stilts — but never without a stretch or a muscle strain. James Woods, Nick Nolte, Peter Coyote, Claire Forlani, Daryl Hannah, Anthony Edwards. 2003.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Nowhere in Africa — Family of German Jews — father, mother, and a daughter portrayed by two dissimilar actresses within the span of the Second World War — emigrates to Kenya to escape the Nazis. (Grandfather stays behind with the mandatory line: “This will all be over in one or two years.”) Their experiences are individual and fitfully interesting, but the diffident and diffuse presentation is a little short of basic showmanship. The sad-eyed Juliane Köhler dominates the film as the luxury-loving mother who makes a very slow adjustment to the hardships of exile. With Merab Ninidze and Matthias Habich; written and directed by Caroline Link. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA PALOMA)

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl — Now that the “ride” — as in “wild ride,” “thrill ride,” “rollercoaster ride” — seems to be an accepted film category, if not quite a genre, it makes sense that a film would be modelled after, or at least named after, an actual amusement-park ride. But *Pirates* — not the first Disney movie to bring to the screen a Disneyland attraction, if you count *The Country Bears* — is more of a *long ride* than any other kind of ride, a two-and-a-quarter-hour kiddie film, loud and broad, about ratchet-voiced, pasteboard pirates who turn out, to the detriment of the sword-crossing scenes, to be really the *ghosts* of pirates.

(Trying to kill the already dead is a tedious business.) The visual effects of these pirates turning from flesh to bones as they pass in and out of moonlight are marvelous to behold, as is the effect of their stealthy advance on foot across the ocean floor. But director Gore Verbinski, fresh off the throat-clutching frights of *The Ring*, cannot hope with this one to scare a five-year-old. Orlando Bloom, on the team of humans, looks as stoutheartedly heroic as in the *Lord of the Rings* films; and Keira Knightley nimbly makes the leap from proletarian jock in *Bend It Like Beckham* to cosseted, corseted aristocrat: or in more practical terms, from little “indie” to high-stakes blockbuster. And Johnny Depp, with raccoonish rings of mascara around his eyes and a perpetual Dean Martin slur in his speech, lets you know in every way possible that he’s not taking any of this seriously, other than his paycheck. With Geoffrey Rush and Jonathan Pryce. 2003.

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Por la Libre (Dust to Dust) — Mexican road movie starring Osvaldo Benavides, Otto Sirgo, and Gina Morett, directed by Juan Carlos de Llaca.

(HAZARD CENTER 7, 8/8 THROUGH 14)

Seabiscuit — Reviewed this issue. With Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges, Chris Cooper, and William H. Macy; written and directed by Gary Ross.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Secret Lives of Dentists — Campbell Scott and Hope Davis as married partners in a dental practice; directed by Alan Rudolph.

(HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/8)

Spellbound — No, it’s not Hitchcock, but it’s suspenseful anyhow. Filmmaker Jeffrey Blitz follows eight of the 249 finalists in the National Spelling Bee, from widely varied backgrounds, through the two-day competition in Washington, D.C., and the weeks of preparation leading up to it. Only a serviceable documentary technique, and a subpar DV image, but a surplus of human interest — touching and funny and at times a tad disturbing. 2003.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; THROUGH 8/7)

Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over — Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino, Alexa Vega, and Daryl Sabata reunite as a family of secret agents; directed by Robert Rodriguez.

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S.W.A.T. — Action film with Samuel L. Jackson and Colin Farrell, directed by Clark Johnson.

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Swimming Pool — Slick commercial venture, from François Ozon, with a strong sense of place, weather, character, clothes, as well as a strong sense of humor, several cheesy plot turns, and several square yards of female flesh. It concerns a dried-up British mystery novelist (Charlotte Rampling, whose square yards of flesh are now close to sixty years old) and a lusty young coquette (Ludivine Sagnier), alone together in a French country house, getting in each other’s way, getting into each other’s things. 2003.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/8; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Ten — Reviewed this issue. With Mania Akbari, Amin Maher, Roya Taleidzadeh, and Katayoun Sharbaf; directed by Abbas Kiarostami.

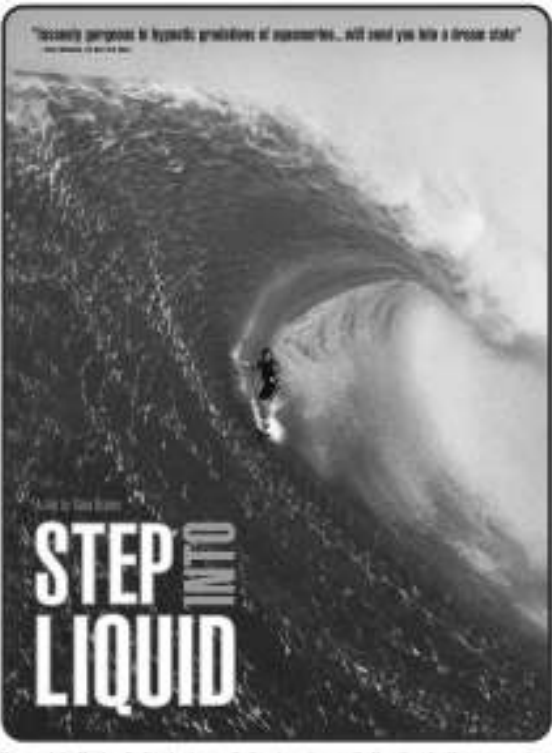
★★ (KEN, 8/8 THROUGH 14)

Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines — One of those sequels that’s really more of a remake, *T3* tells pretty much the same story as *T2*, a time-traveling robot (correction: “cybernetic organism”) reprogrammed to serve as protector rather than terminator of humanity’s future savior, and a more advanced, shape-shifting, “anti-Terminator Terminator” hot on their trail. That the good cyborg is a somewhat thicker-set version of the one seen last (now that Arnold Schwarzenegger has moved into his mid-fifties), and the bad cyborg most often takes the shape of a petite curvaceous blonde (Kristanna Loken, a mannequin in motion), fits in perfectly with the rub-it-in-your-face jokiness of much of the film. Edward Furlong, even though the lull in the action corresponds exactly to the twelve years since the previous episode, was for some reason found to be unfit to resume the role of the savior (perhaps the star of *Pecker* lacks the requisite air of success), and was therefore replaced by the cuter and “hotter” Nick Stahl (*In the Bedroom*). Gone, too, is Linda Hamilton, laid to rest, or rather scattered to the winds, to make way for the crinkled-browed Claire Danes as the fated mate of our predestined savior: “You remind me of my mother,” he sighs, after she takes a hand with a machine gun. The film comes as



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close as possible to the ideal of “nonstop action” without passing into total monotony. And while it is inherently not possible to top the chase scenes of the immediate predecessor without also attaining idiocy, the film does indeed top them. (Jonathan Mostow, of *Breakdown* and *U-571*, occupies the director’s chair vacated by James Cameron.) The ending, however, re-

stores a healthy measure of gravity, which in essence returns us to the ending of the 1984 original. Which never required a sequel in the first place. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

28 Days Later — In the violent prologue, a ski-masked commando team of animal-

rights activists storms the Cambridge Primate Research Center to liberate the experimental chimps, heedless of the attendant’s warnings (“You’ve no idea!”) that the chimps have been “infected” with rage. Sure enough, the chimps do not exactly embrace their liberators. Twenty-eight days later.... A stark-naked patient (Cillian Murphy) awakens from a coma to find himself in a completely deserted hospital and a depopulated nation but for roving bands of blood-lusting zombies and isolated pockets of hunkered-down humans. Forget the superficial likeness to *Night of the Living Dead* and its sequels. The tradition of English lit-

erature here invoked encompasses the futuristic survival tales of John Wyndham, John Christopher, and (more pretentiously, less eventfully) J.G. Ballard. The prevailing standards of gratuitous gross-out, however, tend to obliterate the tone of civility that gave those tales much of their inner tension and conviction. Director Danny Boyle (*Shallow Grave*, *Trainspotting*, etc.) seems all too eager to surrender himself to the New World Order. Still, the last-man-on-earth images of a post-apocalyptic London (ankle-deep litter, overturned bus, an eerie absence of people alive or dead) are highly evocative, even if what they evoke is not so

much a dread of the future as a nostalgia for the Golden Age of the genre. And the narrative incidents are grippingly plausible, at least up until the messy — in both logic and choreography — climax. It’s all done on the cheap, which these days doesn’t mean black-and-white photography, a location on a ranch outside Oxnard, and a lead actor of the caliber of a Richard Carlson or a John Agar. It means digital video. It means blurriness. It means fuzziness. It means (not in a sense that enhances the end-of-the-world theme) ruination. But that means there was something, in the first place, to ruin. With Naomie Harris, Bren-

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American Wedding (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 1:50, 2:40, 3:40) 4:30, 5:15, 6:15, 7:10, 8:00, 9:00, 9:45, 10:45; Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 1:50, 2:40, 3:40) 4:30, 5:15, 6:15, 7:10, 7:55, 9:00, 9:45, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 1:00, 1:50, 2:40, 4:30, 5:15) 6:15, 7:10, 7:55, 9:00, 9:45, 10:25; **Bad Boys II** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:20, 7:25, 9:30, 10:35; Sun. (1:05) 4:20, 7:25, 9:30, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:20) 7:25, 9:30, 10:25; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:20, 4:45) 7:05; **Gigli** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:55, 10:30; Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:20; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 1:10, 1:40, 2:50, 3:50) 4:40, 5:30, 6:30, 7:20, 8:10, 9:15, 10:10, 10:50; Sun. (12:10, 1:10, 1:40, 2:50, 3:50) 4:40, 5:30, 6:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:15, 10:10, 10:30; Mon. (12:10, 1:10, 1:40, 2:50, 3:50, 4:40, 5:30) 6:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:15, 10:10, 10:30; **The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50) 4:50, 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (12:50) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 4:50) 7:30, 9:55; **Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:05, 10:15; **Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:10) 5:40; Sun. (12:30, 3:10) 5:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:10, 5:25); **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45) 5:10, 6:00, 7:15, 9:20; Sun. (12:45, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45) 5:10, 5:55, 7:15, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45, 5:10, 5:55) 7:15, 9:20; **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:40; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20

Horton Plaza 14
457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

28 Days Later (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:35, 1:30, 4:10) 7:05, 9:45; **Bend It Like Beckham** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 7:05; **Bruce Almighty** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:30) 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (10:20, 2:30) 7:35; **Charlie’s Angels: Full Throttle** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 4:30) 9:35; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:40, 12:35, 2:15, 2:50, 4:45, 5:15, 7:10, 8:00, 9:30, 10:10; **The Italian Job** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:25; **Johnny English** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:40, 4:55) 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:55) 10:15; **The Matrix Reloaded** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:00) 6:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00) 6:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:10, 12:45, 1:15, 3:45, 4:20, 6:55, 7:30, 10:05, 10:20, 10:40, 1:50, 5:00, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 2:50, 3:45, 6:55, 9:00, 10:05, 10:10, 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 11:00, 1:20, 1:50, 4:10, 4:40) 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:30; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
S.W.A.T.; **Freaky Friday**; **Charlie’s Angels: Full Throttle**; **American Wedding**; **Gigli**; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life**; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over**; **Seabiscuit**; **Bad Boys II**; **Johnny English**; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**; **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines**; **Finding Nemo**

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Masked and Anonymous (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:30) 5:00, 7:20, 9:50; **Northfork** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Tue. (2:00) 4:30, 9:30; Wed.-Thu. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Swimming Pool** (R) Fri. (2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **Whale Rider** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Wed. (2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Thu. (2:10) 4:40, 9:40

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
S.W.A.T.; **Freaky Friday**; **American Wedding**; **Gigli**; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life**; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over**; **Seabiscuit**; **Bad Boys II**; **Johnny English**; **The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen**; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**; **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines**; **Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, and Blonde**; **Charlie’s Angels: Full Throttle**; **28 Days Later**; **Finding Nemo**; **The Italian Job**

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
Amen (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:25; **Bend It Like Beckham** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35; **I Capture the Castle** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 7:00; **Nowhere in Africa** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45; **Por La Libre** (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; **The Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 4:10, 7:15, 9:30; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
S.W.A.T.; **Freaky Friday**; **American Wedding**; **Gigli**; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life**; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over**; **Seabiscuit**; **Bad Boys II**; **Johnny English**; **The**

League of Extraordinary Gentlemen; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**; **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines**; **Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, and Blonde**; **Charlie’s Angels: Full Throttle**; **28 Days Later**; **Finding Nemo**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
American Wedding (R) Fri. (12:50, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 12:50, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:05, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05; **Bad Boys II** (R) Fri. (12:55, 3:55) 7:10, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 12:55, 3:55) 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:55) 7:10, 10:15; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:40, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:40, 9:50; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:45) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 1:05, 3:45) 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:45) 7:30, 10:00; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:55) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 12:30, 2:55) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:30) 7:55, 10:20; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 2:50) 4:55, 7:05, 9:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 12:35, 2:35) 4:30, 6:35, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 2:50, 4:55) 7:05, 9:10

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Dracula: Pages from a Virgin’s Diary (Not Rated) Fri. 5:35, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 1:25, 5:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 5:35, 9:45; **Ten** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:30; Sat.-Sun. 3:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 7:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Camp (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Jet Lag** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Mondays in the Sun** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **Swimming Pool** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; **Whale Rider** (PG-13) Fri. (5:00) 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 5:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 9:50; **Winged Migration** (G) Fri.-Thu. (2:10) 7:40

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Blow-Up, Friday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9:20 p.m.; **The Conversation**, Friday, 3:20 p.m. and 9:20 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Africa: The Serengeti (Not Rated) Fri. 6:05; Sat.-Sun. 7:00; **Alaska** (PG) Mon.-Thu. 8:00; **Amazing Journeys** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Sun. 8:00; **Bears** (Not Rated) Mon.-Thu. 7:00; **Bugs!** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00; Mon. 12:00, 3:00, 6:00; Tue.-Thu. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 9:30; Sat.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00; **Kilimanjaro: To The Roof of Africa** (Not Rated) Fri. 11:00, 2:00, 8:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 6:00; Mon. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 11:00, 2:00, 6:00; **To Worlds Beyond** Sat. 10:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
S.W.A.T.; **Freaky Friday**; **American Wedding**; **Gigli**; **Bend It Like Beckham**; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life**; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over**; **Seabiscuit**; **Finding Nemo**; **Bad Boys II**; **Johnny English**; **The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen**; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**; **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines**;

Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, and Blonde

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
American Wedding (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:25, 2:35, 3:10) 5:00, 5:30, 7:25, 8:00, 9:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 12:25, 2:35, 3:10, 5:00, 5:30) 7:25, 8:00, 9:40, 10:15; **Bad Boys II** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:35) 7:05, 10:00; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:55) 4:10, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:55, 4:10) 7:15, 9:30; **Gigli** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 4:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 4:50) 10:05; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:15) 7:10, 10:20; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:45) 7:35, 10:05; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:10; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 7:20, 9:25

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
28 Days Later (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 3:50) 8:55; **Bend It Like Beckham** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:35) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:35, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 1:30, 3:55) 6:40, 9:00; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (10:40, 12:55, 3:10, 5:25) 7:35, 9:50; **The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:30, 3:55) 6:25, 9:05; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:15) 6:30, 9:30; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:35, 2:45) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 12:35, 2:45, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **Whale Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 12:50, 3:05) 5:20, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (10:35, 12:50, 3:05, 5:20) 7:30, 9:55

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 12:25, 2:25, 2:55, 4:55, 5:25) 7:25, 7:55, 9:55, 10:25; **Bad Boys II** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:40) 7:00, 10:20; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25) 7:00; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:25, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20) 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10; **Gigli** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:40; **Johnny English** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 9:45; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 9:35, 10:45; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:35, 1:55, 2:25, 4:45, 5:15) 7:35, 8:05, 10:25, 10:55; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 1:40, 4:50) 8:00, 11:10; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 10:50, 12:45, 1:05, 3:00, 3:20, 5:10, 5:30) 7:45, 10:00; **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
S.W.A.T.; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life**; **American Wedding**; **Bad Boys II**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
28 Days Later (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 7:30; **American Wedding** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Bad Boys II** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45,

10:00; **Gigli** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 4:45, 10:15; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24
770 Denmery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
S.W.A.T.; **Freaky Friday**; **Finding Nemo**; **American Wedding**; **Gigli**; **Bend It Like Beckham**; **Charlie’s Angels: Full Throttle**; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life**; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over**; **Seabiscuit**; **Bad Boys II**; **Johnny English**; **The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen**; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**; **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines**; **28 Days Later**

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dan Gleeson, Christopher Eccleston. 2003. ★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Whale Rider — Maori mysticism, from a novel by Witi Ihimaera, brought to the screen by writer-director Niki Caro in the bright rich color that seems to be indigenous to the New Zealand cinema. The storyline tells of a moribund modern-day tribe awaiting the arrival of a savior, and not recognizing the one right under their noses: a barrier-leaping, tradition-defying, taboo-

breaking little girl. It’s a wonder they didn’t notice sooner, because the girl, eleven-year-old Keisha Castle-Hughes, could wrap pretty much anybody round her little finger: the café-au-lait complexion, long straight nose, snaking eyebrows, and glistering eyes bring to mind a prepubescent Jennifer (“She’s a Maniac”) Beals — one of the most poignant faces of her generation, if one of the most wasted on screen. But though the girl may save her people and save the whales (a beached suicide squad of them), she cannot quite save the movie from its Disneyesque cheerleading. With Rawiri Paratene, Vicky Houghton, Cliff

Curtis. 2003. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Winged Migration — PBS-y nature documentary, French-made, following avian flight routes and disabusing you, along the way, of all that free-as-a-bird baloney. Being a bird looks like killingly hard work. And getting picked out of the sky by duck hunters is an occupational hazard observed with a stoical no-comment. With its strict focus on migration, the film inevitably turns monotonous: it can switch from one

species of bird to another, but it cannot build or develop; it can only spread. And it’s as low on solid information as it is high on visual beauty. (And on otherworldly marvels: the Bar-Headed Goose getting out of the way of a snowy avalanche; the Clark’s Grebe running on water; the Northern Gannet nosediving into the Arctic Ocean.) The nature documentary, as a genre, may prove to be the last bastion of top-grade cinematography, the final line of resistance to video, the one sanctuary where it still matters How Things Look. “No special effects,” we’re advised in a printed prologue, “were used in the filming of the birds.”

Which is remarkable in itself. But does it rule out any digital cutting-and-pasting to transplant the filmed birds from one backdrop to another? An irreversible drawback to the magic of computers is that something we would like to view with awe and wonder, we are obliged to view instead with doubt and suspicion. The wide eye of innocence has been forever narrowed. Directed by Jacques Perrin, Jacques Cluzaud, and Michel Debats. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
American Wedding (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:40, 8:10, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:10, 5:40) 8:10, 10:30; **Charlie’s Angels: Full Throttle** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (4:15) 10:10; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:20, 9:35; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:25, 9:50; Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:25, 9:45; **Gigli** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:25) 7:10; **Johnny English** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 2:50) 5:05, 7:30, 9:35; Sun. (12:40, 2:50) 5:05, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 2:50, 5:05) 7:30, 9:30; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:10, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. (1:30) 4:10, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:10) 7:15, 9:55; **The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55, 5:30) 7:55, 10:20; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:50) 7:05, 10:05; Sun.-Thu. (12:50, 3:50) 7:05, 10:00; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:15; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Sun.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:50; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:25, 5:30) 7:35, 9:40; **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:35; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:25

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Bend It Like Beckham** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Gigli** (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 10:45; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
American Wedding (R) Fri.-Mon. 11:40, 12:40, 2:10, 3:10, 4:35, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:30, 10:30; **Bad Boys II** (R) Fri.-Mon. (12:20, 3:40) 7:05, 10:20; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri.-Mon. (11:30, 2:05, 4:35) 7:00; **Freaky Friday** (PG)

Fri.-Mon. (10:05, 10:30, 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 12:55, 3:15) 5:40, 7:40, 8:10, 10:00, 10:35; **Gigli** (R) Fri.-Mon. (12:00, 5:00) 10:05; **Johnny English** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (2:45) 7:45; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:10, 1:00, 3:50) 6:40, 9:30; **The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:10, 10:00; **Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 9:25; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:30, 1:00, 3:45, 4:15) 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:15, 10:45, 1:15, 1:40, 4:10, 4:40) 7:10, 7:35, 10:05, 10:35; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:00, 11:30, 1:10, 2:40, 4:20) 6:00, 7:30, 9:10, 10:40; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Mon. 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40, 9:55, 12:15, 2:25, 4:40; **Terminator**

3: Rise of the Machines (R) Fri.-Mon.

(11:20, 2:00, 4:45) 7:25, 10:15; **Whale Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 7:15, 9:50

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:25, 7:30, 9:30; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:20, 12:30, 2:35, 4:45, 6:55, 9:00; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:10, 12:55, 3:55, 6:45, 9:40

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Bad Boys II** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 10:30; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Gigli** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 4:30; **Johnny English** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; **Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 7:15, 9:45

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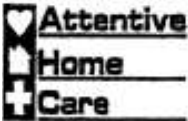
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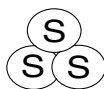
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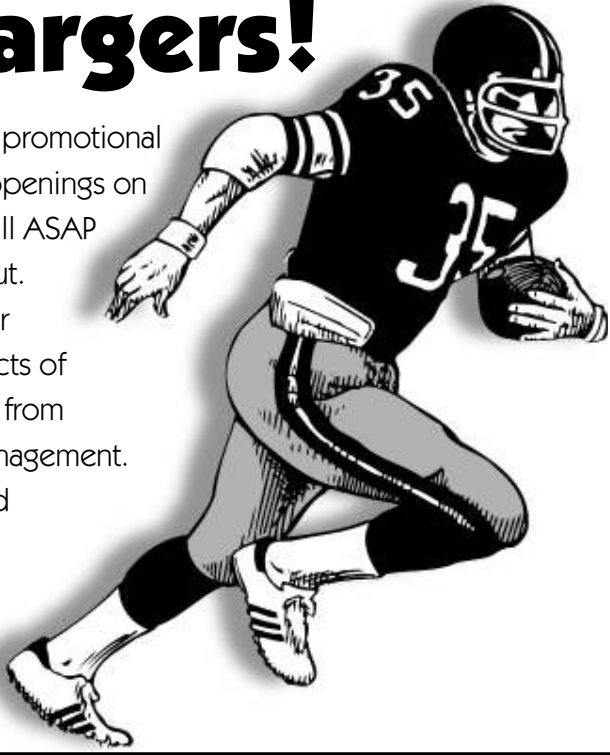
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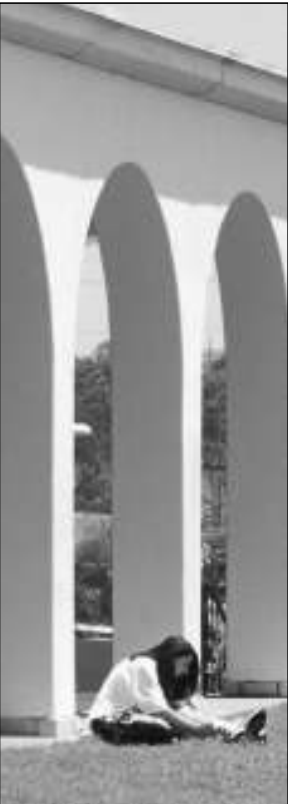
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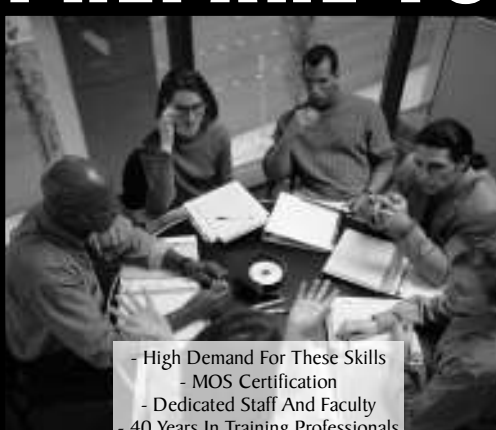
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Across

- Classic Chevy
- "They're ____ again!"
- 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- First-rate
- The first James Bond film
- Poet's planet
- Wool source
- Member of the jet set?
- Horse's new do, perhaps (or an answer to 57-Across)
- iMac competitors
- "So, it's you!"
- Dog of detective fiction
- Hate mail (or an answer to 57-Across)
- How-____ (instructional books)
- Coin-losing site
- Knighted Guinness
- Suffix with absorb
- "You can say that again, my man!" (or an answer to 57-Across)
- Red Cross training, for short
- Dali contemporary
- Topic in speech therapy
- King of France
- Suvari's Angela in "American Beauty," and others (or an answer to 57-Across)
- Poisonous snakes
- Unlatch, to bards
- Foxy
- Juliet's question
- Got off track?
- Distant energy source
- Try to find out
- Queue after Q
- She played Honey in ____
- Sot's symptoms, for short
- Proficiency
- Regard highly

Down

- Give ____ go
- Opposite of max.
- Kobe Bryant stat: Abbr.
- Suffix with fabric or authentic
- Clairol competitor
- Attack helicopter
- Man on first?
- Windy City paper, with "The"
- Concerning
- Snitched
- Monks' milieu
- New Jersey's capital
- Side by side
- "____ Believer"

- Cheerios grain
- Canadian electees, for short
- Corporate V.I.P.
- Places to see lions and tigers, but not bears
- '60s conflict zone, familiarly
- One of 22 cards
- Wool source
- "For the Boys" grp.
- Part of A.A.R.P.: Abbr.
- Coll. or univ.
- Caesar, e.g.: Abbr.
- Actress Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
- "It's c-c-cold!"
- Freddy Krueger's street
- Lobster relative
- Most swanky
- Debut of Oct. 11, 1975
- Foot the bill
- William, to Diana
- Opposite of transparent
- Legbones
- Rwy. stop
- "Your majesty"
- The kid in "Here's looking at you, kid"
- Acrobats' security
- As a twosome, musically
- Right on the map
- Mystery writer Grafton
- Ginger ____
- He's the one for ewe

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Of the 65 entrants, 62 were correct. The winners are:

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- Cynthia A. MacCarthy, *San Diego*
- Angellina Francolio, *Oceanside*
- Tim Sibley, *San Diego*
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MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

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MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

ATTRACTIVE, WHITE LADY, 48, looking for an attractive, white male. I like movies, concerts, dinners, traveling, walks, beach, conversation. I'm fit, blue eyes, blonde/brown hair. (8/20) 70634

YOU: PROFESSIONAL, black male, 40's-early 50's, height/weight proportioned, financially secure, love sports, music, outdoor activities. Me: 42, Filipina. For friendship foremost, possible relationship. (8/13) 70617

ADVENTUROUS, ATHLETIC, teacher, 58, loves skiing, kayaking, traveling, reading. Tall, slender, nonsmoker seeking companion, etc., for fun and maybe more. (8/13) 70593

HAPPY LADY, 61, SEEKS average gentleman companion. My interests: pets, writing, mental health, ice cream. I am 5'3", 125lbs. Income/age unimportant. Manners appreciated. (8/20) 70623

BEAUTIFUL, OUTGOING BLONDE, college educated, 33, never wants kids. Seeking same type, with: above average face, 28-36, muscular, Latino looking, homeowner, into personal growth, spirituality. (8/13) 70605

LOVE THE OUTDOORS? He: 44, looking for athletic energetic, adventurous, honest nonsmoker, with integrity and sense of humor. Nonreligious, no kids. Let's meet. (8/13) 70596

READ THE DAY AWAY? Me too! 31, 5'9", no kids yet. Casual, family-oriented lifestyle. You're kind, introspective, fun loving, verbally/physically demonstrative, educated, emotionally/financially secure. Future home with laughter, dogs and kids. (8/20) 70626

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SEEKING EDUCATED FRIEND with family values. You are balanced, fit, cultured and successful professional, outgoing and happy. You make me laugh! Are you out there? (8/13) 70597

49, ATTRACTIVE, CARING, educated, independent, 5'5", medium build. Seeking nerd, one woman man, treats women like a lady, secure, 6' tall, professional. Nonsmoker. No games! (8/20) 70630

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40'S, outgoing, adventurous, movies, dining, sports, weekend, getaways, comedy clubs. Seeking tall, outgoing, professional, intelligent, romantic, fun loving man. For friendship, endless possibilities. (8/20) 80648

ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL, unique, educated, confident, adventurous, romantic, red/blue, outgoing. Seeking professional, stable, conversation, laughter, culture, reliable, travel, outdoors, dining, arts, closeness, diverse, take chance. (8/13) 70612

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette. Very loving and sincere, romantic also. Nonsmoker. Seeking long-term relationship. Nonsmoker. Let's go for it, big boy! (8/13) 70610

CUTIE DESIRES SWEET GUY! You: white, good looking, 5'11"+, 22-30. Me: white, cute, medium build. I'm fun, energetic, love travel, music hot firemen and paramedics. (8/13) 70600

FUN, FRIENDLY, ENERGETIC. I am a 39-year-old black woman. I'm 5'4", 130lbs. I like movies, sports and walks on the beach. (8/20) 70627

DEMI DID IT! Look 29 without surgery. Japanese-American, 5'9", intelligent, athletic, vivacious. Seeking similar in Ashton, 6'1" to 6'4", thirty-something, for committed relationship. (8/13) 70587

AVID TENNIS PLAYER. 42, blue/brown, fit, healthy, positive, self-employed, golf, hiking, scuba. Passions: ocean, wildlife conservation, South Pacific/Caribbean vacations, underwater photography/art. (8/13) 70591

CUTE, DOWN TO EARTH, sensual Latina, early 50s, enjoys romance, music, movies. Seeking happy, funny, sexy man, weekend adventures, simple pleasures, cozy times. (8/13) 70595

DANCING PARTNER for Saturday nights at Croce's. Be free and loose enough to have a blast together. I'm early 40's and 5'3". Balboa Park area. (8/20) 80647

WELL KNOWN MOVIE actress look-alike, attractive, very young mid-50's. Seeking friend, partner, soul mate, successful, well educated professional, for fun, frolic, and maybe forever. (8/13) 70618

RADIANT SMILE, INNER/OUTER beauty, upbeat, petite, 40's, single mom. Seeking

attractive gentleman, 42-52, nonsmoker, sense of humor. Family oriented a plus. (8/20) 70632

SUMMER ROMANCE WITH Caucasian foreigner sought by wistful, beautiful woman in her 30's. Please be a gentleman, and also have artistic, intelligent qualities. No animals! (8/13) 70603

SEXY, EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, (compassionate, monogamous, stylish man. Friendship, sportive, spiritual, non-religious, no previous kids/baggage, 27-48, 5'9"+. (8/20) 70642

SHORT, SWEET, CUTE, PETITE, witty, pretty, cuddly, gregarious, sensual, great smile. Seeking that special connection with man of class, charm, integrity, intelligence, humor, 58+, nonsmoker. (8/20) 80645

BROWN-SKINNED, MONA LISA, beautiful eyes/smile. Seeking handsome, honest, healthy, easygoing, high-spirited man. Must be generous, have solid finances, love outdoors. (8/20) 70625

BLACK GIRL WANTS WHITE GUY for fun in the sun and other places. You must be clean shaven with a nice build and big smile. (8/20) 70640

ONE OF A KIND, down to earth, educated, professional, 39, nonsmoker, financially and emotionally, stable, spiritual, mid-western values, upbeat, sense of humor and more. (8/20) 70620

FIREWORKS ARE WHAT I want to feel if you kiss me. 44, white, voluminous, full-figured, adventurous, wants to be bad girl. Needs loving now. (8/13) 70589

GOOD LOOKING LADY in mini or levis. Seeking tall, 55+, romantic gentleman who is fun, monogamous, huggable, snuggable and needing lots of tender loving care. (8/13) 70607

MUCH TO OFFER. Attractive, 55, petite, youthful, intelligent, financially secure, no baggage. Sports, dancing, family, laughing, outdoors, travel, entertainment, romance, intimacy. Want similar. Nonsmoking/drugs. (8/20) 70631

PRETTY BLONDE WITH BLuish green eyes. I'm 44 years old, I enjoy sports, gym, beach. Seeking nonsmoker, easygoing, between the ages of 45 to 50. (8/20) 70621

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, EUROPEAN, romantic, 59, youthful, 5'6", sexy, slim, educated. Enjoy ethnic food, beaches, seeking nice, honest gentleman, 65+, financially secure, generous. Love, companionship. (8/20) 70636

BLACK PROFESSIONAL FEMALE, 50, looking for white professional male, 45-60, for dating, romance, long term relationship. You love music, theater, zoo, picnic, beach, movies. (8/20) 80644

INTEGRITY, MORALS, never married, exotic Polynesian beauty queen, gourmet cook, artist, author, model, educated, athletic. You: quality, never married, military

background a plus, 39-59. (8/20) 70641

SO, WHERE ARE ALL THE successful, healthy, kind, well educated, tall (6'1"+), caucasian, 53 year old or older men? You must be out there somewhere. (8/13) 70615

LATINA LADY SEEKING caring, honest, professional male between 39-49. Must be emotionally and financially stable, generous, warmhearted, humorous, a gentleman and a great lover. (8/20) 70624

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LUMINOUS LADY, 57, emotionally healthy, balanced, professional woman on a spiritual path. 5'6", average weight, warm, loving, intelligent, humorous and creative. Seeking similar life partner. (8/13) 70598

SEXY, BLACK LADY, 5'4", 120lbs., 40s, seeks Hispanic or white cute, 30-40, 5'8"+, fit, happy for friendship maybe long-term relationship. You: sincere/fun loving. (8/13) 70594

GERMAN, BLONDE, BLUE-GREEN eyes, very good looking, 5'6", shapley, professional. Seeking tall, educated, successful, easygoing, positive gentleman, 40-50. Enjoy dining, sunsets, beach walks. (8/13) 70585

STOP! SMOKER, WIDOW, 58, honest, loving, 180lbs. Looking for country guy, 58+, sense of humor, relaxed, gentle, patient, kind teddy bear, coffee, for great lady. (8/20) 80643

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FEISTY, ATTRACTIVE, 46, journalist, seeking nonsmoker, 46-56, tall, attractive, creative, employed, socially savvy, San Diego man. (8/13) 70590

SLENDER, CHEERFUL, TALL, warm, affectionate white female, 65, seeks good-natured, fit, 6'2"+ gentleman for fun, companionship, tender loving care. Friends first. Nonsmoker, please. (8/20) 70622

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ATTRACTIVE LADY, 31, seeks handsome, smart funny and rich guy, 28-35, for relationship. Want someone who's available and enjoys good times. Hurry! (8/13) 70602

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PASSIONATE, PROFESSIONAL, very pretty, blonde, hazel eyes, great figure, down to earth. Looking for humorous, affectionate, degreed man. Latino men a plus. Let's have fun! (8/20) 70635

29 YEAR OLD PROFESSIONAL woman, attractive, in great shape, seeking professional man, for companionship and a relationship, prefer 5'10"+. Must be active with positive attitude. (8/20) 70637

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SLIM, SMART, BLONDE, 42, 5'6", 115lbs., intelligent, interesting, seeking similar, loving, Latin man for a great life, friendship, much love, affection, conversation, films and travel. (8/20) 70639

SENSATIONAL, SEXY, MORE. Energetic, spirited, romantic, compassionate, successful woman, seeking sensitive, loyal man to share commitment, excitement, romance. Let's embrace the journey and experience life. (8/20) 70633

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PRETTY ARGENTINE, 5'4", 126lbs., 46, blonde hair, professional. Loves outdoors, hiking, sailing, camping, classical music. Seeking white professional male, 50-75, for romantic relationship. (8/13) 70609

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE, 31, seeks white male professional, 31-40, for relationship. I enjoy romance, movies, dining, concerts, snuggling. (8/20) 70638

ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS, platinum blonde, (resemble Suzanne Somers) 49, (look 37), 5'6", 125lbs. Seeking tall, very attractive, white, sincere, healthy, unbalanced, nonsmoking, Christian, faithful, dancing sweetheart. (8/13) 70601

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MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African-American/white, 64, 6'4", 210lbs. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, more. (8/13) ☎80289

ATTRACTIVE, GOOD LOOKING, blue eyes, love animals, the outdoors, enjoy movies, walks to watch the sunset. Seeking slim, attractive, beautiful female for intimate times. (8/13) ☎80288

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 59, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40's+ for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (8/13) ☎80262

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29, 5'9", 160lbs., funny, faithful and loving. Looking for real love. Wanted: loving woman with humor, between 25-38, children OK. (8/20) ☎80355

I'M A TREASURE, just call you'll see. 49, tall, nonsmoker, good looking, successful executive, kind, spontaneous, funny, sexy, honest, spiritual, monogamous, very romantic. Likes dining, dancing, movies, walks, talks, fireplace, sunsets. You: 28-48, very attractive, personality,

sweet, sensual, sassy in fashion, likes being pampered. Friends first, grow into long-term relationship. (8/13) ☎80304

YOUNG, BLUE-EYED, blonde haired, sexy Pisces, seeking dark haired, caramel-skinned woman with much character, music lover, not afraid of young men. Let's meet. (8/13) ☎80293

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 30-45, fit, good sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful, single white male, blue eyes, muscular. (8/20) ☎80334

LOADS OF TENDER LOVING care for slim, pretty, bright lady! North County senior has soul, will share gladly music, nature, travel. Be lonely no more. (8/13) ☎80269

LONELY BUT ADVENTUROUS M.D., 44, 6'1", 200lbs., seeks upbeat, professional woman, kindred spirit, for dating and maybe more. Are you still interested? (8/13) ☎80309

SEEKING SINCERE relationship. Single, 53, ready to meet that special person and take the time to build a sincere, lasting relationship to enjoy life together. (8/13) ☎80285

SELECTIVE, EASYGOING white male, 44, 6'1", dark/hazel, honest, witty, fun and available. Seeking pretty, classy, nonsmoking woman for relationship. Call me! (8/20) ☎80339

CHEMISTRY, FRIENDSHIP, humor is the key. Black male, athletic build, 44 years young, 5'9", 174lbs., shaved head. Desire 34-56, nonsmoker, large, voluptuous, white woman, monogamous. (8/13) ☎80264

GOOD LOOKING WHITE MALE, seeks white female. 32, 6', athletic, blond/blue, have decent career and house by beach. Looking for attractive woman. (8/13) ☎80307

LIKE TO HIKE? Easygoing, kind, thoughtful, adventurous. 40, 6', 200lbs. Seeking friendly companion for outdoor adventures; hiking, camping, motorcycling, dive bars, movies, good conversation. (8/20) ☎80329

HANDSOME, 53, BLACK MALE looking for a sexy, fit, white female, nonsmoker, 42-50, for fun, intimate evenings. A good kisser, must laugh. Let's meet. (8/20) ☎80352

NICE LOOKING MALE, seeks petite, cute, attractive, young, gorgeous woman. Me: steady income, artist, 44, Hispanic, educated, wants to meet you. Let's talk, restaurant OK. (8/20) ☎80323

VERY GOOD CATCH. Tall, Latin gentleman, affectionate, romantic, sincere, very handsome. Seeking 40-50s woman, attractive, nice figure, long legged, good kisser, affectionate, South Bay area. (8/13) ☎80305

GOT SURF! 36, 5'11", fit, surfs, blades, bikes, guitarist, restaurants, theater, movies, North County coastal. You: outdoor activities, quiet evenings at home, time to date. (8/13) ☎80317

I AM 40, 5'11", HAZEL EYES, long brown hair, good shape. Enjoy bike rides, the beach, outdoor sports. Looking for friend and maybe more. (8/20) ☎80344

44, 6'1", 175LBS., BLACK male, financially well off, seeking full-figured black female nonsmoker. Kids OK, friendship is more. Me: physically fit, intelligent, youthful. (8/20) ☎80335

ACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS, skier, surfer, tennis player, 43, healthy, trim, attractive, professional. Seeking honest, athletic, fit friend, confident lover to share life's laughs and greatest moments. (8/13) ☎80265

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TALL, 48, HANDSOME, seeks white female, 33-50 for dancing, trips to Las Vegas, fun and possible romance. (8/13) ☎80275

HANDSOME, FINANCIALLY secure, white male, 40s, massage specialist, seeks open-minded lady, needing intimacy and sensual affection, enjoys massage, yet values her privacy and independence. (8/13) ☎80270

SINCERELY SEEKING A quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 160lbs. I love music, the beach, nature, cats. Looking for all ages. (8/13) ☎80283

ALL ALONE IN SOUTH BAY, from Chicago, 47, 6'1", feel 27, sole proprietor. Likes restoring old Cadillacs and Suzukis, jet skis. Seeking fit, attractive playmate. (8/20) ☎80319

SUGAR, SPICE, creatively nice, worldly wise, witty, 6+ romantic, spiritual, traveled, imaginative, coastal, retired, eclectic, electric. Seeking American/foreign, tall, trim, unencumbered. Go for it! (8/20) ☎80354

BLACK MALE, 42, 6'1-1/2", enjoys movies, dinner and music. Seeking tall, blonde, plus sized white female, Italian or Jewish a plus, 30-53, for relationship. Reply. (8/20) ☎80322

55+, SHAPELY LADY SOUGHT by warm, chivalrous, nice looking, employed man, 6'2", 200lbs., 51, for relationship, movies. Let's dress up and have fun. (8/20) ☎80350

ENERGETIC, HANDSOME, VIBRANT 22 year old looking for attractive 30-45 year-old woman to educate me in romance. Nothing long term. (8/20) ☎80346

GOOD LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 46. Seeking slender, single, highly educated nurturing beauty, 35-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (8/13) ☎80268

I'M 36, FIT AND ATTRACTIVE. My dog recently ran away from home. So, I need a date to replace my best friend. Let's have fun. (8/20) ☎80351

HEALTHY, HAPPY, FUN, honest, successful, 39, beach, travel, movies, hike, bike, explore cosmos. I'm 5'9", bright blues, athletic, radiant smile, looking for 24-39 nice female. (8/20) ☎80330

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOLOIST girlfriend wanted. 21-34, slender, no drugs, no children. I am a Christian Science soloist, hymn solo writer looking for loyal, kind, girlfriend. (8/13) ☎80271

BOYISH GOOD LOOKS. 6'2", eyes blue, slim, athletic, college educated professional. Enjoy surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, family, friends, music, kids. Seeking slim, 35+, friends first. (8/13) ☎80311

WITH AN EYE TO CHILDREN. Caucasian professional, homeowner with pool, wants to have a family. Full, natural blond hair/green eyes. Intelligent, handsome, trim, athletic. (8/20) ☎80336

I LOVE FOOTBALL, soccer, Pacific Beach, relaxing and doing my own thing.

I would like to meet a nice Asian lady. (8/20) ☎80341

SLEEPING PRINCE SEEKS Cinderella, aspiring to become princess/queen. Let's use magical thinking and miracle healing to create a musical kingdom of love, prosperity, enchantment. (8/13) ☎80312

VERY TALL, BUSY professional male that is looking for friendship. Like movies, sports, trivia. Too busy for the relationship scene. Seeking someone for movies, etc. (8/13) ☎80303

NORTH COASTAL, ENCINITAS, 5'10", 178lbs., 59, good looking. We share healthy lifestyles, openness, commitment to our relationship, superficial relating unacceptable. You won't be disappointed. (8/13) ☎80266

PSST, OVER HERE! White male, 40, 5'10", fit, MBA, athletic. Seeking fun, easygoing woman, 27-37 for relationship. Must be willing to laugh at my jokes! (8/13) ☎80286

FIRST DATE IDEA: run, bike, or Italian for two. Sound fun? Sweet, honest, athletic, 34, looking for funny, fit, and cute gal. Age unimportant. (8/13) ☎80297

WHITE MALE, LOVES CREATIVE writing, music, books, film, recent jogger, green eyes, full brown hair, olive skin. Seeking similar, healthy, active person for fun and good times. (8/13) ☎80267

BLOND WOMAN WANTED. Good natured guy fit, slim, 5'8", educated. Seeking blond doll of my dreams, 20-40. (8/20) ☎80324

DOCTOR, NORTH COUNTY, 39, very attractive, fit, blue eyes, Jewish, guitarist, pianist, book author, quiet, humorous, creative. Seeking sensitive, smart, loyal, compassionate, growth oriented, female. (8/13) ☎80310

AUSTRALIAN, MUSCLED, 37, 5'8", 175lbs., cute, interesting, educated professional, off-beat humor, likes everything. Looking for similar qualities in an attractive, sincere lady, 29-40. (8/20) ☎80320

SOCIAL DRINKER WANTED for dinners, concerts, happy hour, camping, horse races, vacation getaways. White, 44, 5'10, homeowner. Seeking silly, attractive lady for fun. Race open. (8/13) ☎80272

CHRISTIAN, 40, TEACHER, loves dancing, plays, tennis, travel, guitar, hiking, camping, concerts, and sports events.

Seeks 25-35, Christian who is easygoing, has same interests. (8/13) ☎80292

NEW IN TOWN. Cardiff surfer, white make, 46, blond hair, blue eyes. Seeking female, 18-25, for good times. Open mind, sense of humor, enjoy life. (8/13) ☎80281

HANDSOME, TALL, FIT, confident, personable, fun loving, 45, 6'2". Looking for that special lady who wants a committed relationship. Slim, pretty, healthy, affectionate, personable. Nonsmoker. (8/13) ☎80279

WARM, DOWN TO EARTH, for hiking, movies, dining out, some dancing. Prefer open minded, with time to give, spiritual, confident. I'm 47, 5'11", neat appearance. (8/13) ☎80278

LA MESA GENTLEMAN. Nice/fun guy. Caucasian, 56, 150lbs. Sincere, romantic, communicative. Seeking special partner/possible relationship. Romantic dinners, dancing, movies, outdoors, more... Let's meet. (8/20) ☎80326

CLASSY, EUROPEAN LADY, 48, young looking, professional, very outgoing. Seeking professional, African-American gentleman for friendship, maybe more. (8/13) ☎70613

ASTROLOGER. Curios about your chart? So am I. Many other interests, life experiences. Pisces, 54, 6', 150lbs., bald. Unconventional, reclusive, but open and adventurous. (8/13) ☎80295

HANDSOME, TALL, affectionate, fun loving, warm, friendly, humorous, hardworking man. Seeking people-oriented, fun-loving woman. Adventure, romance, share good times with Mr. Enthusiasm, me! (8/13) ☎80277

Nice Wisconsin Girls? East Coast guy would like to meet a traditional, down-to-earth Wisconsiner, 26-30. Never-married, no kids. Must be honest, loving, and caring. blondish hair. (8/20) ☎80356

RIDE INTO THE SUNSET with a good looking guy, comfortable in the boardroom, on a motorcycle, the beach. You: intellectually challenging. Good humor, vanity counts. (8/13) ☎80284

FINE GENTLEMAN, SLIM, fit, 5'8", 50, educated. Seeking companionship with kind, caring, beautiful woman. (8/13) ☎80301

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ACTIVE, SENIOR, NONSMOKER, South Bay widower, seeks retired, unencumbered lady counterpart for companionship, travel, cruises, tours, dinners, theater, walks, long-term relationship, hugs, kisses. (8/13) **☎**80298

EAST COUNTRY, 52, professional, attractive, homeowner, financially secure, hand holder, romance, movies, dining, laughter. Looking for honest, attractive female, good times, long-term relationship, 40-55. (8/20) **☎**80321

TALL, HANDSOME, WHITE, divorced father, late 50ish, conservative, intelligent, sexy, romantic. La Mesa. Seeking attractive, affluent, generous, stylish, sexy, romantic woman, intimate evenings, good kisser. (8/13) **☎**80300

DON'T GET ENOUGH outdoor fun, dining out, walks, new adventures or quiet times, with a somewhat attractive, monogamous sweetie. I'm 45, act 25, 5'8", 165lbs. (8/13) **☎**80291

GENTLE, DEPENDABLE, HONEST, homeowner, handyman, 59, nonsmoker. Willing to let to know me to share life's simple pleasures. Soft lips. (8/13) **☎**80287

POWAY, WHITE, HANDSOME gentleman, great qualities, 54, 5'10", 180lbs., short hair, clean shaven, blue eyes. Looking for active, attractive, professional, 39-58. Single parents welcome. (8/20) **☎**80308

HANDSOME, HEALTHY, 6'1", 195lbs., financially secure, retired successful businessman, widower, homeowner. Seeking beautiful, vivacious, slim, shapely, affectionate, caucasian lady, 50-65. Dates, fun, romance, trips, dancing. (8/13) **☎**80282

LOVE IS ELUSIVE, and it won't come knocking on your door. Go seek it, 30's, attractive, stable, good kisser. Be receptive, over 30, no kids. (8/13) **☎**80276

From New York City

Attractive musician, photographer, 5'11", fit, youthful 58, passionate heart, creative spirit, quick wit, easy smile. Enjoy the arts, nature, stimulating conversation. Seeking sophisticated woman for delicious romance. (8/13) **☎**80290

BLACK, MALE PROFESSIONAL, 52, 6'3", interested in meeting down to earth, nonsmoking, good humored, honest female, 37-55, for friendship and possible relationship. Race unimportant. (8/20) **☎**80338

LOTS TO OFFER: professional balanced, unencumbered athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 53, homeowner, spontaneous Midwest values, educated. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned outgoing woman. (8/20) **☎**80325

CHEMISTRY, FRIENDSHIP, humor, non-judgmental and nonmaterial is the key. Black male, athletic build, 44 years young, 5'9". Seeking large, full-figured, voluptuous white female, monogamous. (8/13) **☎**80294

YOUR HEART CAN'T BE MOVED by the material or obvious. You need this 6'1" hispanic, fit, brilliant, creative funny man (hear ad) to connect. (8/20) **☎**80353

OUTDOORSMAN CAUCASIAN officer, masculine, 50s, 5'10", passionate, honest, homeowner, enjoy beach, boating, cooking, movies, dining. Seeking intelligent, slender lady, 35-45. Race open. Committed, sincere relationship. (8/13) **☎**80263

JEWISH MAN, 58, looking for Jewish woman, 35-50, for long term relationship. Only serious inquiries apply. No children. (8/13) **☎**80603

FUN LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, educated, 5'8", athletic gentleman. Seeking nonsmoker/drinker, slim, medium build, 50s Caucasian female for conversation, outings, beaches, music, movies, home, love? (8/13) **☎**80302

SHORT SKIRT AND LONG JACKET? Shallow, self-centered male, 40, hates children, cats, flowers. Seeking "drop dead" evil princess, 26-36 for world domination, other projects. (8/13) **☎**80280

WHERE ARE YOU? I have looked for you all my life and we haven't met yet. Take a chance and see what happens. (8/13) **☎**80316

36, WORKOUTS, LIKE movies, dancing, sports, anything fun. I'm seeking someone 26-37 with good family ties who keeps in shape. Loving football/beer big plus. (8/20) **☎**80328

ENERGETIC, FUN LOVING, white male, 65, seeking a unique woman to share much of life's good times, with friendship, conversation, laughter, music, romance. Do call. (8/20) **☎**80337

IRISH, ROMANTIC, SMILING, stable, 60, homeowner, educated, funny, athletic. Seeking 50+ colleen, verbal, adventurous, flexible, passionate, autonomous, smart, sensual, celebratory, zesty, slender. Attractiveness, spirituality cherished. (8/13) **☎**80313

52, 6'1", 170lbs., early morning Cowles Mountain hiker, early sleeper, seeking catless, slenderish, easy-to-talk with, laughing gal. (Please, no New Yorkers/ yoga practitioners.)(8/20) **☎**80327

HANDSOME, QUALITY MAN with good values, 6'1", 195lbs., 42, retired, water-front homeowner who enjoys fitness, beach, cooking, travel. Seeking slim beauty, 30-40, to share romance. (8/20) **☎**80342

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, WHITE male, 52, very loving, caring, affectionate, financially/emotionally secure. Seeking sexy, mature, loving, affectionate, older woman for closeness, intimacy, togetherness and love. (8/13) **☎**80261

LA MESA, REAL ESTATE BROKER, 51, mid-western, enjoy nature, mountains, skiing, sports cars, RVing, travel. Seeking spontaneous, adventurous gal, 38-50, for Big Bear escapes, etc. (8/20) **☎**80345

JAZZ MUSICIAN, teacher/performer, 6'1", 170lbs. 51, red/blu, handsome, swing dancer, road bicyclist, nonsmoker/ drinker/drugs, childless, seeking someone who could complement my life! (8/13) **☎**80296

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, very affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 39, 6'1", 218lbs., German-Irish Catholic, light/short brown hair, clean cut conservative appearance. Seeking relationship with very attractive, unencumbered, warmhearted female, 24-32, possessing inner and outer beauty. (8/13) **☎**80315

SEEKING LOVE and friendship from sweet woman, 40's, university education, healthy, caring, sensitive, loving, gentle, mellow, not extremely active, love nature, hiking, camping, home life. (8/13) **☎**80318

Roommates

ALLIED GARDENS, \$350 rent, \$350 deposit, 1/4 utilities. 4 bedroom house in quiet neighborhood. Washer/dryer. Clean home. Long term. Female preferred. Phil, 619-688-7123.

BAY PARK, \$585 plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished except bedroom, washer/dryer, dco possible. Fireplace, garage. 714-350-4420.

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BIRD ROCK, \$775 includes utilities. Available 9/1. Male seeking female/male, nonsmoker to share huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. New carpet, dishwasher, garage, laundry, pool on site. 2 blocks to water. alexmrazek@hotmail.com.

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CLAIREMONT, \$750, split utilities. Large enough for two, private bathroom, spacious house, 15 minutes to anywhere in San Diego. Steve or Kari, 858-279-9839.

CLAIREMONT/BAY PARK, \$575, plus utilities/deposit. Own bedroom/bathroom. No drugs, pets, smoking. Near freeways, Mesa College. Ask for Shawn or Joey, 858-279-3125; 858-573-9254; 619-235-2415, x15278.

CLAIREMONT, \$440, \$200 deposit. Share 4 bedroom house. Located near Clairemont Towne Square. Clean, quiet house. Washer/dryer. No pets/smoking. Available 9/1. 858-273-3880.

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CLAIREMONT, \$475, 1/3 utilities and deposit. Female only. Small room, spacious townhouse, fireplace, quiet community. No drugs, smoking, pets. Available 9/1. Sandy, after 4:30pm, 858-654-0147; 619-235-2415, x30328.

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DOWNTOWN, \$875. Great Marina/Gaslamp location. Share new 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Parking, balcony view, fitness room. Prefer female, nonsmoker. No pets. Call 619-818-0039.

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ENCINITAS, \$700. Master bedroom with private bath available. Hardwood floors, fireplace, and private yard. Share house with 1 other. Rent includes cable, Internet and electricity. Available September 15. Call 760-632-2653.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$550. Nonsmoking, no pets. All utilities included. Share bath. Washer/dryer. Quiet neighborhood. First and last months rent, no lease. Leave message, 858-483-9730.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650 plus 1/2 utilities. Female preferred to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 858-488-0636; 619-235-2415, x19929.

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CITY HEIGHTS. (Near Azalea Park). \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house plus den/office. Off-street parking, air conditioning, hookups, stove, refrigerator. Pets negotiable. 619-563-7981.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$575. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house, off-street parking, new carpet, paint, refrigerator. Travis, 619-865-3013.

CITY HEIGHTS. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 story, townhome style. Underground parking, bussing, newly remodeled in and out, laundry, gated, walk to shopping. 4222 Menlo. 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$725. Remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Walk-in closets, new landscaping, secure parking. 2707 Highland. 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$995. 2 bedroom house. New paint, wood floors, nice area. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Wood floors! Single story. No pets. 1-car garage. Washer/dryer hookups. Must see! 4168 Manzanita Drive. Cogan Properties, 619-263-2144.

CLAIREMONT. Stonehaven. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. 2-car garage. Pool, spa, tennis, lakes. No pets. \$2000. Agent, 619-200-5410.

CLAIREMONT. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex with appliances and laundry hookups, large family room in quiet neighborhood. Pets allowed. 3322 Lane. 858-581-4571.

CLAIREMONT. Furnished studios. From \$400/week. From \$950/month to month. Corporate housing available. Microwave, mini-refrigerator, laundry, heated pool, spa, daily continental breakfast. Great central location. Weekly maid service, includes all utilities, linens. Garden surroundings. Parking. No pets. 5415 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Call toll free, 1-800-562-2217. www.sdreader.com/rent/2035.

CLAIREMONT. Spacious studio and 1 bedroom apartments. Amenities include large private patios/balconies, 2 sparkling pools, laundry facilities, off-street parking, cat friendly. Great value starting at \$735. Ask about our move-in specials! Padre Gardens, 5063 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Call 858-278-5510.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Welcome to Harbor Ridge Apartments with 1 bedrooms starting at \$840 and 2 bedrooms starting at \$990. Courtyard. Views. Dishwasher, disposal, microwave. Garage available! Laundry facilities. Pool. Recreation room. Spa. Tennis. Playground. Small pets welcome. 3303 Clairemont Drive #1. Call toll free: 888-400-6315. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1070.

CLAIREMONT. \$1650/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, backyard, 1-car garage, on Burger. Available 8/25. 888-493-8065.

CLAIREMONT. \$1895. 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath home. 2 car garage. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Big yard. 4101 Seri Street. Open house: Sunday 8/10, 12-2:30pm. 760-310-2305.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Coral Bay Apartments. 1 month free rent on 1 bedrooms, starting at \$950! 2 bedrooms starting \$1055. Newly remodeled. Great floorplans! Dishwasher. Microwave. Small pets welcome. Beautiful setting above bay/Tecolote Canyon. Shared pool. Tennis. Garages available. 4812 Calle Neil. Toll free: 1-888-500-0471. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1031.

CLAIREMONT. \$1800. Beautiful! 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Canyon view. Covered patio. 2-car garage. New carpets/paint. Lovely backyard. Fruit trees. 5448 Limerick Court. 858-272-9547.

CLAIREMONT. \$900 and up. 1 bedrooms. 2 bedrooms, from \$1075 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and homey? Our lovely complex is peaceful and quiet day and night! Walking to all your needs. Patios and courtyard. Garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1028.

CLAIREMONT. \$750 and up. 1 and 2 bedroom, short drive to beach. Also, a spacious, fenced yard, 3 bedroom 2 bath. Pets on approval. Parking. 858-571-1074.

CLAIREMONT/BAY PARK. \$850-\$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious units. Balcony, pool, laundry, new carpet, new appliances, new countertops, refinished cabinets. 2556 Chicago. 858-483-3534 or 619-275-0230; www.Cal-Prop.com.

CLAIREMONT. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Brand new condition. All appliances brand new. New carpeting. Small pet OK. Available 8/15. 858-565-8052.

CLAIREMONT. \$1075/up. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhomes. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Beautifully landscaped. Bright and spacious. Private balcony or patio. Sparkling heated pool. Convenient laundry facilities. Close to all stores/public transportation. Indoor cat OK. Off-street parking. Free credit check (on approved credit). 858-278-5862.

CLAIREMONT. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 1-car garage. No pets. New carpet. Appliance. Fenced yard and porch. 3625 Joplin Avenue. Agent, 619-275-3455.

CLAIREMONT. \$1350. 2 bedroom duplex. Garage, fenced backyard. Pets OK. Stove and refrigerator included, tile floors, nice area, available now. 619-668-4494.

CLAIREMONT. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, walk-in pantry and closet, vaulted ceilings with fans, hardwood floors, surround sound, laundry, pool. Mint! 858-571-8711.

CLAIREMONT. \$1150. Downstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath located in gated community with on-site laundry, pool and amenities! 4192 Mt. Alifan Place. Agent, 858-560-1178.

CLAIREMONT. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Garage, fenced yard, off-street parking. Clean. Newer appliances. Sorry, no pets/smoking. 3230 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. 858-272-9327.

CLAIREMONT. \$1495-\$1595. Huge 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo style apartment. Enormous master bedroom with walk-in closet, dishwasher, some with fenced-in yards, and much more! 3 parking spaces. 6120 Mt. Aguilar. 858-270-5500.

CLAIREMONT, NORTHWEST. \$1175. 2 bedroom. Upstairs triplex overlooking quiet canyon. Beautiful view. All appliances, laundry. 3638 Pochantons Court. No pets. 858-539-0044.

COLLEGE \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, charming complex, laundry room, near all, cat OK. All utilities paid. 7232 El Cajon Boulevard #12. 619-698-6911.

COLLEGE AREA. \$805 move-in special! \$200 deposit! Spacious 1 bedroom. Parking. Secured entry. Free business center. Fitness center. Spa. Sauna. Pool. 3 laundry rooms. Air conditioning. Refrigerator. Ceiling fan. Storage. Range. Near buses, stores, restaurants, and freeway. Model open! Tuscany Place, 4860 Rolando Court. Cat friendly. Everyday, 10am-5pm. 619-286-7080. www.sdreader.com/rent/2055.

COLLEGE AREA. \$2050. Beautifully remodeled 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Near College/Adelaide. New carpet, tile, paint. Amenities. Fenced yard. Parking. Storage. Washer/dryer. 619-265-7425.

COLLEGE AREA. Studios, 1, 2 bedrooms from \$725. Central air conditioning/heat. Patio/balcony. All electric kitchen. Dishwasher.

Cable hookup. Laundry on site. Reserved covered parking. Elevator. Courtyards. 2 pools. 2 saunas. Basketball and tennis courts. New fitness center. Barbecues. Villa Del Sol, 5474 Reservoir Drive. 1-888-862-2284. www.sdreader.com/rent/2048.

COLLEGE AREA. \$950 and up. Large 2 bedroom apartments. Country kitchen. Very large. Appliances, newly refurbished. Laundry facilities. Off street parking. Near all. 858-455-5956.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1395. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors. New windows. Interior/exterior, newly painted. Laundry facility on site. Call Trident Pacific at 619-435-9442.

COLLEGE AREA/ROLANDO. \$950. 2 bedroom apartments, currently being renovated. Not just a drive-by. Must see interiors. Call for information, manager, 619-741-5621; 619-461-1564.

COLLEGE AREA. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Near shopping and public transportation. 6165 Montezuma Rd. Agent, 619-574-4644.

COLLEGE AREA/COLLEGE GROVE. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, newly renovated, new carpet/vinyl, new appliances, laundry facilities. 3522 College Avenue #6. 619-337-8921.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1095+. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Gated. Near golf course/park. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Dishwasher. Refrigerator. Central air conditioning. Near all. 619-285-3822.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$1400/month; \$1000 deposit. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet. Garage. No smoking, no pets. Available 8/1. 858-273-6033.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1700. Nice, spacious 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Centrally located. 2 parking, all amenities. No pets or waterbeds. Available early August. Rick, 310-994-1198.

COLLEGE AREA. Summer special with 12 month lease! 1/2 off rent for July and August! 1 bedrooms from \$750. Pool. Gated access. Two laundry rooms. Close to bus, stores, freeway! Cat OK. Aztec Pacific Apartments, 6663 Montezuma Rd. 619-286-2611. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. www.pacificliving.com. Photos, floor plans; www.sdreader.com/rent/1042.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. 1 month's free rent! 2 bedroom, 1/2 baths. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhomes from \$975. Low deposits! Appliances! Ceiling fan. Courtyard. New carpet! Laundry. Gated. Pool. Barbecues. Controlled access. Cats OK. New tropical landscaping. Pacific Pines Village, 4355 46th Street. 619-282-1191. www.pacificliving.com. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2001.

COLLEGE AREA. \$950-\$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartments near campus. Off-street parking. 5865-5869 El Cajon Boulevard. Agent, 619-583-3339.

COLLEGE AREA. \$690. 1 bedroom apartment. Pool, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Close to freeways and shopping. No pets. 4333 College Avenue. 619-287-8380.

COLLEGE AREA. New studios \$450 plus, 1 bedroom apartments from \$550-\$750. 2 bedrooms, \$895-\$1250. 3 bedrooms, \$1250-\$1650. Pets OK. Section 8. Quiet neighborhood. Fee. www.rentwave.com. 1-888-575-3179.

COLLEGE AREA. \$895. 2 bedroom with garage. Security gated, quiet, clean. Laundry. Parking. Ceiling fan. 4420 Estrella Avenue. North of El Cajon Blvd. 619-253-2290, 619-281-2063.

COLLEGE AREA. Large 1 bedroom, \$750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$950. Air, pool, laundry, security, parking. Pets OK. 4445 Marcellena Road. 619-287-0755; 619-261-8246.

COLLEGE AREA. 6 bedroom, 3 bath, 3070 square feet, large yard, private views, clean. Parking. \$3000-\$3200/month. 619-757-6975.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath large townhouse. 2-story, near Alvarado Hospital. 1450 square feet. Amenities, parking. Available August. 619-287-7110.

COLLEGE AREA. \$2,400. 5 bedroom, 2 bath house. Near 70th Street. Yard, recreation room, garage, parking. Quiet area, 1-year lease. Available August. Call 619-287-7110.

COLLEGE AREA. \$725. 1 bedroom. New carpet and paint, low \$300 deposit, near shops. 6769 El Cajon Boulevard. Apartments in rear courtyard. 619-464-0901.

COLLEGE AREA. From \$760. Spacious 1 bedrooms, extra closets, kitchen pantry, on-site laundry, off-street parking, close to all. 6295 Stanley Avenue. Manager #4. 619-460-8011.

COLLEGE AREA. 2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath \$1,050. Large renovated 2 story unit with garage. Laundry on site. Central location. 6003 Streamview #3. 619-280-8681.

COLLEGE AREA. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Parking, refrigerator, stove. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdr rentals.com.

COLLEGE AREA. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Dog OK, refrigerator, stove, microwave. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdr rentals.com.

COLLEGE AREA. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, hardwood floors, ceramic tile. 1-car garage. Laundry facilities, cable included. 6172 Mary Lane. \$1950. Available now. 760-603-0057.

COLLEGE AREA. \$2400. Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, immaculate condition! All appliances. Available now. 6169 Dorothy Drive. 760-603-0057. 619-871-6909.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$850 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. No pets. Open daily 10-6 at 4423 Menlo Avenue #2. 619-283-3353.

COLLEGE AREA. \$725, all utilities included plus cable. 1 bedroom apartment. Washer/dryer in unit, refrigerator, stove. Approximately 400 square

washer, completely furnished. Pool, spa, fireplace, garage. Available 9/10. \$3225. 1767 Coast Boulevard. 626-483-8552.

DEL MAR. 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Steps to beach. Completely furnished. All appliances, custom kitchen, patio, 2-car parking. \$3150. 1933 Coast Boulevard. 626-483-8552.

DEL MAR. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, unfurnished. 1600 square feet. West of I-5, on a cove. 2775 Montego Cove. 1-year lease. \$2995/month. Available 8/30/03. Photos at www.LorimerTEAM.com. RE/MAX, 800-218-4994 x2191.

DEL MAR. Nicely furnished oceanfront complex. 2 master bedrooms, sauna, pool, security, underground parking, private access to beach. 675 South Sierra, Solana Beach. \$2200. 858-442-7835.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. From \$1095. Some ocean views, garages, interior laundry. Some pets OK. 3621 Bernwood, #109. 2252 Via Aprilia, #3. 3610 Bernwood, #19. 667A Hoska Drive. Free rental/buying information by e-mail. Pictures at www.sandiegorealtor.com. Prudential California Realty. Kevin Burke, 858-755-8580, x1.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. \$2900. Spacious, immaculate 4 bedroom, 3 bath house with double garage. Located on quiet cul-de-sac. 2-story home includes large landscaped yards and fruit trees. Many amenities including travertine floors, Berber carpeting, granite counters, 2 fireplaces, all appliances (refrigerator, oven, built-in microwave, washer/dryer). Master bedroom has canyon view and walk-in closet. No pets. Lease. Take occupancy by August 16 and receive \$500 off first month's rent. Wendy (Broker), 619-999-0111.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Coastal living! Live west of I-5 from as low as \$1145. 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.hgftenon.com, 1-877-443-4030. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1057.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Free rent move-in specials for immediate move-in! Starting from \$1049. Studios, lofts, 1, 2 bedrooms. Dishwasher. Patio/balcony. Pool. Jacuzzi. Fitness center. Laundry. Garages available. Just blocks to beach. Near race track, freeway, transportation. Cat OK. Esprit Del Sol, 873 Stevens Avenue. 858-481-1155. www.sdreader.com/rent/1038.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. \$1105. Large 1 bedroom apartments or 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 baths townhomes from \$1360. Beautiful lush landscaped courtyard. Laundry room. Heated pool, assigned covered parking. 1 Mile to beach. Near shops, cafes, fine dining. Indoor cat OK, no dogs, please. Ask for move in bonus! Call 858-755-0533. For photos, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/2013.

DOWNTOWN, MARINA. \$2800. Renaissance, luxury 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 1300 square feet, 15th floor. Panoramic bay/city views. 24-hour security, 2 underground parking, storage, all appliances. 619-813-0458.

DOWNTOWN, CORTEZ HILL. \$590. Studio. Mini-kitchen, shared bathroom, limited access building. Nice residential neighborhood. Utilities paid. On-site laundry. No pets. EOH. 619-299-8746.

DOWNTOWN. 7th and C. Work/live Trolley Lofts. \$915-\$1410. Oak floors, heating, air conditioning, laundry room, underground parking available. 775-1225 square feet. Sue, 619-702-7222.

DOWNTOWN. Luxury loft. 2000 square feet. \$3200/month. 9th floor, 2 balconies, incredible views, near ballpark/Gaslamp. Security, fitness room, and 2 parking spaces. 858-342-6108.

DOWNTOWN. 742 Market Street. Studios. Some with own bathroom. Near Petco Park. Open house, 11am-3pm, Saturday only.

DOWNTOWN. Gaslamp. \$1325-\$1400. Lofts available. 1 with high ceilings and

hardwood floors and 2 industrial with concrete floors. 1100-1200 square feet. Small pets OK. 619-544-4488.

DOWNTOWN. 600-square-foot studio, full-sized kitchen, Berber carpet, laundry facility, balcony, near Cal Western Law. \$1000. www.sdurbanliving.com. Call 619-255-0526.

DOWNTOWN. The El Cortez. 2 unique lofts, rarely available, are now ready for you to view. 1 bedrooms from \$1430. 2 bedrooms. T1 Internet, satellite TV, air conditioning, fitness center, pool, spa, night doormen, underground parking, on-site market, hair salon and Twigg's Coffee House. 702 Ash Street. www.sdreader.com/rent/1029. Call for details, 619-338-8133.

DOWNTOWN. \$750. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath spanish cottage with saltillo tiles and hardwood floors, newer appliances and remodeled kitchens. Move in special with lease. 1906 K Street. 619-235-8977 or 619-574-4644.

DOWNTOWN. \$375. In the heart of the Gaslamp, single rooms with shared bathroom and kitchen. No smoking/pets. Includes utilities and cable TV. 843 4th Avenue, Windsor Hotel. 619-234-4165.

DOWNTOWN. TREO. New 2-story townhome. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. New Berber carpet, appliances. Parking. \$1800, reduce first month to \$1600, spread security deposit. 1277 Kettner Boulevard, #109. Call 949-378-1101 or 619-210-3541. mjgomez@adelphia.net.

DOWNTOWN. \$1500. Brand new, sixth floor, east view with balcony, large 1 bedroom with appliances, including refrigerator, washer/dryer, fireplace, lots of closet space. Security building. Pool, spa, underground parking. 858-780-1214.

DOWNTOWN. 2 bedrooms from \$1100. 1 bedrooms from \$795. Spa. Fitness center. Spectacular views. Gated parking. Small pet OK. 229 16th Street. www.ballparkplaceapts.com or 619-232-7368.

DOWNTOWN. Work/live, \$1850. Approximately 2058 square feet. Hardwood floors. Full kitchen, laundry hookups, controlled access. Parking available. Immediate occupancy. East Village Art Center, 13th and G. Call for appointment, 619-557-0100.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new studios—move in now! Island Village open house, Saturday 8/9, 10am-2pm. 1245 Market Street. \$558-\$670! 3 month's free cable and utilities included! Fully furnished, bay/ballpark views, underground parking, air conditioning, laundry, Internet, clubhouse/library. Income qualify, ask for details. Call 1-800-351-0613. Pictures/info/www.sdreader.com/rent/2070.

DOWNTOWN. New studios \$450 plus, 1 bedroom apartments from \$550-\$750. 2 bedrooms, \$895-\$1250. 3 bedrooms, \$1250-\$1650. Pets OK, Section 8. Quiet neighborhood. Fee. www.rentwave.com. 1-888-575-3179.

DOWNTOWN. \$1400. New crown Bay top-floor 1 bedroom, 1 bath with marble floors, granite kitchen, large deck, and all appliances. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-9935.

DOWNTOWN. \$1750. Crown Bay 2 bedroom, 2 bath with huge kitchen, deck, and available now. Crown Bay, 350 K Street. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-9935.

DOWNTOWN. \$1700. New Pacific Terrace top-floor 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, den, private patio, island kitchen, walk-in closet, washer/dryer, and gated parking. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-9935.

DOWNTOWN. \$3900. Park Place, 16th floor. Hardwood floors, fireplace, large deck. Ocean, bay, city views, and every upgrade possible. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-9935.

DOWNTOWN. \$2100. Park Loft with city and ballpark views, hardwood floors, granite/marble kitchen/baths, all appliances, and deck. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-9935.

DOWNTOWN. \$1600. Marina Park. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath with new carpet, fireplace, all appliances, and pool, spa,

workout. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-9935.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath plus den, balcony, harbor/airport views, 19th floor, fireplace, stainless steel appliances, granite counters/vanities, washer/dryer, indoor parking/storage, pool, jacuzzi, fitness/rec room, barbecue, etc. Nonsmokers. No pets. \$3250. Call 619-572-0473.

DOWNTOWN. \$696. Loft available 9/1. This 625-square-foot loft features vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, modern lighting. Two blocks from Horton Plaza. Pets OK. 619-861-2366.

DOWNTOWN. Luxury residence near Little Italy. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, balcony, San Diego Bay views, fireplace, stainless steel refrigerator and appliances, granite countertops, washer/dryer, pool, spa, fitness, garage parking. \$1800. Lease/option to purchase available! 619-885-8003.

DOWNTOWN. \$700. Studio. Spectacular downtown views! Gated parking with remote entry. Laundry on premises. 1830 Market Street. No pets. Available now. 619-749-1372; 619-405-7368.

DOWNTOWN. Live/work lofts. 744 G Street at 8th Avenue, near Gaslamp. Beautiful courtyard, no smoking/pets. \$965 with parking permit. Hughes Management. 619-239-1639.

DOWNTOWN. Studio with kitchenette and full bathroom, no smoking or pets. \$600/month, includes utilities and air conditioning. 728 Market Street at 7th. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639.

DOWNTOWN. Huge loft in big, old warehouse, high ceilings, windows. 1067 J Street. \$2250/month. Available 8/15. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639.

DOWNTOWN. \$1695 plus 1 month free. Pacific Terrace. New 1 bedroom plus den, 1-1/2 bath. Washer/dryer. Granite kitchen. 330 J Street. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$2500. Brand new Renaissance building on First and Market. Luxury, convenience in the heart of Marina District. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, gym on premises. Panoramic views of San Diego Bay. Available now. First and last month rent required, 6-month minimum lease. 619-987-5132.

DOWNTOWN. Lofts. \$1400. 1000 square feet. Private elevator. Historic. 12-foot ceilings, bay windows, on-site laundry. Controlled access. No dogs. A definite must see! Available now. Call for appointment, 619-235-5601.

DOWNTOWN. Treo Project. Brand new unit. 1277 Kettner #107. Washer/dryer. Townhome unit, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 1 parking space. Pets OK. \$1950. 619-977-7825; 619-987-1039.

DOWNTOWN. Watermark Building, 650 Columbia Street #115. Condo, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, plus office. 1800 square feet. \$2250/month. Available immediately. Photos at www.LorimerTEAM.com. 800-218-4994 x2071.

DOWNTOWN. Lofts. \$1395. New, air conditioning/heat, carpet, full kitchen and bath. Secure building, 4 months free underground parking. No pets. 619-261-4793.

DOWNTOWN. Large studio and 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Starting at \$695. Quiet complex, gated, laundry. 2545 A Street. Nolan, 619-235-8907.

DOWNTOWN. \$625-\$695. Studios! Restored 1920s building emanating charm! Studios and 1 bedrooms with dining area, dressing area and more. 1244 10th Avenue. 619-544-1671.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$675. Studio. \$725, 1 bedroom. Clean, nonsmoking building, hardwood/ceramic, cat OK. Laundry facilities. Ball Park. 830 Park Boulevard (12th Avenue). 619-236-9117.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$1700. Bright, airy 3rd floor corner unit loft. 1500 square feet. Large windows. Hardwood floors. Parking. No pets. 619-291-4441; 619-920-4368.

DOWNTOWN/BANKER'S HILL. \$1695 and up. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments.

Extra large units. Bright, luxurious living space with beautiful bay views! Roof top sundeck, underground gated parking. Intercom entry. Laundry. Custom painted. Don't miss this fabulous opportunity. 2353 Albatross Street. 619-531-0826. www.floft.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Doma \$1,950. Brand new, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 parking, corner unit with nice-sized deck. City skyline view, stainless steel appliances, refrigerator, granite counters, washer/dryer hookups. Available now. Ask for Heidi! 619-994-6218.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Bright corner studio, \$795. Secure, quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front Street. Near Beech. 619-233-7428.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1495. Spacious top floor apartment with 9-foot ceilings. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location; William Penn Building, corner of 5th and F. Central heat/air, all appliances, controlled entry, parking included. Agent, 619-298-7232.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. From \$625-\$750. Beaumanor's unique urban mini lofts. Small spaces, approximately 250 square feet, 12' ceilings, brick, hardwood floors. Paid cable, electric, water. Includes refrigerator, microwave, wood furniture. On-site laundry, barbecue deck. Impeccable renovation. No pets. 927 6th Avenue, corner of 6th and E Streets, blocks from the new Padres Baseball Park. To view, call Michael, 619-232-1517.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 750 square feet. Dishwasher. Microwave. Balcony. Laundry. Tennis. Pool/spa. Fitness. Salon. Controlled parking. www.avaloncommunities.com. 619-230-1022 x16.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$725-\$995. Junior 1 bedroom and 1-bedroom apartments. Historic buildings, much architectural interest. Freeway close, laundry. Cat considered. Some views. 619-231-8723.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, air conditioning, dishwasher, great downtown views, parking. Gated complex. Available 9/1. 1233 22nd Street. Rochelle, 858-490-6543.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. Call about our great move-in special! Studios and 1 bedrooms from \$675. Controlled access building. Cats OK. Laundry facilities. Most utilities paid. Ceiling fan, gas stove, microwave and refrigerator. Walk to City College, Gaslamp District. Please call 619-235-9018 for more information, or view online at www.pacificliving.com.

DOWNTOWN/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. \$1695. 1 month free with 1-year lease! Classic renovation; beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath with hardwood floors, parking and fenced yard. Cat? 429 19th Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

DOWNTOWN/BANKER'S HILL. \$650. Quiet studio, nonsmoking building. Separate bath and kitchen. 1 cat OK. Walk to Balboa Park. 2245 2nd Avenue. 619-239-4846.

DOWNTOWN/BANKER'S HILL. \$1490. Luxury 2 bedroom apartment, new

gourmet kitchen, large 8x12 deck, laundry facilities, hardwood floors throughout, ceiling fans, courtyard, beautifully maintained Spanish-style home. 619-544-9433, 619-813-1881.

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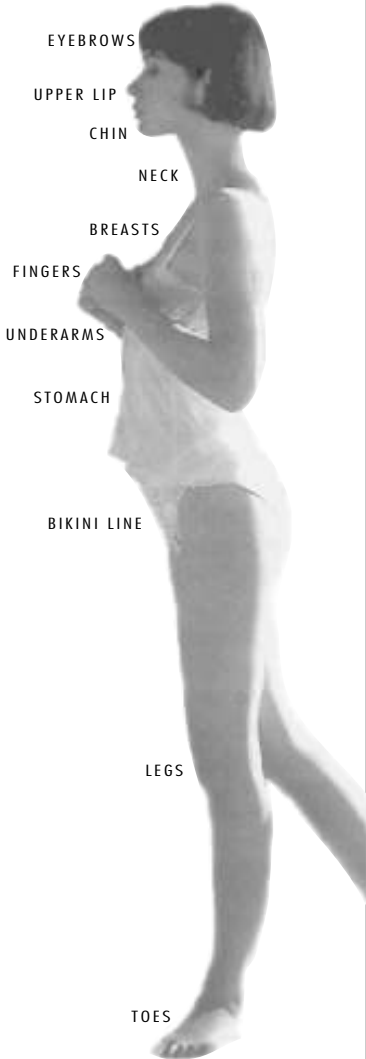
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GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. \$700. 1 bedroom in restored Victorian building. Hardwood floors. Berber carpet. 12-foot ceilings. Granite countertops. Built-in microwave. Laundry. Cats ok. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. 2 bedroom. \$895. Nice gated complex, quiet cul-de-sac. Large corner unit with new carpeting, dishwasher, balcony. Underground parking, laundry. 3060 E Street. 619-235-0563.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. 2 bedroom. \$950. End unit. New appliances plus dishwasher. Nicely renovated complex, parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 619-238-7338.

GOLDEN HILL. \$575. Adorable, sunny studio in gated courtyard. Berber carpet, ceramic tile, recently remodeled. No pets. Nonsmoking. 3167-1/2 B Street. Agent, 619-685-3960, Ken 619-251-4355.

GOLDEN HILL. \$975. All utilities paid. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Small complex. Renovated and upgraded. Laundry on site. No pets. 525 25th #C. 760-390-1720.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1100. All utilities paid. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Small complex. Renovated and upgraded. Laundry on site. No pets. 525 25th #B. 760-390-1720.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1695. Spanish house. Squeaky clean! 3 bedroom, fireplace, hardwood floors. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookups. Gardener, 2 car garage. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-297-6636.

GOLDEN HILL. \$625. Furnished studio. Lovely apartment with city view. Beautiful older building. Controlled access entry. Wilshire Apartments, 2004 C Street. 619-232-0903.

GOLDEN HILL. Large 1 bedroom \$775. Beautifully remodeled. New Berber carpet, tile, paint, blinds. Newer appliances, dishwasher, air conditioner. Gated, laundry, parking. No pets/smoking. August discount. 3041 C Street. 619-275-2306. www.GoldenHillRental.com.

GOLDEN HILL. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1195. Beautifully remodeled. New Berber carpet, tile, paint, blinds. Newer appliances, dishwasher, air conditioner. Gated, laundry, parking. No pets/smoking. August discount. 3041 C Street. 619-275-2306. www.GoldenHillRental.com.

GOLDEN HILLS. \$650. Studio with separate kitchen in small complex. Close to downtown. Available now. 1140-1/2 20th Street. Leasing Unlimited 760-436-7273.

GOLDEN HILL. \$895. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Nice complex. Hardwood floors. On-site laundry. Pet OK. Off-street parking. 2435 A Street. 858-598-1111, www.utopiamanagement.com.

GOLDEN HILL. Spanish charm. Upstairs 2 bedroom and den. Interior wood staircase. High coved ceilings. Oak floors and Berber carpeting. Security gates. Laundry. \$1125. Shore Management, 619-889-9537.

GOLDEN HILL. \$765-\$895. Cat OK, 1 and 2 bedrooms, lush landscaping, renovated units with style, saltillo tile, Berber carpet, high efficiency new appliances, covered parking, laundry, 3073-3075 B Street. Available 9/1. Karin, 760-749-8489 x2.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, tile floors in kitchen and bathroom, peaceful surroundings. Cat OK. Laundry on premises. Rent \$800, deposit \$800. Available now. 619-232-3347.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. \$1345. Fabulous downtown views, lots of windows, balcony. End-unit condo, modern 2 bedroom, 2 bath, wood floors, fireplace, new washer/dryer. 619-234-0009.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$775. 1 bedroom apartment in small garden complex. Upstairs privacy overlooking Balboa Golf Course. Hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen. 619-234-5355.

GOLDEN HILL. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Wood floors, all new, parking, laundry. 619-236-0008.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 and 2 bedrooms starting \$850. Dogs welcome! Tile, carpet, appliances, ceiling fan, more. Private patio, reserved parking, dog run. Close to downtown/major freeways. 1005 33rd. 619-795-9635.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, lots of charm.

Apartment is in back of building. 2025 30th Street. 619-232-1947.

GOLDEN HILL. Move-in special! \$795. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Just remodeled with new kitchen, bath, cabinets, appliances including microwave. On-site laundry. No pets. 2741 "A" Street. 619-804-3325.

GOLDEN HILL. \$795. Bright, remodeled 1 bedroom with on-site laundry, centrally located with view of city. 865 21st Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

GOLDEN HILL. \$675/up. Studios in historic building, on the hill. Hardwood floors, huge city view, excellent sunlight. Tiled kitchen, maple cabinets. Large closet, clawfoot tub. Clean, quiet building, laundry. Close to Downtown (west of 25th). 2035 Broadway. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. 1/2 off first month's rent! \$875. 2 bedroom in beautiful complex. Laundry facility on site. 2775 A Street. 858-270-5500.

GOLDEN HILL. \$795. 1 bedroom Victorian flat. Newly remodeled, wood and stone floors, very light with lots of windows. Coin operated washer/dryer. Victorian charm with new appeal. 3345 C Street. 619-559-5423.

GOLDEN HILL. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath garden courtyard apartment. Recently remodeled. Close to freeways. Secure, well-maintained end unit overlooking garden in friendly fourplex. Available mid-August. \$995/month, \$950 deposit. Agent, 619-341-4884.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1295. Recently remodeled 2 bedroom cottage in garden setting. Hardwood floors. Tiled kitchen and bath. Glass block. Washer, dryer and garage included. 3069 B Street. 619-559-5423.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$695. Studio. Nice view. Many extras. Great freeway access. 4124 Campus Avenue. 619-294-2871.

HILLCREST. \$750-\$1100. Studios and 1 bedroom apartments. Quiet, charming building. No dogs. Large closet. Laundry. Gated. Newer carpet/paint. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com; Tom/Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. From \$775. Studios, 1 bedrooms in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated to capture your distinguished taste, style. Controlled access. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated, efficient management. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Nightingale Apartments, EHO. Call manager for move-in special! 1-888-203-9132. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment on the second floor, parking. Nice area, near park. Coin laundry. No pets. 4659 North. 619-222-9463. www.pointproperties.com.

HILLCREST. Seniors from 62 years. \$850/up. 1 bedroom. Air conditioning. Gated parking. Intercom entry. Elevator. Patio. Cat OK. Villa Pacifica, 3630 Sixth Avenue. 619-294-3234.

HILLCREST. \$950/month. Deluxe studio apartment. Eat-in breakfast nook, full-size kitchen. Pull-out Murphy bed. Walk-in closet. Hardwood floors and ceramic tile. A fully restored 1926 Classic 3752-1/2 4th Avenue. Matt, 619-725-3642 or Scott, 619-846-6615.

HILLCREST. \$865. Large sunny, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, small cozy community. Off street parking. Indoor cat OK. No dogs. Available July. 3932 9th Avenue. 619-297-7859.

HILLCREST. \$710. Charming, private, sunny studio apartment in small Spanish-style gated building with laundry facilities. Features 9-foot ceilings, premium carpet, gas stove and ceiling fan. Robinson Avenue. Call 619-298-1961.

HILLCREST. Unique 1 bedroom. Separate dwelling. Hardwood floors. 1-car garage, private deck. Your own private kingdom! \$1200. 3228 Third Avenue. 619-857-8883.

HILLCREST. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath Uptown condo. New porcelain/granite tile, carpet, blinds. Full-size washer/dryer. Pool, jacuzzi, fitness center, underground parking. 619-574-0820.

HILLCREST. Pets welcome. 1-4 bedroom. \$750 up. Great variety of 100% pet friendly rentals. Low fee with money back guarantee. Listings available online. 888-482-8136. www.petrent.net.

HILLCREST. \$800. Quiet, lovely studio apartment. Steam bath. Patio opens onto organic garden. Perfect home for relaxing after a long day. Laundry. No dogs/smoking. 619-269-4843.

HILLCREST. \$1475/month. UCSD Medical Centre area. Lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, laundry in unit, air conditioning, secure parking. 619-295-3904.

HILLCREST. \$1200. Nice 2 bedroom, attractive fourplex, freshly decorated, spic 'n' span, large kitchen, ample closets, lovely patio. Walk Hillcrest. Available 9/7. Appointments, 619-296-9418.

HILLCREST. \$550. Unfurnished studio, large. Murphy bed, hardwood floors, private kitchen and bath. Laundry. Clean, quiet, secure. No pets. Near bus line. 619-295-5525.

HILLCREST. \$635. Studio apartment. All utilities paid. On 4th Avenue near University Avenue. Parking. Stove and refrigerator. Agent, 619-223-2524.

HILLCREST. \$1375. Charming Victorian, style, open floor plan, dining, washer/dryer hookups, carport. 228 West Lewis. 619-698-6911.

HILLCREST. \$950. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Balcony and canyon views. Laundry. Assigned parking. Pool. Pets negotiable with deposit. 4053 8th Avenue. 619-297-0269.

HILLCREST. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs end unit. Air conditioning, formal dining room, patio, includes garage. Gated, laundry on site. Agent, 619-234-9553.

HILLCREST. \$800. Very quaint studio with separate kitchen, Zen garden. Close to shops, cafes and Farmer's Market. bvess@mdclaw.com.

HILLCREST. Like charm, convenience? See these San Francisco-style, spacious 1 bedroom apartments with hardwood floors, high ceilings, \$850. Laundry-community room, controlled access, near all. Come to historic Casa Grande at 1751 University Avenue. Cat accepted. Call 619-299-7727. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST. Truly big studio apartments with eat-in kitchen, air conditioning. \$725 includes parking. Central location, 4029 8th Avenue. Cat welcome too. To see call, 619-299-7727.

HILLCREST. \$760. Large studio, freshly redone, homelike interior, ample closets, lovely patio. Laundry. Attractive building. Near park, Uptown Center. Available 8/8. 619-670-0624.

HILLCREST. \$750. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom duplex. No pets. At 3855-1/2 First Avenue. 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. \$625 and up. Studio, 1 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms available. Best location. Free utilities. Laundry. Hardwood floors. Parking. Charge. Call 858-571-1074.

HILLCREST. \$550 and up for 1 and 2 bedrooms, spacious units in Victorian-style building. Also, 2 bedroom cottage-style unit available. Parking. Charge. 858-571-1074.

HILLCREST. \$1800/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, underground parking, gated community. Available now. Sam, 619-300-8860.

HILLCREST. \$745. \$300 off move in! 2 upstairs corner studios with different views! Newly remodeled, bright. Hardwood floors, tile, new appliances, laundry. Cat OK, nonsmoking. 4170 Park Boulevard, #9, #10. 619-299-4034.

HILLCREST. \$820. \$250 off move in! 1 bedrooms. Hardwood floors, tile, new paint and appliances, laundry. Cat OK. Nonsmoking. 4170 Park Boulevard #4. 619-299-4034.

HILLCREST. \$795. Spacious studio. Old, Spanish charm. Controlled entry building. Full kitchen. Newly remodeled. No pets. Walk to shopping and bus. 3824 4th Avenue. 619-297-6659.

HILLCREST. \$1300. Large 1 bedroom plus garage. Hardwood floors, dining room. Centrally located, walk to shops and bus. No pets. 3814 4th Avenue. 619-297-6659.

HILLCREST. Cute, cozy studios, 1 and 2 bedrooms. \$750/up. In the heart of Hillcrest with canyon views, huge pool, laundry rooms, assigned parking, community barbecue. Near Mercy Hospital and bus. No dogs. Sleepy Hollow Apartments. 4201 Sixth Avenue. Centre City Property Management. Call manager, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. \$850. Cozy 2 bedroom. 2 story. Electric paid. Heart of Hillcrest, near shops/bus. Available August. 1010.5 Essex. Centre City Property Management. 619-296-6699.

HILLCREST. \$840. 1920s upper 1 bedroom, hardwood floors. Large closets, clean and quiet, indoor cat OK, assigned

off-street parking. Nonsmoking. Third and Washington. 619-226-1021.

HILLCREST. \$1200. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Private backyard. Garage, laundry hookups. Clean, well maintained. No pets. 1732 Cypress. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

HILLCREST. \$895. 1 bedroom plus office. Charming triplex, overlooks large common yard. Built-in dinette and hutch. Utilities included. No pets/smoking. Agent, 619-296-3189.

HILLCREST. \$900. 2 bedroom. Charming Spanish-style complex, hardwood floors, single-car garage. Close to all. No pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

HILLCREST. Room to roam! Approximately 1450 square feet. Two bedroom/work area. Corner of 4th and University. New kitchen. New appliances. Bath, carpet, blinds, loads of storage. Air conditioning. \$1600/month plus utilities. Must see to appreciate size! Call Linda, 760-436-4206.

LARGECREST. Robinson Avenue. \$1045. Large intercom gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Always maintained in top shape. Sunny, airy end unit. Balcony, open urban view. Large rooms. Microwave, dishwasher, ceiling fan, parking, laundry, cable discount. No pets. 619-296-7255.

HILLCREST. Great location! \$895. 1 bedroom. \$1095, large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, patio/barbecue area. Landscaped. Parking space. Laundry. No pets. 3828 3rd Avenue. 619-295-7113.

HILLCREST. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den; townhome. 2-car parking, new paint, new carpet, washer/dryer, air conditioning. No pets. Open Saturday, 11am-1pm, 1280 Robinson #B. 760-831-5387.

HILLCREST. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Newly remodeled. Master suite with own bath. Washer/dryer. Large living room, balcony. Underground parking. Uptown Property Management, 619-297-7368.

HILLCREST. \$1095-\$1125. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large units, arched doorways, 1 with balcony, garden settings, parking. 3835 3rd. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in gated complex. Laundry, new carpet. No dogs. Available August now. 1278-1/2 Essex Street. 619-255-2308.

HILLCREST. \$685. Studio. Great area in quiet complex. Walk to shopping. 3685 7th Avenue. Teresa, 619-692-1004.

HILLCREST. \$1195. Very private 1 bedroom house. Hardwood floors, French doors, private fence, large woodwork deck. Pet friendly. Xlarent.com. 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. \$725. Attractive studio in classic building in the heart of Hillcrest. Hardwood floors. Old world charm, 3939 Seventh Avenue. Xlarent.com, 858-492-8747.

HILLCREST. \$1575. Spacious 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, townhome style. Backyard, with laundry. Quiet street. Pat. 619-807-5753.

HILLCREST. \$1195. Large 2 bedroom in great neighborhood. Upstairs. Shared deck with views. On-site laundry. Xlarent.com, 858-492-8747.

HILLCREST. \$900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs apartment. Parking, laundry. Very large. New carpet, paint. Dishwasher. No pets! 4478 Utah Street #5. www.sunsetpacificrealty.com, call 619-222-4836 x14.

HILLCREST. \$990. Spacious 1 bedroom. Old Spanish charm. Controlled entry building. Walk-in closets. No pets. Walk to shopping and bus. 3824 4th Avenue. 619-297-6659.

HILLCREST. \$900. Central location. 1 bedroom. Gated. Large, clean, quiet. Laundry. Garage. Storage. No pets. 3776 1st Avenue. 619-294-2206.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Immaculate, 950-square-feet. Remodeled vintage house. Large dining room. New kitchen cabinets and appliances. Refurbished bathroom. 1212 Essex. No pets. Manager, 619-296-8802.

HILLCREST. \$945. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large, immaculate second floor unit. Spacious kitchen/dining area. Large living room window. Coin laundry, barbecue patio. Quiet, professionally managed complex near Henry's. 4219 Georgia. Manager 619-299-1004.

HILLCREST. \$875. 1 bedroom, newly remodeled. New appliances, dishwasher. Coin laundry, shared patio area. 3730 First Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. \$1195. Charming, Spanish 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, hardwood

floors, gated entry, no pets. 3515 4th Avenue. Agent, 619-295-6005.

HILLCREST. Great move-in specials! Reduced rates, 1 bedrooms, \$940/up. 2 bedrooms, \$1400. Canyon/bay views! Clubhouse, gym, pool, sauna, air conditioning, dishwasher. Ceramic tile. Laundry. Microwave. Floor to ceiling windows. Covered parking. Locked bicycle storage. No pets. Park East Apartments. 111 West Pennsylvania. www.sdreader.com/rent/1006. 619-298-3225.

HILLCREST. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment in small gated community. Laundry room onsite, walking distance to Balboa Park and the famous San Diego Zoo. Available 9/3. 3634 Park Boulevard #3648. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

HILLCREST. \$1300. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Views! Hardwood floors. Dishwasher. Tiled kitchen and bath. Quiet street and complex. On-site laundry. 619-962-1887.

HILLCREST. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, rear cottage, large shared yard, off street parking. 136 Brooks. Available now. John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

HILLCREST. \$800. Very large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Carpeted. Assigned parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 3820 Georgia. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$975 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Dishwasher. New paint. Patio. Parking. Garden setting. Quiet. Available 9/1. 619-501-8133.

HILLCREST. \$1295. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, vaulted ceilings. Balcony, fireplace. Gated community. 4119 Front Street. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. \$825. Deposit \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with stove, refrigerator, laundry, on-site parking. 526 Anderson #9. 619-297-0213.

HILLCREST. \$975. 1 bedroom 1 bath. \$1250, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. On-site laundry, off-street parking, dishwasher. Great shopping and dining only 1 block away! 4043 First Avenue. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

HILLCREST. \$1600. 3815 Georgia Street #101, 2 master suites, 2 baths. Secured parking. Pet on approval. Large patio. 619-640-7530.

HILLCREST. \$850-\$1195. Spacious studio and 2 bedroom, 1 bath in gorgeous, Mediterranean-style community. Controlled access, laundry, barbecue and more! 3953 Centre Street. 619-299-4666.

HILLCREST. Studio. \$715, includes SDG&E. Great, quiet area. Laundry. 1035-1/2 Hayes. 619-243-4000 x0.

HILLCREST. \$695-\$710. Studios on 6th Avenue. Clean, gated, appliances, laundry on site. Near all, 3560 6th Avenue. Available immediately. 619-233-4182.

HILLCREST. Private, 1 bedroom back cottage. \$995. Very quiet. Small pet OK. Private patio/yard. Enclosed, lockable parking. 1234 Cypress Avenue. Available now. 760-745-7658.

HILLCREST. \$825. Cute 1 bedroom apartment. Great location, minutes to everything! Laundry on site. Very quiet. 4276 Campus Avenue. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

HILLCREST. Discounted rents, must qualify with Housing Commission, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1125-\$1350/month. New carpet, dishwasher, Jacuzzi, air conditioning, gym. Underground parking. Gated. Pets OK with approval. 619-295-2500.

HILLCREST. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1/2 block to Balboa Park, lower unit, beautiful picture window, new carpet and tile, laundry on site. 3533 6th Avenue #1. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

HILLCREST/BANKERS HILL. Historic 1910 Irving Gill 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with 2-car garage. 3506 Albatross Street. Good Bay view, hardwoods, basement, fireplace. Extensive landscaping, gardener included. \$2400. 619-291-7002.

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HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$925. 2 bedroom apartment in 8-unit complex. Ceramic tile in kitchen and bath, generous closets. Off-street parking, on-site laundry. 619-299-0982.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. University Heights. 2 bedroom, 1 bath \$925. Quiet courtyard. 850 square feet, ample closets

and cabinets. Laundry, off street parking available. 619-294-8737.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS cottage. Stunning one bedroom, vintage Spanish Revival cottage with hardwood floors and dining nook. Come see our 1920s bungalow court, which is beautifully landscaped with a courtyard fountain. A garage is available for an additional fee. \$895. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$845. Large 1 bedroom. Walk-in closet. Upstairs. Large garage. Laundry. Xlarent.com, 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1500. Large 2 bedroom, remodeled, washer/dryer, designer carpet, French doors/large covered patio, quiet. Cat OK. 4409 New Jersey/Mead. 619-298-5066.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Charming mission style condo in gated community. Wood floors, fireplace, washer/dryer. Pet friendly. 858-598-1111, www.utopiamanagement.com.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$875. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath on third floor in attractive controlled access building near UCSD Medical Center. 4066 Albatross. Agent, 619-692-1837.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 2 bedrooms, \$1275/up. Great move-in specials! Great location. Elevator. Pool. Laundry. Lovely courtyard. Gym. Sauna. Barbecue. Off-street parking. No pets. Hillcrest Towers. 1030 Robinson Avenue. www.sdreader.com/rent/2066. 619-295-9673.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. Studios, \$775. 1 bedrooms, \$885/up. 2 bedroom, \$1275. Beautiful location beside lush canyon, end of a "No Through Street." Controlled access, elevator, pool, covered and off-street parking, poolside barbecue, recreation room with television/laundry room. Sorry, no pets permitted. Park View Apartments, 3700 Tenth Avenue. 619-298-6768.

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HILLCREST/BALBOA PARK. \$950. Bright 1 bedroom, top floor condo. Available now. Off-street parking. Security building. Large balcony. Park view. Pet OK. Agent, 619-248-4991.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$1100. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Huge private balcony with view. End unit. Washer/dryer on site. Quiet. Brand new everything! 3630 Georgia. Cogan Properties. 619-279-2183.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Not far from beach, no garage. 990

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KENSINGTON. \$1895. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. Hardwood floors, marbled fireplace, across from private school, 2-car garage. 2702 Collier. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com

KENSINGTON. \$625. 1 bedroom. Downstairs apartment. Close to shops and bus. Parking. Laundry. No pets! 4344 Van Dyke Street #5. www.sunsetpacificrealty.com, call 619-222-4836 x14.

KENSINGTON. \$1375. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, big private patio, wood floors, coin laundry. 4180 Madison. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

KENSINGTON. \$700. 1 bedroom, very large, clean, quiet, laundry. No pets. \$400 deposit. 4598 39th. Call 619-283-3280.

KENSINGTON. \$895. Beautiful upstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled. Laundry on site. 4421 Marlborough Avenue #A. Pets welcome. 1-year lease preferred. 619-444-3092 x14. www.coastipm.com.

KENSINGTON. \$900. Extra, extra large 1 bedroom, large balcony, garage, fireplace, section 8 OK. 4367 Van Dyke Avenue. 858-552-3433.

LA COSTA HILLS. Starting at \$1050+. 1 or 2 bedrooms. \$500 off first month! Fireplace/garage and pool/spa/gym/tennis! Washer/dryer/refrigerator! www.twhmc.com, 858-675-0200.

LA COSTA. \$1995. 4 bedroom, 3 bath. 2-car garage. Fireplace, fresh paint, like new carpet, blinds, ceramic tile entry. Formal living and dining. New light fixtures. Please call 760-942-1187.

LA COSTA. \$1150. up to 1/2 off 1st month (selected units). 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. In quiet community. Cats OK with deposit, no dogs. Assigned parking. Available. Gunney, 760-943-7590.

LA JOLLA. \$1600. Condo. Block to beach. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool/spa, view. Available August 31. 858-456-1274.

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LA JOLLA. Starting at \$1025. Call for move-in specials! Junior 1 and 2 bedrooms. Utilities paid. Pets welcome. Resort-style pool. Beautiful canyon views. Minutes from shopping, beach, golf and more. Excellent floor plans. Walk to UCSD. See us online at www.sdreader.com/rent/2065. Call 858-457-3020.

LA JOLLA. View, top location, 1-2 bedrooms, \$1750-\$2050 (add \$100 furnished). Near beach, tennis, pet walk. Truly "In

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LA JOLLA. \$1350. 1/2 off first month's rent! Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large private balcony. Garden window. Walk to UCSD, shops and park. Fun, cosmopolitan location. No pets. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive. Ask manager for details, 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. \$2400. Luxury 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath furnished townhouse. 1575 square feet. Art work, wood/carpeted floor. Patio. Fireplace, plants, 2 car, pools, park. refinch@mcconnic.com. Owner, 619-666-7378.

LA JOLLA. \$1150, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$950, ocean view studio. Pool. Steps to beach. Laundry. Parking. Security. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-775-0386. 858-395-9942.

LA JOLLA. \$1750. Deposit \$1800. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large spacious condo in gated community, near ocean. Laundry on site. Underground parking. Patio. Available now. No pets. 5370 La Jolla Blvd #105-B. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

LA JOLLA. \$2900. Deposit \$2950. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Beautiful tri-level condo in gated community of La Florentine. High ceilings, wet bar, fireplace. Laundry on site, pool, spa. 2-car attached garage. Available now. No pets. 5163 Renaissance Avenue, unit D. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

LA JOLLA. \$975 plus utilities. Large studio, second floor, new carpet, courtyard setting. Blocks to beach. 619-298-1666.

LA JOLLA. \$1500. Charming furnished studio. Pool, laundry, elevator. 3 blocks to La Jolla Cove and business district. No pets. 858-459-8254, www.casalindaapartments.com.

LA JOLLA. \$2050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Security building. First floor. Large deck. Fireplace. All appliances. 2-parking spaces in garage. Near all. Available now. 7553 La Jolla Blvd. Boone Properties, 858-274-0307.

LA JOLLA. \$1325. 2 bedroom. Upstairs. Apartments in the village. Laundry. Verticals. 7555 Herschel Avenue. Agent, 858-459-1102.

LA JOLLA. Studios \$600 plus. 1 bedroom, \$695-\$950, 2 bedroom, \$1100-\$1650, 3 bedroom, \$1350-\$2100. Fee. www.rentwave.com. 1-888-575-3179.

LA JOLLA. Mid-summer blow out deals for awesome studios and 1 bedrooms. 1/2 block to ocean! Pool/laundry on property. 858-454-7509 or 858-536-1900.

LA JOLLA. \$900-\$1245. 1 and 2 bedroom units. Minutes from UCSD and La Jolla Beaches. Great locations. Vaulted ceilings. Balconies. Parking. House also available. Charge. 858-571-1074.

LA JOLLA. \$900 and up. 1 and 2 bedrooms in the heart of La Jolla. Fantastic views and inexpensive rent. Parking charge. 858-571-1074.

LA JOLLA. \$2050. Private, rear house, 2 master suites, 2 entrances, 4 blocks from Windansea. Fenced yard. Pets on approval. 1100 square feet. Agent 858-483-2844.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, parking, near bus. 2 blocks from Windansea. No pets. 445 Mesa Way. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Close to beach. Laundry on site, off-street parking. No pets. Available approximately 7/11. 6033 La Jolla Hermosa. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA. \$1990. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. Newly remodeled. Wood floors, parking, private yard, storage, close to beach. No pets. Available now. 731 Arenas Street. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Fireplace. Deck. All utilities paid. 644 Bonair Way. Agent, 858-454-4200 x110.

LA JOLLA. Charming cottages. Block from beach/village. Newly remodeled. Fenced yard. 1 bedroom, \$1400; 2 bedroom, fireplace, \$1650. Pets considered. Washer/dryer. 858-499-0611. Evenings: 858-361-6038.

LA JOLLA. \$1300. Furnished spacious 1 bedroom condo. Adjacent beach. Secure, parking, laundry, patio/backyard. No smoking/pets. Available 9/2. 5051 La Jolla Boulevard. 909-852-2441.

LA JOLLA. \$2300. Deposit \$2350. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Two story house. Yard and gardener. 9 month lease. 1 block to Windansea. Street parking. Available 9/1. 437

Westbourne. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

LA JOLLA. \$1025. Small 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. Fireplace. Quiet. Appliances. Carpet. Share patio. 8040 La Jolla Shores Drive #D. Agent, 619-275-3455.

LA JOLLA. \$1700. Spacious 1 bedroom garden apartment. Starting at \$1945. 2 bedroom, 2 bath extra large apartment, some with ocean view. Minutes from the beach. No pets. Call 619-405-4500.

LA JOLLA. Starting at \$1430. Spacious 1 bedroom apartments with great closet and storage space. Garage parking and more. Live by the ocean. No pets. Call 619-994-7166.

LA JOLLA. 1 bedroom apartments some with ocean views starting at \$1430. 2 bedroom, 2 bath starting at \$1696. No pets. Call 619-980-9500.

LA JOLLA. \$2100. Ocean front 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Windansea area. Patio, fireplace, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, covered parking, laundry on site. Great view! 760-720-1400, 760-613-1350.

LA JOLLA. \$1195. Spacious 1 bedrooms in newly remodeled community. Features dressing areas, ample closet space, dishwashers, laundry and much more. Fully gated. 363 Playa Del Sur. 858-270-5500.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1,950 Gorgeous and spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo with washer/dryer in unit. 1,400 square feet. Newer complex has pool, tennis court, spa and sauna. Covered parking. Arnold Property Management 858-552-0003.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse with an extra den area, garage, washer/dryer hookups, patio, clubhouse, pool and spa. 619-296-2787.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1,375, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room area, balcony, new carpeting, appliances. Swimming pools, jacuzzi, racquetball court. Beautiful grounds. Pets OK. 760-634-0226.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. 2 bedroom, 2 bath \$1750. One block to ocean. Gated. Laundry on site, underground parking. Available September 8. Call 858-454-8857 x326.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. Quiet, private, 1 bedroom guest house. \$1095 including utilities and cable. Sorry, no pets/smoking. Ask for Jim, 619-823-3945.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. 2 bedroom house with office and yard. Pets OK. \$2495/month. Call 858-483-5111.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$895. Spacious second-story studio in duplex near ocean. Comes with garage included in rent. Washer/dryer. Sunny unit with lots of windows. Small kitchen. Cat OK. Available first week of September. Wendy (Broker), 619-999-0111.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$900, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1200, 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, coin laundry. Nice shared courtyard area. 415 Colima. Del Sol Property Management, broker 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA/PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$2955. Immaculate 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on quiet cul-de-sac near Mount Soledad. 3-car garage. Fireplace, dishwasher, stove, washer/dryer. Master suite. No pets. Drive by 2156 Harbour Heights Road then call Wendy (Broker), 619-999-0111.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Receive up to \$1000! 1 bedrooms from \$1145. 2 bedrooms from \$1530. Some restrictions apply. Washer/dryer. Patios/balconies. Broadband Internet access. Pools, spas. Fitness center. Near shops, dining, entertainment. Near 5, 805 freeways. Nobel Court, 8895 Caminito Plaza Centro. Call toll free, 1-888-521-6922. www.sdreader.com/rent/1037.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. \$1600 plus security. Furnished 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath condo with attached 2-car garage. Washer/dryer, pool, spa. No pets. 858-270-1344.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1.25 bath condo available 9/1. Upstairs corner unit, laundry, garage, balcony, pool. No smoking/pets. 858-653-4670.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. Gated, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Near UCSD/shopping. Washer/dryer in unit. Tennis, pool, secure parking. Cats welcome. 619-846-8663.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Golden Triangle large 1 bedroom plus loft, 2 bath apartment. Private balcony and great view. Bisque/black appliances. Pool, spa and fitness center. Special! \$1375. 858-455-5677.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Stylish Italian sophistication! Courtyards, 4 resort style pools, spas, sun decks. High tech fitness center. Full time activities director. \$1180-\$2350. Studios, 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. Full size washer/dryer. The Villas of Renaissance, 5280 Fiore Terrace. Open daily until 6pm. 888-218-0377. rental-living.com, visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1051.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. Gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Secure parking, pool, tennis. Washer/dryer in unit. Small pet OK. Available now. 858-485-8121.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room area, balcony, new carpeting, appliances. Swimming pool, jacuzzi, racquetball court. Cable and utilities included. 858-342-8762.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600, includes water. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large living room. Quiet, gated, skylights, appliances, new carpet. Available immediately. 858-450-0107.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1445. Gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2 underground garage spaces. Beautiful garden landscape, pool, spa, racquetball court. Pets OK. 858-442-8531.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1450+. Large 2 and 3 bedroom condos and houses available now and on continual basis. Near UCSD and bus line. Find your place early. 858-578-3392.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1300. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with fireplace in garden setting. 346 Rosemont. Agent, 858-454-4209.

LA MESA. \$1125. Ask about manager special! 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome. Ceiling fans. Quality apartments. Pool. Laundry facilities. No pets. Off street parking. 619-985-3500.

LA MESA. \$955. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath 2-story townhome. Off-street parking, nice location, laundry on premises. 7425 Waite Drive. Leave message, 619-460-7149.

LA MESA. \$900 plus move-in special! Spacious 1 bedroom. Newly renovated community. Air conditioning. Patio/balcony. New appliances. Large closets. Berber carpet. Wood flooring. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Saunas. Laundry. Near trolley, Grossmont Mall, SDSU, 32nd Street, Miramar. Cat friendly. Model Open! Villas at La Mesa, 8515 Chloe Avenue. 619-460-7955. www.sdreader.com/rent/2054.

LA MESA. \$795. 1 bedroom apartment, air conditioning, swimming pool, great parking, fabulous location near Trolley square and Grossmont Center. Call 619-469-3735. www.fliot.com.

LA MESA. \$1355. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome, 2 garages and off-street parking, yard, laundry facilities, quiet area. 3810 American. Dan, 619-980-7520.

LA MESA. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Upstairs. Balcony. Dishwasher. Blinds. Intercom entry. Laundry. Pool. Garage included. 4311 Parks Avenue. 619-460-5406.

LA MESA. \$775-\$875. Large studio and 1 bedroom. Pool, patio. Near shops and freeway. 5639 Jackson Drive. 619-462-3447.

LA MESA. \$1195. Beautiful condo off Fletcher Parkway. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Panoramic views. Balcony. Parking, pool. No pets. Great neighborhood. Gated community. 619-861-4833.

LA MESA. \$1335. 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. \$1150. Home: 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Utilities included except telephone/cable. Walk-in closet, ceiling fan. French doors to yard. No dogs. 858-259-1217.

LA MESA. \$895. Deposit \$500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool. On-site parking. Close to shops and freeways. Laundry on site. 4515 Third Street. Available 8/15. Glennia, 619-469-5010.

LA MESA. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment. Top notch condition, great location. Laundry, parking. No pets. 3717 69th Street. Manager, 619-337-2369.

LA MESA. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Fireplace. Laundry. Quiet. Balcony, view. Great location. Near trolley. Call now. 619-208-2320.

LA MESA. 1 and 2 bedroom, luxury apartments, fireplace, laundry hookups, patio/balcony, pool, spa, gated/covered parking. 5519 Lake Murray Boulevard. For pricing, 619-698-7600.

LA MESA. 2 bedroom, living room, family room, formal dining room, sunroom, spacious yard. Great area, \$1500. Available 9/1. 3441 Par Drive. 619-460-7024.

LA MESA. 2 bedroom. \$950. Spacious upper units in small quiet complex. Balcony. Controlled entry building. Newly remodeled. Near all. No pets. Walk to shops and

trolley. Available now. 4513 Palm Avenue. 619-296-2200.

LA MESA. Air conditioned, renovated 2 bedrooms. 1/2 off first month! Pool, parking, laundry. \$1050. 619-464-3086.

LA MESA. From \$775. 1 bedrooms, small quiet complex. Air conditioning, upgrades, patio or balcony, on site laundry, off street parking. Garages available. John, 619-460-9571.

LA MESA. Garage/studio for rent \$450 per month plus \$450 per month deposit, plus one-third water/electric. Private entrance, off street parking. No pets, children or smoking. 858-837-2655 (Leave message).

LA MESA. Junior, \$785. 1 bedroom, \$920. Move-in special! Resort style living. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Gym. Patio or balcony. Parking. Clubhouse, pool, spa, sauna. 8633 La Mesa Boulevard. www.sdreader.com/rent/1002. 619-462-1633.

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LA MESA. Studios, \$700. 1 bedrooms, \$800-\$870. 2 bedrooms, \$1050. Includes carport space and storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated community. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA/ROLANDO. \$1550. 3 bedroom, 2 bath in great neighborhood, quiet area. Air conditioning, wood floors, laundry room, private yard, patio. Off-street parking. 760-500-5088.

LA MESA/SDSU. \$740, Junior. \$840, 1 bedroom. Secluded hillside living, yet convenient to all. Air conditioning. Dishwashers. Disposals. Patios/barbecues. Exercise room. Laundry area. Clubhouse. Billiards. Gas barbecue. Heated pool. Spa. Sauna. Month-to-month lease available. Southridge Apartments. 7200 Saranac Street. www.sdreader.com/rent/1001. 619-462-1940.

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LA MESA/COLLEGE. \$1275. Nice and homey house. 2 bedroom, 1 bath plus bonus room, garage, stove, refrigerator, new carpet/paint, washer/dryer hookups. 619-276-6745.

LA MESA/FLETCHER HILLS. Fabulous 1 and 2 bedroom apartment homes with patio/balcony. Some units have skylights, cathedral ceilings and fireplaces. No pets please. 1 bedrooms start at \$950. 2 bedrooms start at \$1150. 619-464-8985.

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LAKEIDE. Hurry! Move-in special! \$895. 1 bedroom condo. Pergo floors. Private patio. Attached garage. Pool. Laundry. Across from Lindo Lake. No dogs. Available now. 619-607-0810.

LAKEIDE. \$850. Deposit \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Small complex. Pets OK. Laundry on site. Near park and lake. 1 parking space. Available 9/1. 12633 Lindo Lane, unit A. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

LEMON GROVE. \$725/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled, new paint, carpet, linoleum, blinds. Appliances. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 619-962-1887.

LEMON GROVE. 1 bedroom apartment. Fenced yard, all utilities paid except phone/cable. Garage available. Pets allowed upon approval. Call Becki, 619-757-6673.

LEMON GROVE. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Remodeled kitchen with new appliances, new cabinets, new ceramic tile floor, new carpet, new paint, mirrored closet doors, air

conditioning, ceiling fan, microwave. No smoking/pets. 7525 Pacific Avenue. 619-280-4693.

LEMON GROVE \$1350. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Garage, section 8 OK. Stove, refrigerator included. Lots of room inside. 619-668-4494.

LEMON GROVE/LA MESA. \$925, utilities included. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, front yard, new carpet. Laundry and storage. 619-465-4434.

LEMON GROVE. \$1300. 3 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, fenced yard. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

LEUCADIA. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with garage, 4 blocks to beach. Private yard, quiet neighborhood, laundry hookups. Pets OK. Available 8/21. 858-794-7682; 760-271-9000.

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LINDA VISTA. \$650, studio, utilities included. Laundry, gated parking. No pets. 2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

LINDA VISTA. \$870 and \$945. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. 1 bedroom, \$825. Convenient location, fenced backyards, assigned parking. No pets. Office at 2451 Ulric Street. Please call for appointment at 858-278-3610.

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LINDA VISTA. \$1325. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Yard, parking, near bus/market, laundry, refrigerator. No pets. 2635 Comstock. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LINDA VISTA. City Scene condominium. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, top floor, 2-car garage. Pool, jacuzzi. Close to Fashion Valley. Available 8/25. \$1450. 858-576-0448, dirkinsd@aol.com.

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MIRA MESA/SORRENTO VALLEY. \$1225. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, fireplace, swimming pool, covered parking. Available 8/15. 858-945-2728.

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MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$2400, ocean front penthouse, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1500, 2 bedroom, 2 bath cottage. \$1300, 1 bedroom. Parking available. September-May. 760-473-7601.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1700. Sunny, quiet, 2 bedroom, 1 bath furnished apartment. Steps to beach/bay. No pets/smoking. 9-month lease. Available 9/2. 858-488-0206.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$1075. Charming 1 bedroom beach cottage. Available soon. Steps to the bay. Hardwood floors. Redondo Court. Faydra, 858-488-4800.

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MISSION BEACH. \$2400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Whitewater ocean view. 2 car garage/additional space. Courtyard. Laundry. 1/2 block to beach. Year lease. 858-488-1726.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$775/month. Studio. Utilities paid. On-site parking. 1-year lease on approved credit, 2980 Mission Boulevard #3. 714-505-8943.

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MISSION BEACH. \$3095. Spacious, beautiful modern 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo. Fireplace, patio, 2-car garage. Block to beach. No pets. 813 Isthmus Court. 858-459-7391.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1195. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, all new hardwood floors and tile. Steps to beach and bay. Laundry. 2996 Bayside Lane. 858-344-9267.

MISSION BEACH. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. 9-month lease. Walk to beach. 1 parking. Near Santa Clara. Available 9/1. No pets. Nonsmoking. 858-272-5252.

MISSION BEACH. \$740. Immaculate studio steps to beach and bay. Assigned off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. Rent plus \$400 moves you in. Available September 1. Drive by 3599 Mission #6 (near Niantic). Please do not disturb tenants. Crown Management Broker, 858-454-1900.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1695. Bright, sunny 2 bedroom. All redone interior. Hardwood floors, appliances, laundry and parking. Steps to sand and oceanfront. 712-C Santa Rita. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1050. 1 bedroom. Steps to beach and bay, parking, laundry. Available 9/1. Call 858-335-1250.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath furnished apartment. 50 yards to beach. Parking space. Clean and nice. No pets. 9 months. \$1575. 858-488-7482.

MISSION BEACH. Fall rental. September through May. Oceanfront view, 3 bedroom,

3 bath. Fireplace. 2 parking spaces, laundry. \$3200/month. 858-273-4820.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit. Downstairs, bay side, parking, remodeled, yard. Must see. 812 Island Court. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$900-\$925. 1 bedroom apartment. Steps to beach or bay, centrally located, laundry. No pets. Parking. 3586.5 Mission Blvd. 858-483-3534, [www. Cal-Prop.com](http://www.Cal-Prop.com).

MISSION BEACH. \$775. Studio. Bayfront. 8' sliding door, balcony. Great view. New paint, carpet, appliances. Parking, laundry, quiet older building. No pets. 858-488-0341.

MISSION BEACH. Bay front furnished condo. \$1900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, September-May lease, patio, barbecue, parking. 3536 Bayside Walk. 858-483-8691.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$785. Studio apartment. No pets. One building from beach. Appliance, carpet. 1 parking. 719-1/2 San Fernando Place. Agent, 619-275-3455.

MISSION BEACH. \$1175. Small 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Bay side. No pets. Appliance. Deck. Carpet. 819 Seagirt Court. Available now. Agent. 619-275-3455.

MISSION BEACH. \$800-\$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Steps to sand, with jacuzzi and gas barbecue. New carpet and paint. Pet considered. Call 858-259-7475.

MISSION BEACH. \$2000 and up. Two newer, upgraded bi-level condos. Each 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1-car garage, appliances, fireplace. Available 8/15, 9/20. 820 Ormond. 858-484-6129.

MISSION BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, steps to beach. Stove and refrigerator, small patio, new carpet, parking. Pet OK. Newly refurbished. 760-720-1400; 760-613-1350.

MISSION BEACH. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. Steps to Bay. 2 parking spaces. Dishwasher. Very clean. No pets. Available 9/6. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

MISSION BEACH. \$2250/month. Light and bright 3 bedroom, 1 bath beach cottage. Steps to the sand, fenced front yard, private laundry, water included. Furnished/unfurnished. Pets OK. 858-488-3807; 619-602-3466.

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MISSION HILLS. \$1495. Canyon setting, 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse, secluded patio, laundry, carport, front yard. Quiet

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MISSION HILLS. \$1600. Charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath flat, entire upper floor of Craftsman triplex. Beautiful hardwood floors, fireplace, built-in cabinets, dining room, deck, yard, laundry. Clean and quiet, light and airy. No dogs. Nonsmoking. 619-291-0147.

MISSION HILLS. Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Just renovated. New windows, appliances. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Hardwood floors. Private Yard. Gardener included. No pets. \$2500. 858-874-0138.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$925. 2 bedroom, 2 bath master suite, \$1275. Top floor, sunny, laundry. 3782 First Avenue. Cat OK. 858-273-6429.

MISSION HILLS. \$1050. 1 bedroom duplex. Living room, sun room. Extremely private, quiet, trees. All new. Cat OK. Great location. John, 619-688-1631.

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MISSION HILLS. \$995. 2-story 1 bedroom. New carpet/blinds, parking, pool. Near market/bus. Available September. 4039 Brant. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MISSION HILLS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit duplex. View, deck, private backyard, private driveway. Near downtown/Hillcrest. Available 9/1. 619-246-8578.

MISSION HILLS. \$300 off first month! \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Spacious, covered parking, walk to town. Shadow Glen Apartments. 808 Fort Stockton. 619-295-2624.

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MISSION HILLS, NORTH. \$1395. Huge, Spanish house-style 1 bedroom (very large), formal dining room, hardwood floors, laundry, garage, canyon. Cat ok. 4129 lbs. 619-982-0385.

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MISSION HILLS. \$675. Charming studio with hardwood floors and antique bathtubs. Murphy beds. Intercom entry. Laundry on site. Veranda. 630 West Washington. Agent, 619-298-7724.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$995. Large 1 bedroom duplex, harbor view, off-street parking. No pets. 1324-1/2 West Redwood. Agent, 619-295-6005.

MISSION HILLS. \$1650. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, carpet, appliances, washer/dryer, fireplace, balcony, view, air conditioning, subterranean parking. 619-886-3146.

MISSION HILLS. \$895. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Refrigerator, stove. Fresh paint, new carpet, new miniblinds. Near all. No pets. Available 9/7. 858-271-5323.

MISSION HILLS/BANKER'S HILL. \$1345. Gorgeous upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath with amazing view. Available 9/1. Hardwood floors, large balcony. New kitchen with washer/dryer and dishwasher included. Off-street parking available. 314 West Hawthorn. Pets welcome. 1-year lease preferred. 619-444-3092 x14. www.coastpm.com.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$1240. 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath condo. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis, fitness center. Next to stadium, trolley. Air conditioning, nice carpet/tile. Great condition. 619-282-4008.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1700. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony, pool, spa, tennis. 3 parking spaces. Walk to stadium and trolley. 6171 Rancho Mission. Call Ryan, 619-990-9797.

MISSION VALLEY. 1 month free! 12-month lease. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 bedroom, 2 bath from \$1100. Low deposits! Close to everything! Intercom system, pool, spa, sauna, fitness center, central air/heat, balcony/patio, garage, parking, laundry. Mission Pacific Apartments. 4424 44th Street. 619-282-1191. www.pacificliving.com, Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1650. Large upgraded 2-story townhome, 3 bedroom, 2 bath with private garage, washer/dryer, community pool, great views. Available 9/1. 619-255-0786; 619-540-2811.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1450. River Run Drive. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story condo with washer/dryer. Pool, jacuzzi, fitness center. No pets/no smoking. Available 9/15. Call 858-775-8748.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1400 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Gated parking, wooden/marble floors, designer fixtures, washer/dryer, fireplace, patio, sundeck, jacuzzi, view. Very quiet. No pets. 619-948-6328.

MISSION VALLEY. \$900. Luxury, 800 square feet, 1 bedroom. Pools, jacuzzis, saunas, tennis, gym. Beautiful wooded grounds, air conditioning, covered parking. No pets/smoking. 760-436-8675.

MISSION VALLEY. \$2210. Stonecrest. Single-story house. Canyon view, former model home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage, clubhouse, tennis, pool, exercise room, activities. 619-379-3855.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1450. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Multi-level, vaulted ceilings, balcony, fireplace. Washer/dryer in unit. 2 parking. Pets negotiable. Available 10/1. 619-640-7043.

MISSION VALLEY. Walk to stadium/trolley. 1 bedroom condo, top floor overlooking pool. Resort style: 3 pools, jacuzzis, gym, tennis, gated parking. New carpet/appliances. \$950. 858-922-0627.

MISSION VALLEY. \$850. Large top floor upgraded studio. Tile counters, balcony, sunny exposure, steps to pool. 7978 Mission Center Court #C. 619-250-6634.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1395. Large River Run condo 2 story, 2 bedroom, 2 bath with washer/dryer, fireplace and balcony. Vacant now. Call 619-840-6683.

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MISSION VALLEY, EAST. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Vaulted ceilings, parking, pool. 5422 Adobe Falls Road. Drive by first, then call agent, 619-246-8456.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet, park-like, 1000 square feet, 2 parking, security, lots of storage, air, pool, jacuzzi. \$1250. 619-582-5785.

MISSION VALLEY. \$800. Junior. \$910/up, 1 bedroom, \$1050/up, 2 bedroom. Walking distance to Cowles Mountain and Mission Trails Park. Large kitchen. Pool. Spa. Gym/recreation room. Patio or balcony. Air conditioning. Extra storage available. Villa De Flores Apartments. 7707 Mission Gorge Road. www.sdreader.com/rent/1008. 619-583-0821.

MISSION VALLEY. \$850/month. Upper, studio condo. Air conditioning, dishwasher. Carpeted. Private balcony. Gated, pool, spa. Assigned parking. Laundry facilities. Available 8/15. \$850 deposit. 619-574-4644.

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NATIONAL CITY. \$950. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Big victorian house. All bedrooms have walk in closet. Front porch. Pantry. 619-517-1868.

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NATIONAL CITY. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Clean, fresh paint, hardwood floors, garage. Call for more information, 619-239-2781.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, single garage, gated, washer/dryer hookups, upper, balcony, fireplace, water/trash paid. No pets. 4512 Oregon #5. 619-697-0603.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Small studio. \$500, utilities \$30. Above Mission Valley, between Adams and El Cajon Blvd. No smoking/drinking/pets. Available now. Appointments, 619-281-8987.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1100-\$1200. Pride of Normal Heights! Totally remodeled, extremely large 2 bed, 2 bath, with 3 closets (one walk-in) plus linen closet, storage closet and pantry. Private fenced patio or balcony. New paint, carpet and ceramic 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.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. Nice! \$745, \$450 deposit, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upper. Clean, quiet garden style apartment with patio, barbecue, laundry, storage. Off-street parking. No pets. Patti, 619-283-7447.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Duplex, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1050; \$1050 deposit. Laundry facilities. 4664 36th Street #A. 619-459-6139.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895 with 1 year lease. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated complex, new carpet, eat-in kitchen, laundry, parking. No pets. 4526 Arizona. 619-231-2727 x223.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$845. Beautiful and unique! New Orleans style 1 bedroom. Designer colors and features. Laundry. Small pet considered. Centrally located. 619-269-0333.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Small gated complex north of Adams. Refurbished, including kitchen. Hardwood floors. Courtyard. Laundry on site. MG Realty. 619-229-0231.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. New studios, \$450 plus; 1 bedroom apartments from \$550-\$750; 2 bedrooms, \$895-\$1250; 3 bedrooms, \$1250-\$1650. Pets OK. Section 8. Quiet neighborhood. Fee. www.rentwave.com. 1-888-575-3179.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. House, 2 bedroom, hardwood, newer kitchen and bath, laundry hookups, central air and heat. \$1595. 5108 Hawley Boulevard. 619-291-1377.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 weeks free rent on a 6 month lease. \$695/month. Laundry, gated. 4146 Swift Avenue. 619-563-0189.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Mountain view. Off-street parking. Amenities and some utilities included. Visit www.homesforrent.com Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$890. Large 2 bedroom. No pets. Available now. 4620 Hawley Boulevard #1. Call 858-483-5111.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/KENSINGTON. \$700. 1 bedroom, upstairs apartment in quiet building. Reserved parking, brand new paint, window coverings and carpeting. No pets. 4319 Copeland. 619-582-3596.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/KENSINGTON. \$860. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, downstairs, in quiet gated building. Brand new carpeting. No pets. 4319 Copeland. 619-229-9060.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. 2 bedroom, 2 full bath upstairs apartment. Intercom access, dishwasher, balcony, garage available. No pets. 4465 Cherokee. 619-265-8680.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. 1 bedroom apartment, new paint/carpet. Secured off

street parking. Tile. New laundry facility. Pets OK. 4828 West Mountain View. 619-284-2092. www.flotit.com

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$800 rent. \$500 deposit. Upper 1 bedroom apartment near Kensington. No pets. At 4742 East Mountain View Drive, #8. 619-299-8515.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Hardwood floors, air conditioning. Indoor cat OK. Available now. \$750, includes water. 619-580-9711.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with washer/dryer in unit. New carpet, new appliances, parking space, gated. 4540 Wilson Avenue. Deborah, 619-733-7652.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$925, large, upper, refurbished 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$800, lower 1 bedroom. Parking, laundry room. No pets. Near bus/park. 4613 Alabama. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$860. Clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Microwave, dishwasher, air. Washer, dryer in unit. Off-street parking. 4774 33rd Street #6. Available 8/30/03. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1095. Condo. 2 bedroom. Garage, laundry room, air conditioning. 2875 Monroe. McKee, 619-435-2700, www.mckeecompany.com.

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NORTH PARK. 1 bedrooms from \$800; 2 bedrooms from \$1000. Cats OK. Air conditioning, fireplaces, balconies, laundry facilities. Parking available. Call 619-640-9179.

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NORTH PARK. \$850. Spacious, garden-level 2 bedroom. Small, gated complex. Parking. Laundry. 4175 Wabash Avenue. 858-653-4960.

NORTH PARK. Studio apartments starting \$635-\$885. Pool. Spa. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Close to freeways. Sorry no pets. 4841 West Mountain View. 619-282-6440. www.sunriseliving.com.

NORTH PARK. \$645. Large 1 bedroom, fourplex, hardwood floors, tile, laundry, front/back doors. Small pets OK. 3140 Meade. 858-481-5127.

NORTH PARK. \$1850. Beautiful Craftsman, 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Hardwood floors, fireplace, dining room, breakfast nook, fenced yard, washer/dryer. 3323 Thorn Street. 760-754-3143.

NORTH PARK. \$805. 1 bedrooms, gated access, pool, sauna, laundry, elevator. No pets. Available now. 3929 Kansas. Denise, 619-543-0730.

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NORTH PARK. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet neighborhood. Available now. Own yard. No pets. Full kitchen, hardwood floors. 3026 Olive Street. Call 619-516-2391.

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NORTH PARK, SOUTH. \$1485. 3 bedroom house. Garage, yard. Pet OK. Very large with hardwood floors and large formal dining room. Agent, no fee. 619-223-2524.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$775. Large 1 bedroom. Gated garden complex, pool, laundry facilities, off-street parking. No pets. Close to all. 3722 Alabama. 619-299-1699.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Large, airy 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Security gated, quiet. Laundry. Off-street parking. 4121 Iowa Street. Manager #4. 619-501-5133.

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NORTH PARK. \$1295. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Charming cottage style, dining room, fenced yard, washer/dryer. No pets. Section 8. 3354 30th Street. 619-698-6911.

NORTH PARK. \$995. 2 bedroom. All appliances, fireplace, laundry, 1 car garage, lower unit, secured complex. 4065 Louisiana Street. 619-698-6911.

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NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$695. 1 bedroom duplex. Rounded ceilings, faux fireplace, small yard area. Walk to park and shops. 2983 Redwood. No pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

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NORTH PARK. \$750. Adorable 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage in gated courtyard. Recently remodeled. Laundry. No pets. Nonsmoking. 3361 and 3363 30th Street. Agent, 619-685-3960; Ken 619-251-4355.

NORTH PARK, WEST. \$995. Safe well kept neighborhood. Very large, sunny intercom-gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment plus security garage. Redecorated. Always maintained in top shape. Large living room, dishwasher, microwave, ceiling fan, blinds. No pets. Half month free with August move-in! 619-683-7850.

NORTH PARK. \$795. Nice 1 bedroom, 1 bath in small gated complex, off-street parking, laundry. 3747 32nd Street #2. Available now. 619-206-4725.

NORTH PARK. \$925. Large nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath, parking, laundry, wood floors, small gated complex. 3754 32nd Street #3. Available 8/10. 619-206-4725.

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NORTH PARK. \$750-\$895. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Fully remodeled apartments, gated community, parking. 4385 Arizona. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

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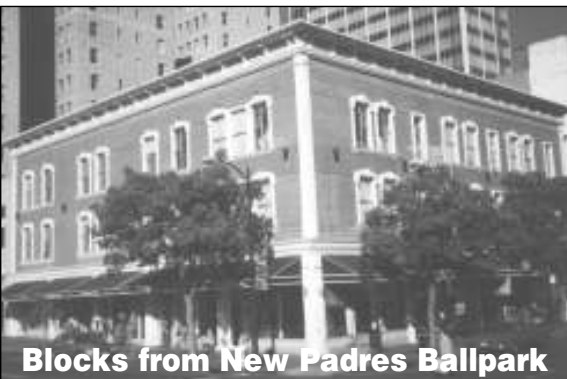
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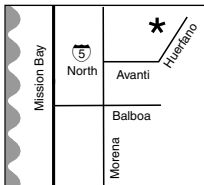
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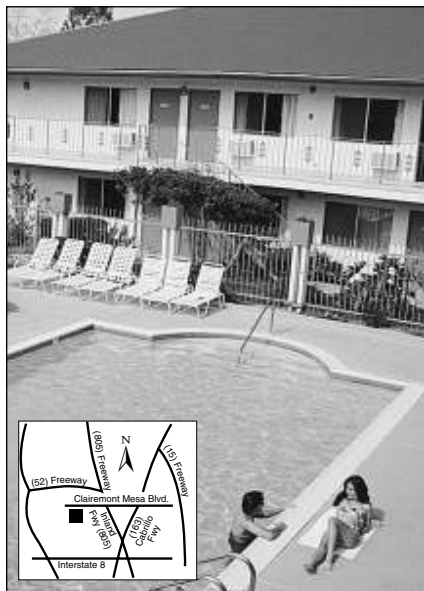
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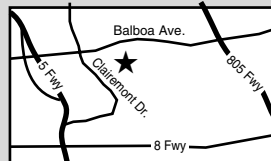
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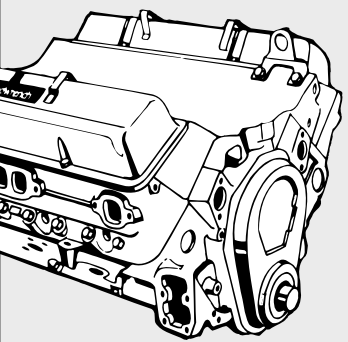
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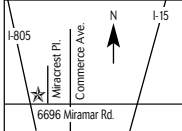
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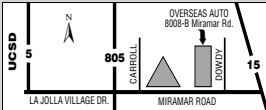
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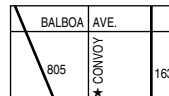


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“Did you ever notice that everyone going slower than you is an idiot and everyone going faster is a maniac?”

By John Brizzolara

Awhile ago I wrote about riding the bus on a Friday evening. No reader reaction, but it got a smile from a coworker and the single word “colorful.” Now, the word “colorful” on its own means nothing, but coupled with that particular type of smile, it was worth yards of space on the letters-to-the-editor page. I believe the smile was meant to signify, “I too am a sensitive soul that must suffer fools constantly at every turn, but noblesse oblige demands that I endure stoically and with a stiff upper lip in the face of the daily cretinous assaults, etc., etc.” The point is, once in a while people ask where I get the ideas for this column, and in this case, it was that smile and the word “colorful” wherein rested the seed for a deep think piece on riding the trolley in San Diego — and, yeah, sure, on Friday. Why not?

I find myself most often getting on or off the blue line at Fifth Avenue. This is a street corner where you are most likely to find people having one kind of intercourse or another with beings from Proxima Centauri. On any day of the week and at most any time of day, it’s the psychosocially dysfunctional in regalia. The odds are you won’t be seriously bothered by anyone here, except a trolley cop — about which, more later.

If you’re heading south toward Tijuana, the next stop is City College (also San Diego High), and you are about to be bothered indeed, especially on a Friday, by aimlessly milling throngs, seething feral packs of the dermatologically unfortunate, cacophonous choruses of unmodulated voices all pushing decibel meters into the red. In short, gabbling, galloping hordes of noxious youth. They will be your traveling companions most of the way to Chula Vista.

Forget the book you’ve brought. You thought to transcend the discomfort of butting knees with a stranger or

unwillingly sharing the cell-phone conversation with the man on your right. Understandable but doomed ideas. Then there is the always-imminent danger of making eye contact with the person with whom you are already performing this Vulcan mindmeld (though at the kneecaps). This staredown is almost always a precursor to some one-way conversation from hell, sometimes beginning, “With the grace of Jesus Christ, my personal Lord and Savior, I have almost 24 hours clean and sober.”

You will be unable to hear yourself think, much less mentally transcribe someone else’s thoughts from a page as you are privy to the highest reflections from the flower of today’s young, all within inches of your ears.

“You know what? That shit be phat. Know what I’m sayin’?”
“You be all like dis be phat, das phat. You know what? You be fuckin’ trippin’.”

“That shit phat. I’m just sayin’. Know what I’m sayin’?”
“Hizzle for shizzle? Uh-uh. Know what I’m sayin’?”

I confess I do not know what they are saying. And I may be misremembering, mishearing, or remembering out of context the expression “hizzle for shizzle,” but I do believe that’s what I heard. While they are speaking, I am counting the use of the word fuck (23 times, five minutes, three people) and making a note of the new ubiquitous phrase, “You know what?” to no apparent effect whatever (like the phrase, “Know what I’m sayin’?”). Also, there is the indiscriminate and regrettable use of the word “nigger,” mostly by black teens and generated solely, it seems to me, by an unchallenged sense of license to do so. I remind myself that I used to hobble my sentences with “You know” every other phrase, refer to every other human being as a “turkey,” and use “fuck” about as often as “cool” or “far out.”

One way to use the colorful is to elevate it to the romantic and not allow it to linger as a source of frustration and annoyance. For example, as an adolescent, I always imagined myself living in some exotic place, probably with palm trees in the background. The natives would be swarthy, sloe-eyed, and dangerous; and it would probably be a port city with a lot of amoral, decadent, and dissipated types from many countries at every turn. I would ride trains a lot, like in the 19th-century British Raj; I would wear a lobster-tail pith helmet, speak a native dialect, and pass for a native.

Well, I haven’t found one of those helmets yet, and my Spanish is poor but workable enough to understand something like “Stand clear of the open door,” and know that it is not “Next stop, Peshawar Junction!” And recently, I found myself on the trolley surrounded by conversations in English and Spanish, of course, as well as Arabic and French. Palm trees sped past outside the windows, though a few of them were artificial microwave relay antennae in disguise, complete with phony palm fronds. And as we approached the border or “frontier” (I mentally squinted and thought of San Ysidro as the Khyber Pass), we took on several fresh-cheeked sailors of the empire on their way to a dirty weekend of squalor in the next foreign port. There, they would be rolled, robbed, or jailed, quite possibly in some splendid adventure or another.

As for romantic matters of the heart, I see evidence every day that the trolley is as good a place as any for, if not courtly love exactly, then the body language/urban mating dance equivalent of crotch sniffing. If the double entendre



A romantic moment on the trolley to San Ysidro

broadslides are less witty flirtation than conversational leg humping, chalk it up to the merriment of youth.

If you are gleaning an impression of irrational and blanket disdain of all youth, then you are reading close enough. I also have a mindless prejudice against most people over 65, for no good reason whatsoever. Just another aspect of my ageism. It is along the lines of something my son once pointed out to me while I was driving and teaching him to curse. He said, “Did you ever notice that everyone going slower than you is an idiot and everyone going faster is a maniac?” It’s like that. I offer no defense.

But back to romance and the trolley police. I was studying a Mayan-and-Spanish beauty whose 19-year-old countenance may have been carved a thousand years ago on the frescos at Chichén Itzá or Uxmal. It was not lust that stirred within me but an aesthetic fever, a god’s eye glimpse of beauty from gods not my own. Her cheekbones alone were like a fragrance, the line of them lulling me out of mundane, middle-aged concerns. Her hair was a jungle forest primeval concealing panthers of passion behind almond eyes of amber in coffee.

“Pass, transfer, or tickets!” I was jarred out of a dream of soul-kissing on the Temple of the Jaguar under a full moon by a transit cop reeking of nacho chips, his fast-food girth burgeoning over his black plastic Sam Brown belt like a boiling pudding. I couldn’t find the transfer I received from the #3 bus driver. Pockets? Shoulder bag? Nowhere. I accepted the ticket, trying to peer around the blue mountain of cop eclipsing the train beyond. When at last this misshapen homunculus moved on, there was my Mayan Queen looking out the window at a sea of mobile homes covered in graffiti like colorful symbols in an arcane alphabet. She seemed to bestow a benediction upon the landscape and her subjects beyond Industrial Boulevard to the west by rotating her forefinger firmly, deliberately, in a clockwise direction while inserted into her left wrinkled nostril.

Romance, you see.

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Tuesday morning. Midsummer. Uniform Day. My three daughters attend Catholic school. Every July, their school holds a Uniform Day. The company that sells the Marymount plaid jumpers and white blouses with Peter Pan collars the girls are required to wear sets up shop in one of the school’s classrooms. Hoards of harried-looking mothers trailing suntanned children wander the classroom in search of the appropriate garb.

I am now a veteran of five Uniform Days. The first time I went, my oldest daughter Rebecca was just starting first grade. I snatched up two jumpers, three blouses, five pairs of socks, a Marymount plaid headband, and a matching hair ribbon. After the woman behind the portable cash register rang up my items, I wrote a check for \$146. Rebecca skipped to the car holding the white plas-

tic bag that bulged with all her new finery. I tried to catch my breath from the sticker shock.

I’ve gotten smarter. When friends with older daughters offer to give me old jumpers, I graciously accept. Angela and Lucy, Rebecca’s younger sisters, have worn the same jumpers Rebecca wore. The things seem to be made of material that resembles fabric but wears like Teflon. They don’t wrinkle. They don’t stain. They don’t age. If a terrorist, God forbid, ever detonates a nuclear device in the San Diego area, searchers will uncover nothing near our house except a few hardy cockroaches and the girls’ Marymount plaid jumpers.

Uniform Day morning, I hustled Angela and Lucy upstairs around 9:00. Rebecca lay on her bed in her pajamas reading. “I want you girls to try on some jumpers and blouses so I can see if we need to buy anything,” I told the girls. “Do we have to?” Lucy whined.

“Yes,” I answered. “This is a simple request.” I pulled a size 8 jumper and some size 10 blouses from Rebecca and Angela’s closet. “Try these on.”

Lucy harrumphed, then slipped out of her pale pink summer nightgown. She pulled on one of the blouses and started buttoning up the front. “This is too big,” she complained.

I looked at her. “It’s a little big, but it doesn’t look funny. Once you have the jumper on, it’ll look fine.”

Lucy raised the jumper over her head, slipped it on, and buttoned up the side. “This is too big, too.”

I kneeled down and pulled the waistband, which had a good two or three inches to spare, around Lucy’s tiny waist. “I’ll move the but-

ton,” I told her.

Downstairs, two-year-old Benjamin put a Dixie Chicks CD into the stereo and turned up the volume. The sound of country guitars and fiddle washed up into the girls’ room. “Tonight, the heartache’s on me,” Natalie Maines wailed.

I walked out into the upstairs hallway and looked down into the living room. Ben danced in circles around the carpet, holding a big wooden block that he pretended to strum like a guitar. He looked up at me. “This is a good song,” he said.

“You’re right, Ben. I like this song, too,” I told him.

“Mom,” Johnny hollered from the family room. “Can you help me build one of Ryder’s forms?”

Ryder is a type of toy called a Rekonstructor. These toys come in little boxes and have 30 or 40 infinitesimal pieces. You use these tiny pieces to make different forms. One of Ryder’s forms looks like a motorcycle. Another looks like a robot guy with a big stick. Johnny loves to play with his Rekonstructors, but he still can’t quite build them himself.

“In a little bit, Johnny,” I hollered back. “I need to help the girls try on their school clothes first.”

“Okay, Mom,” Johnny said.

“Rebecca,” I said and walked back into the girls’ room. “I need you to try on these blouses.” A few years ago, I got some hand-me-down white blouses from a friend with older daughters. Rebecca looked skeptically at the blouses I handed to her. “These are too big, Mom,” she insisted.

“Please just try them on,” I said.

Rebecca rolled her eyes, got up off her bed, and thrust her arms into the first blouse. As she buttoned the front, she sighed. “Mother, this is like a circus tent.”

I laughed out loud.

“Don’t laugh at me,” she complained.

“Rebecca,” I said, “it fits perfectly. The shoulders are just right. Besides, it’ll be tucked into a skirt.” Now that Rebecca is entering sixth grade, she’ll trade in her jumper for a pleated Marymount plaid skirt.

Rebecca sighed again. “Can I at least get a new skirt?”

“No. Mrs. Goyette told me she had some extras.”

“I’m going to look like a total idiot.”

“MOM,” Johnny hollered. “Can you help me now?”

“Almost. I’ll be down in a little bit.”

“But I can’t wait that long.”

“Hang in there.”

Angela tried on her jumper. It fit fine. “It’s too long,” she complained.

“It’s supposed to be long,” I said. “That way we won’t have to let the hem down when you get taller.”

“I’m too fat,” Angela gazed at her reflection in the mirror.

“You are not,” I hugged her. “God made different people different sizes.”

“Yeah, He made Lucy skinny and me fat.” I hugged her harder.

“Mommy,” Johnny called.

“In a minute,” I called back.

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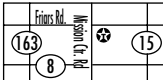
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