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A surreal, high-contrast illustration of a woman's face, rendered in shades of red and pink. She has dark, wavy hair and is looking directly at the viewer with wide, intense eyes. Her mouth is wide open in a scream or shout, revealing her teeth. Inside her mouth, the back of a man's head is visible. The man has short, dark hair and is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt. His arms are outstretched, with his hands resting on the woman's cheeks. The overall effect is one of intense emotion and surrealism.

What Do Women Want?

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Grassy Knolls Abound

Concerning “Deep Roots” (September 25) and the Galardi’s Cheetahs stripper club and subsequent city council scandal, I’m waiting for the *real* bomb to drop: it’s been reported that the two 9/11 hijackers who briefly lived in San Diego often frequented Cheetahs. Now, one can point out the hypocrisy of radical fundamentalist Muslims who hate the decadent West getting regular lap dances, but I predict in the near future a connection — true or imagined — between Osama bin Laden, Cheetahs, and the San Diego City Council. Toss in the top-secret Aurora jet revving its mighty and thunderous engines on the Coronado naval base and alien abductions in the Anza-Borrego desert, it would all in all make a great Art Bell radio show. I’m sure the FBI and Homeland Security are on these leads right now!

Michael Hemmingson

Transphobics

It’s nice to see that the time-honored tradition of transphobia is alive and well at the San Diego *Reader*.

In his article “Deep Roots” (September 25), Matt Potter skillfully uses literary contrast when he first introduces the outward appearance of Trinidad as an idyllic, prosperous city and then shatters that image by describing the reality of empty, disheveled houses and seedy bars.

But he doesn’t stop there; to further round out the scenario, he brings up the town’s formerly best-known citizen, who performs (gasp!) sex-reassignment surgery. How low must a town have fallen, the author seems to say, if its chief claim to fame is something as unsavory as sex-change operations! He continues with a description,

presumably intended to be shocking or depressing, of transsexual women freely roaming the streets (sort of like wild animals or evil zombies) and even infiltrating the town library. (Of course, he does not give them the benefit of actually referring to them as transsexual women; in fact, he goes out of his way to emphasize that they are “all male.” Take that, you wanna-be-women freaks!) The article then goes on to recount the racial tensions, corruption, and organized crime that have haunted Trinidad for decades. Vacant buildings, squeezy bars, transsexuals, lynchings, ineffective police, Mafia crime bosses — all part of the same dreary picture, right?

It is profoundly offensive to equate transsexuals with urban decay and organized crime. The people Matt Potter chooses to sandwich between descriptions of squalor (and whom he probably intended to use as illustrations of that squalor) are people who have made a decision based on a very real and deeply felt need to make their bodies finally fit the gender they understand themselves to be; deeply felt enough to make them brave the astronomical costs and massive invasiveness of sex-reassignment surgery. They are not doing this out of frivolity or “seediness.” But I guess it’s still considered fair game to lump transsexuals together with mafiosos and “underworld lowlife” — kind of like it was once considered okay to lump homosexuals together with child abusers. Seems like we haven’t come all that far. Bravo, Mr. Potter.

P.S.: Just to clarify, I am female and was lucky enough to be born with the matching anatomy. I just don’t use that as a reason to treat people with more complicated gender identities with less respect.

Nurith Amitai
San Diego

Pension Swindle

Last week’s *Reader* had an eye-opening article by Don Bauder (“City Pension Funds in Red,” “City Lights,” September 25) about how San Diego city employees are fleecing the taxpayers into paying for their ultraexpensive pension plan: a \$300,000 lump-sum payment and \$50,000 a year at age 55. Compare that to your social security.

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G-string air force Federal aircraft registration records show that Cheetahs mogul **Jack Galardi's** LVA Management & Consulting owns a 1968 Falcon Jet, along with a 1984 Bell helicopter, and a Piper Cub. **Shirle Galardi** is registered as owner of a 1991 27-foot, 7-ton Porter yacht by the name of *Cheetahs*, docked up the coast in Long Beach ...

George Knapp, columnist with the *Las Vegas Mercury*, claims there's a battle brewing between the San Diego and Las Vegas branches of federal law enforcement over the handling of Mike Galardi's plea bargain. "Justice Department officials in Washington and in San Diego are anxious to cut him some slack, perhaps even give him probation in return for the volumes of information he's been giving them. But the Las Vegas feds aren't so accommodating. The latest offer they held out to Galardi would have him serve in excess of 80 months in prison, pay a \$10 million fine, and surrender his topless clubs. Needless to say, Galardi isn't going to agree to this, which sets up the possibility of a nasty legal confrontation that might pit feds against feds in court." ...



Joey Buttafuoco

Cindy Adams reports that **Joey Buttafuoco**, of the **Amy Fisher** affair, has opened a food operation geared to gringos disembarking in Ensenada called Joey Buttafuoco's Long Island Hotdogs.

Unreality TV Last Saturday morning, after months of on-air hype and plugging of wedding consultants, it was finally time for KNSD Channel 39 to televise a wedding of two lucky viewers on the terrace across the street from Horton Plaza. The ceremony, modeled after the *The Today Show*, another production of KNSD parent NBC, came off without a hitch, though "news" anchor **Rory Devine** got a bit teary near the end. Then, just before the broadcast ended, she ushered the couple onto an oversized, shiny black bus bearing a sign plugging a local limo service, which viewers saw drive away. As soon as the show was off the air, however, the bus backed up and the couple disembarked from whence they had come, to pose for yet more still photographs on the wedding set ... Plans apparently have changed for state assembly candidate **Heidi Von Szeliski**, who is running against **Vince Hall** and **Lori Saldana** in the Democratic primary. Von Szeliski is also a pollster with Decision Research. Last year she told the magazine *Campaigns & Elections* about where

she hoped to be in ten years: "Be a well-paid talking head who takes extensive vacations. Get more sleep, spend more time with family and friends. Shape policy on major issues when not lounging on the beach in Mexico."

Toil and trouble While the La Jolla development pot continues to bubble, **K.C. Strang**, an aide to city councilman **Scott Peters**, has left to take a job with Public Solutions, a lobbying outfit representing Terra-brook, which is attempting to develop a controversial biotech complex in Torrey Hills. Strang says he



Scott Peters

won't be working on that effort or any other city projects in his new gig, but Public Solutions — its local office headed by ex-**Susan Golding** aide **Mitch Berner** — has plenty of clients with business at city hall. The list includes the Beth Jacob Congregation, Congregation Beth Israel, and Gafcon Construction. Terrabrook is no stranger to trouble. Three years ago, one of its executives was accused by the state's Fair Political Practices Commission of acting as a conduit for illegal campaign contributions to Santee city councilmembers ... Word has it that the city's South Bay plant dedicated to recycling sewage water is having some problems getting up to speed, with giant cost overruns making the situation even more acute ...



Arnold Schwarzenegger

Is **Arnold Schwarzenegger** getting preferential treatment from the *U-T*? That's the view of some who labor inside the paper's Mission Valley plant. The connection, they claim, is a social tie between editor **Karin Winner** and **Bob White**, the longtime **Pete Wilson** aide who got his start running fraternities while a student at San Diego State in the 1960s ... He may be technically "retired" from the *U-T*, but don't count out **Herb Klein**, the old Nixon PR man who has long influenced the policy of the paper, including support for the taxpayer-funded Padres and Chargers deals. Using a cane, the old lion hobbled out of downtown's Wyndham hotel the other day after a breakfast meeting of the chamber of commerce board, followed closely by Cox Communications' **Bill Geppert**.

— Matt Potter

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Faith Scams

By Don Bauder

Pursuing the almighty dollar? Forget business school. Enroll in divinity school. San Diego criminal court records suggest that increasingly, some of the most successful — er, uh — entrepreneurs have the loquacity and stamina to pray and prey. To be sure, dishing up generous servings of God and Mammon or Buddhists bilking Buddhists) as well as cautionary words about any investment program appealing to an investor's faith or altruistic compulsions.

San Diego has long been



John Hause and Adam Lee

is not a new marketing ploy. For centuries, con artists have known that many true believers have low sales resistance, especially when the pitch is wrapped in a cloak of piety.

If you go on various government anti-fraud websites, you will find warnings about religion-based affinity group scams (say, Dunkards duping Dunkards

the preyer's heaven. It helps if your name is Divine. Last month, a federal grand jury returned criminal tax evasion and conspiracy charges against Lonnie R. Divine, his wife Yvonne R. Ruel, and Divine's daughter Deanna Devine. They ran Mission Valley's Divine Enterprise, which also had names such as Divine World-Wide Ministries.

Just recently, the three defendants pleaded not guilty, says Department of Justice tax prosecutor Lori Hendrickson. But this was not their first brush with the law. Ten years ago, they were in trouble with the Federal Trade Commission and several states.

As various states charged, they would go into a town and advertise that young people could get exciting sales jobs. The youth would be herded into a car and then dispersed to peddle magazines. Sometimes, up to six young people would sleep in the same hotel room. The crew would spend a few hours in a town, then beat it to another burg. The sales hook: part of the proceeds would go to eleemosynary institutions to fight AIDS and other diseases.

As the business grew, Divine Enterprise was purportedly operating the AIDS Prevention Institute, Babies Addicted to Drugs, Youth of America, Heart Line, and, of course, Divine World-Wide Ministries. The company had also diversified into telecommunications services, but the mission remained the same: door-to-door sales.

Maybe Lonnie Divine did missionary work with

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Dirty Water

By Geoff Bouvier

Way back in English class they called it “situational irony.” There in the tiny, tranquil breakers, almost waveless, pint-sized children frolicked. They scooped dark mud and tossed it, wrestled, and held each other’s adolescent heads underwater. One coughed and sputtered from a mouthful. Their mothers lazed, reclining on blankets in the green grass, sunning, unconcerned. And in the near distance a gang of smiling dads shared the summer afternoon on their roaring grown-up toys: boats and jet skis, swerving and zooming. Picnics, games, the obligatory barbecues, together-



Donna Frye

sion Bay.” I approach the biologists and ask them how they could let the people swim there. “We’re here to raise awareness and to administer tests to the water and to the people who would like to participate,” one of them tells me. “We’re not here to give our opinion. But if you’re asking me what I think, I think it’s kind of unbelievable.”

One mother’s been out swimming in the shallows with the kids. She comes up from the water with her wet-haired youngster in her arms, and I ask her if she’s at all uneasy about her child swimming there. “Oh,” she says. “We don’t worry too much about that stuff. No one in our family’s ever gotten sick here. And we’re here all the time.”

Mission Bay is visited every year by approximately three million people, according to the visitors’ center on the east side of the bay. They say that frequent year-round recreational activities on the bay — from water-skiing to swimming, fishing and kayaking, rowing and sailing — generate over \$25 million in revenue for San Diego’s economy. The bay also hosts a diverse assem-



PHOTOGRAPHS BY JOE KLEIN

Mission Bay

blage of species indigenous to the Southern California coastline and is home to several wildlife preserves.

Yet, for the past several years, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board has identified the entirety of Mission Bay as impaired under Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act. Impaired. Or, more accurately, humanly impaired. Currently, Mission Bay does not consistently meet water-quality standards for swimming or fishing.

Mission Bay receives a constant discharge of water contaminated with high levels of fecal coliform and *enterococci* bacteria. That is, doo-doo. Poop. The known sources of contamination are (1) episodic sewage spills from creeks or from direct discharge of sewage from blocked sewage collection pipes; (2) storm water that enters via 89 storm drains; (3) illicit discharges of septic-tank water from recreational boats; (4) roadway runoff during storm events; and (5)

waterfowl and domestic animals’ fecal matter. Mission Bay is monitored — sort of — for the presence of total coliform, fecal coliform, and *enterococci*. Or rather, the water is tested, and then the tests are sent off to a lab, and then the test results return, and then the beach is posted if it’s unsafe. Two or three days later, that’s all. Plenty efficient.

The number of beach postings and closures has even increased over the last

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Every Planet on Earth

By Robert Kumpel

Which Southern California amusement park had customers killed on a ride in September?

- a. Knott’s Berry Farm
- b. Disneyland
- c. Magic Mountain
- d. Universal Studios

2. On September 15, the ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the ACLU and postponed the California recall election, agreeing that counties using punch card ballots would disenfranchise some voters. Punch-card ballots would be used in how many California counties?

- a. five
- b. six
- c. seven
- d. nine

3. On September 3, a dead California crow tested positive for West Nile virus, the first known case in Southern California. What part of the state was the crow found in?

- a. Los Angeles County
- b. San Bernardino County
- c. Imperial County
- d. San Diego County

4. After being drafted by the Chargers in 2001, defensive back Tay Cody was waived following their loss to Denver. Which round was Cody taken in?

- a. first

- b. second
- c. third
- d. fourth

5. Richard Grasso resigned under pressure as chairman of the New York Stock Exchange amid public outcry about his pay package, which included retirement benefits worth:

- a. \$139 million
- b. \$150 million
- c. \$159 million
- d. \$200 million

6. Statistics for 2001 (the latest year available) show one ethnic group lagging far behind other immigrants, with only 34 percent of its immigrants choosing naturalization. That ethnic group was:

- a. Chinese
- b. Eritreans
- c. Filipinos
- d. Mexicans

7. An appeals court for which



Tay Cody



Richard Grasso



Gray Davis



Alex Spanos

state recently ended a centuries-old policy of recognizing common-law marriages?

- a. Ohio
- b. Massachusetts
- c. Pennsylvania
- d. Delaware

8. On Sunday, September 21, the Chargers lost to the Baltimore Ravens, 24-10. The Baltimore Ravens were originally the NFL team for which city?

- a. Houston
- b. Cleveland

c. Philadelphia

d. Boston

9. Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis was acquitted in 2000 in what many viewed as a botched prosecution after being charged with what crime?

- a. murder
- b. grand theft
- c. rape
- d. kidnapping

10. Which local Indian band signed a \$250 million agreement with Park Place Entertainment, owners of Caesars

Palace, to build a 500-room hotel and 2000-slot casino on their reservation?

- a. Inaja
- b. Pauma
- c. Rincon
- d. Cabazon

11. The latest gay-rights legislation signed by Governor Davis, AB 205, was authored by which member of the state assembly?

- a. Jackie Goldberg
- b. Sheila Kuehl

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Faith scams

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natives of remote islands. Perhaps that's how, according to the indictment, he got a bank account on the off-

shore tax haven of the Cayman Islands, although, as one of the world's major money centers, it's not so remote. But Divine did not tell the government about his stash, as required by law.

When they got cash from

sales, the three defendants paid off the young hustlers and then, according to the indictment, transferred remaining loot to several different bank accounts so the Internal Revenue Service couldn't find it. Then they

failed to pay federal income tax from 1993 through 1997. Some money was routed to other activities, such as Deanna's wedding. Much was routed to support Lonnie Divine's gambling habit. For example, according to

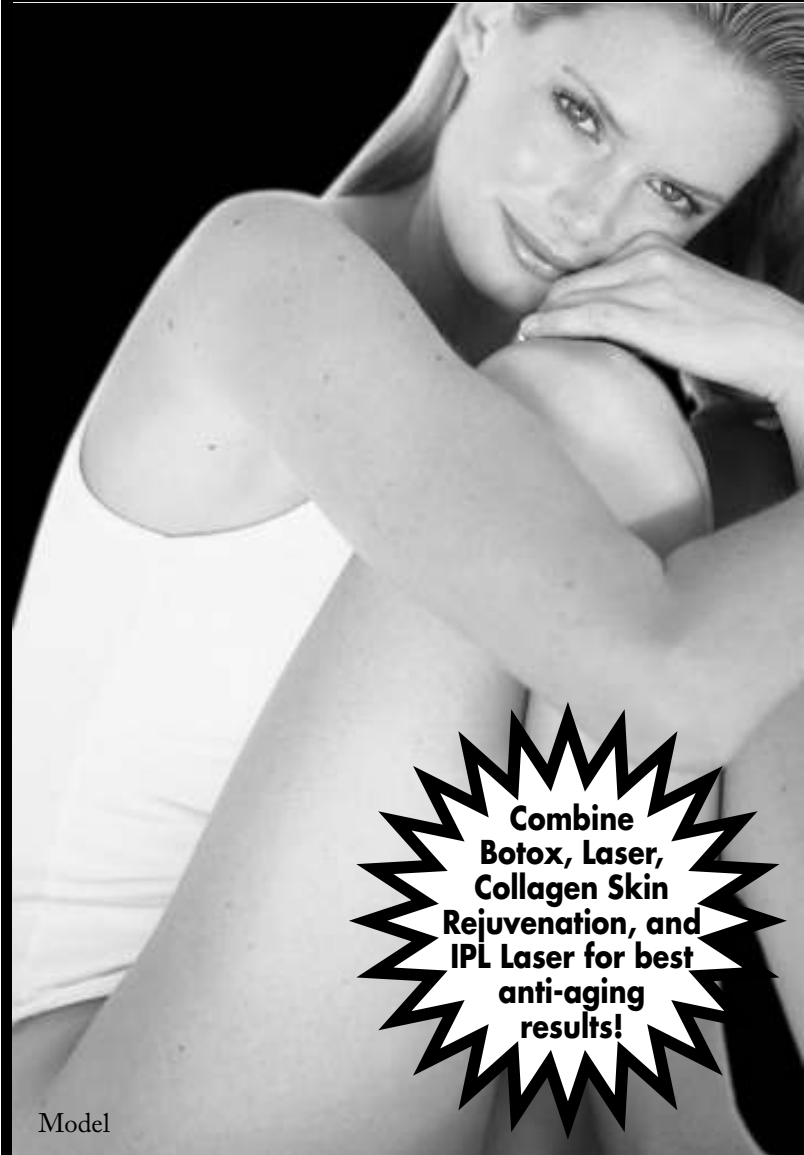
the indictment, \$5000 he owed Caesars Palace was paid from the account of the so-called nonprofit Heart Line, while \$10,000 owed the Mirage Casino was paid by Youth of America. In-

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ers had that in mind.

The U.S. Attorney's office here also charges another group of professedly pious individuals with wire fraud and money laundering, among other things. Over a long period of time, they

took as much as \$50 million from investors. Promising 100 percent and sometimes 200 percent annual returns, they told victims that they would, variously, use the proceeds to start an insurance company, build a reli-

gious theme park, or run a recording company.

They would also support AIDS research, the hawkers promised. According to the indictment, one salesman, trying to woo an informant posing as a potential in-

vestor, claimed that he was a cardiovascular surgeon who joined the group so that he could improve the world's medical care. Investigators can't determine that he has an undergraduate degree, much less a medical

degree.

There are a number of defendants, including John Harrell (still in the pokey), lawyer Morris Sankary, Kenneth Hodgell, and Greg Fuentes. All have pleaded not guilty, according to Jason A. Forge of the U.S. Attorney's office.

The alleged conspirators did have one business — sort of. They purchased a company called East Funeral Benefit Insurance Company and changed the name to Good Samaritan Life Insurance Company. But Good Samaritan had very little in the way of reserves.

This, however, did not inhibit the spielers from making some rather large claims. For example, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation report by Adam S. Lee, Harrell boasted on many occasions that he had access to a secret trillion — repeat, trillion — dollar trust. It came from foreign sources that had given it for safekeeping to Garland Fielding Smith, a direct descendant of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church, Harrell claimed. When Garland Fielding Smith died, he entrusted the loot to Harrell. "The fund was formed to fund philanthropic endeavors through an insurance company that Harrell was supposed to create," says Lee's report. "To date, our investigation has not revealed a single piece of evidence to support the existence of such a trust."

The salespeople frequently referred to a \$1.6 trillion stash that Harrell's people could tap. Golly. That's more than the entire annual economic output, or gross domestic product, of the United Kingdom.

Maybe it was because they were fiduciaries for such an awe-inspiring sum that the alleged conspirators turned to prayer, according to investigators, who secretly taped multiple conversations. At one of the prayer meetings, investors were appeased "about the failure of the business to materialize," according to Lee's report.

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that are continuing to investigate and that their hearts may be softened, and may any negative influence be re-

moved therefrom," intoned the prayer in his prayer, according to Lee's report.

Despite his professed purity, alleged ringleader Harrell did not always turn the other cheek, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. He

and his wife bought a \$839,000 home using false names and a shell corporation. According to the government, Harrell used several different names, including Elton Clements, John Johnson, and John Durante.

One reason is that Harrell had been dodging Securities and Exchange Commission charges for 42 years.

Another reason was that investors were constantly trying to serve Harrell and his soulmates with civil law-

suits. Miraculously, he always evaded service. One time, an attorney's investigators found Harrell and his flock in a Rodeway Inn in San Ysidro. They tossed furniture at the investigator and jumped out the back win-

dow, escaping in a vehicle, says the U.S. Attorney's office.

Harrell's personality seems to have conflicting sides. One is charity: he shells out \$40,000 per day to members of his flock and himself, according to Lee's report (of course, this is investors' money). But Harrell is far less charitable toward brethren whom he suspects of cooperating with the government. In one videotape, Harrell is recorded vowing he will "blow the head off" a congregation member who may be ratting on the enterprise.

All told, the organization is "cultlike," says Lee in his report.

The same could be said for a third group under indictment — those who tried to peddle so-called high-tech inventions through La Jolla's Basic Research Corp. and an affiliated entity, Advanced Technologies International, based on the secrecy-shrouded offshore haven of the Bahamas.

The heads of this scheme started investor meetings by bowing their heads and thanking God for the great gift of the inventions of Stephen Smith, purportedly a descendant of Eli Whitney. "We can change the course of history of telecommunications and medicine. We can serve mankind," said one now-indicted financier, right after his prayer.

But the inventions didn't materialize and investors got skinned for \$12 million, says the U.S. Attorney's office. The case goes to trial in May, says assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen P. Clark.

The various heads of the scheme are charged with mail and wire fraud, money laundering, conspiracy, and income-tax evasion. The ringleader, Nick Hronopolous, has died, as has an undicted Chicago lawyer, Burton Kanter, one of the nation's most notorious offshore money movers. One Basic Research civil suit charges Kanter with being associated with organized crime. Civil suits also charge that one of the companies funneled money from the tax haven of the Isle of Jersey to the haven of the Caymans.

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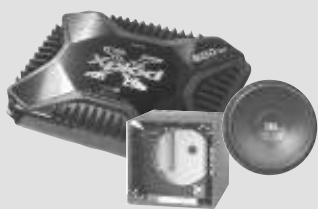


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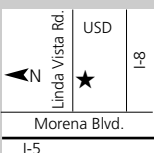
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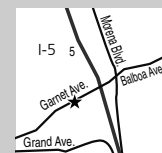


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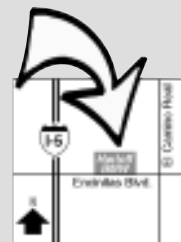


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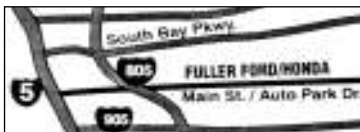
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several years. Monitoring data from the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health shows that in the years 1993–2000, Mission Bay was either posted or closed 1100 days for bacterial contamination out of a possible 2555 days. Analysis of the bacterial-monitoring data for the past four years shows a 40 percent increase in the number of postings and closings.

The City of San Diego has taken steps previously to clean up or abate the effects of waste in the Mission Bay

watershed. These included installing dry-weather flow divertors to intercept runoff during dry weather and divert it to the sanitary sewer; adding low-flow alarms that serve as an early-warning system for broken or clogged pipes; instituting an educational program to teach public awareness about storm-water runoff; and initiation of a Clean Water Task Force to develop plans and policies to reduce pollution at San Diego's bays and beaches.

According to reports, water-quality control staff concluded back in 2000 that there was a lack of sufficient,

science-based information to delineate the exact source or sources of the bacterial contamination entering Mission Bay. One document read, "It would be financially impractical to attempt to clean up all perceived sources of contamination. Thus, any meaningful improvements by the City of San Diego to abate the effects of contaminated discharge cannot be made without proper source identification." So the sources are being identified.

Aside from the sewers and runoff, another contamination source is the jet skis I saw those dads riding. The two-

stroke engines that power most jet skis run on a mixture of oil and gasoline. They discharge as much as one-third of this mixture — unburned — into the water. The California Air Resources Board has reported that a two-hour ride on a 100-horsepower jet ski emits the same amount of pollution as driving 139,000 miles in a 1998 passenger car.

Of course, the two-stroke engine has its supporters as well. One man told me that they use the same engines in wildlife preserves. He said the two-stroke is the standard outboard motor for almost

every boat on the water, here or anywhere. In effect, he was saying there's no way around it.

And then there's the granddaddy of potential contaminants, the old Mission Bay landfill on the South Shores — our own Love Canal. The closed Mission Bay landfill was a receptacle for toxic materials for many years during the '50s. The community has long expressed concern that the landfill may be leaking since it was never contained or lined. In August of 2002, Councilmember Donna Frye and the Environmental Ser-

vices Department began a new investigation into the current conditions at the landfill. The goal of the investigation is to determine the environmental and public health issues surrounding the site.

In order to help evaluate and advise the City during this investigation, Councilmember Frye convened the Mission Bay Technical Advisory Committee. This oversight committee is made up of technical experts and community members interested in completing a site assessment and determining ap-

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propriate clean-up measures for the landfill. In December 2003, newly elected councilmember Michael Zucchet joined Councilmember Frye in chairing the committee, which is currently working with the city to recommend a consultant to complete the site investigation.

Said Frye, “We have a technical advisory committee to look at the toxic-waste dump on South Shores, which was used in the ’50s. Now there’s a parking lot and a boat ramp there, but underneath it is this capped toxic-waste dump. But it hasn’t ever been adequately studied, what’s under there and whether or not it’s safe. We have to determine what the limits are of that old landfill, and how far it extends, and whether or not there are any human health impacts, and if anything’s leaking.

“It really may be the worst area of the whole bay, South Shores; we don’t know. It’s really difficult to go back. We’ve been trying to study this, but there are no records, and there were hardly any laws back then. People were allowed to burn their trash, they could dig a trench and dump a barrel in it. It’s been claimed that all this industrial, military-type waste was dumped there in the ’50s by Convair and General Dynamics and by the Navy itself.”

Frye went on, “It takes a long time. I mean, I’m condensing this. The first thing you have to do is you have to make people understand that there’s a problem. So that took many years to get people to admit that there was a pollution problem, even though the bay was listed as an impaired water body by the state and city and federal governments. And then once you get people to admit there’s a problem and you start figuring out what the solutions might be, then you can go out and start trying to put together things that might start to eliminate that pollution. And we have a lot of grant money to do that. Right now the grant money’s being used for epidemiological studies and a ‘fate and transfer’ study, which shows us where the pollutants may be going and moving once they’re in the bay.

“We’re doing our best,” Frye continued, “but I haven’t fulfilled my campaign promises yet, not even close. I haven’t fulfilled my goal of cleaning up the bay. But I’ll keep doing it. I’ll keep trying. And when the bay’s no longer listed as an impaired water body, then I’ll have succeeded.” ■

Every planet

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- c. Mark Leno
d. Christine Kehoe

12. *Forbes* magazine released its updated ranking of the wealthiest 400 Americans, which included San Diegans Joan Kroc, Alex Spanos, and John Moores. All totaled, how many San Diego County residents made the list?

- a. four
b. five
c. seven
d. eight

13. Since the fall of Baghdad, what percentage of Iraq is under the control of local democratic councils?

- a. 30 percent
b. 50 percent
c. 60 percent
d. 90 percent

14. Which major pharmaceutical company has just begun the first global tests of an AIDS vaccine?

- a. Merck
b. Pfizer
c. GlaxoSmithKline Plc
d. Eli Lilly

15. Which California gubernatorial candidate recently made the following statement: “We have people from every planet on Earth in this state. We have the sons and daughters of every people from every planet of every country on Earth.”

- a. Arnold Schwarzenegger
b. Arianna Huffington
c. Cruz Bustamante
d. Gray Davis

16. On Tuesday, September 16, Helene Nance, the 25-year-old wife of a transportation security administration manager, was arrested at which airport for having a gun in her purse?

- a. Kansas City
b. Denver
c. Los Angeles
d. San Francisco

17. Which Democratic presidential candidate made the following statement in an interview with Tim Russert: “I thought that this country was founded on the principle of progressive taxation.”

- a. Howard Dean
b. John Kerry
c. Wesley Clark
d. Richard Gephardt

18. The American Academy of Pediatrics reports that the number of overweight and obese children in the U.S. has doubled in the past 20 years. They estimate that what percentage of American children are overweight?

- a. 10 percent
b. 15 percent
c. 20 percent
d. 35 percent

19. Two of the three Ninth Circuit judges who halted the recall election on September 15 were appointed by which president?

- a. Carter
b. Clinton
c. Bush (Sr.)
d. Johnson

20. This year marks the last season that the Padres will play in Qualcomm Stadium. What year did the San Diego Padres become a major league team?

- a. 1966
b. 1969
c. 1970
d. 1973

ANSWERS

1. b. Disneyland
2. b. six
3. a. Los Angeles County
4. c. third
5. a. \$139 million
6. d. Mexicans
7. c. Pennsylvania
8. b. Cleveland
9. a. murder
10. b. Pauma
11. a. Jackie Goldberg
12. d. eight
13. d. 90 percent
14. a. Merck
15. d. Gray Davis
16. b. Denver
17. c. Wesley Clark
18. c. 20 percent
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Hi, Matt:

Can you explain how they make marshmallows?

— Pat Paul R., the net

Oh, of course I can. Did you even have to ask? They melt sugar, then they blow it up. Then we put it on a stick and burn it. The short, tragic life of a marshmallow.

The commercial formula is about 50 percent sucrose (common sugar) with some glucose (uncommon sugar), water, sticky stuff like gum arabic or gelatin, and maybe some vanilla. The thing you want to do is add enough glucose to keep the sucrose from following its natural instinct to turn back into crystals, but not so much glucose that the candy absorbs a lot of water out of the air and melts the candy back to mush. Once you've got that figured out, take your sugar goop, whip it to a frenzy, and pour the dizzy mix into molds lined with powdered sugar and cornstarch. The gelatin stiffens, and all the tiny air bubbles are trapped. Then we heat up the candy on the end of a stick, the air bubbles expand, the gelatin melts, and the marshmallow falls into the dirt. BTW, marshmallows are named after the flower whose gummy root was used to make the original product, which was a medicine. Use this to convince Mom that s'mores are therapeutic.

Hey, Matt:

I watch CBS News real early in the morning Monday through Friday. Every morning at exactly 4:28 a.m., whatever news story is on gets cut off and a commercial plays. It's been bugging me and I always wonder why that happens.

— Joe, the net

For your answer, we once again go to Wavy Gravy, our broadcast guru, who has connections with the poor sap commonly known as the Overnight Guy. (No matter what station or broadcast medium you're talking about, he's always known as the Overnight Guy. Even if he's not a guy.) He's the skilled engineer paid to babysit the control room in the wee hours, when Joe and maybe one other person are actually paying close attention to what's on the tube.

According to Overnight Guy, what you're watching on the local affiliate at that ridiculous hour is *CBS Up to the Minute*, an hourlong network feed that begins here at 3 a.m. and repeats 1½ times. At 4:30, the local station joins the live broadcast of *CBS Early News*, which brings you fresh, crisp, juicy, it's-happening-now programming instead of crumbly, stale, it-happened-an-hour-and-a-half-ago stuff. The way the scheduling goes, in order to slide in some commercials, something's gotta give. Better to chop off the end of the old, dry, tasteless news than join the succulent, just-picked-flavor news two minutes into the show. All this is set up to happen automatically, night after night, with no assistance from Overnight Guy, whose main task is to avoid spilling coffee into the expensive digital switching gear.

Mr. Alice:

Are there really dead bodies permanently resting in the concrete of Hoover dam? It is said that workers fell into the wet concrete and couldn't be rescued, so they are still there today.

— Ben Atthebottom, the net

Will you be disappointed if I say no? Take some of the fun out of those trips to Lake Mead — drifting in the houseboat, imagining the carnage? It's such a persistent rumor, we must get some sort of thrill out of believing it. Our love of discussing horrible stuff that happened to somebody else is the life force of many old wives tales and urban myths. Sorry, Ben, no bodies. Two things wrong with the story. The dam was made of concrete slabs poured individually and allowed to dry before the next slab was poured. Anybody who fell into a fresh section could have been rescued. And any foreign object like a human body would have caused a weak spot in the slab; so even if someone had managed to concrete himself to death, they wouldn't have left the body there.

Dear Matt:

Name the five most outrageous popular misconceptions that we Americans hold as self-evident truths.

— Mark Schimming, Oceanside

Umm, well, there are people buried in concrete in Hoover Dam. That's a start. And of course every mother believes that you'll catch a cold if you get cold and wet. Even if they knew before they were pregnant that colds come from viruses, not damp sneakers, the minute they give birth, reason flees, "common knowledge" takes over, and there's no talking them out of it. It keeps the sweater industry thriving. Outrageous misconceptions three through five have to do with the notion that Matthew Alice actually knows lots of stuff and delights in sharing it with thousands of readers every week.

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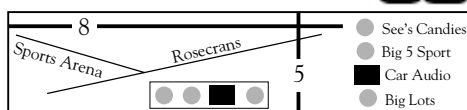
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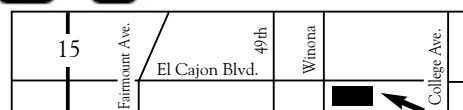
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Diversity: Chinese, Caucasian
Dress: dressy
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"We estimate that every day 40,000 mainland Chinese convert to Christianity," Reverend Simon Tsoi told me last Sunday morning at First Chinese Southern Baptist Church of San Diego.

"China is going to become a significant force in Christianity. We're very aware of this potential. At a conference of Southern Baptist Chinese I just attended, we discussed our possible long-term goals for spreading the Gospel. We discussed following the Silk Road backward. Starting in China and moving west, bringing the Gospel to China's 12 million Muslims and to the Buddhists in Tibet, and moving ultimately into the Middle East."

Last Sunday was the 25th anniversary of First Chinese. Reverend Tsoi, who lives in Phoenix, was invited by the church's senior pastor, Reverend Peter Sun, to deliver the morning's sermon. Earlier in the week I'd spoken with Reverend Sun who explained that the people who attended his church were "mainland Chinese, Taiwanese, people from Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, from all over the world...."

"I think what most Chinese respond to in the Christian message is our belief that God is love. That's a surprising concept for them. In ancient Chinese culture, there was an idea of a loving, benevolent God. But after so many years of communism, so many years of political turmoil, that idea got lost."

Last Sunday morning's service began with old-fashioned hymns — "Holy, Holy, Holy," "God Will Take Care of You" — which some people sang in English and others in Mandarin. But the slide-show that followed the hymns was narrated in English. While the images illustrated the church's growth and development since 1978, they seemed to focus on the church's youth groups — their outings, retreats, pot-lucks, and parties. I glanced around at the hundred or so people packed into the small church. To my eye at least, almost half looked to be in their 20s.

Minutes after I arrived at First Chinese, one of these young people had introduced himself to me and seconds later asked if I had a "personal relationship with Jesus Christ." The morning's sermon was in keeping with this introduction. Reverend Tsoi said American Chris-

tians had "no business" judging non-Christians when American Christians were so reluctant to live their faith.

"Faith alone means nothing," he told us. "The Holy Spirit, acting through us, uses us to demonstrate our faith and bring others to God. That is the *point* of our faith: sharing it with others. When I'm on an airplane, I love to share the Gospel with other people, because they have no place to go. They can't get away."

Reverend Tsoi told us how, on a flight between Los Angeles and Phoenix, he'd asked a "very beautiful Anglo woman" where she would go if the plane were to crash. She responded that she'd be "in heaven with Jesus." But she wasn't sure what might happen to her husband after death. She told Reverend Tsoi that her husband was half Japanese and a Buddhist. Reverend Tsoi invited the woman to bring her husband to his church the following Sunday. The woman did. Reverend Tsoi spoke with him. The husband was saved. "As Christians," Reverend Tsoi said, "we need to search our hearts and ask ourselves if we are true worshippers. If we are true worshippers,

then we will witness and bring a lot of people to Lord Jesus Christ. If we are true worshippers, then we are triumphant soul-winners."

After the service, while folks lined up before a dozen chafing dishes filled with Chinese treats, I asked Reverend Tsoi about the future role Chinese might play as Christian evangelists. "It's a very interesting issue. I happened to be in Egypt during 9/11. I was trapped there for several days. But I could move about quite freely. No one guessed I was American. To the Egyptians, I was just an Asian fellow. And what we've discovered is that Asian missionaries — Chinese and Korean, in particular — are very good at sharing the Gospel in the Islamic world. For so many years, the Gospel has been spread by white people. Many Muslims are surprised to learn that Christianity isn't just a white person's religion. Our presence dilutes a certain animosity toward Christianity."

"We Chinese, because of the way we look, can pass unnoticed in many parts of the world where a white person would stand out. That's certainly true in Asia. We can move more freely. We don't attract attention. But it's not just how we look that makes us valuable. I think what Chinese people bring to Christianity is our ability to identify with other people, with sinners, with people who've suffered."

"We Chinese have endured a great deal. I'm not saying that in a proud or boastful way. It's simply our history. We've suffered a great deal. We've been through a lot. The Chinese churches in America are the result of political and religious oppression and persecution in other countries. This ability to identify with others and the ability of others to identify with us is very broad. We've been very successful, for example, in bringing the Gospel to Native Americans. The Hopis. The Apache. We've been doing it for the past 12 years. They consider us as cousins."

— Abe Opincar



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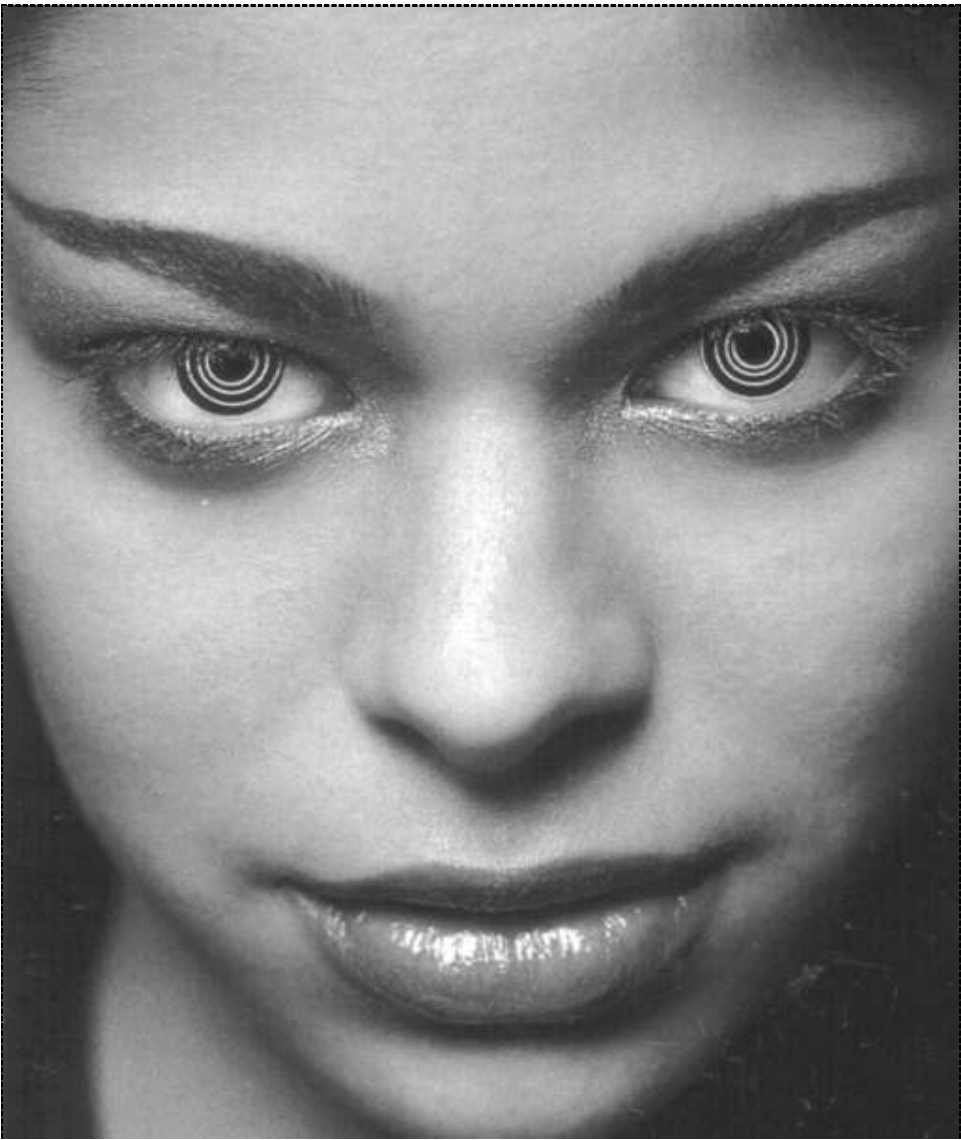
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I work with a guy I suspect is an alcoholic. He is well behaved most of the time but sometimes he comes into work in a foul mood after I think he has been drinking the night before, and then you almost don’t recognize him — he can be resentful, nasty, and have a surprisingly mean mouth. One of our female coworkers was recently on the receiving end of a severe tongue lashing from this guy. I feel sure it was because he had been on a bender over the weekend and came into work on Monday feeling awful and in a temper. I know about his drinking because I met him before he was hired here. I am friends with a former girlfriend of his who broke up with him partly because of his drinking problem. No one in our office, to my knowledge, knows that he has alcohol problems, and I’ve kept quiet about it until now. My dilemma is that the woman he screamed at is distraught and shocked. He got mad at her out of the blue. She didn’t do anything to deserve it. She just happened to be in the wrong place on the wrong day. I feel if I told her that it wasn’t her fault, that this guy is kind of a secret drunk, that she would feel better and get over the hurt quicker. She is really traumatized. On the other hand, if I tell her about his drinking, it will probably get around the office, and that might have unforeseen consequences. What do you think I should do?

CONFUSED CARDIFF CO-WORKER

Dear Confused,

While I sympathize with your desire to comfort the woman who got yelled at unjustly, I’d encourage you to find ways to make her feel better that don’t involve tattling on your male colleague. If you want to take the person who got dumped on aside privately and tell her that in your view it shouldn’t have happened and that the man’s behavior was totally uncalled for, go right ahead. That might be helpful to her. But I wouldn’t take it upon yourself to brand this guy as an alcoholic at the workplace. At the rate he is going, it sounds like there’s a fair chance he may end up revealing his drinking problem at work without any help from you. Keeping what you think you may know about this man’s past to yourself is the wise course for now. If something more serious happens, you can decide at that point what, if anything, you ethically need to do in response.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

Recently my extended family (my wife and kids, my brother and his kids, and my parents) went out to a Middle Eastern restaurant for my

father’s birthday. There were scantily clad belly dancers who went around dancing at the various tables. (I did not pick this place to eat, my brother did.) It did not seem particularly appropriate for kids. My father got pretty drunk at dinner and was aggressively pushing my eight-year-old son to stick dollar bills in the belly dancer’s belt as she gyrated. Other adult patrons were doing this. My son was extremely embarrassed and didn’t want to do it. My father kept handing him dollar bills and roughly shoving him towards the dancer and saying, “Come on, be a man!” Troy, my son, was miserable and nearly in tears. I finally had to tell my father to lay off him. Dad seemed offended, but he stopped. After dinner my brother told me I was a big jerk and a prude and I shouldn’t have intervened. I feel my dad had no right to keep pushing my son to do something that was obviously uncomfortable for him and that what my father was saying about being a man was an inappropriate message as well. My brother says I am in the wrong, and I owe Dad an apology. Do I?

JANGLED LEMON GROVE DAD

Dear Jangled,

I think you did the right thing. Why force a reluctant eight-year-old to cram money into a dancer’s harem pants? I see no positive value in that, and it certainly has nothing to do with being a man in my book. If your father was so inebriated he was oblivious to his grandson’s feelings — which is a sad state of affairs — then at least you did the compassionate thing and tried to spare your son further humiliation. If you feel you spoke too harshly to your father, you can tell him so, or if you want to explain to him why you did what you did, that might be constructive if his feelings are ruffled, but I think your message was absolutely correct and responsibly paternal.

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—EVE KELLY

Hair has been a hot topic around here lately. Last week, over a few cappuccinos, a couple of my friends unloaded on me. “I’m just one big frizz head,” moaned Bernice, exasperated over her ragged appearance.

“I have no time to do any styling on my floppy mop,” added Sarah.

The conversation dragged on over annoying hair woes. Everybody had problems but nobody had answers. I decided to get some answers, because Lord knows I’ve got my own frizzy-head issues. My thick mop of curly locks often looks as if I have had a fight with my hairbrush. My sister inherited this same frizzy ‘do, so I gave her a ring. “I am a wash-and-go type girl,” she laughed, “and I use Frizz Free Serum by Regis [\$9.95 for 10 ounces at Regis Salon]. It works well with my coarse hair.”

Another good friend, Sue, is also a member of Frizz Heads Anonymous. “I now submit my locks to an extraordinarily expensive process called the Yuko system so I don’t have to rely on anti-frizz lotions as often. But I do know a key ingredient to the overall look is the anti-humectant, which is a kind of light pomade that is put on at the end in lieu of spray,” she explained.

Wanting to get some professional advice, I asked my favorite hair stylist, Stacey Northum at La Bella Vita in Little Italy, while she gave me my latest cut. “I use Kerastase Nutritive Oleo-Relax,” she offered (\$20 for 4.2 ounces at La Bella Vita). “After shampooing and conditioning, when the hair is towel dry, use a nickel- to a quarter-sized amount of the oil [depending on the amount of hair], and work it into the hair. The product is very concentrated, so you only need a little. Then, after styling the hair, put a drop more on throughout the hair but not on the roots. If you use the right shampoo and conditioner, that will help a lot in keeping the frizz down.” (Kerastase Nutritive Bain Oleo-Relax Shampoo is \$20 for 8.5 ounces, and Kerastase Nutritive Oleo-Relax Conditioner is \$30 for 5.1 ounces at the salon.)

I am a big believer in moisture leave-ins,” said Katie Carr, Sue’s stylist at Snipz Salon in Hillcrest. “I use a lot of the Bed Head products, like Control Freak, which is an anti-frizz product, and After Party, as a finish product. After I have done the styling, I put After Party [\$17.95 for 3.4 ounces at CinRix Discount Beauty Supply] on to reduce all the little fly-aways and the frizz. I also use Biosilk Silk Therapy [\$16.99 for 5.64 ounces at CinRix] in the hair with a conditioner, or I mix it in with Control Freak. It helps to keep the ends from splitting.”



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are different products to use for different types of hair. There is a new surge for curls right now. Bed Head has a product called Curls Rock, that will set your hair hard, and the hair won’t get frizzy.”

The receptionist at Tops recommended L’Oreal Professional Liss Extreme Smoothing Cream for Unmanageable Hair (\$14.00 for 5 ounces at Tops). “It just came out a few months ago,” she said, “and I use it and all of us here swear by it.”

Gloria Salgado, hairdresser at Primo Salon & Day Spa, also uses the Bed Head products. “For curly hair, if you use After Party and Control Freak together, and you diffuse the hair, they make nice, smooth ringlets. And if you are going to straighten the hair, they make the hair shiny and smooth. That is what I use.”

I bought the anti-frizz products the stylists recommended and did my own home study. Each consecutive day, my hair was treated to a new product. All of them kept the frizz at bay. My favorites were the L’Oreal Liss Extreme, which smelled of lilacs, and Kerastase Oleo-Relax, which carried an aroma of lilies. Both products went on lightly and kept the wild hair look to a minimum.

CinRix Discount Beauty Supply and Salon has a sale on (while supplies last) for the 32-ounce Bed Head Control Freak Shampoo and Conditioner, two for \$22.

1. Kerastase line

2. Stacey Northum

3. Recommended products

Lord knows I’ve got my own frizzy-head issues.

BACK WHEN

In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

The 1974 Major League Baseball season will find the San Diego Padres playing in either New Orleans, Seattle, or Toronto, or Washington D.C., depending upon the outcome of a vote to be held by National League owners at the October baseball meetings. The excessive ten million dollar entrance fee paid to the National League owners for the San Diego franchise in 1968, twice as much money as the American League owners were asking, made it almost impossible to run a major league operation.... Padres president E.J. Buzzie Bavasi claimed that the Padres could break even financially with a \$700,000 season's attendance, if not for the crushing interest payments required by the ten-million-dollar loan.

— **"THE PASSING OF THE PADRES,"** *Alan Pesin,*
September 27 to October 10, 1973

Twenty-Five Years Ago

I take issue with Eleanor Widmer's critique of San Diego Chicken Pie Shops ("Let Them Eat Pie," September 21). She presents the negative aspect of this restaurant, ignoring many positive aspects, for which it is now a most popular eating place. While her theme of "soul and prole" food is interesting and cute, it is not the whole truth in the case of the Chicken Pie Shop.

— LETTERS: **"PIE EYED,"** *Betty Soloff,*
October 5, 1978

Twenty Years Ago

They massed in the parking lot of the Lockheed building on Harbor Island one Saturday in mid-September, a disciplined group of Vietnamese refugees all wearing the brown shirt and tan slacks that constitute their uniform. Of all the various groups gathering this morning to march in protest of the downing of a commercial airliner by the Soviet Union, the United Front for the Liberation of Vietnam was the most prepared and best organized. The Afghanistan Freedom Society; Alpha 66, which is a militant anti-Castro group; the Korean Association of San Diego; POMOST, a Polish resistance organization; and the Young Americans for Freedom, a conservative political club, were all rallying today to protest the Soviet outrage.

— **"THE WAR BACK HOME,"** *Neal Matthews,*
October 6, 1983

Fifteen Years Ago

There is life after Roger Hedgecock. And not just for the former mayor himself, who's now making double, perhaps triple the forty-six grand he earned yearly during his short stint as San Diego's top elected official. The mayor-turned-talk-show-host satisfies his conservative KSDO audience by attacking Soviet "interventionism," gay rights, and liberals of all stripes; he also uses the airwaves to take digs at Maureen O'Connor and other archenemies. Off the air, Hedge-



San Diego Reader, October 6, 1983

cock still chases the twin ghosts of District Attorney Ed Miller and the Copley Press, who he truly believes are responsible for his conviction on felony perjury and conspiracy counts involving the illegal funneling to his 1983 mayoral campaign of funds from the bank accounts of fallen financiers J. David Dominelli and Nancy Hoover.

— **"THE INSIDE STORY,"** *Paul Krueger,*
October 6, 1988

Ten Years Ago

When Operation Desert Shield metamorphosed into Operation Desert Storm, Dan Rather looked into the camera, announced the advent of the Gulf War, and his eyes got all misty *as if he were about to cry*. The response of any reasonable viewer to this display was not one of empathy. It was more along the lines of "Dan, get ahold of yourself. You're paid \$3.25 million a year *not* to cry. Just give us the news and save your 'boo-hoo' routine for after the show."

— **"AS SEEN ON TV: BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE, PART 2,"** *Abe Opincar,* October 7, 1993

Five Years Ago

Last February, Jennifer Ann Moores, 29-year-old daughter of Padres owner John Moores, was busted by a Glendale, Arizona, cop for going 67 mph in a 45 mph zone, apparently while on the way to a ball game. According to an account in last week's *Arizona Republic*, officer Dan Goforth made the stop with a \$3000 laser gun and promptly ticketed Moores, who was driving a late-model Mercedes. But that, it turns out, was only the beginning of the story. Jennifer's daddy John has gone to court to fight his daughter's citation, claiming that she is unfairly being denied the privilege of being allowed to attend traffic school rather than the harsher punishment of a \$500 fine and possible 30 days in jail. The city's position is that since Jennifer was doing more than 20 mph over the limit, she doesn't qualify for traffic school. The paper reports it's unlikely that Jennifer would ever go to jail and notes that \$500 "would be pocket change for John Moores, 54, a self-made computer-software tycoon, investor, and philanthropist."

— **"CITY LIGHTS: DADDY'S MONEY,"**
Matt Potter, October 1, 1998



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What Do Women Want?

It's

been nearly a century since Freud asked his famous question about the nature of female desire, and very few men that I know are any closer to an answer than Freud was. In the late 1980s and early '90s, shortly after going through my own divorce, I belonged to a men's group that met weekly, and I was regularly hearing the stories of men troubled by the fact that they had been unable to make their relationships work and distressed by their inability to understand what makes women tick. Although it's widely believed that men's infidelity, drinking, insensitivity, and all-around emotional numbness are the primary reasons most relationships dissolve, I was getting the other side of the story. My group included a man whose wife had left him after 22 years for a woman. She, of course, took with her half of their "community" property and regular spousal support payments, although their three teenage children continued to live with him. It

She had fallen in love with a woman who understood her a great deal more than Paul did, and she was going to leave her marriage to live with her new love.

included another man who had been unhappily married for over 20 years but couldn't bear to leave his wife because she was sickly and very needy. But she had been handling the family finances, and when he finally did leave (with the help of Zoloft, which broke through years and years of depression), he felt so guilty he gave her everything she asked for (far beyond what was required by the community property laws of California), and she left him with nothing but a mortgage to pay. It included a man struggling to keep his construction company afloat, whose wife was demanding alimony payments that would clearly bankrupt the company. And it included one happily married man who had put his marriage back together after a year-long separation by simply doing everything his wife asked him to do. Not too long ago, University of Washington psychologist John Gottman reported that the secret of successful marriages is male capitulation (www.webhealing.com/joyrelat.html). When men defer to their wives' needs and desires, the marriages last. When I told this to a married male friend, he smiled and said, "That's not true; I always have the last words in conflicts with my wife. And those words are 'Yes, dear.' "

Given that it is often assumed a marital breakup is caused by the male, is it any wonder that men generally, over the past several decades, have felt battered, misunderstood, and beleaguered and that many of them wonder what's wrong with so many women that they can't fathom the possibility that the "he said" side of any "he said/she said" story may have some validity? My favorite gender-based joke is "If a man says something in the middle of a forest, and there is no woman present to hear him, is he still wrong?"

So conditioned are we to assume that men are the perpetrators and women the victims in the ongoing war of the sexes, we can wander through the battlefields hardly noticing the wounded male bodies strewn here and there. A feminist friend of mine said that she thought that description was an exaggeration, but it reflects my experience talking to many men in many different contexts over the past dozen years or so. These were men of all ages, from college students to those now in their 50s and 60s, who have lived

through both the sexual revolution and the gender revolution. The latter group are generally men who went into relationships with one kind of expectation and were caught by surprise at the changing attitudes and roles of the women in their lives. They are the collateral damage of the women's revolution that very few chroniclers of that revolution have talked about.

I spoke with Richard Peacock, coauthor of *Learning to Leave: A Woman's Guide*, who told me he was amazed when doing research for the book at

how cold, methodical, and systematic some women can be when they've chosen to end a relationship. "Women have the ability to turn off the love tap and get on with things much better than men do," he said. "It often leaves men confused and dazed. Here's this woman who was showering you with love and affection, and suddenly she's cold as ice and meticulously planning the future of her life without you." This remarkable ability to go from devotion to distance, from nurturing to nastiness troubled a lot of the men I've spo-

ken with and often left them puzzled. In today's world of "serial monogamy," the most intimate person in one's life turns into a ruthless courtroom adversary. After a divorce or breakup, the quest for money often replaces the erotic component of a relationship. Obviously there are sociological reasons for this quest — men generally earn more than women. Economic inequality creates a situation where couples remain linked financially, although split emotionally and erotically.

Consider the case of

Paul M. (all names have been changed), one of the men in my group. Paul was a technical consultant for a large corporation and was married for 22 years to the same woman, and he thought he knew her well. Paul and his wife Hillary had three children, two girls and a boy, who were now into their teenage years. Paul was absolutely devoted to his family and was enjoying the good life of his middle age. He owned a home in Del Mar — which they had bought years earlier, before prices moved beyond reason — had a

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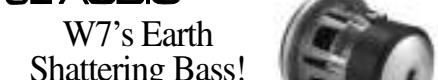
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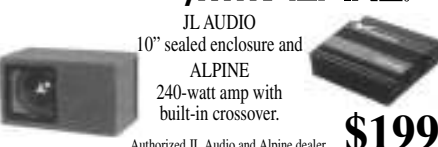
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solid job that paid well, and loved Hillary without reservation. So he was surprised when Hillary suggested they attend a couples group she had heard about in order to "enhance" their marriage. At the first meeting they attended, it became clear she had something else in mind altogether. Hillary announced — to the group, not to Paul alone — that she was unhappy in her marriage and needed time to discover "who she was." She had fallen in love with a woman who understood her a great

deal more than Paul did, and she was going to leave her marriage to live with her new love. To say Paul was dumbfounded, nonplussed, shocked, startled, driven to distraction, etc., would be understating the case. He could not believe what he was hearing. After the meeting, Hillary told Paul she would not be going home with him, and she walked across the parking lot to a waiting car, where her lover picked her up and drove her away.

When Paul got home he found Hillary's

closets and drawers had been emptied, and her journal was lying open on his desk. She had clearly left it there for him to discover. And discover it he did, reading it through tearful eyes for the rest of the night as it chronicled her long love affair with this woman, her involvement with women's Wicca groups, her affinities with Native American rituals, her dissatisfaction with motherhood and their "picture perfect" Del Mar life. The short version of the story is, Paul was left with their three teenage

children to raise and, two weeks later, slapped with divorce papers filed by a Del Mar attorney who is known in the trade as "the shark." Of course, Hillary got half of everything and \$3000 monthly in spousal support, while Paul used what was left of his consultant's salary to pay the mortgage and take care of the kids. When I asked him if he resented this, Paul said, in his usual stoic way (he's a New Englander), "Well, you do what you gotta do." Then, amazingly, he went on to defend Hillary, saying that

although she had a college degree, she had never worked, so she would need the spousal support to get on her feet.

The story of men's puzzlement about women has gone largely unreported, although the women's view of what's wrong with men is virtually a national sport. If you were to wander into the self-help section of your local bookstore and peruse the titles on the shelves, you would find that many of them seem to suggest women need a lot of help in the world

to set their lives straight. You would further discover that the reason they need this help is that men are basically demented and simply don't know anything about women's wishes and dreams.

The book that started this depiction of women as victims of male ineptitude is *Women Who Love Too Much*, which bears the subtitle *When You Keep Wishing and Hoping He'll Change*. The book, written by Robin Norwood, was first published in 1986 and has been in print ever since.

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nist age by talking to men who had been in problematic relationships with women and listening to their versions of the relationships. Nearly everyone I told that I was working on this article said, "What about the women's side?"

While there certainly is another side to each of the stories related here, that is not the story I am telling. You can find that story

in the hundreds of novels, films, and nonfiction accounts by and about women who have been battered, emotionally abused, neglected, and generally treated shabbily by the men in their lives. I have no desire to "bash women" in this article, but I do feel it important that the other side of the story get told.

Meet Sing Yu, an Asian-American man of 45 who's been married once and has had four

or five troubled relationships since his divorce, nearly all of them punctuated by hysterical episodes. He's gun-shy about remarrying because his wife left him for another man, blindsiding him with the news after five years of marriage. When I told a mutual friend I was writing this article, he immediately told me I must talk to Sing Yu. We talked for several hours in my living room, and

he told me many of the details of what he called his "roller-coaster" relationships. Sing Yu grew up in Hong Kong and came to the United States in 1975 to attend college in upstate New York. He got a degree in physics and went to Chicago to complete a Ph.D. in physics. He got various jobs related to physics and math and finally ended up in biotechnology, doing research and technical

work. I asked Sing Yu to tell me about the significant relationships he'd had with women in his life — what was good about them and what was bad, as well as how they turned out. "Let's see," he said. "I was always the geeky type; I never dated until graduate school. Then I fell madly in love with this fellow graduate student from China, and of course she was married.

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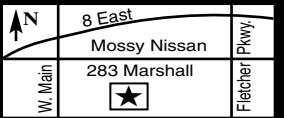
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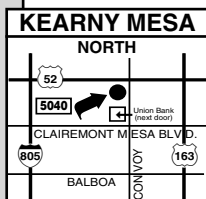
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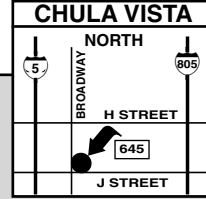
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America, but it didn't work out."

Sing Yu's story got more complicated when I asked him if he was still in touch with his ex-wife.

"Well, what happened was that about a year and a half ago, she came back into my life and said she wanted to get back together. We had been divorced for eight years, and she said she wanted to get back together. She said fundamentally that the period we broke up was a very irrational time of her life, but our marriage was very fundamentally sound; it was just a certain period of insanity that ruined it, so she wanted me to consider getting back together. I thought about it long and hard. I really missed her. When you love somebody, it's hard to resist the idea of getting back together. But the way she left me was very tough; it was just like, 'Okay, honey, I'll see you next week!' So I don't know if I could ever trust her again."

I wondered if his experience with his ex-wife impacted his view of women in general.

"No question that it did. I think, looking back, a lot of my relationships are kind of random anyway, but I think fundamentally it's always bouncing from one end of the spectrum to the other end. Never quite finding myself fully happy. After my wife and I broke up and I came back to San Diego, I dated, though not very seriously. Then I met this Thai girl who also worked at the same company that I worked at, and we got pretty involved. That was fun for a year or so, and then we broke up. It was getting — what's the word? — she was possessive and needy, very needy. She was also very hyper. She couldn't stay put, things were slightly out of order, and she

would drive me nuts. But sexually it was a good match, and also culturally, because she was from the Orient and I had links there. And she and I also were pretty Americanized. It gave us a lot in common. But that didn't work out. She was very needy.

"I was the one who broke that up. That one was hard for me. I broke it up. She wanted to continue, but she was extremely possessive. I had some friends that were female, but they were just friends that I like to spend time with, and she would be extremely jealous and didn't want me to have anything to do with that. So that was one of the reasons I felt like, if I were to stay in a relationship with her I would have no other significant friendship with a female. And at the same time, actually, what was also factoring into the thinking was, I still missed my wife, and comparing my wife to that woman. I thought, 'Well, my wife is this and this and that, so intelligent, so intellectual, so *da-da-da-da-da*.' So that, too, was part of the dynamic, I think. I had certain expectations that she did not meet."

This seems to be a problem for most men who enter into new relationships in midlife. They're always comparing them to previous relationships. Once men have had a serious relationship, every other one is measured by that. A lot of men's inner monologues are "She is like her in this way, but she is not like her in that way," and this often prevents men from seeing a potential partner clearly, in her own right. This was true for virtually all the men I spoke with, and it's my experience as well. I'm sure the same comparisons must be true for women. It's one of the primary limiting

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factors of the serially monogamous relationships of our time.

Sing Yu continued. "So we broke up. That was tough on me. I liked her a lot, but I felt I just had to break up. Then I swore off relationships for a while, but that didn't last long. Finally, in a very, very depressed and lonely moment in my life, I met Karen, who was totally opposite from any woman I'd met before. She didn't have a job, she was kind of crazy — not intellectual but pretty street-smart, not educated but she read a lot. So it was an interesting mix. She is extremely kind-hearted, very loving, and not possessive at all. So then she came and stayed at my place, and we ended up living together. In the beginning, once again, it was terrific, it was good energy and all that stuff, and she was quite pretty, I thought. She is American — I seem to vacillate between American and Oriental women. But gradually I realized that she had a problem, that she was dysfunctional. She couldn't hold a job, she drinks a lot, and it finally dawned on me that she was actually addicted, that she was an alcoholic and a drug addict. It took me a long time to realize this — seven years. We lived together seven years. And once I realized this, I kept trying to help her, because she is such a genuinely good person. She has the biggest heart of anybody I know. Beautiful heart and beautiful face, actually. But living with her addictions day to day became impossible.

"What bothered me most was the whole 'nonpresence' part of it, because you never knew, is she there or not? I'd come home and she would be wiped out, so it was just a pretty horrible situation. Then I started having affairs on

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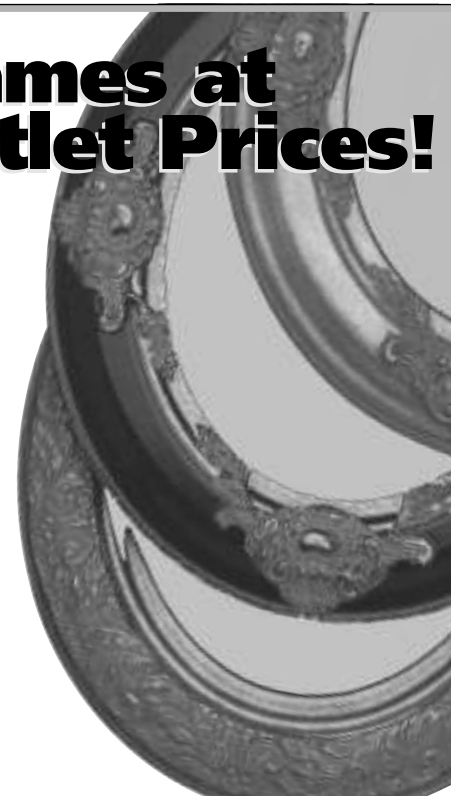
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the side, and of course I felt terribly guilty about that. But it became clear that this was never going to work. I was getting depressed, because I was drawn to her, especially to helping her. I really wanted to be free, but I really wanted to help her. I wanted to get her clean. I tried to get some private nurses to help her get clean. I tried it a few times, and it did not work. But at the same time, I just couldn't leave her. I dated some other women for a while, but when they realized I was not going

to leave Karen, the relationships never worked out. "Except the last one, and this is very recent. This woman also works in the last company I used to work for. She is from China, she is divorced, she has a kid, and we kind of just hit it off real well. She was going through a pretty tough period with her boss. I was just there to help her. I really had a crush on her. So we just started to talk and became very intimate very quickly. Of course, she expected that I

would leave Karen for her, but I just couldn't bring myself to do that. That's a very tough thing to do, because it felt like it would be abandoning her, and she wasn't going to be able to make it on her own. I know this is what they call 'enabling' in the addiction profession, but naming it doesn't make it any easier. This Chinese woman's name is Gwen, and she was always very upset — that if I claimed that I loved her, then why could I not leave Karen? I told her, 'You have to

understand, this is the situation and I just can't leave her.' But she won't have anything to do with that. So there was one year of a very stormy, very gut-wrenching relationship with Gwen, and then she decided that her job was not working out anyway and she wanted to move away from it, so she left San Diego and moved to Arizona. "Yeah, she moved away. So then I say, 'Okay, then maybe that will resolve itself.' But then we started talking again over the phone,

and she said that she really wants to come to San Diego and visit me again. But I was still living with Karen and was torn, although by now I had told her that she had to move out. I was tired of all these relationships that could be meaningful but never would work because Karen is living with me. So I told her that it's not going to work, and she agreed to move to Big Bear, a place she's always liked. I bought her a little place in Big Bear where she could live. So, ironically, she was pack-

ing up and getting ready to move out the day Gwen came back to San Diego for a conference. I spent the evening with Gwen (while Karen was packing), and towards about 11:00 p.m. I said, 'Well, I have to go home,' and then Gwen just threw a fit, saying, 'How dare you? I came all the way from Arizona and you just came here to screw me, and then you are going to go back and screw her. What do you think I am, a whore or something?' She threw a fit. I said, 'You've got to understand' —

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basically I pleaded, to no avail, so I just walked out, feeling crummy. At midnight, she called home and Karen's there. Karen picked up the phone and then I picked up the phone and talked to Gwen, who is screaming at me on the telephone, and Karen is screaming at me in the room. I hang up the phone, and of course Karen is throwing plates and stuff everywhere. Then the next day Karen was getting so ugly, she left messages at Gwen's house. Gwen still has a house here and had to clean up the house. Karen left a message saying all kinds of nasty shit. So again, Gwen picked up the phone after she got her messages and called back again and started the

whole thing of leaving messages and bitching each other out, so to speak. I was, like, this is a circus; I couldn't really deal with it. So Gwen left; she said, 'Fuck you guys' and went back to Arizona."

"Wait, let me see if I understand this. Gwen went to Arizona while Karen is in the process of moving out to go live in a house you bought for her in Big Bear, which, by the way, seems very generous of you. That is, to buy a place for a woman you're breaking up with."

"Exactly. When Gwen left, Karen finished moving out and finally left, moved up to Big Bear. I think I am extremely generous to the point of being used, but whatever. So right

now, at the moment, I think Karen and I are kind of broken up, but she has started calling me again, wanting me to come back, saying, 'I am clean now, I hate Big Bear, I miss the way we were,' stuff like that. Meanwhile, I have been visiting Gwen on and off for the past six months. It's always the same story. Really sweet the time we spend together. As soon as I come back to San Diego, she calls me every night, and if I'm not home after 10:00, she gets very paranoid, and she would say, 'Which woman are you fucking now?' I say, 'I am just working late.' And she would say, 'I don't believe you are just working late every day.' I say, 'I spend time with friends.' 'Which friends?'

she would ask. She makes me feel like I have to be completely accountable to her for every moment of my life, even though she is not in town.

"And then the second-to-last time I was in Arizona, she said, 'Okay, I finally understand. You are the way you are, so I won't push you into anything you don't want. So let's just have a good time.' I said, 'Oh, that's great.' This time, when I went over — it was only about two weeks ago — I came back and she repeated the whole pattern. So anyway, she just called me on last Tuesday night and said, 'Where were you the last day or two?'"

"Does she think you're having sex with

other women?"

"Yes, she is very jealous. I told her, 'If I'm fucking somebody else, I'll tell you. I'm not.' She blamed me for not calling her one night. I said, 'I work so hard. I came back from a long weekend and I just wanted some space to myself, get my head together.' She said, 'You can have all the space you want,' except now she hasn't called me for a week."

"It sounds like the two of you are trying to negotiate the right kind of psychological distance. That's particularly difficult when there's physical distance involved."

"That is exactly the point. I like her; we have a good time together, but I want my space too. She expects a total com-

mitment. She expects me to be there 24 hours a day, and I don't want to be on call like an emergency room doctor. I want some freedom; I want to talk to my friends. I just want to be by myself sometimes for a couple of days on end. I mean, that's not a crime. I am very clear now that if I don't really have that, I'd rather be alone; if I have affairs, that's fine, but I need to have some space to think. I think if you are not in a good relationship or an intimate relationship, you feel lonelier sometimes in a relationship than when you are by yourself."

I asked Sing Yu, if he could put himself in Gwen's shoes, what would her view of this be?

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"Her view would be, 'I'll give you what you need, but I need you to be completely devoted to me.' That's basically it — 24 hours a day, for life. Forsaking all others. I don't even mind forsaking all others. I honestly thought when I was dating her — even now — this is the closest thing to a real relationship that I would like to keep. She has all these wonderful qualities. But what she doesn't under-

stand is that I need my own space, and that doesn't mean that I am running away and having affairs. She thinks that if I spend time with any other woman it must be sexual. But I still have other friends that are females, and I like my own space. That doesn't violate the trust in the relationship. I am not violating that."

"Well, she met you when you were involved with another woman,

right? I think that is probably something on her mind."

"That's it for her. If I could have an affair with Gwen while I am living with Karen, there is certainly no stopping me from having an affair while I am having a relationship with Gwen. I think she is using that logic to say that I am not to be trusted. If my time is not accounted for 24 hours a day, then she cannot trust me."

I asked Sing Yu, if he could create the ideal woman for him, what would she be like?

"Well, I've thought about that, and I've talked about it with my best friend. It's tough. Even though we came to that conclusion, we don't know how to accept it or how to deal with it. No one man can be everything to a woman, and no one woman can be everything. But knowing that,

how can we go forward? How do we accept the shortcomings and settle for less than we hope for? Maybe there is a time when you have to say, well, I'm just not going to get everything I want. We try to find somebody who can fulfill all of our needs and desires, but, of course, that leads to conflict. What if the needs are sexual? What if you have everything in common with this woman, but

she doesn't really give you good sex and you start to mess around on the side? Now that would not be good. That wouldn't work either. So even though I know no one woman can satisfy all my needs, I don't know how to proceed. I guess the point is, maybe we need to prioritize what our needs are, what are the most critical things. If sex is important and she doesn't give you that,

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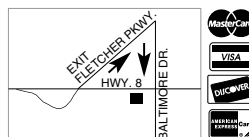
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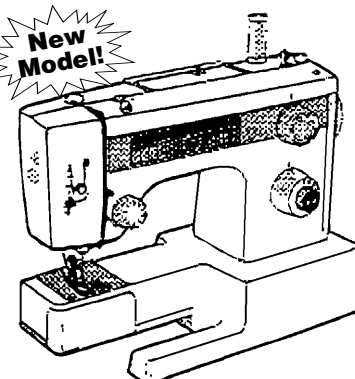
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"Maybe you need to prioritize and say this is what I need in a woman, and this is the primary thing that I need, whatever it is. It may be dif-

ferent for different people. I think the stereotype would be that all men would put sex on top. I don't know that that is completely true. Some men would and some men wouldn't. I like a woman who has a certain amount of independence. It's important to me. I really hate to feel completely like I have to do everything — you have to make deci-

sions, you have to take care of her economically, take care of her emotionally. It's too much; it's just exhausting. So I like a woman who has a certain degree of independence. That's very important to me. See, women, generally, I think — and again, this is just my thought — women think that men don't like women to be independent. I feel good

when I know a woman has got her own thing going on. It's fun to be with somebody that's got something going on; it broadens your horizons. You get into that world and you don't feel totally responsible."

As Sing Yu was outlining the things he wanted in a woman, I thought of a joke that has been widely circulating on the Internet,

called "Secrets of a Successful Marriage":

1. It is important to find a woman who cooks and cleans
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3. It is important to find a woman who likes to have good sex
4. It is most important that these three women never meet.

Although none of the men I spoke with were too concerned about a woman who cooks and cleans, like all jokes based on stereotypes, this one has more than a grain of truth in it. Men often get different things from different women but usually expect to find the whole package in one person. Sing Yu wants an independent, intellectual, financially secure, sexy woman. And he often finds one or two of these qualities but rarely gets them all together.

"Well, what's your situation right now?"

"Karen has been calling me every other day wanting to come back. She's telling me the same thing that my wife is telling me, that this craziness was just a temporary insanity. So I'm dealing with a triple whammy. Three things going on. My wife and I have always kept in contact. In some sense, if there was a woman that I really loved, she is it. I did love my wife, even though sexually it was not that great — she's very attractive and all that, but she's not an overly sensual person; she's more intellectual. But we had so much going on, and we would talk for hours every night. We would talk about philosophy. It was a unique quality, and I have to say it's generally easier for me to talk with men about intellectual issues (that will get me in trouble if you print that), but she is about the only woman I could carry on an intellectual conversation with. She is also very gifted artistically. She is a really great painter. She's very natural in music; she can pick up a guitar and play a song. She is a beautiful writer. She is extremely talented. She does everything; she can pick up anything and be good at it. That was just such a

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turn-on. So we kept in touch. I've always kept in touch with her, I always get a charge whenever I talk with her. We have a lot in common, so maybe in the very depth of my mind, I still entertain the thought that maybe we will get back together. When she actually proposed that we do, I just got cold feet. But, God, it killed me basically to have to say no to her."

Like many men, Sing Yu is what a friend of mine calls a "possibilities junkie." He has trouble closing doors on relationships and likes to keep all the possibilities open. This is a devastating malady because it leaves him perpetually in limbo. I recognized the symptoms from both my men's group and my own life. Possibilities junkies often have the best of motives — they don't want to hurt the women they're involved with;

they don't want to make a disastrous choice; they see all sides of every decision.

Sing Yu is puzzled that the women he has been with don't understand his conflicts. "Women are always talking about the need to be honest and intimate with them, truthful. But if you tell a woman your real truth — for example, that I'm having trouble leaving Karen because I'm worried about her making it on her own, that's the truth, right? That's the truth. It's not a lie. But when I tell that to Gwen, she goes bananas. She is asking me on the one hand to be truthful and honest, to be intimate. On the other hand, she is saying, lie to me continuously. It's a paradox. She says simultaneously, 'Just don't tell me. Yet tell me.' What's ironic is if I am telling the truth, she won't believe it.

Now, if I said, 'I am not screwing anybody, I am not going out with anybody else, I am staying at home, sometimes I don't answer the telephone,' that's the truth. 'No, no,' she says, 'how can you not answer the phone at 10:00 at night, *da-da-da*.' Isn't that an irony? Something occurred to me. Maybe we are using one word — 'relationship' — to mean so many different things. There is the biological aspect, definitely; there is the financial and economic; there is the emotional, friendship-type aspect; and maybe at some point they all intersect. We've got to recognize that maybe there are some very different things we are talking about, and maybe they don't always come together."

I asked about the financial aspects of his relationships with women; whether, for example, women expect him to pick up the tab all the time.

"Most of them do, except the Thai girl. The

Thai girl was very independent financially. She made very good money. It just didn't quite work out in other ways. After 30 years of feminism and equality — and a lot of women that I go out with are making as much as me or close to as much — still there is the expectation that I will take care of the financial aspect. Which is ironic and strange, and I have really never understood that. Talk about this hypocrisy of independence. For example, Gwen got laid off about two months ago, and she said, 'Oh I'm not worried. I can get a job doing this or that.' Then one day she called me up, and she was being very sweet, and then she said, 'Will you support me?' Kind of in so many words. I said, 'Well, you know, I'm still supporting Karen. I'm still paying her mortgage, and I have a big mortgage here. I'd like to help, but I don't know. You have a son; you have a mortgage there. I will try to

help, but I don't know if I can offer complete support.' She blew her top and said, 'Well, I was just testing you. You think I would have so little dignity as to ask you for support? You know me well enough to know I would never sink to that.' Oh, God, I'm thinking, then why the fuck do you even ask me that then? You set this little trap and I gave the wrong answer. She says, 'I don't need your money, *da-da-da-da*.'"

This made me think of the "man saying something in the forest" joke. "Do you ever hold your own in arguments with women?" I asked.

"Oh, boy. It's never easy. It's always a stalemate, I guess. I just kind of give up and hang up the phone. I find that women have an incredible talent for turning things around and making you completely wrong. Making you completely wrong. It's like, my God, how could I? I'm a scumbag. I'm a total snail, scum of the earth that I thought this way. And it's just, it's frustrating. It's like I am really not that way, but you end up feeling like, oh my God. It's hard, it's very hard. Man, that almost may be a biological, genetic thing. Because this is something I have experienced with every woman I have known. Every woman I have known. I experienced that I can

never prevail in an argument. It's always, if we are going to have a fight about something, I am going to end up saying, 'Okay, maybe you are right, and I'm sorry.' I am the one that ends up saying I am sorry. I'm really not sorry. I didn't do anything wrong. I don't feel like I did anything wrong. But I end up feeling that is the only way that we are going to be able to move on is if I say I am sorry. Like Karen moved to Big Bear and I have been supporting her. She calls me sometimes and says, 'You are so fucking selfish, you are so cruel.' I'm so selfish! I am paying for this fucking house she's living in. Not only do I pay for the mortgage, but I am helping her with this and that and that and that. 'Still you are just very selfish,' she says. She has a sense of entitlement. 'You owe me this.' 'Why do I owe you?' 'I wasted seven good years of my life with you,' she says. I thought about that; I think, 'I did the same for you.' But I don't say that, because that doesn't count. Why is a woman's time so much more precious than a man's time?"

Well, I don't have the answer to that, but I needed to move on to hear from another man who had also been introduced to me by a mutual friend. This friend told me that Robert C. had emerged dazed and bloodied from the relationship wars. Robert is in his mid-50s, about five ten, and his dark, darting eyes seemed both frightened and weary. He sat across from me on the sofa, wearing a blue Hawaiian shirt and jeans, fidgeting nervously as he told me the details of his recent relationships with women.

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thought we were doing a fairly successful job of raising them. My wife and I both kind of had this dream, and I left my regular job and we saved up all our money and bought a bed-and-breakfast and tried to make a go of it. It was kind of at a time when the economy tanked, and it didn't do well. In the process, we lost almost all of what we

had earned, and in the process, she decided that I was not the man she wanted to spend the rest of her life with, because I wasn't successful. So we got divorced. That was her decision primarily. I definitely wanted to be in the marriage. I was very upset about the bed-and-breakfast not having made it, but basically I would have stayed

there. I was basically happy and loved my kids, and they were just about grown at that time — in fact, they were grown. So I decided to come out West.”

“So you came out to San Diego, and you were on your own, right? You were living here as a single man. Single for the first time in over 20 years.”

“Yes. I didn't know hardly anybody, really. I was pretty unconnected to anybody in the San Diego area.”

“So what did you do in terms of getting connected? Did you try to meet some women?”

“Yes, as a matter of fact, I looked in the *Reader*, and at that point, it was before the online dating frenzy. The *Reader*, somebody

told me, was the way to meet women, and I spotted an ad that said, ‘Professional woman looking for professional, attractive man,’ and I answered it.”

“What happened then?”

“Well, I answered that ad, and this woman turned out to be Sondra. She was in the educational field. She was an assistant professor of

business administration at a local college and hadn't received tenure yet because she had worked at several places and things hadn't seemed to have worked out in any one given place yet, but she was trying to make a go of it. She had been married once before but didn't have any children. She was 39 or 40 at the time. She asked me a lot of

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questions. She asked me about my past, what I looked like, what my educational background was, what my career was. Asked me a lot of questions. I guess I must have passed the first cut because she set up an occasion to meet me at some friends of hers who were having a dinner party.”

“Okay, so some friends were having a

dinner party and she invited you there?”

“Yes, she invited me there. So we met there. She was very attractive. She was thin, and she had dark raven hair, beautiful eyes. I was taken by her physically, and she seemed to be very interested in me. I got to know her a little bit. I could see that she was intelligent. I could see that she was cer-

tainly interested in a relationship. It didn’t seem like she had any baggage, in that there didn’t seem to be any ex-loves in the picture, and she did have a career. So she didn’t seem like she was somebody that I would need to be able to financially support, because I wasn’t doing too well financially at that point. I was just starting a new

life, and I was doing some computer sales. It was difficult. Frankly, it was probably the low ebb of my life as far as my earning capability. I was hoping that I would be able to get a better job and do better and kind of rebuild my life. But I wasn’t there yet, and, of course, I was still reeling from the failure of the bed-and-breakfast and the divorce.”

“Was she making more money than you were?”

“Well, she was and she wasn’t. She had the capability of it, she certainly had the educational background, but she seemed to have trouble staying in one job for any length of time. So she wasn’t a tenured professor at that time, and she tended to have bounced around

enough that she really didn’t have money saved up. So she was probably doing better than I was at the time, but she wasn’t really in a stable situation either.”

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of San Diego, Temecula. We took a picnic basket. We stopped and got some food, and I bought a nice bottle of wine at one of the wineries. We sat out all day, talking about our interests and what we were looking for and how we wanted to meet that right person and get connected. We talked about the fact that we had both dated a bit. I hadn't dated as much as she had, because I hadn't been single that long, but we both were looking for something that was stable and would be permanent and weren't anxious to date a ton of people. She seemed very interested in me. I felt really good about the fact that she really, really seemed to be interested in me. So we got into a relationship. We started seeing each other quite a lot. She asked a lot of questions about my children, what they were like, what they looked

like, if they were smart, if they were not smart. She seemed to be totally available to me as far as she had lots of time to spend with me. I didn't get the feeling that there was anybody else in the picture. Sexually, we got involved fairly early on, and it was great. It was great sex. We were having sex all the time, and I felt she really was starting to care for me, and I certainly was really falling for her. I was a little nervous about that because I had just come out of a very bad rela-

tionship. But she was really there for me, and I was really interested in her. "I started spending more and more time at her place. She owned a little house in Claremont. I ended up spending more and more nights there, and it started to come to the point where I was only going to my place to get clean laundry or take a shower once in a while. But we talked about it, and she asked me to move in. She wanted to make one thing real

clear, and that was that she was approaching 40 and her biological clock was definitely ticking. She really, really wanted to have a baby. She asked me very early on what was my willingness to do that. Frankly, that was not something I would have ever considered doing again. I had two children. I was very happy with those two children. They were grown and raised, and I frankly didn't feel like I was in a position financially or any other way to start again. On the

other hand, I was really falling for this woman, so I didn't preclude the possibility of doing that, although I had a lot of reservations about it. Lots and lots of reservations about it. "But it became clear to me that she was going to try to get pregnant. That was her main thrust in life at that time. If not with me, then with someone else.

So while initially I wasn't enthusiastic about it, I wasn't going to give her up, and I was willing to do that for her if it was that important to her. I had a lot of misgivings about it, and I got to meet a number of her friends as we dated, and I got the feeling that even they thought maybe this wasn't the wisest course I could take. In fact, I even went

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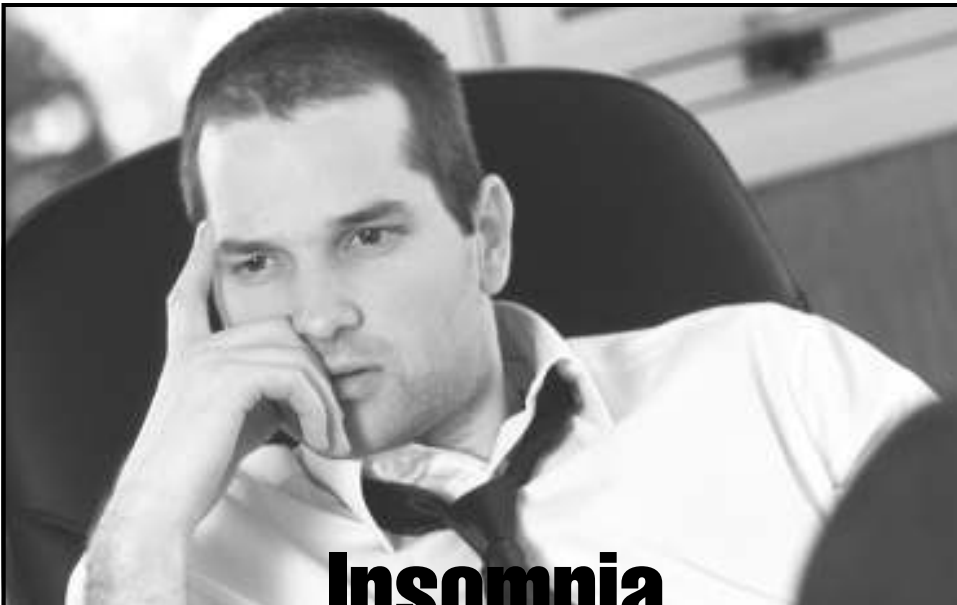
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as far as talking to her friends about what they thought about the wisdom of my having a child with her.

“The first one that I talked to was Cindy, and while she didn’t have strong feelings about it, she wasn’t particularly enthusiastic. She told me that I should kind of take my time and really look at the situation. But another friend of hers, Beverly, told me point-blank that she had talked with Sondra about her need to have a child and that Sondra was basically much

more looking for a sperm donor than she was a father for her child. And that it was less important to her that she was in love with the man, but that she was very focused and goal oriented about having this child above all else and passing on her gene pool.”

“So what did you think when you learned that?”

“Well, in a way I was upset; in a way I was flattered that she thought that my gene pool was a good one. I must have met the crite-

ria, I guess. I was bright enough and good-looking enough. On the other hand, I got to know her friends pretty well, and I did have concerns about what she really felt about me. But we were having great sex, and we were living together. I wasn’t spending any time in my place. I moved into her place. It just didn’t seem to make any sense for me to keep an apartment, and this allowed us to try even harder to have this child, and it was one less expense. So we shared expenses and

I moved into her place.

“She was having trouble getting pregnant. She went to fertility doctors, I went to fertility doctors with her, and I was tested, etcetera. Then one day she told me that while we were trying the old-fashioned way, she was also going to a sperm bank and trying to have a child any way she could. Hopefully with me, but if not with me, through an anonymous sperm donor.”

I asked Robert how he felt about that.

He fidgeted ner-

vously. “I was shocked. I was disconcerted about it. But by the same token, I loved her enough and I thought no matter what, this child would be my child. I was living with her, I intended to stay living with her, and I was willing to take on a child, whether it was my genetic issue or not my genetic issue. I would have preferred it to be mine and wanted it to be mine, but it would have been mine anyway.”

This part of Robert’s story sounded a

little fishy to me. I wondered what Sondra’s view of the situation would be, but then again, what’s important to me here is how Robert felt about it, not whether it was the “objective truth.” It’s just that it’s hard for me to imagine an unmarried man who will continue to try to get a woman pregnant while she’s going to a sperm donor to get pregnant that way. You can almost predict the paternity battles ahead. But Robert was blissfully oblivious to this while it was

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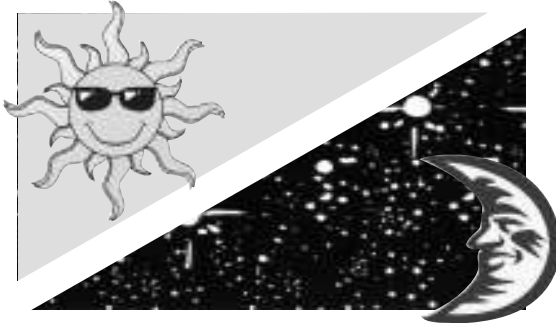
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happening.

After Sondra finally did become pregnant, Robert immediately assumed the role of caretaker and expectant father. "I was excited," he said. "Her dream was fulfilled and she was so happy, and therefore I was happy. She seemed grateful that I had been through a couple of pregnancies with my former wife. So I had experience to tell her what to expect, what not to expect. I wasn't as nervous as I would have been if I never had had a child. She went for the amniocentesis. I went with her, of course, for the sonogram. We found out it was going to be a baby girl. I was ecstatic. She was ecstatic. I really wanted another little Sondra in my life at that time. I thought that we would be together forever.

"When she gave

birth, I was there, obviously. I was there for the delivery, I was there for taking her home, and I was not doing too well at work at that time, so I was spending most of the time at home. She was doing her thing at the college, so she was spending more and more time away, and I gradually took on more and more of the child care. It was easier for me to do some of my work out of the house, and she was out trying to make more of a success of her career. Meanwhile, I was bonding with this baby, whom I love dearly.

"She was making some money, and I was making some money. She had owned her house for a while, so the expenses weren't great. We were both making a modest living, but nothing to write home about. Well, we went through the first year this way,

and she started to find more and more faults with me, particularly relative to my earning capabilities. She felt that I ought to be making a lot more money, being a successful executive or successful something. Frankly, I was around 50 at this point, and the San Diego economy wasn't that great, and they weren't looking with open arms to hire somebody like me at an executive level. So I was sort of eking out a living. I will admit, too, that I was so attached to this baby that I was happy to spend more and more time with her."

I interrupted: "But Sondra wasn't too enthusiastic about that? She wanted you working?"

"She seemed to be mixed about that. In one way, she was happy to have the help; on the other hand, she was very unhappy, increasingly more unhappy, that I wasn't making big bucks. She wanted to be thinking about getting a better house and the better school system, or the better whatever, and that maybe she could stay home and spend time at home in the future — that we would have this much better lifestyle financially than at that point I was able to provide."

"So when did you feel that the relationship turned or started being problematic?" I asked.

"I think about the time that she was used to the baby routine and it was kind of in a pattern. When the up-all-night, up-all-hours-of-the-day sleep deprivation ended, she increasingly began to find more and more fault with me. We fought a lot because she seemed to not accept the fact that I was trying to do better, but I wasn't being successful here, financially. I was always there for the child. I was always there for her in whatever way

she needed me relative to our relationship. I just wasn't able to be financially successful at that point."

I asked Robert how the sexual relationship was going.

"Sexually, she seemed a lot less interested. I wrote off a lot of that to the fact that we had an infant. That happens, I've been through that before with a lot of competing demands. I thought it would increase when the baby started sleeping through the night, when we were past the sleep deprivation point in time. But that never seemed to pick up anywhere near what it used to be. And then one day she finally basically told me to move out. She wasn't interested in having me around anymore. It was over for her, and she really didn't want me in her life anymore."

Dear reader, though you and I knew where this was going several paragraphs back, for Robert it came as a complete surprise.

"It shocked me," he said. "I knew she wasn't happy with me, but I thought of myself as being a part of her life, and I certainly always thought of myself as being the father of this child and raising a child with her. I thought that was what she really, really wanted, and even though it wasn't something I sought out, I agreed to do that for her. I agreed to all her terms and conditions. Even her going to the sperm bank. So I was stunned when she threw me out."

Robert's lips twitched as he said those words. He seemed to be holding on to a lot of emotion. "She threw you out?" I repeated.

"Well, she basically gave me an ultimatum of, you have a couple weeks to get yourself out of here. We had never married, so there were

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no legalities to go through. I wanted to get married, but she never did. I definitely wanted to get married when we had a child. But she continued not to want to. She would kind of postpone the discussion and never really wanted to go there, so we never did. The long and short of it is that I was forced to move out, and my daughter stayed with her. I, of course, wanted to spend a lot of time with the little girl, but she didn't want that. I was devastated. I said,

how could I not; she is my daughter. That's when she brought up the fact that *she might not be my daughter*. She wanted me to take a paternity test. I didn't want to take a paternity test because it didn't matter to me. When she was going to the sperm bank and I knew that and we were also trying to have a child, we had agreed that no matter what, this child was our child. To think of it as her coming from a test tube where she would never know her father

versus having somebody who wanted to be her father and had bonded with this child for a year, I couldn't even comprehend that. So I refused to take the paternity test. I absolutely refused to do it."

"But you had no legal rights to the child if you weren't married to her and couldn't prove you were the father, right?"

"Yes. That's exactly what she told me. She said we weren't married and I had no rights to the child and that if I

didn't take a paternity test, then under no circumstances could I ever see her again. I was devastated. I have never been more devastated — my marriage breaking up, nothing in my life had ever prepared me for this."

"Well, what did you do?" I asked. "Did you take the paternity test?"

"I had to. I finally had to because I knew it was my only possibility of seeing the child. I took the test and I got the results, and *I was not the father*. But I was the

father of that child in my heart and in my mind and in every other way. I was devastated. I couldn't imagine anybody doing that.

"There wasn't much I could do at that point. She wouldn't let me see the child. I had no legal rights to the child. She didn't want any part of me. I begged, I pleaded, I cried, I carried on, and it didn't seem to faze her one iota. I felt humiliated. I couldn't live in San Diego like that, and I finally left town. I'm just here for a few days

visiting friends. It's painful to me that I can't see my daughter while I'm here. And I don't know when I will be in another relationship again. Because it's going to take me a lot of years, if ever, to get over this one."

Robert was close to tears. I moved the conversation to another place. "Let me just ask you one more question. You have had two major relationships, and neither one of these relationships worked out. What's wrong with these

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women? What kind of woman would make a relationship work for you?”

“I think what I needed and I didn’t have in either one of them was someone who would accept me for who I am and what I am. I am not going to be a CEO of a Fortune 500 company. I’m in my 50s now, and that is not going to happen. I am willing to work, and I am willing to work hard, but I am not going to be a great financial success, and I need somebody who loves me for me and not because I am going to produce a child, or because of the numbers in my bank account, or because I can take care of her in the classic terms of she’ll never have to work again and I can buy her a big diamond ring and take her to Europe every year; but who loves me because when I come home at night we both want to be there, we both really, really can talk to each other and know that through the good times and the bad times we are there for each other. And no matter what happens in either one of our lives, that we love each other enough that we would deal with it. I don’t expect to marry or to end up with Julia Roberts — I’m not Ben Affleck — but I think I have a lot of love to give. I think I am a man who wants to be with one woman, who doesn’t have any desire to see how many women I can screw or how many relationships I can keep in the air at one time. I think I am attentive. I think I am someone who has value. I think I am an honest person, a decent person. I am willing to work hard. I may not always be successful. But I want someone who can appreciate those qualities in me and really love me for me.”

Robert seemed sad and wistful. His description of the ideal woman sounded a lot like descriptions I have read of the ideal man that women in his age bracket seek. He remained on the verge of tears. “You have not found that person yet, though?”

“Not yet, and I doubt I ever will.”

Robert’s tale left me depressed. I wanted to find a man who had had a good experience with a woman recently to assure me that the war between the sexes was not totally lopsided. Who else to seek out but a recently married young man who came of age after the feminist upheavals of the ’70s and ’80s. Since I teach at San Diego State, I thought someone in one of my classes would do fine. It just so happened that I was teaching Ray Carver’s much-anthologized short story “What We Talk About When We Talk About Love.” The story is about two couples, sitting around a kitchen table drinking inordinate amounts of gin and trying to figure out what love means in the contemporary world. Mel, the male half of one of the couples, has a remarkable monologue in the middle of the story that summarizes the state of *amour* in our time. After talking about the transience of various kinds of love in today’s world, he says, “There was a time when I thought I loved my first wife more than life itself. But now I hate her guts...I do. How do you explain that? What happened to that love? What happened to it, is what I’d like to know.” During my lecture on the fragility of relationships in Carver’s fiction and in contemporary life, I read this speech. After class, Jarrod W., one of the best students in the class, came up to me



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and said, "I wish you hadn't given that lecture today. I'm getting married on Sunday!" I apologized to Jarrod and was delighted that despite the gloomy prognosis for marriage in much recent literature, he believed in it and was taking the plunge.

After Jarrod's wedding, we spoke in my living room, sitting on the same sofa where I had talked with Robert and Sing Yu. Jarrod is 25 and comes from Northern California. He wears horn-rimmed glasses, is nearly six feet tall, has a sturdy build, an intellectual demeanor, some light stubble on his face, and a receding hairline. I asked him if he could tell me about his earliest relationships with women.

"I don't know if this is relevant, but I come from a divorced family, so my views of women

have always been kind of — I wouldn't say tainted — but a little bit different than those friends of mine who came from stable homes. I was 3 when my parents divorced, and I moved away from my mom when I was 13, because my relationship with her was not good. I went to live with my father, and then I had kind of a maniacal step-mother, so I haven't always had the best female role models — they've always been a little weird."

I asked Jarrod if his experience coming from a divorced family impacted his ideas about marriage. "Did it make you wary at all about the idea of getting married?"

"It did affect me quite a bit. 'Wary' is an accurate description. I guess I have seen love fail over and over again.

My mother has actually been divorced five times. So I have seen it fail over and over again. Perhaps that leads to my views on love. I think what people call love is really lust; in my opinion, it is really just a kind of physical attraction.

"The first time I ever really had a relationship was in my junior year in high school, so I guess I was about 17, because I had just moved to California, Northern California. I had a girlfriend named Jennifer. I didn't really know anything about girls or courting rituals, so she is probably the closest thing to a first girlfriend I had. What I mean is, I just got those impulses that people get when they are 17. The only problem was that Jennifer was probably the most hardcore drug addict that I had ever met. At the

time this was a plus. It was really fascinating. I was more drawn, not necessarily into that lifestyle — I had never really done drugs myself — but, I mean, she was such an interesting character. I wouldn't label it as a bad relationship. We got along very well, and I always thought that the acid reactions and things like that were interesting. She claimed to see trails — you know, she had a wild psychic life. I don't know if I believed everything she said, but she was pretty far-out.

"It was a thrilling environment to be in, to hang out with her and her friends. In many ways they were a little clichéd and stereotypical; they liked living the druggie lifestyle. That lifestyle wasn't as interesting as just listening to her talk about the various trips she'd had. That

relationship broke up because I was pretty sure she was cheating on me, and I was sure that the right thing to do was to break up with her; she was never the most believable human being. But all my friends were telling me she was seeing this other guy. It was all word of mouth. It lasted a good 2½ years, which is a long time in your teenage years.

"Anyway, the breakup was really kind of mutual, because I was interested in someone else. It wasn't entirely self-righteous. Another lady named Shannon H., who I met in college — I actually met her at chess club. Jen and I had a long-distance relationship for a while, but after I met Shannon there didn't seem much point in carrying it on. I had already moved to San Diego.

"Shannon was the

exact opposite of Jen. She was Irish. She had *really, really* pretty hair, which is what I was first attracted to. She didn't drink or do drugs at all. I myself, I don't drink or do drugs. I'm not against it. I just, I have better things to do, I guess. She loved chess as I did, and so we played chess together. We built kind of a relationship, I guess, kind of an intellectual relationship. We went out together for a very long time. Well, about two years, I guess. You asked me, when I told you I was getting married, whether or not I loved before. I can honestly say that I think I loved her by any definition of the word 'love.' I have always argued that you can choose to be in love; it is something that you make a conscious choice about: that you care enough about a person that you

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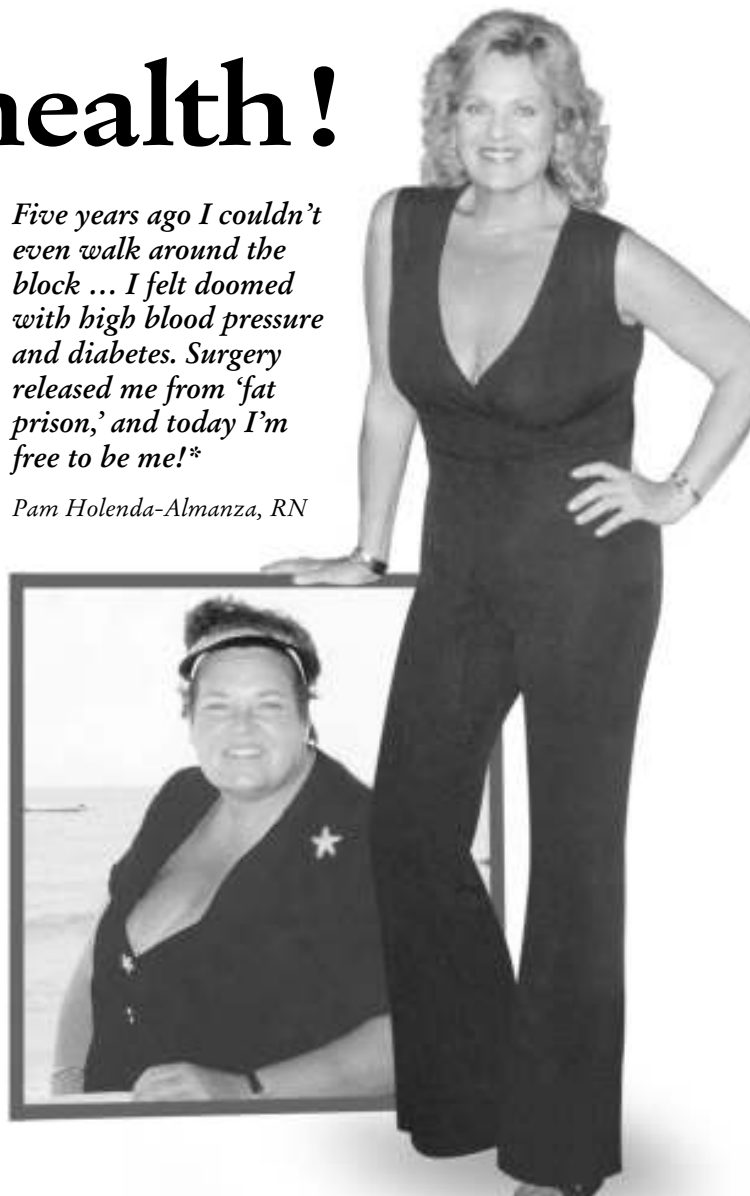
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are going to be in love with them. Everything else is just a physical attraction. But Shannon was very self-absorbed, and I guess that is what kind of led to the down-

fall. I was into her as a human being and I wanted to spend time with her, but I felt a lot of times I was getting blown off, and that would really hurt my

feelings. After a while, I couldn't take it anymore. So I left her." I had heard from many men that the women in their lives were self-absorbed. Not

surprisingly, this is also a complaint that a lot of women make about men. We all want attention from the people we love, and when we don't get enough, we feel they

are self-absorbed. I asked Jarrod if he could be a bit clearer about Shannon's "self-absorption." "Well, she was inconsiderate; maybe

that's a better word. She would make major changes in her life, and therefore our relationship, and not even talk with me about it. She started teaching elemen-

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tary school in Los Angeles, and this is another relationship that ended up long distance, because she moved to Los Angeles and I was still going to school here. She got a teaching job in Los Angeles, and I went up to visit her often, and whenever I would go up, it seemed that she would be more interested in something else. She would say, 'Oh, we can only be out for a few hours. I have something else to do.' A lot of times it was class-related, but other times it was just a friend that she wanted to see, or something like that. And I honestly felt like I was making this tremendous effort, keeping this relationship together by

going back and forth to L.A. It was rare that she would come down to see me. But she always seemed happy to see me. Maybe I was pushing myself on her, but I don't think so. She was the sort of woman who moved from one thing to another very quickly. Whatever was interesting to her at the moment was the most important thing to her. I used the word 'self-absorbed' because other people who knew her described her that way as well. Whatever was most interesting to her at the moment was always more important than I was, despite the effort I had made to come and see her — and with traffic, that is a

good two-hour drive up there. After a while, that wore a little thin. And it would hurt my feelings. I wouldn't say it was a pride thing; I don't have to be the most important thing in a woman's life, but I have to count for something. I would make all this effort, and I would be all excited to see her and would end up disappointed. Eventually I asked myself, 'How long am I going to do this?' So we broke up. I don't know if it is important, but I initiated it. I said, 'You know, I don't want to do this anymore,' and she didn't seem all too broken up about it. She just kind of moved on. At the end, there really wasn't any hard feelings or any-

thing. Shannon actually ended up going to Ireland for a few years, and then I completely lost contact with her.

"I guess about a year after I broke up with Shannon, I got involved with an organization called San Diego State Ambassadors; it's a group of tour guides who take visitors — prospective and new students and their parents — around campus and represent the university. That's where I met Kathy, the woman I married last week. I've always held the view that before you get involved in a relationship, you should always be friends first. But that didn't happen with Kathy. Actually, just five

days after we first met we began seeing each other and dating and everything, so there was no friendship first. It was kind of an immediate relationship. I don't know if that factors into anything."

"I think it does," I said. "Sometimes you can theorize about what you think a relationship should be and how it should happen, but it usually isn't like that and doesn't happen that way. We create ideal situations in our heads, but life keeps throwing us a steady diet of particulars that don't match those ideals."

"Yeah, this is a perfect example of that. We met, and I definitely do love Kathy. I don't think

there is any question about that. We both care very much for each other. We dated for four years before we got married, but neither of us is like any other of the people we went out with before."

I wondered aloud what the mores of marriage proposals were these days, since my own occurred in prehistoric times. "Was the marriage a mutual decision, or did you propose to her, or how did that happen?"

"We had discussions first. It was kind of funny, and we tiptoed around it for a while, but after about two years of dating, we got a dog. That somehow was a turning point. It was

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pretty obvious to me that I wasn't interested in having sex with anyone else. Two years into it I knew I was probably going to marry Kathy. I have always thought that a lot of marriage is just timing — whoever it is you are dating at a particular time in your life when you're ready to get married. I think that happens a lot, and I'm fortunate in that I really found a good match. But I always wonder if I was dating someone else, one of the other two or someone else at this time in my life, whether or not it would have ended up in marriage. Once we started talking about marriage, it seemed inevitable. As a matter of fact, she began by telling me what kind of engagement ring she'd like. So I was sure that she would have said yes when it came time to propose. I actually did on her birthday. That was in March, and we were married in October."

"Were her parents divorced also?"

"No, no. She comes from an ideal family. I know no family is ideal, but her parents have a very strong relationship. Both of them like me quite a bit. So there was no stress or no problem. But I guess my own experience with divorce made me search out Kathy because I knew she would be somebody I would want to be with or want to care about 30 years from now rather than just right now. There are probably a lot of women who could satisfy my '25-year-old urges,' but Kathy is the kind of person that I definitely want to spend my entire life with. She has a caring personality, we share the same intellectual pursuits, and she's the kind of woman I wouldn't mind growing old with. Yeah, yeah, just like the Beatles song, I know for sure I'll still love her 'when I'm

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64.' I guess that comes directly from the divorce, knowing that these kinds of crushes or immediate feelings, to me, seem doomed to failure, because I have seen them fail over and over again.

"The wedding was very interesting. What was funny was the pictures. When we would line up for photographs, we would have the groom and bride and their immediate family. And Kathy had her mom and dad and I had my dad, stepmom, mom and stepdad. So the photograph would be heavy on my side — it seemed disproportionate."

I told Jarrod that it was good to see that he was committed to marriage, despite having come from a family where divorce was commonplace. I asked if he had some sense of how his peers feel about marriage.

"Well, one of my other friends was married about a year ago, and she is already divorced, and others I know seem to be avoiding it. It seems like the males are avoiding it, and the females are pushing forward, and it

just kind of runs into that same kind of stereotype that you see over and over again. I really don't see much of a difference from what has always been the case."

This surprised me, and I told Jarrod that. "I'm just wondering what's new under the sun. I am wondering about whether things have really changed between men and women, or if there's still this tension and certain kinds of misunderstandings, difficulties, and so on."

Jarrod pointed out one observable change. "The only thing that has really changed is the technology, I think. You know, the universal themes I am reading about in mythology seem to still hold true today. But the Internet, I think, has created a whole new kind of weird relationship where people actually 'meet' before ever meeting, and it becomes so intense and so involved when they meet, it never seems to really work out.

"It's funny, isn't it? It's almost the opposite way we usually get to know people, which is

you get to know them physically, then you get to know how their mind works. The Internet, you don't know them physically; you know their mind and how that works and you get attracted to that, and then you meet them physically and it may or may not be a click. It usually fails. People who claim to be hyperintellectual and say they couldn't care less about how their partner looks will meet and it will matter a lot. Suddenly there is no spark. 'I wasn't interested in her.' Well, it's because she was fat. That's why you didn't like her. I mean, be honest about it. So when you ask what's new under the sun, that's something I have seen a lot of. When I say a lot of, I mean about five of my friends got seriously involved with somebody on the Internet, and all five of them ended at the first meeting."

"Well, that is something new," I said. "That's really intriguing. I have heard people argue that it's a *better* way to meet people because you get to know somebody psychologically — you get to know

somebody's mind and how they feel and how they think — *before* you meet them physically, and it's a deeper connection. But it seems to me that we live in the real world and you have got to have somebody that you can be with."

Jarrod said, "I don't think that's really true. I don't know the cause of it, but in a sense, it is *everything* about you is manufactured on the Internet. I wouldn't tell anyone that I am maybe a little bit overweight or this or that bores me; you know, these aren't the types of things that would be brought up on the Internet. It would be, 'Oh, I am interested in literature' or my ability to play chess, or these kinds of things. So, again, I would be shown in the best possible light; I create my entire being."

I asked Jarrod if he felt, at his time of life, that he had some understanding of what women want.

"Of course," he said. "I understand that they are irrational, that's it."

Having heard the sad stories of Paul, whose wife left him with three teenagers to raise while she discovered her

new lesbian identity; of Sing Yu, who never recovered from his divorce and had one roller-coaster relationship with women after another; and of Robert, who seemed brutally used by a woman with a self-involved mission of her own, I found it hard to disagree with Jarrod. Of course, the truth is that there may be as many irrational men as there are irrational women, but I suspect that more men *perceive* women to be irrational than the other way around. Sing Yu, Paul, Robert, my friend Jack, and even Jarrod are perplexed by a kind of behavior they find inexplicable. I would like to think that these stories are anomalies and hardly representative of a great many contemporary male-female relationships. However, having talked to dozens of men about their relationships, I can assure you they are not. Many men remain as confused as ever about Freud's question, "What do women want?"

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Faludi's findings suggest that things haven't changed much since the mid-'80s. Men still feel troubled that they are seen by women as powerful and privileged when they often feel powerless and used. They still feel burdened by the demands of being protectors and providers while at the same time surrendering authority and often feeling financially, emotionally, and socially manipulated. They hear about books like *The Rules*, which essentially advises women to be dishonest and never show men the truth of their feelings

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until they have “cap-
tured” them, and they
fume inwardly. Like Sing
Yu, many feel reluctant
to commit in a relation-
ship because they have
been burned early along
and fear the withdrawal
of love and the onset of
hysteria. Like Paul M.,
many have had to bear a
heavy financial burden
for women who have
made detailed and elab-
orate plans to leave a
marriage and to change
their lives. Like Robert,
many feel abused and
manipulated by women
who never consider
their needs and desires
and think that fathers
are disposable.

Of course, many
women do not behave
in the ways the women
described in this article
behave. And many men
abuse and manipulate
women. But a great
many men seem to want
much the same thing
from a relationship that
a woman wants: the
kind of unconditional
love usually reserved for
children by parents. Nei-
ther is likely to get that,
because as human
beings, we are flawed
and protective of our
emotional expenditures.
Nonetheless, like Jay
Gatsby, men cling to the
notion that the ideal
woman is out there,
near the green light at
the end of the dock, just
beyond their reach, as
women cling to the
notion that someday
their prince will come.
The late poet and short
story writer Ray Carver,
shortly before his death,
wrote this “Late Frag-
ment,” which quietly
speaks for the secret
desire in all of us:

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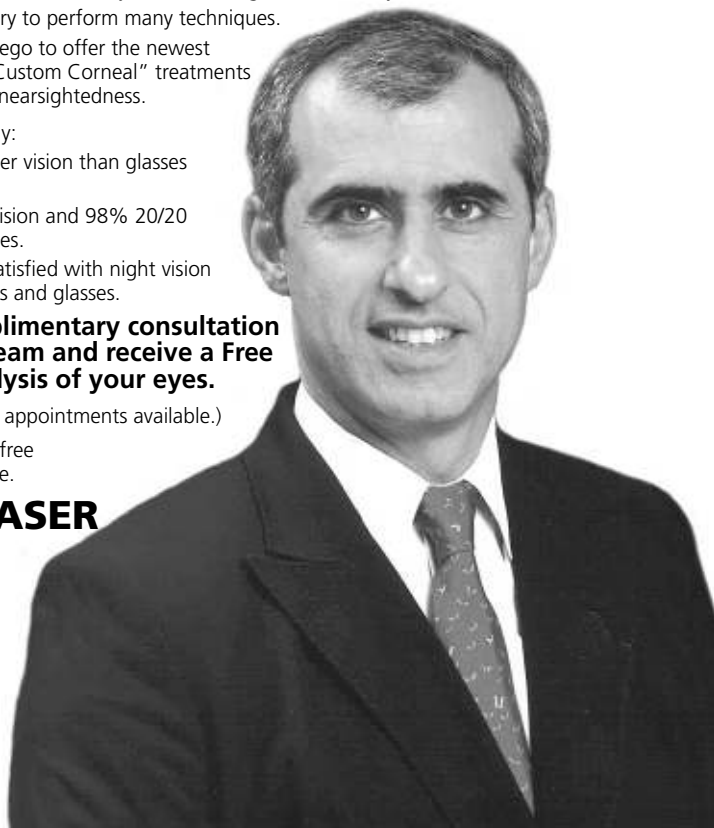
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It's 8:00 Monday morning, and I'm looking for some good news. I need something to ease me into my school week. The gruff boy in the corner bellows, "Shut up, everyone! I'm reading the bulletin." The first item up is the motto of the day, followed by birthdays. Then my anticipation builds, because lunch is next. "Today's lunch is: beef stew..." The rest doesn't matter. I hear mutterings of "No lunch for me, then," and "I guess it's just an off-campus lunch day."

The scenario would have been different if the menu had included, say, Caesar salad or the nacho bar. My school's cafeteria, dubbed Café Parker (for Francis Parker Upper School), is known for a few unique menu items. The "chicken crispito," resembling a skinny burrito in appearance but not in taste, received some publicity in our school paper a few years back. "Project CRISPITO" subjected the popular dish to a number of experiments, including the testing of its "gravitational response" (dropping it from a roof) and "radiation" (microwaving).

Students' sense of humor does not end here. In springtime, our campus is overrun with squirrel families. By the end of summer, when students return, the squirrel community is sparse. Logical explanations can account for this population shift, but only one theory has found favor with students over the years: wouldn't it make sense to serve squirrel meat in the cafeteria? Well-meaning troublemakers on the cafeteria staff have furthered the myths. When asked what goes into some of their entrées, Paul, a popular server, refused to divulge the "secret ingredient." (Before Paul left, students came to the cafeteria as much to hang out with him as to eat.)

Café Parker is an ideal location for socializing. Students



Lunching at Poway High

can dine al fresco on the patio and enjoy a view of Mission Valley, featuring the back yards of the housing development down the canyon and the Fashion Valley mall. If seniors do not wish to enjoy fresh air and taunt the local wildlife, they can take advantage of the senior dining room, a small, private retreat in the back of the cafeteria. They are guaranteed isolation from obnoxious underclassmen by the intimidating girl who sits by the door and berates passing freshmen.

— Nicole Price Fasig,
Francis Parker H.S. graduate, 2003

I've never eaten in my school's cafeteria. The only time I've been inside the structure was during standardized testing, where I found chairs and tables basted with remnants of meals from the day before.

The cafeteria isn't exactly the coolest place to eat, especially since students are allowed to roam the campus.

Also, the edibility of the food sold there is questionable. I remember in freshman year when one of my friends bought a hamburger and fries. I pinched one of his fries between two fingers and dangled it in his face. "What does this remind you of?" The fry wiggled and oozed grease. "Worms" was the reply. The soggy starch didn't resemble potatoes.

Luckily, my school offers alternatives that are more trustworthy than the cafeteria (where the food is defrosted and slapped together behind white walls). The lunch carts and the Student Store sell decent food. Most students shoulder their way to the front of the line to buy Pizza Hut pizzas that you can pour the grease off of, noodle cups, Hot Pocket wannabes, the biggest cookies you'll ever see, and chips, sodas, Pop Tarts, and fruit snacks. The Student Store, which is separate from the carts, squirts some strange chili sauce onto their chips that makes me cry tears of

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fire. The food is cheap, edible, and unhealthy, the way teenagers like their meals.

After students buy their lunches, they generally either eat on the lunch courts or disperse with their respective cliques. Some stand around outside, some sit on the ground (usually freshmen), and others go to classrooms where teachers don't mind conjuring up an ant problem. The lunch courts are currently a war zone, due to construction of the new library, and so the seagulls have curtailed their attacks out of fear of the Bobcats and drills. Also, all of the school's grass has been left to dehydrate and die, so picnicking in a nice spot is impossible.

— Christina Wood,
Clairemont H.S.

A casualty of a declining budget and a fluctuating student population, Helix High School's cafeteria has been turned into nearly ten tutoring classrooms for freshman students. There is no true cafeteria for roughly 2500 Helix Highlanders. It has been replaced by snack carts and the Dawg House, which sells various food items. In a corner of the school is a lunch line for students who benefit from the free or reduced-cost lunch program. Though the food there screams "cafeteria quality," it is the only dining area that offers balanced meals.

Food service, or, rather, food *business*, on campus is similar to most high school campuses in the county: they are there to make money. They sell what teenagers want to eat, and most teenagers stray away from anything that is not covered in frosting, does not come in tropical sour flavors, or is not 75 percent caffeine. The menu agrees with these preferences, allowing students to include the three major food groups in their lunch: chips, soda, and candy.

Occasionally, a healthy item of food will

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pop into the carts. Salads, bagels, even a cup of mixed fruit will find its way into the hands of students, but it is rare. Even if students pick these healthy alternatives, they tend to drench their salads in ranch dressing or spread excessive amounts of cream cheese onto their bagels.

I'm suspicious about some food items, including plastic-wrapped grilled-cheese sandwiches, which may or may not be grilled. The cheese does stick to the bread, and the brown lines on the cold, white bread insinuate some sort of grilling, but some food was meant to be made and eaten in a short period of time, not put together and detailed as if it were something that it obviously is not.

The un-grilled grilled-cheese sandwich is hardly absurd compared to a rumor concerning a more popular food item. The cinnamon roll, drenched in frosting, is believed to be crafted by the special-education department, as if teaching funds for the mentally handicapped fell through, so the district opted to turn their classrooms into cinnamon-roll factories instead.

— Scott Reed,
Helix H.S.

I approach with trepidation, trying not to slip on the slick floor. My foot sinks into what resembles a congregation of thick, yellow slugs, and I withdraw it quickly, thanking my stars that they are only spilled french fries. I've finally arrived at my destination: the cafeteria.

Being a senior at Poway High School means that I don't hang out at the cafeteria. Usually the underclassmen get stuck eating there, because students eat at the cafeteria only if all other places on campus are occupied. Occasionally, however, curiosity strikes.

The seasons have come and gone four times since my last visit to this hub of forsaken humanity; buildings have risen and fallen, bushes have been planted and died, teachers were hired and fired. The cafeteria has remained static. The plastic overhang maintains just enough cracks so that when it rains, the drops that leak through are fat, dirty, and hit with the impact of small ice cubes. The faded orange lunch tables make music when they wobble, their unsteadiness contributing to the condition of the cement floor, which is a Jackson Pollock work of lunch splatters.

Cafeteria food never



Cafeteria patron at Francis Parker High School

changes either. I can always count on the greasy, mirrorlike surface of the hamburger patties or the absence of anything resembling a vegetable; even the salads are white, as though someone siphoned all the chlorophyll out of the lettuce. I used to eat the cookies, until my friend pointed out that on some days they are greener than the grass. Some get amusement from milking the grease out of cafeteria pizza, but at \$2.25 per serving, this can become an expensive hobby.

Most people are complacent about it. "I'm going to die someday no matter what I do," said one frequenter of the

cafeteria. "Anyway, I hear that smoking will kill you sooner."

— Alana Firl,
Poway H.S. graduate,
2003

My first day at Lakeside Middle School as a sixth-grader turned out to be frustrating. The first few periods were straightforward. During each class, we read a page of the school rules. Aside from the tall, intimidating eighth graders, LMS didn't seem that bad.

Then lunch came. My mom had given me a five-dollar bill as I left that morning, yet, still, I felt unprepared. I didn't know anybody yet, and I was too shy to ask about

the lunch procedure. After circling the campus for a while, I found the cafeteria. There were a bunch of faded blue tables underneath an awning and a large group of kids standing around in a group. Upon closer examination, I realized that the clump consisted of several lunch lines. I noticed that one line had about two or three kids in it, so I stood in that one. When I reached the window and began to order, the lady behind the counter informed me that the line was for eighth-graders only. My attempt to acquire a bean burrito had been in vain. I turned and walked away.

I joined the next smallest line and stood behind a bunch of popular kids. Not until I was about halfway to my destination did I realize that the window I was trying to reach had a laminated sign above it that read "Last Names: H-M." I noticed that all of the kids were carrying their ID cards in order to prove that they belonged in this elite six-letter fraternity. I uttered an oath under my breath and tried a nonchalant escape.

When I reached the correct line, much time had passed. The majority of kids had already gotten their food and sat

down at picnic tables. The lady at the eighth-grade window motioned me over because there was no one in her line. I ordered a bean burrito and a soda and learned that both quantities had been exhausted. I accepted a bowl of nachos. Best three dollars I've ever spent.

The only place I could find to eat was a deserted table that had been smeared with nacho cheese and other stains. It would have to do. I slipped into my seat and began to eat, relieved. The bell rang. I began to down the nachos in an attempt to get some nutrition before fifth period commenced. I had to throw the majority of my food into the trash can because there wasn't sufficient time to eat it. I've packed my lunch ever since.

— Greg Finley,
El Capitan H.S.

'Can I help you?" She isn't smiling. Lunch ladies never smile. Never. I look back behind her to see my meal options. There are several varieties of chips, a squashed and soggy-looking peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a burrito filled with (I'm sure) meat by-products, and other unappetizing

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items. Eating lunch at high school isn't easy. Imagine a personal pizza. Sounds good, right? WRONG! This little "pizza" hardly has any tomato sauce, and the cheese — oh, the cheese... The pizzas sit out for a while, so the grease that normally sits on top of the pizza soaks into the cheese, causing it to become stiff. This is a problem, because when you take a bite, the cheese sticks together and all of it comes off.

Why isn't our school food up to par? It is probably because Carlsbad High School has an open campus, meaning that, during lunch hours, you may come and go. Because of this policy, our outdoor "cafeteria" is underdeveloped. The poor vehicle-challenged freshmen are stuck on campus during lunch. Also, the food offered is overpriced, considering the quality. Lunch is something that a lot of underclassmen don't even look forward to anymore.

And where are the fruits and vegetables? Did some mad vegetarian come and snatch them all for himself? It is rumored that there is a salad bar hanging around somewhere, but I've never seen it. When questioned, only five out of ten people could direct me to it. That's 50 percent! An F! We as a high school are failing lunch!

Our poor high school. Again it will probably get a failing grade in "Learning How to Properly Feed Students." You have to wonder what went wrong. Maybe it was a problem in the home. Or drugs... Our school seems to be incapable of serving us an edible, nutritious meal. It's ironic that, in the health classes we are forced to take, they teach us about nutrition and healthy living, but then the school doesn't make it easy for us to make those choices. Don't you think it's time for schools to practice what they preach? ■

— Anne Baker,
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Once, for my birthday, my 43rd, I think, my father, two of my sisters, and a nephew came to visit me and my girlfriend, with whom I was then living. They stayed three days; we had a great time.

At one point we joked about how many marriages we had among us, so we totaled it up. My sisters and I had 3 apiece, my dad had 4, and my girlfriend had 2. My nephew had never been married. So, we had 13 among us. If the same group got together today (impossible, my father has passed on), we would have 19...or 20. I'm not sure how many times one of my sisters has been married. The nephew is still single.

It was suggested that I write this piece based on my vast experience with women. My idea of an expert on women is a guy who gets married, stays married, raises a bunch of kids, and lives a happy life. I may have more data, but he is wise to some critical factor that has escaped me. You will note that the title of this piece is "Observations," not "Conclusions."

I take a Freudian view. Early childhood forms a pattern, which repeats throughout life, unbreakable until you catch on to it. A lot of that formation takes place before your earliest memories, which makes it hard to recognize. Many of us spend our lives trying to get the number of the truck that runs over us repeatedly.

A boy's earliest experience of the opposite sex is his mother. Mine set the pattern through which I perceive all women. To this day, in my heart of hearts, I think my mom was the greatest person who ever lived, the most beautiful, the smartest, the toughest, the most professional, and the most ambitious. All the characteristics that helped

me make it in the Green Berets, I picked up from my mom.

I loved her very much, and I was scared to death of her.

She had a lot of resentments against men, all of them, as near as I can tell, come by honestly. She was the baby of the family, and my grandfather doted on her. But he was an old-fashioned man and had no conception of women as autonomous beings. My mom was valedictorian of her high school class. My granddad went to the principal and suggested he pass the honor on "to some boy that it will mean something to." There was a four-year scholarship to a nearby college that went with the honor. He wouldn't let her take it, and he wouldn't let her leave Ava, Missouri. She carried a deep, burning resentment over that all her days. I think she

married my dad to get out of the house. They were divorced by the time I was two.

I spent the next two years with my grandparents, while she went to business college. She was home most weekends but gone during the week.

She graduated from business school and got a job as a government clerk, in Washington, D.C. She also remarried. Suddenly I was part of a more or less regular family again.

We lived in a little white-frame house in the Washington suburbs. Then the Japanese raided Pearl Harbor and my stepfather joined the Army Air Corps. By the time he was 23, he was a major and lead navigator of a bomb group in the 8th Air Force. He held that position for three days, then his B-24 was shot down over Hamburg.

My mother was twice burnt, divorced and widowed, by the time she was 25. She didn't risk marriage again for ten years. In the meanwhile, I was so desperate for an example of what a man was, of what I was to be, that I tried to marry her off to every bozo who showed up with a handful of flowers.

There was a housing shortage during WWII. For the next four years we

lived with other people, some of them nice, some not so nice. I learned to be quiet, not to touch anything that might break. I read a lot and listened to kids' adventure stories over the radio. I went to eight grade schools in three towns.

Day care was unheard of. When we got our own house, my instructions were to come straight home from school and stay there. The year I reached puberty, I spent less time in the sun than the inmate of a maximum-security prison.

I started military school in the sixth grade, and it was like getting out of jail.

Compared to most childhoods, mine was okay. I was lonely and disoriented, but also fed, clothed, housed, and loved. Yet, there were effects.

There is a common thread of lust and hostility that runs through the relations of some of my friends and their women. This is especially true of those who are members, or former members, of elite military units. This is not true of all, or even a majority, of elite soldiers. But there is a thread of rampant machismo among guys who grew up with oppressive or hostile moms that is worth commenting on.

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I have friends who wouldn't know what to do, if their mother hadn't told them not to do it.

I have an older friend, Pat, whose mother dressed him in a Little Lord Fauntleroy outfit every day and sent him to an inner-city school in San Antonio, Texas. Boy, did he learn to fight! He's fought with guerrillas in Korea and against guerrillas in the Congo and Rhodesia. He called me a few years ago, screaming to high heaven that the Texas State Boxing Commission wouldn't let him fight a four-round exhibition before a pro fight, to celebrate his 65th birthday.

He once told me that his ex-wife was the only woman he had ever loved. He also told me that once, after their divorce, he went to pick up his daughter for their regular Saturday date. His ex wanted to talk, or maybe just to give him a hard time. She pulled her car in behind his, to block his exit, with him and his daughter, then about seven, in the car. His car was a Cadillac convertible. Hers was a Jag. He put his car in reverse, held the brake, and then released it, as he revved the car, and slammed it as hard as he could into hers. Then he drove forward and did it again, and again, and again, until he had backed her car completely into the street. Then he drove off in his crippled Cadillac, with his screaming daughter beside him in the car.

He is attracted to the more dangerous women. The most dangerous was Jill, whom he originally hired as a secretary, then started an affair with. Jill was, at that time, married to an Air Force officer stationed overseas. She divorced the colonel and took up with Pat full-time.

She was small and dark, with an incredible body; huge, brilliant eyes; and beautiful, long, dark hair that fell to her waist. To see her was to want her.

When they split up, Pat asked a mutual friend to stop by and pick up his stuff. Jill seduced this guy,

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on the spot. Then on the way out, she made sure our buddy knew it was a one-shot deal, solely for revenge. Pat called me later. "I'm gonna kill that son of a bitch," he said. "You might want to think about that," I replied. "I don't think any man alive could resist Jill. I couldn't. And all she did it for was to cause trouble for you. Lethal injection should be trouble enough." Once, years later, we were wandering the aisles of the exhibition hall at the Soldier of Fortune Convention. "I'm thinking of going to visit Jill after this," he said. "Whattaya think?"

"I think you could save yourself a lot of trouble by taking a flat, running dive out that third-story window." My favorite story about Pat and women has to do with his best friend in Rhodesia, the son of a WWII German Waffen-SS colonel. Pat came back from an operation that had extended over Christmas to find all his personal effects on the front porch of the house. His girlfriend was Jewish, and his best friend had brought his Christmas present, a 33 1/3 album of Waffen-SS marching songs. That was too much for his girlfriend and the

end of the relationship. He loves that album, though. He has it on tape now and drives the freeways in his Mercedes, playing the SS marching songs at top volume, his Dobermans seated quietly in the back. He returned from Rhodesia burning with reformist zeal and ran for

high political office in his home state. The local paper ran an article accusing him, falsely, of war crimes. His only support came from the Ku Klux Klan. Even they withdrew it when he had a brief, though memorable, affair with the imperial wizard's 350-pound wife. He's in his 80s now, living with a comely lass that he's pretty sure murdered her husband for the insurance money. He'd like to ditch her, but she kept his books for a number of years, and although she embezzled much of his money, she's the only one who knows where the rest of it is. Another friend, Bill, told me that when he went

through officer's candidate school, "Those tactical officers were so tough that they had some of my classmates crying in ranks, big tears streaming down their cheeks. But all that rolled right off me. Compared to my mother, those guys were amateurs." Bill once married a young woman with this pattern. She'd take up with a guy who was the master of some macho art — shooting, skydiving, motorcycle riding, whatever. She stayed with him until she could beat him, then she dumped him. Bill was the shooter. After Bill, she took up with a guy who was, basically, a Nazi. She decided he didn't deserve to live, took him out in the desert, and shot and killed him. For that, she spent two years in a mental hospital. After she got out, she met a guy in a bar and challenged him to a motorcycle race. He went into an intersection before she did, and the light changed. She

wasn't about to let that stop her, so she accelerated into the intersection and was killed by a car. I never met her, although I have met their daughter, a beautiful young woman with a voice like a bandsaw and the disposition of a puff adder. You will be pleased to know, however, that, after another truly awful marriage, Bill is now in a relationship with a great, crazy lady. The relationship has a couple of years on it and looks good. Cindy is tough, too, but she thinks Bill is sweet and funny. Actually, he is both of those things, but it takes special eyes to see it, because his surface personality is all profanity and bluster. In my lifetime I've practiced two professions, the military and writing/editing. In the infantry, there were no women, but in publishing they predominate. Women purchase 65 percent of books bought in the U.S. So women have a real advan-

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tage in climbing that corporate ladder. In my first job in book publishing, my boss was a woman, her boss was a woman, and her boss was a woman.

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Men in leadership positions see themselves as sitting on top of a pyramid. Women in leadership positions seem to see themselves at the center of a circle. I find them a lot easier to take.

My first boss in publishing was Marilyn Abraham, a tiny scuba-diving adventurer. She won my heart when she announced that guacamole, salsa, and tequila were three of the basic food groups. She later confirmed my affection when she and I and some of our colleagues entered the annual Doubleday Christmas Party. It was held in an incredibly fancy hotel ballroom, all gilt and velvet, with an orchestra, a buffet that went on for miles, and more flunkies in tuxedos than we could count. The room was filled with schmoozing phonies. "It's a vision of hell," she said. We stayed long enough to be seen by who we needed to be seen by and got the hell out of there.

Marilyn's boss was Susan Muldow, a publishing genius. Susan is a Smithie, with a bushel basket full of wiry curls and a great encompassing smile. Today, she and her husband are the top two publishing execs at HarperCollins.

Once, in an editorial meeting, she was practically in tears because she could find no way, businesswise, to justify paying a mere \$1500 for the publishing rights to a small, perfect novel, by an unknown author, set in the art world in pre-WWII London. There was no way to sell it to a mass market.

On another occasion I saw her hold forth at great length, with gusto, about what total dreck a book was. "I knew this guy was

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a bad writer," she said, "but I had no idea he was this bad, or that he was bad in this particular way." She then paid him \$300,000 for it and made it our lead for the month. This piece of crap she knew how to peddle.

During another editorial meeting something happened that told me everything I thought I knew about women was false, that I knew nothing about them whatever.

Susan brought up a novel submission she had read, the kind the ladies in publishing call either "glitz" novels or "shop 'n' fucks." She wasn't all that dazzled by the book itself, but "It has the perfect title, *No Choice but Surrender*."

And every woman in the room went "Awwwww!!!"

I was stunned. This defied everything I thought I knew about women. Yet, I was sitting there, looking at a statistically valid sample of smart career

women, and every one of them went "Awwwww!!!"

Am I to deduce that, at bottom, every woman wants to surrender herself to the love of some good man? (That's not a rhetorical question. I want to know the answer to it.)

If you accept the proposition that the romance novel and the action-adventure novel delineate the bottom line of the myth structure for men and women, respectively, then women don't understand men either.

In 1988, a young woman colleague, an agent, was celebrating the publication of the first "big book" she had handled. It was a typical "glitz," with a contrived plot involving three college roommates. Each had lengthy affairs, or marriages, with the same guy over a 25-year period. The suspense was over who would finally wind up with him.

The hero was a guy

like no guy I've ever known. He was a cowboy from Montana who went to Harvard and became a war correspondent. After he broke up with the second one, he went off to Nicaragua to cover the war there. All any of these babes could see was that he was alone, and they assumed he was going to Nicaragua because

He was a cowboy from Montana, who went to Harvard, and became a war correspondent.

he was despondent over his aching loss of love.

Ladies, the guy was a war correspondent. He went to war. He'd have had to go if he had a wife and three kids. That's what guys do.

I realized from that experience that women only relate to men as they relate to women. For the most part, men don't relate

to women at all. They relate to hunting in packs, or to substitutes for the hunt, like war, sports, or work. The women only come into it when the men go home to rest, eat, sleep, and get laid.

The bottom line on guys is that they have a will to conquest. I came to understand the depth of

this will in Vietnam. The first time I was under fire, everything changed. Sound faded to nothing, time slowed, visual acuity was sharpened. The guy next to me was firing a carbine, and I will never forget seeing his ejecting shells arcing through the air, light shining on the brass casings. That jolt of adrenaline blew me into another world,

where my movements were sure, I did not tire, and I was filled with a raging, implacable joy. It was the most pleasurable feeling I've ever had. But, I was, of course, vulnerable to gunfire.

I believe most masculine activities are designed to reproduce this feeling, or a fraction of it, in a relatively safe environment. I'm convinced that this is the "glory of war" the ancients talked about, not the conquests, nor the booty, nor the women, nor the medals, but the actual down-in-the-mud hacking and hewing, with sword and mace, while the adrenaline blows you into an entirely different plane of existence.

Men are hardwired for this, and today most of them don't even know it. They seem lost.

So, if you accept the hypothesis that women are hardwired for surrender, and men are hardwired for conquest, and that today

almost all are separated from their essential nature by working as office drones, what are we to do?

Well, after a lifetime of horrendous mistakes, my present relationship appears to be working happily. Seems to me the answer, as with most questions, is love. To conquer love is a worthy thing, to surrender to love is a worthy thing.

It doesn't work if you try to conquer the bitch that is making your life a living hell. It doesn't work if you surrender your love to a self-involved schmuck. But to conquer love, or to surrender to love, these are essentially the same thing. With love it all works. Without it, forget it. ■

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CHAPTER 14

I knocked on the starboard hull of *Thunder Moon*. Kerosene light inside leaked through the portholes, and the spring and stern lines creaked with the quiet, forceful movement of

My chest was rising and falling as if a lot of high voltage cement was going through it.

the outgoing tide. My knocking startled a great blue heron from the pulpit on the bow, and she winged her way out toward the breakwater and the Todos Santos Islands beyond.

"Yes?" That caramel voice from inside the cabin. "*Momento, por favor.*"

The hatch door just forward of the wheel opened and Mo Westman's silhouette rose from the depths of the cabin. Her hair was a corona of lamplight, antique gold. Her right arm seemed to be in a makeshift towel sling.

"It's me. York, formerly Luis Aparicio. Remember?"

She slumped against the hatch. "Did you ever find my stuff?"

"Yeah. Right here. Can I come aboard?"

"Sure, c'mon. I'm glad you made it." I handed her the wallet, passport, and the three books I salvaged from the ruins of Rancho Paz. They were



"I watched the smoke hang in the cabin. Dead calm in Ensenada Harbor."

The Laughing Man by Victor Hugo, *Meetings with Remarkable Men* by Gurdjieff, and something called *Survive the Savage Sea*.

"How's your shoulder?" I asked as I ducked the hatch and entered the cabin.

"It hurts. I'm babying it. It's okay." She looked at me, and I wanted to touch her so badly I had to bite my lip. I put the backpack on the settee. She wore a sleeveless white T-shirt and white Dolphin shorts. She was tan everywhere. The cabin

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"Yeah. Are you all right?"

"I'm fine."

We stood maybe a foot apart. The sexual tension I felt was familiar. Getting shot at and not getting killed was a powerful aphrodisiac, so I moved a foot away, toward the hatch again.

"I'm going to smoke a joint. You want some?" She seated herself at the table over the settee and produced rolling papers, a bag of grass, maybe an ounce.

"No. Thanks. Go ahead."

I sat on the bed across from her. With one hand she rifled through the contents of her purse, found the ID and money and whatever else was in there. She hefted one sleek, tanned leg up onto the seat, wedging her heel against her left thigh. Her leg was perfect.

"Would you like a drink? There's some rum and Coke. No ice."

"Thanks." I poured myself a finger of rum and added some flat Coke.

"Are you hungry? There's some chicken in the refrigerator. Fridge doesn't work though. I ran a power line from the construction site, but it's off now. I don't know why. Just Mexico, I guess." She picked over some buds, rotated them between her fingers, sifting them onto the rolling paper.

"I am starving, thanks." I got up and found the small refrigerator and the plate of chicken wrapped in plastic. I attacked it as if I hadn't eaten in days.

"You look terrible, York"

"Thank you. How's your shoulder?"

"It's okay, just sore."

"It doesn't look bad at all. The other one either."

She smiled exposing just a glimpse of her teeth. "It's been three days. I thought for sure something had happened."

"Something did." I spoke around a mouthful of chicken.

She licked the rolling paper with a practiced gesture that wasn't meant to be seductive but it was any-

way. She rotated the joint in her fingers and played a match beneath it to dry it. "You're going to tell me a story after you finish your chicken, right?"

"Yes."

"A true story."

I nodded.

"Good. Say it three times."

"I tell you three times, it's the truth."

"Okay." She lit the joint and inhaled.

I finished most of the chicken, washed it down with my drink, and began at the beginning. "About a year ago I was working as a bouncer in San Diego, a place called the Low Down..." I talked and ate. She smoked and listened, her eyes widening every once in a while, but other than that she showed no reaction.

The kerosene lamp was burning dimmer by the time I got to the events today at the bullfight ring. Her joint had been long extinguished,

Her eyes were a little glazed from the joint. "Yes, I'll help you." She lit a cigarette, too, and moved the curtains back to let the smoke out through the porthole next to her. She had pulled the curtain while she had smoked the pot. "I won't help you kill him, but I'll take you out there close enough to look through binoculars. I can almost tell you it's unnecessary though. I think you're right. It's him out there."

"Why do you say that?"

"Last night I remembered the name of the yacht. They mentioned it several times over the radio that day."

"And?"

"She's called *Rachel*."

"You mind if I have another drink?"

"Not if you make me one too."

Pouring two strong Bacardi and Cokes, handing her one, I said, "Walters has balls, I'll say that. You'd

Lighting a cigarette, I said, "I know I have no right to ask you, but I really need your help."

though the cabin was still full of the scent of it. My drink was long dead and I had a contact high from the burning grass. Her arms were folded over her knees, which were tucked up to her chin. She had stopped me every few minutes to ask who was who again, getting it straight in her head. I surprised myself by telling the story fairly clearly. I left out speculation about Paz and his son and how it tied in with me. All together it took most of an hour.

She massaged her scalp with long, tanned fingers and said, "My God."

Lighting a cigarette I said, "I know I have no right to ask you, but I really need your help. It's very dangerous, of course, being anywhere near me, but I've got to get a look at that Hat-teras and see if it's Walters's. Once I know that, I can decide what to do. Will you help me?"

She looked up at me.

think renaming the boat *Rachel* would be a red flag to the Coast Guard, the FBI, the INS. He's wanted for conspiracy, accessory to murder, and probably a few other things."

"It's a pretty common sort of name for a boat. It's probably why I forgot it," Mo said.

"And maybe no one's been looking for him that hard."

"It's obviously got to be registered to someone clean."

"And as long as he's in Mexican waters there's a jurisdiction problem." I felt as if there were no air in the cabin. The water had calmed, there was very little rocking, and the sounds of the lines tapping against the mast and halyard stay had grown quiet.

"In international waters there are other problems too. It would depend on if the boat has CF numbers or has documentation

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papers, for one thing. They'd have to have probable cause to board him past the three-mile limit. Mexico claims eight miles out as their territorial waters."

"He's well connected down here. He must have a deal with the Mexicans." The temperature seemed to be rising. I was more and more aware of dank heat.

Mo sipped at her drink and lit a candle. "Sounds like he's pretty well connected in the U.S. too. Congressmen and whatnot. Maybe some highly placed people don't want the embarrassment of Eugene Walters going to trial."

"So as long as he stays out to sea or in Mexico, out of everyone's hair, he's cool."

"Yes," she said, "but what is he doing out there? Painting seascapes? Fishing? Writing his memoirs?" She ran a hand up and down her thigh as she thought. It didn't help me think.

"He's probably orchestrating drug deals from a safe distance. He needs to make back the fortune he lost." I leaned back on the bed and held the drink to my forehead. It wasn't as cool as I had hoped. July in Baja is hot and usually dry, but the humidity seemed to rise in the cabin with every passing minute. The cockpit and forward hatches were open and all the port-holes in the salon too, but a fine coating of sweat broke out on my arms, forehead, and back.

"Drug deals like the one Javier Paz got busted in?" Mo's voice was close. I opened my eyes and she was standing next to the bed. My pulse beat in my temples and on my neck.

"Yes," I said after looking up at her for a moment. She had an incredible jawline. The candlelight framed her from behind and silhouetted her right nipple against the T-shirt. "There's something in that, I'm sure."

I thought I saw her gaze drifting easily to my Levi's. I was hard. To try and hide it now would only be awkward.

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me very tentatively, her lips parted just enough to be an invitation, but not open enough to qualify as rape. My tongue found hers. It was very soft. I reached up and held the back of her head, lightly pressing her toward me with my left hand. She responded by placing her hand on my chest where my shirt was open. I started breathing heavily.

She moaned quietly from the base of her throat. Caramel and silk. Her right breast pressed against mine. My hand kneaded the back of her neck gently. Her hand unbuttoned my shirt. I was losing myself quickly in the long, sweet kiss. She was a very good kisser; sensuous, responsive, energetic without being manic about it. I seemed to be spinning, falling. Now she was kissing my chest, moving her lips downward in agonizingly slow degrees.

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When our breathing was under control I wrapped myself around her. Our limbs slid off the surface of each other's sweat-drenched skin. Our hair was plastered to our foreheads.

We said things to each other like "Mmmm..." "God!" and "Yes, mmmm." No more articulate than we had to be.

"Another drink?" I suggested.

"Oh yes. I'd kill for some ice."

"Well..." I got up and poured the last of the rum and topped the glasses off with Coke. She walked behind me in the narrow passageway and grabbed a plastic gallon of water. She drank from it out of the bottle and handed it to me. I drank gratefully.

We sat where we were sitting before, her at the table, me on the edge of the bed.

She said, "York, you're... you're very... I don't know. Responsive. I... I don't know what to say. I'm embarrassed. It's been a long time, I guess."

"How long?" I asked. My voice cracked.

"Nine months." She shook her hair with her fingers while she said it.

"That's funny," I said. "Me too."

"Juana Villez? Or rather Jane Villa?"

"No."

"Oh, Rachel whatser-name."

"No, a friend of mine named Dana. Singer in a rock and roll band from L.A."

"So do you have a thing? Are you involved?"

"No. It's not like that. We just like each other and a couple of times we... got it on. Mostly because we just thought we were supposed to, I guess. We should just stay friends, and we probably will from now on."

Moanna Westman looked at me with those shrewd, brown fawn eyes. "I can't get involved with anyone. I just... don't know how to do it right is what it is, I think."

"Me too," I said and drank rum. "It's not one of those areas in life that I've

are you from?"

"New York."

"Ohhh." She grimaced. "Like, New York City?"

"Yeah." I watched the smoke hang in the cabin. Dead calm in Ensenada Harbor. Mo seemed much more feminine than she did an hour ago, though she did seem damned feminine then too. She had a strength, a kind of desperate strength to her, but now I was seeing something else.

"Well, what was your life like, say, as a kid?" She cocked her head to one side inquisitively. "I see you as a kind of dead-end kid, stealing hubcaps and stuff."

"I *did* steal hubcaps. Back in the early '60s you could sell them easily in New Jersey. No one really does that anymore except the Mexicans. A lost art. Maybe that's why I like Mexico so much. It's like New York was once upon a time, at least in my head. New York

"We had lizards in the East Village, but they wore iridescent suits and tab collars and sold smack."

succeeded at, so you'd notice."

"You're a good lover."

"Thank you, but I didn't really do anything."

She smiled and reached for a cigarette. "I was being selfish. You must be tired."

"If that's your idea of selfish, it's one of the better examples of it I've seen."

"Well, you're sweet."

"No. I'm not. I'm a lot of things and being sweet is something I wouldn't exactly resist, but... it would be news to a lot of people. Me too."

"You're wrong."

"Now that's one of the things I am good at." We laughed and drank.

"For someone who's been shot at, beaten, hunted, you're not as bitter as you could be. You have a lot of reason to be angry."

"It's there."

"You're going to kill this guy Walters."

"Let's not talk about it right now."

"All right." She took a drag on her cigarette. "Where

with cactus and lizards. We had lizards in the East Village, but they wore iridescent suits and tab collars and sold smack."

Mo put out her cigarette, closed the curtain, turned up the lamp a little. "I was born in Hawaii and raised in San Diego. I never traveled east of Denver until last year. The Midwest and the East Coast, those are like vague, geographical references from a newspaper. I traveled a lot in the South Pacific, Australia, Bali, Fiji. I went to Thailand a couple of times with my ex-husband. Six months ago I was in Greece, hopping boats and islands. I was in New York for exactly 40 hours. I didn't like it. It was January. I went to the Caribbean."

"Wise choice. That wasn't an option for me." I put out my cigarette and felt exhausted. I thought about stretching out on the bed, but I didn't. For one thing, I hadn't been invited.

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"No children."

"Oh." Sleep was closing in on me, but her nakedness and her voice were urging me to snap to.

"You?"

"No. No children."

"Were you ever married?"

"Yes. I was 18. I went into the Army. I was 20 when I got out. Within six months, I was no longer married."

"Why?"

"How about those Padres, eh? Think they'll do it this year?"

Mo got up and stood in front of me. She pushed me back on the bed and said, "Mister Mysterious Lonely Guy, huh?"

"That's me." I rocked forward, grabbed her around the waist. I lifted her off the floor or the deck or whatever.

It was maybe a quarter of an hour later that I had to shake and release, empty myself. We groaned, shouted, cried together, sweating, clutching, immersed in each other's mouths and selves. I had the feeling that neither of us could tell who was experiencing what; Who was him? Which was her? Where? What Moanna, when was York?

"Christ," she whispered.

"York," I said.

"Moanna," she answered, her breasts rising and falling beneath me in slick swells. "It means ocean."

"It must," I replied. And that was the last thing I remember of that night except for a clean, white sheet covering both of us as we cradled each other's bodies, which seemed to hum on some subliminal wavelength.

I remember waking up once to the sounds of scrabbling claws. I thought it was my little men with bayonets on the roof again that visit me from time to time in my sleep.

"Blackcrested night heron," she said, still sleeping.

I laughed as quietly as I could, because it was funny. I don't know why it was. ■

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by Josh Board

I pull into the Qualcomm Stadium lot at 9:45 a.m. for the 2:00 p.m. game. Parking is \$8. I notice there are a number of businesses set up for tailgate parties. And since this is the last one ever for a Padres game at Qualcomm, and it's sold out, there's a party every ten spaces. I see "Chicago Title & Escrow," "Adventures in San Diego," "Gourmet Rotisserie Catering," plus some radio stations like Planet 103.7 and 1090 AM, the all-sports station, which has a good four-piece rock band.

The first couple I meet, Tom and Annette Padilla, have a motorhome, a little golf game set up, and a table. But no other people. It is still four hours before game time, though. They tell me six more friends will be showing up later.

I ask how long they've been coming out, and Tom says, "We're die-hards. Long-timers. We met in '86, so we've probably been coming since '87. We tailgate at about 10 or 15 games a season." I ask what they will do when the Padres move downtown next season, and he says, "Yeah, I guess we'll just take the trol-



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ley down. No more days with the motorhome."

You can still go to Charger games, I tell him. He says, "Yeah, but Charger games are pretty expensive."

Do you guys have the same food, or do you mix it up?

"We usually have some red meat, with shrimp. We're doing T-bones today," Annette

"There will be drinking and driving; it's going to create people walking around, drinking, like it's Las Vegas."

says. "It changes. The week before, I try to plan out the menu, look up recipes on the Internet. I have a lot of fun planning hors d'oeuvres and



Tailgaters at Qualcomm

getting together with the other people that are coming and deciding what we're going to bring."

I ask them how early they

like to get here four hours before the game."

They are in lot C2. "We're usually in J5. But our tickets today are in left field. So this [lot] was the closest to the entrance we need to go to."

I walk up to a group of five who are sitting down. Tracy is the one in charge. She tells me, "We have a tailgate before every game, not just today." I ask if today will be more elaborate since it's the last one, and she says, "Yes. We're doing carne asada, and there's, like, 17 of us." I ask

why I only see 5, and she says, "They're not here yet."

They usually arrive two hours before game time but wanted to assure they'd have a spot. I ask about the variety of food they usually have, and the women all tell me, "Hot dogs, chicken; we barbecue every game."

"You seem to have a lot of spaces taken here," I say. "Is there a rule about how many you can take? Do you pay for more spots? Do people get pissed if they want to park and there is a grill and tables and chairs filling up parking spaces?"

"If you have a motorhome, you can have two spaces, and you pay for two. We're saving some of these spots for the cars that will be coming. Last night we got here late, and so we had to move our stuff so people could park. People should be polite and move their stuff when there's no parking."

Tracy says, "You can have alcohol at tailgates. But cans, no bottles." Later, though, I see a guy with a bag filled with empty Miller bottles.

We see a couple of guys throwing a football, which is

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appropriate, since it's Sunday. One has a Chargers jersey, another a Broncos one. They are Rich Sewell and Jack. When I ask his last name, he says, "Shrivelsack." I laugh, and he says, "No, really," and pulls out a business card that has a penis with wings. And that's the name printed on there. He tells me they sell dirty stickers.

When I talk to them, they immediately jump into how tailgating downtown will suck, because they work down there and know the area won't work well. Rich says, "The bars will benefit. Parking will be bad, though. We've been working there for 12 years." He delivers stuff for an attorney. "But if they work some mass transit, it might not be bad. They are supposed to be setting up a tailgate area, which will be one small block. It will be very small, and if the entire downtown area turns into a tailgate party, the police won't understand. There will be drinking and driving; it's going to create people walking around, drinking, like it's Las Vegas."

"How long have you guys been out here?" I ask.

One says since the mid-'80s, the other says late '70s. I ask if they always bring a football, and Jack says, "Usually it's Frisbees. And a baseball, but he forgot his glove today. But you can hit a car with a baseball."

"What about Frisbees? Don't they always go off in weird directions?"

"No. We have these rubber ones, and it won't leave a mark if it hits a car."

I ask what food they usually have, and Rich says, "Bratwurst battered in beer. With corn on the cob. I'm from Milwaukee, and that's what we had back there."

We end up talking about whether Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett

Favre should retire, until I realize we are spending more time talking football than tailgates. I decide to move on. They haven't started cooking yet but offer to give me some bratwurst when they do. I tell them I'll hold out for steak and shrimp somewhere else.

I approach Craig Vahidi and his mom. He also has his kids with him, and he tells me, "It's three generations of tailgaters here. We've been coming down here for the last eight years. Every opening day and end of the year. Sometimes on Mother's Day."

His mom says, "We had 60 people on opening day this season."

They say they are always in the C2, C3 area. I ask if they always have the same food. Craig says, "We switch it up. We've gone from salmon, steaks, hamburgers, shrimp, salad."

They have an area with a playpen set up for the baby, and I see a football. I ask what other activities they do besides chucking the pigskin.

"We had our girls down here, when they were younger, and played softball. We'd set up the bases and play a game in the parking lot."

The motorhome they have is borrowed from a friend. I say, "You won't need to borrow it next season when you have to go downtown."

Craig responds, "Well, we might tailgate in this parking lot still and just take the trolley down to the game."

I ask if they have any horror stories to share, and they tell me about some rowdy Dodgers fans who wouldn't shut up. Craig ends the story by saying, "...but after the game, we usually pull the grill back out and eat again. Wait for the traffic to die down. And we invited them over for some food. They joined us."

His mom says, "It helps that the Padres won. We were in a better mood."

In the D section of the lot there are people with a lot of flags and a horseshoe game that uses washers instead of horseshoes. One guy says, "I go to 20 games a year, and he comes to 40 games a year." One of them is wearing a Petco Park hat. I ask about Petco Park and how they'll party downtown. One says, "We'll have to leave the kids at home and go to a restaurant. I don't really know yet. It will be a different scene, though."

"When we get here early, it's breakfast burritos. We have seven carloads of people that come, so we have a lot of other food. And they know to show up at D3, which is our section."

Another guy, who looks to be a bit tipsy and who is a double for Eagles guitarist Joe Walsh, says, "And all of us, we met through tailgating. We didn't know each other before we met here. We've known each other for four years. At first, we just stared at those people, because we parked next to them. Now we go camping together, the boat races together."

Does it matter if the Padres aren't having a good season? "Obviously not [laughs]. It's a party, but we are all baseball fans. And if we can't do the tailgating thing, we'll still see each other through the year. They are on my speed dial on my cell phone."

As we're talking, a guy comes by with a petition about tourist taxes. We tell him to get lost — in a nice way.

I hear Aerosmith blasting out of one of their trucks and ask if that's a CD or if they have a certain type of music they play.

"We just put it on KGB. We're all in our 40s and 50s. So it's all just good ol' rock 'n' roll."

I ask, when we're taking their picture, if they get anything from Budweiser for having their big flag displayed. A guy named Brian says, "Once

they came by and gave me a big inflatable baseball. This year they gave me a new Budweiser flag."

"Don't they give you free beer?"

His friend Carol says, "No, and we pay their wages!"

I walk up to a group of seven ladies and say, "This is the first tailgate party with all women. What's the deal?"

One says, "We know how to do it right. We have been Padre fans for a long time. We go to spring training [in Arizona]. It's a girls' club type of thing. We have ten of us that show up."

I ask again why there are no men, and one says, "We're all single. But if you see all-men tailgating, send them over."

One gal with a British accent says, "We're just friends. We aren't gay." She tells me that again 15 minutes later.

I ask, "Don't you need a man to do the barbecue?" And one replies, "Well, that's very chauvinistic."

I ask about food and am told, "We start with a theme. We sign up who's bringing that, who's bringing what. We've done Mexican. We did deli last night."

Since the ladies aren't in their normal spot, they say, "We are usually in the G section, but it's going to be too crowded there today." I ask if they caravan, so they know the area

they will be in. I'm told that they e-mail each other to confirm where they'll be.

I'm surprised when one lady, who looks to be in her early 30s, tells me she's been coming to games with her family since 1969, when she was nine years old. And, sadly, this is the first game her mom will miss, because of cancer.

They tell me they are called the "bat girls." I ask if they are fans of Batman or what that name means. A short, cute, black-haired woman with a Padres jersey says, "They have 'bat boys.' We're 'bat girls.'" "

One says, "Ask us a question." I ask for Goose Gossage's ERA, and one replies, "He's a pitcher." Another says, "A closer from 1984."

One mentions Tony Gwynn's brother Chris playing for a season. I jokingly ask, "Have any of you had an affair with Steve Garvey?"

One replies, "We've all been with Steve. All of us."

I see the first tailgaters who could cause trouble. It's a young, good-looking Mexican guy with a Dodgers cap and jersey. His wife has Padres stuff, and I ask if that causes problems in the marriage. She responds, "It's more fun that way." The Dodgers fan, Jessie, when I ask him if he gets into scuffles, tells me, "No, because I mind my business. I'm not

one of those rowdy Dodger fans. I like the Raiders, too."

The motorhome belongs to his wife's dad, who is walking around. She tells me, "He'd bring me and my friends when we were 4. I'm 23 now. We'd go around collecting the cans after the game."

I approach a large Latino family. They've got lots of little kids running around, teenagers, and adults. I ask the lady running the show to give me some details. I see a Porta Potti nearby and ask if that's why they've chosen this location.

She responds, "No, but it's convenient. It's easier to park in this area. This is where we always are."

"How many games do you go to each year?"

"We get group tickets, usually for the Saturday-night games. We have about 20 tailgate parties a season. The only trouble we had was when we drove up to Los Angeles for a Dodgers game. We made signs, wore all our Padres stuff. They wouldn't let us bring our signs into the game. And they wouldn't let anybody tailgate either. They told us we had to go into the game or leave. They had no tailgates allowed into the parking lot at all." ■

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tant city manager Bruce Her-ring had an op-ed piece in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* assuring the city employ-ees that their pensions were safe. All of us who don't en-joy these pensions but are paying for them were really ecstatic to learn this.

Bauder's article also told us that over \$100 million of our taxes will be going into the pension fund this year, but this amount will in-crease geometrically in the near future. The pension swindle is taking away a large percentage of the gen-eral fund, which is supposed to pay for an adequate police force, fire department, parks, libraries, and other essen-tials that normal cities pay for. But the city council, in their infinite wisdom, found some of the money for the pension fund by cutting out the police academy, which trains new police officers.

Now we know that the city planners who give us endless reports about City of Villages will be able to retire at age 55 at \$50,000 a year. The question is why they are more important than the police department.

Mel Shapiro
Hillcrest

Proud

Thank you for the glowing review of Vivace ("Well Seasoned," Restaurant Re-view, September 25). As part of the staff (in fact, the "vet-eran server" mentioned), we are all proud of our restau-rant — both the food and service. I just wanted to let your readers know that, while reservations are rec-ommended, they are not re-quired, and credit card numbers are requested only for large party reservations.

Name Withheld

Canine Gas Masks

In response to the letter "City Loves Smog Parks" (September 25), the writer misstates the amount it

would cost the taxpayers to convert a hilly portion of Kate Sessions park to a dog latrine. New estimates, which include ADA access, are much higher than \$10,000. I have a modest proposal that involves city-issued gas masks for canines. Perhaps this would be a solution?

Susan Mournian

Inzunza Slip

Mr. McCullough's story in the September 18 issue ("All in the Family") contains a fac-tual error. Nick Inzunza was first elected to the National City City Council in 2000, *not* in 1990, as stated in the story.

Name Withheld

Thanks For The Mom

Thanks to Jeff Sharlet ("The Many Times My Mother Died," September 18). I loved your story, loved your sweet, tenderhearted mom and her lovely, probing prose. Loved my long-gone mom once again, so sharp and real. And I thank you. Wishing you blessings and renewed faith in the God within every

cell you are made of, that all life is singingly aware of, that waits quiet just beyond the dark of doubt. Your mom lives in you now, so you live her in life: write!

Candy Riley
Pacific Beach

Symphonic Spaghetti

Dear Mr. Shepherd: I notice your assessments of Sergio Leone spaghetti westerns tend to spread themselves across a rather wide spectrum. You award *A Fistful of Dollars* and *Once upon a Time in the West*, for instance, three stars (I be-lieve), whereas your critique (again judging solely from the star system, which I realize is somewhat haphazard) of *For a Few Dollars More* and *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* is much less enthusiastic.

Based upon your refer-ences to other arts — that is, literature, plastic arts, and music — I think you will understand what I mean when I refer to Haydn's "London" symphonies, that is, the last 12 he wrote over his long career. To me, Leone's westerns from this period are so uniform, in terms of pace, photogra-phy, screenwriting, etc., as

to warrant less differentiation in critical response than your own, much in the way that Haydn's "London" sym-phonies demonstrate a uni-form level of quality (good or bad, mind you). Thus, either you should hate a spaghetti western (as Leone makes one), or you should think they are brilliant. Perhaps I am missing something. In-deed, among Haydn's "Lon-don" symphonies, 103 and 94 are real standouts to this ear; the others, however, are also absolute masterpieces.

More concretely, con-sider Leone's lead-ups to big scenes; doesn't that mo-ment right before Henry Fonda's character shoots the little boy near the be-ginning of *Once Upon* reca-pitulate Eastwood's entry into the final shootout of *Fistful*? That is, in terms of pace and breadth? No? Am I paying too much attention to Ennio Morricone's music? But, wouldn't Leone have had, on the other hand, the final say over how long and loud the Morricone stuff is?

Please understand that I am only able to read your "capsule" reviews available on *sdreader.com*, so perhaps you have already explained the variances of your re-sponses in great detail in full-length reviews which I

cannot possibly access.

By the way, I enjoy your vivid handling of this gor-geous language and, what is more, your refusal to whore yourself to the Great Satan consisting of the distribu-tion companies and press junkets dependent thereon. If people do not understand you, it is only because you give them credit for far more literacy than they ac-tually possess.

Joe Barbarie

Duncan Shepherd responds: I follow, but not too far. (Mustn't we, to carry out the Haydn analogy, number Duck You Sucker among the "Lon-don" symphonies?) To over-simplify, I guess I gave Leone points for freshness and inno-vation in A Fistful of Dollars (being more of a Sturm und Drang man myself), whereas the next two, a sequel and a prequel, struck me as run-ning-in-place repetitions. I again gave him points for try-ing something different, even seditious or insurrectionist, in Once upon a Time in the West. But I consider these cu-riositys, not remotely master-pieces, and with barely a half-dozen works to his name, three of them bloated beyond de-cency, I suggest a musical analogy be sought elsewhere. Maybe Mahler.

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Calendar

Such People Exist

San Diego Asian Film Festival

With so many film festivals in San Diego over the next few weeks, why would people want to go see another niche festival, this time on Asian films? Could it be because Asian women are hot and Asians in general know crazy kung fu? Of course! After all, that is the predominant image exposed to most Asian-Americans and non-Asians alike.

Such stereotypes are what festival founder Lee Ann Kim wanted to dispel. She does know kung fu, but she is also an anchor and reporter for KGTV Channel 10. At the festival, she explains,

LOCAL EVENTS

"You are going to see things from the honest and genuine perspectives of artists who are

not having to respond to the media conglomerate on how to do their films. These are honest portrayals in their own vision. And it's very refreshing."

The San Diego Asian Film Festival was started by local Asian-American journalists; in 2000 it first served as a fundraiser for journalism programs. Kim says that she never expected such an overwhelming response from filmmakers and the community.

"Those of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who come and have never seen Asian-American cinema, they're empowered," Kim says. "It is a very powerful thing to see someone who looks like you up on the big screen in a powerful, moving film, speaking in perfect English, involved in drama, comedy, or stories about life."

Kim brought in current program director Arnold Marquez, who helped found the festival with Kim in 2000. Marquez, a Filipino-American, was the managing director of the San Diego Asian Repertory Theatre. He is now in

charge of sorting through all the film submissions and selecting what will be shown at the festival.

"The films have to be about Asian-Americans or made by Asian-Americans," Marquez explains. "It could just have an Asian-American acting in them. The idea is to promote the participation of Asian-Americans at whatever level in the industry. Something could be written by an Asian-American, have nothing to do with Asian-Americans, but that would be plenty for us."

What ultimately gets a film shown? "At the end, we ask, 'Would you pay money to go see this?'" Kim reveals. "That is what it comes down to."

New to the festival this year is the San Diego Filmmaker Showcase, a section devoted to local films. Included is a short documentary by Jody Hammond called *A Hand Up*, about the many Vietnamese-owned-and-operated nail salons in San Diego. It deals with how Vietnamese women got started in the business and what their life is like.

This year's premier film is *Memories of Murder*, about the only Korean serial killer in history and how Korean officials in the '80s were unprepared for the murders. To this day, because of botched evidence gathering and misleads, the killer has



From Memories of Murder

not been found.

Sparking a lot of attention this year is a film called *Ping-Pong*. The film portrays the fanaticism of two friends competing against the high school champion, a Chinese "ringer," and each other to become the best ping-pong player. All the table tennis associations in the San Diego area are cosponsoring the screening. Ping-pong tables will be set up for live demonstrations.

The San Diego Asian Film Festival is the first one in the world to have a section just for Asian animators. It was started by Sam Chen, whose film *Eternal Gaze* was nominated this year for an Academy Award as Best Animated Short Film.

Much of what is shown at the festival are short films. Filmmaker Eric Hwang had two of his screened at past festivals: *White Rice* in 2001 and *Weight of the Soul* in 2002. "Before making *White Rice*," Hwang says, "I avoided the Asian-American issue; I was a self-hating Asian. My motivation for making *White Rice* was my grandparents dying. Both of them died a year apart. What got to me was that I could not speak their language. I did not know them, really. I was a bad Asian."

White Rice features an

Asian-American with a Southern accent marrying a blue-eyed blonde girl. The story had personal elements for Hwang. He loves country music and frequents non-Asian karaoke bars singing Garth Brooks and Kenny Rogers. He sometimes speaks in a Southern accent.

"*White Rice* is funny at first, but by the end of the film it is accepted that an Asian-American could have a Southern accent. I feel that I've done a little bit of good, because anybody who has seen my film will accept that such people exist, that we are Americans."

Hwang recognizes that the mainstream market reacts negatively to an all-Asian-American cast; that they believe this film would be just for Asian-Americans. In fact, most who attend the festival are Asian-Americans. That's natural, Kim says, because people want to see what relates to them. Yet she hopes the festival can be more than that. "I want to see people of all races and colors and religions and sexual orientations in the same film program. But we are a long way from that, because San Diego is still racially segmented."

— Vincent Hsia

San Diego Asian Film Festival
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BAJA

“Coyolxauhqui,” National Anthropological Museum director Felipe Solís Olguín presents lecture on this Aztec goddess, Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Drama Festival runs Friday, October 3, through Sunday, October 12, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-

9600), Teatro del Estado (011-52-686-553-6878), and Teatro de la Cuidad (011-52-656-178-1491). Tickets: \$10 U.S. (TIJUANA, MEXICALI, ENSENADA)

Polo Polo, the comedy show starts at 11 p.m. on Friday, October 3, in El Foro, at Jai Alai Palace (Avenida Revolución). Reservations: 011-52-664-685-8676. (TIJUANA)

Baja Wine Tour, hosted by San Diego International School, Saturday, October 4. Participants take “luxury coach” to L.A. Cetto Winery in Guadalupe Valley for winery tour and tasting, lunch. \$90. Reservations: 858-481-5593. (GUADALUPE VALLEY)

Appreciating the Artists of Ensenada, visit studios of three well-known Ensenada artists in old brandy distillery of Santo Tomás Winery during outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, October 4, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fee: \$84, includes lunch and transportation. Registration: 619-255-0203. (ENSENADA)

Bulls from Armilla Hermanos, Hernando Limón, and Pepe Garfias meet up with matadors Miguel “Armillita” Espinoza, Eulalio “Zotoluco” López, José María Luévano, and César Castañeda, Saturday, October 4, 2 p.m., Hacienda Santa Verónica. 011-52-664-681-7428. (TECATE)

Rosarito Beach-Puerto Nuevo Half-Marathon, Sunday, October 5, 8 a.m. 800-962-2252. (ROSARITO BEACH)



“History of Topiary” at Point Loma Garden Club, October 8 (see Lectures)

Cuban Musician Alejandro García “Virulo” performs in concert Wednesday and Friday, October 8 and 10, 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Fiestas del Sol 2003, Mexicali celebrates its centennial with a variety of activities at Festival of the Sun through Sunday, October 19. Festivities at Governor’s Center include live music, food, regional arts and crafts. Hours: 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Admission: \$2 U.S. 888-342-7323 or 011-52-686-554-8979. (MEXICALI)

OUTDOORS

Dense Ground Fogs are a trademark of the onset of autumn along San Diego’s coastal strip. These happen during the night and early morning hours when moist marine air that has settled in valleys and low areas is chilled below the dew point. These ground fogs

are distinct from the low overcast that usually blankets the coast and near-inland areas on late-spring and summer mornings.

Spider Webs, decorated with myriad tiny dew droplets, are a beautiful sight on foggy autumn mornings. Look for them in San Diego’s wild canyons and park areas, or in your own back yard.

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

pushed back our way when the normal sea breeze returns.

Chinese Flame Trees are displaying colorful clusters of orange, reddish, or salmon-pink seed pods. Good specimens line the south end of Balboa Drive in Balboa Park and Lake Murray Boulevard through San Diego’s San Carlos district. Most of the remainder of San Diego’s ornamental trees will continue to remain drab until November, the onset of “autumn” botanically.

Migrating Warblers, Wintering Sparrows, and a golden eagle may be sighted when Audubon Society birders head to Lake Morena, Saturday, October 4, 8 a.m. to early afternoon.

Take I-8 to Buckman Springs Road exit; drive south five miles to Oak Drive, turn right (west), go about two miles to Lake Morena Drive. Turn right and go through the village and on to park; \$2 vehicle day-use fee. Bring lunch (if you wish), water. Moderately strenuous hiking. 619-692-3246. (LAKE MORENA)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m., visitors’ center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore the Native Plant World around Mission Trails Regional Park’s visitors’ center with a ranger, Saturday, October 4, 1 p.m. Meet at visitors’ center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Bats of the County provide topic when Dick Wilkins of Wildlife Center’s bat rescue presents program

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Visit the Green Dragon Colony, learn about Devil’s Slide, and walk historic Coast Walk on Urban Safari led by Patty Fares in La Jolla, Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (LA JOLLA)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. Two orientations on Saturday, October 4, 2 p.m. Orientations at San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (gray building at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Towne Centre, 2031 San Elijo Avenue); and at Clairemont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CARDIFF, CLAIREMONT)

Nature Hike, naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including October 5, 1 p.m. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day use-fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904. (JULIAN)

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Riders in the Sky at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, October 4 (see In Person)

Weekly meetings: 2 to 5 p.m., at San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center (off Manchester). Docents learn bird and plant identification, natural history of lagoon fauna, more. Trained docents lead nature walks. Free. Registration: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza Conmigo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive; 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

The Many Trees of Carlsbad, enjoy a beach walk and then walk into town to admire over 100 trees on the Heritage Tour with Walkabout leaders, Wednesday, October 8. Three-mile walk at moderate pace starts at 5:45 p.m. in Tama-

rack Beach parking lot (take Tamarack exit off I-5 and head west). Free. Optional dinner follows. 619-231-7463. (CARLSBAD)

Explore Scripps Pier by the Light of a Full Moon when the pier, normally closed to public, is open for exploration, Thursday, October 9, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Participants learn of structure's history, take water samples, collect plankton, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life.

Fee: \$20 for adults, \$15 for children. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

DANCE

American Tribal-Style Bellydance demonstrated and discussed by Troupe Shuvani, Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (1213 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

Club Cleopatra, dancers Amalya, Kariyna, Dhakirah, Lucia present bellydance "gala" Thursday, October 2, 7:30 p.m., Nagi's Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5 cover. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrating Degas, McCaleb Dance presents premiere of *Muse*, a contemporary take on Degas's renderings of dancers, bathers, maids, prostitutes, and the shadowy male figures who observe them, October 3-5 at San Diego Museum of Art. Also on tap: *Verdigris*. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20,

available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Contradance, JoAnn Koppany calls, Cobblestone makes music for contradancing, Friday, October 3, 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)

Nightclub Mix Dance Party, Pattie Wells Dancetime Center hosts dancing for singles and couples of all ages, Friday, October 3. DJ plays swing, hustle, salsa, and requests for dancing, 9 to 11:30 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

Dance Master Abdoulaye Camra of Guinea, west Africa, presents class for all levels of dancers, Saturday, October 4, 6:30 p.m., at Performing Arts Workshop (1105 2nd Street). Fee: \$15 in advance, \$18 at door. 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

Mass Transit for Dance, Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theater presents fifth annual "Trolley Dances." Featured choreographers include Allyson Green, Yolande Snaith, Victoria Marks, Faith Jensen-Ismay, Kim Epifano.

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"Bellydancing Fusion," Urban Tribal Dance Company performs Saturday, October 4, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., at Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Cover: \$5. 619-234-1344. (LITTLE ITALY)

Rumba Flamenca Workshop offered by Marisol Lopez, Saturday, October 4, 1 p.m., at Art/Dance Academy (1401 El Camino Real, at Oceanside Boulevard). \$15. 619-239-5519. (NORTH PARK)

"The Way of Beauty," Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing, Monday, October 6, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). Donation: \$3. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

Scottish Country Dancing lessons offered by San Diego Royal Scottish Country Dance Association. Mixed-level classes: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Twin Oaks High School (158 Cassou Road). Beginners: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at

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LOCAL EVENTS

Pomerado Elementary School (12321 Ninth Street). Fees: \$3 or \$4. 858-549-8879. (SAN MARCOS, POWAY)

Lindy Hop Intensive Series planned by Joel and Alison, Tuesday, October 7; beginners at 7:15, intermediates at 8:15 p.m. (\$12). Also on tap: beginners' lessons 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. (\$3 for first-time students). Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal (near Shelter Island, off Rosecrans). 619-255-1319. (POINT LOMA)

FILM

Imperial Beach International Film Festival, October 3-5, featuring short films from around the world and full-length feature films. Tijuana-born, Imperial Beach-raised director John Carlos Frey will be at the opening-night "gala" on Pier Plaza, 4:30-11 p.m., with the screening of his film *The Gatekeeper*. Five filmmakers present workshop/seminars on Saturday, Octo-

ber 4; screenings offered from noon to 11 p.m. Sunday's seminars run noon to 4 p.m.; shorts screened noon to 2 p.m.

Festival pass: \$25, includes all screenings, one seminar. Locations and information: 619-934-0051 or 619-223-3121 x121. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Love at 7-11," an adaptation of two Internet novels by Tsai Chin-heng, screens Saturday, October 4, at Taiwanese-American Community Center (7170 Convo Court). Director Teng Yung-Shing and producer Wang Wei Ming will be on hand during reception at 2 p.m. Independent filmmaker Sam Chen will attend reception as well. 858-560-8884. Free. (LINDA VISTA)

The "Passion-Drenched Musical Drama" *Tangos Are for Two* screens for Sunday Matinee, October 5, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Banned in China! See Joan Chen's *Xiu Xiu: The Sent Down Girl*, a "yarn of sexual deception and lost innocence" screening for Film Forum, Monday, October 6, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In Mandarin with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Musical Revival," changes in the movie musical and speculation about its future offered during "Film for Thought" series hosted by CSU San Marcos. *Dancer in the Dark*, directed by Lars von Trier (2000) screens Monday, October 6, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Discussions led by history professor Patricia Seleski. 760-750-4366. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Bugs! Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa*, and *Coral Reef Adventure* (through November).

First Fridays at the Fleet on October 3 features *The Living Sea* (6:05 p.m.), *Mysteries of Egypt* (7 p.m.), and two current IMAX hits at 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"ASI: Archaeology Site Investigation," use geologic hints to identify an archaeological site and recognize the differences between cave sites and outdoor sites during class hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, October 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will learn about taphonomic analysis — a process used in modern



Zoufonoun Ensemble at Ericsson, October 4 (see In Person)

crime scene investigations. Fee: \$20 per adult, \$11 for children. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Public Arts and Architecture of San Diego" discussed by Damon Hitchcock for Fridays at Six series, October 3, 6 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). Participants will "learn little-known historic facts about our city." Free. 619-231-3900. (EAST VILLAGE)

Professional Genealogist Baerbel K. Johnson speaks on ports and emigration via Antwerp, Copenhagen, etc., and why Germans might migrate into these areas through history when German Research Association meets Saturday, October 4. Free. Program runs 9 a.m. to noon at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-420-4557. (HILLCREST)

"History in the Hieroglyphs," history professor, master calligra-

pher, Mayan scholar Mark Van Stone examines these ancient writings during workshops at San Diego Museum of Man, Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. \$100 fee for nonmembers includes lunch, featuring foods of Mayans and Egyptians. Registration: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Bias-Free Language — What's New?" Find out when Vicki Newby — who teaches courses in writing and copyediting for UCSD Extension — speaks for SD/PEN on Saturday, October 4, 8:30 a.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). \$55 in advance, \$60 at door. Reservations: 858-451-3266. (ENCINITAS)

Backcountry Trains and Rail Systems of the past discussed by Rich Borstadt when Spring Valley Historical Society hosts potluck dinner, 6 p.m., on Saturday, October 4, at Bancroft Ranch House Museum (9050 Memory Lane). Lecture at 7 p.m. Free. 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Mime Workshop presented by Millie Patterson and San Diego's Balboa Park Puppet Guild, Saturday, October 4, 3:30 p.m., at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Classic illusions and gestures. \$15. Reservations: 760-757-9759. (BALBOA PARK)

New Nontoxic Boat Bottom Coatings showcased during field day planned Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. to noon, at Shelter Island Boatyard (2330 Shelter Island Drive). The new paints are alter-

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Sweet Skulls, Back from Tomboctou hosts Day of the Dead sugar skulls workshop, wherein participants learn to make traditional sugar skulls, Saturday, October 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m. \$15 fee includes materials. Find the shop at 3564 Adams Avenue. Reservations: 619-282-8708. Classes throughout October. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Exploring the Aura" presented by hypnotherapist Sheila Moore for Edgar Cayce Association, Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m., in La Jolla Village Square community room (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Donation: \$5. 619-295-7080 or 619-449-0948. (LA JOLLA)

'Tis the Season for Desert Rock Climbing, so head to REI for program on "Joshua Tree Climbing," Tuesday, October 7, 7 p.m. REI, 5556 Copley Drive, 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

"Keeping Your Kid Out of Trouble," seminars continue with "Setting Limits and Boundaries" presented by Holly Doolittle and Karla Halvorson, Tuesday, October 7, 7 p.m., at Atonement Lutheran Church (7250 Eckstrom Avenue). Free. 858-278-5556. (LINDA VISTA)

"Music in Society," classical guitarist and music historian Claudia Tornsäuer presents series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Li-

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"Anti-Immigrant Vigilante Activity" in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands" is topic when historian Kelly Lytle, political scientist Robert Castro, Isabel Garcia from Coalición de Derechos Humanos speak, Tuesday, October 7, 3 p.m., in first-floor conference room of Eleanor Roosevelt College administration building, UCSD. Free. 858-534-3120. (LA JOLLA)

"Decadence" — what does it mean and how does it apply in today's society? Discuss Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Perspectives on Ocean Science, lecture series at Birch Aquarium-Museum continues when Jeremy Jackson presents "Silent Ocean," Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 a.m. Jackson considers biological future of oceans in context of accelerated human disturbance. \$8. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"History of Topiary" and demonstration presented by Pat

Hammer of Samia Rose Topiary for Point Loma Garden Club, Wednesday, October 8, 10 a.m., Point Loma Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-276-0209. (POINT LOMA)

Awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Nonfiction in 2003, Samantha Power speaks on "America and the Age of Genocide," Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Rimac Arena. She'll examine the Holocaust; genocide in Armenia, Rwanda, and Bosnia; and Iraqi attacks on Kurds. Free. 858-534-2247. (LA JOLLA)

"Writing Dimensions: A Journey Into the Creative Process" offered during writing workshop by author, humorist, and creativity coach Jill Badonsky starting Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m., at the Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). \$12 per class, or \$40 for series. Registration: 760-414-1949. Continues through October 30. (DEL MAR)

"Public Projects: Drawing Translations for Public Sites" by Joyce Cutler-Shaw is on view at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Artist presents walk-through and talk, Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m. Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Impressionism: Theory and Technique," explore the motives of the adherents of Impressionism — Monet, Manet, Degas,



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"Renoir and Degas: A Study in Contrasts," October 2. Series concludes with "Claude Monet: Impressionism as Epilogue and Prologue," October 9. 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. \$15 per talk. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"European Modernist Drawings and Watercolors" discussed by Maxine Gaiber for Insight Gallery series, Thursday, October 9, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore "The Culture of Rural America" when essayist, travel writer Andrew Nelson speaks at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, in Saville Theatre at San Diego City College (at 15th and C Streets). Free. 619-388-3552. (DOWNTOWN)

IN PERSON

Relatives of 9/11 Victims will discuss *September 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows: Turning Our Grief into Action for Peace*, Thursday, October 2, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). 619-795-9899. Free. (NORTH PARK)

Harrah's Hilarious Headliners, comedy shows with MC Steve Moris and performers Steve Seagren and Tim Walkoe, October 3-4, at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). Shows: 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, 7 p.m. on Saturday. \$15 general. Reservations: 866-468-3399; 21 and older. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Maids and Masters," two comic one-act operas presented by Point Loma Nazarene University music department, October 3-5. Program includes *The Old Maid* and *the Thief* by Giancarlo Menotti and *La Serva Padrona* by G.B. Pergolesi.

Performances start at 7:30 p.m.

on Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, in Crill Hall. Find the campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. \$7 general. Reservations: 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Who We Are — What We Did," guest Diane Waters performs in celebration of release of Who We Are's second CD (*What We Did*), Friday, October 3, 7:15 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). \$13. 760-712-0436. (POWAY)

We're Not in Kansas Anymore, the musical *The Wizard of Oz* runs October 3-12 in MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4, and Thursday through Saturday, October 9-11; 2 p.m. on Saturdays, October 4 and 11 and Sunday, October 12. Tickets: \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Love the Sound of Bagpipes? Fifth annual G.S. McLennan Invitational Piping Competition features seven top solo pipers from Europe, North America, and New Zealand.

Reception/recital on Friday, October 3, 7:30 p.m. (\$35). *Piobaireachd* (classical bagpipe music) and MSR (march, strathspey, and reel) competition, Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(\$30). Awards banquet/concert October 4, 6:30 p.m. (\$75). Workshops on Sunday, October 5.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 625 Broadway. 619-583-8223. (DOWNTOWN)

North Park Ten-Minute Play Festival, showcasing 12 new plays by local playwrights, continues through October 5, at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Show times: 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. \$12. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Master Persian Violinist and composer Ostad Mahmood Zoufounoun is joined by his four sons (on *tar*, *setar*, cello, vocals) in concert for *Mehregan* (autumn harvest festival of friendship), Saturday, October 4, 8 p.m., Ericsson (building E, 6455 Lusk Boulevard). Tickets to see Zoufounoun Ensemble: \$25 general. 760-653-0336. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Big-Band Concert and Dance, seventh annual benefit concert for North County Foster Parent Association, stars Jay Wimmer and the Big-Band All Stars with appearances by Mike Hudson, Jack Poster, Wendy Ross, Luci Ainsworth. Saturday, October 4, 1 to 5 p.m., at Pier Plaza Amphitheatre (at the base of Oceanside Pier). Donation: \$6. 760-630-0909. (OCEANSIDE)

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World Music Series, the Bill Magee Blues Band performs Saturday, October 4, 7:30 p.m., in Sunshine Brooks Theater (217 North Coast Highway). \$10. Reservations: 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

Singing Legend Frankie Laine presents retrospective of his music career and shares the back story on his favorite songs during concert Saturday, October 4, 2:30 p.m., at Crest Theater (102 North Freeman). Laine will be followed by Herb "Flamingo" Jeffries, sole surviving member of the original Duke Ellington Orchestra. \$15. 760-754-1954. (OCEANSIDE)

Gospel Ball 2003, Bishop Tommy Miller, Dr. Bobby Jones and the Nashville Super Choir, gospel jazz dancing by the New Next Generation PD, step dancers, local choirs, San Diego Young Artist Symphony, seminars and workshops, fine art exhibits, vendors — it's all part of the event on Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Tickets: \$20 to \$75. 619-401-2424 or 619-444-8648. (DOWNTOWN)

Geoff Muldaur performs songs from his new release *Private Astronomy* — *A Vision of the Music of Bix Beiderbecke* in concert on Friday, October 4, 8 p.m., at Normal Heights Community Center (4649 Hawley Boulevard). \$15. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Yee-Haw! Riders in the Sky deliver "pure cowboy entertain-

ment," Saturday, October 4, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Acoustic music combined with comedy. Tickets: \$27, \$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Carlsbad Author Antonio F. Vianna signs *The Interview*, *A Tale from a Ghost Dance*, and *Career Management and Employee Portfolio Tool Kit* (with purchase), Saturday, October 4, 2:30 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1018 Rosecrans). 619-222-6852. Free. (POINT LOMA)

"Spotlight on Soloists," the Coastal Communities Concert Band's fall concert is Sunday, October 5, 2:30 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Church (3175 Harding, at Jefferson and Pine). \$10. 760-436-6137 or 760-489-2383. (CARLSBAD)

Hailing from Dakar, Senegal, the Drummers of West Africa take the stage at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium for concert, Sunday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. The 35 participating drummers are all members of leader Doudou N'Diaye Rose's family. \$23 general. Reservations: 858-534-8497, Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Poet and Educator Brandon Cesmat reads from *Driven into the Shade*, Monday, October 6, noon, in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Drought Buoy will provide movement and music for selected pieces. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Concert by New York guitarist Joe Beck and alto flutist Ali Ryerson on Tuesday, October 7, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)



San Diego British Car Day at Fairbrook Farm, October 5 (see Special)

The First Tuesday Local Author Series continues with appearance by North County resident Pam Muñoz Ryan, author of books including *Riding Freedom*, *When Marian Sang*, *Mice and Beans*. She'll speak on October 7, 6:30 p.m., in Turrentine Room at Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Les and Lou Ann Preston Bluegrass Band performs for San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club gathering, Tuesday, October 7, 7 p.m., Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street, at Ash). Free. 760-726-8380. (ESCONDIDO)

Author Caroline Alexander signs and discusses *The Bounty: The True Story of the Mutiny on the Bounty*, Tuesday, October 7, 7:30 p.m., Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

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The Classical Mandolin Society of America gathers for convention at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley (9901 Camino del Rio South). Evening concerts are open to public.

Evan Marshall (duo-style solo mandolin), Richard Walz and Mari Tomizuka (classical), and Caterina Lichtenberg and Mirko Schrader (classical) take the stage, Wednesday, October 8, 8 p.m.

Bruce Graybill and Ray Bell, Pasacat Philippine Dance Ensemble, Michael Eskin and Boys of the Town (Irish), and the Don Stienberg Trio (jazz mandolin) perform Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Uptown Mandolin Quartet, Luisa Corredor (mandolin and

harp quartet), Richard Walz, Paulo Sá and Rio Trio (Brazilian choro), and the Don Stienberg Trio may be heard Friday, October 10, 7 p.m.

Public concerts conclude with San Diego Mandolin Orchestra, Paulo Sá and Rio Trio, Caterina Lichtenberg and Mirko Schrader, and Enmasse Orchestra, Saturday, October 11, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$15. 619-280-9035 or 619-595-1788. (MISSION VALLEY)

Yale University History and Political Science Professor David Greenberg signs and discusses *Nixon's Shadow: The History of Image*, Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

The Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series features writer Mark Axelrod reading Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Axelrod is author of *Capital Castles*, *Cloud Castles*, *Bombay California*, more than 20 screenplays and teleplays. Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

Poet, Fiction Writer, Founding Editor of *The Santa Monica Review* Jim Krusoe reads from his novel *Iceland*, Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., in Griffin Gate at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Free. 619-644-7523. (EL CAJON)

Author Robin McKinley signs *Sunshine*, Thursday, October 9, 6 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Jazz Vocalist Janet Hammer performs for Concert Hour series,

Thursday, October 9, 12:30 p.m., Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Filling the Stage with Warrior Spirit, see the Shaolin Warriors and their "remarkable skill and stunning movement," Thursday, October 9, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$24 to \$38. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Author Sheldon Siegel discusses and signs *Final Verdict*, Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

The 2003 Freeride Watercraft Event runs Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Oceanside Harbor mouth beach front. 949-494-9840. (OCEANSIDE)

Southwest Kayak Symposium runs October 3-5 at Campland on the Bay. Seminars, demo kayaks and gear, product presentations. On-the-water instructional clinics (\$25, including kayak if you don't bring your own), for novice to advanced paddlers. Entry is \$15 per day. Registration: 619-992-6693. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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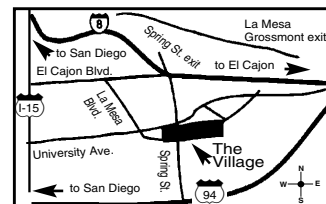
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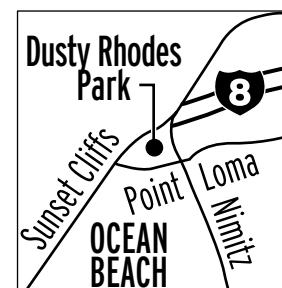
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Run or Walk, Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk, Saturday, October 4. Four-mile outing starts 8:30 a.m. at 15th Street and Ocean Avenue, lasts one hour along the beach. Wear good running or walking shoes; all levels of ability welcome. 650-323-6160. (DEL MAR)

Ocean View 5K 2003, slated for Saturday, October 4. Start times: 5k run at 8 a.m.; 5k walk at 8:05 a.m.; kids' 1-miler at 9:10 a.m.;

kids' half-miler at 9:25 a.m. 858-450-6510. (OCEAN VIEW HILLS)

The San Diego Sockers kick off the season with a game against the Philadelphia Kixx, Saturday, October 4, 7 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

Boot Camp Challenge, the three-mile obstacle run at Marine Corps Recruit Depot is Saturday, October 4. Racing begins at 9 a.m., following registration opening at 6:30 a.m. 619-524-6058. (SAN DIEGO)

AIDS Walk San Diego 2003, this 5k walk and 10k run starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday, October 5, on Sixth Avenue between Quince and Nutmeg Streets. 619-291-9255. (BALBOA PARK)

Take a "Different Ride" with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Sunday, October 5. The 75-mile ride including Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, and Poway starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 619-561-3846. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

The San Diego Chargers are in Jacksonville for a game against the Jaguars, Sunday, October 5, 1:05 p.m. Broadcast on KFMB. Tickets: 877-CHARGERS.

Mission Bay Triathlon, with 500-metre swim, 15k bike ride, 5k run, Sunday, October 5, 7:15 a.m., at Ski Beach. 858-268-1250. (MISSION BAY)

Top Wheelchair Tennis Players from around the world taking part in 2003 United States Open Wheelchair Tennis Tournament, Tuesday through Sunday, October 7-12, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Barnes Tennis Center (4490 West Point Loma Boulevard). 619-221-9000. Spectators free. (POINT LOMA)

SPECIAL

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G. S. McLennan Invitational Piping Competition at U.S. Grant Hotel, October 3-5 (see Special)

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Half-Price Book Sale Thursday through Saturday, October 2-4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Rancho Santa Fe Book Cellar (located below library, 17040 Avenida de Acacias, at La Granada). 858-756-4780. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Cedros Gallery Nights, art galleries on Cedros Avenue stay open until 8:30 p.m. on October 2, and first Thursday of each month. Music, refreshments. Free. 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

Conjecture II — a gathering of science-fiction authors, artists, and fans — runs Friday through Sunday, October 3-5 at Doubletree Club Hotel (1515 Hotel Circle South). Over 50 panel discussions, presentations, workshops, sci-fi/fantasy art exhibition, more. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$10 Friday/Sunday, \$25 Saturday, \$40 full weekend. 619-218-2218. (MISSION VALLEY)

Oom-Pah-Pah, traditional German Oktoberfest hosted by German-American Societies of San Diego, Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5 (and October 11 and 12), noon to 10 p.m., at clubhouse and beer garden, 1017 South Mol-lison Avenue. Live German music

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More dancing, food, Bavarian bands, arts and crafts, commercial booths, at Oktoberfest on La Mesa Boulevard (from Acacia Avenue to 4th Street and Allison Avenue from 4th Street to Palm Avenue), October 3-5. Hours: 5 to 11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Free. 619-462-3000. (LA MESA)

Rotary Club's 21st annual Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 4, 1 to 10 p.m., at Holiday Park (at Eureka Place and Chestnut Avenue). "Authentic German dinner," live music, dancing, magician, kids' fun. Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$9 day-of-event. 760-436-6938. (CARLSBAD)

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Celebrate Dia de los Muertos Friday, October 4, 4 to 8 p.m., at Dig (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Music, food. Free. 858-481-3478. (DEL MAR)

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Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

"Have a Beautiful Day" is theme for 11th annual CSU San Marcos Tukwut Powwow, October 4 and 5. Traditional powwow events such as drumming, singing, intertribal dancing, gourd dancing, demonstrations of native arts and crafts, an appearance by Navajo code talker Joe Morris, more.

Free. Powwow hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. 760-750-4958. (SAN MARCOS)

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Fall 2003 South Bay Garden Show, Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at horticulture site at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). Seminars, local garden clubs on hand, sprinkler vendors, nurseries, landscapers, plant-related businesses. 619-421-6700 x5371. (CHULA VISTA)

All Aboard for Fun, sixth annual Train Song Festival, Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Live musical entertainment showcasing songs inspired by history and culture surrounding railroads, train-related vendors and displays, arts and crafts, food, storytelling, “train robberies,” children’s entertainment. Rides aboard the 1907 Baldwin steam engine, model trains. Free. 858-679-4252. (POWAY)

Wine Taste Chula Vista, Saturday, October 4, 5 to 8 p.m., at U.S. Olympic Training Center (2800 Olympic Parkway). Eight wineries, one brewery, 16 restaurants, classic car show, entertainment. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. Reservations: 619-409-8847. (CHULA VISTA)

Vintage to Modern British Cars are showcased during 24th annual San Diego British Car Day, Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Fairbrook Farm (4949 South Mission Road). Several hundred cars expected, from Aston Marton to Triumph. \$2 general, free for those under 15. 760-746-9028. (BONSALL)

House of China hosts lawn program at International Cottages — with dance, music, and cultural costumes — Sunday, October 5, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

The 40th Annual Jamul Gymkhana and Barbecue, set for Sunday, October 5. Parade starts at 9 a.m. on Lyons Valley Road near Jamul Elementary School, continuing to St. Pius X Church grounds, followed by day of horse competitions, games, food, until 7 p.m. 619-669-0086. (JAMUL)

Roam-O-Rama

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

An engineering marvel when built in the 1890s, the Mt. Lowe Railway above Pasadena and Altadena lived a checkered past full of both glory and destruction. Before its final abandonment in the mid-1930s, the line carried over 3 million tourists. Unheard of by millions of Southland newcomers today, the railway was for many years the most popular outdoor attraction in Southern California. Today you can hike parallel to and sometimes directly on the old rail bed, using your imagination to reconstruct what it was like to ride the rails a century ago.

The line consisted of three stages. Passengers rode a trolley from Altadena into lower Rubio Canyon, then boarded a steeply inclined cable railway that took them 1300 feet higher to Echo Mountain, where two hotels, a number of small tourist attractions, and an observatory stood. In the third phase, a mountain trolley climbed another 1200 vertical feet along airy slopes to the end of the line — a lodge called Ye Alpine Tavern.

For the most complete hiking tour, 11.2

miles with an elevation gain and loss of 2800 feet, you begin at the Cobb Estate trailhead, at the north end of Lake Avenue in Altadena. Walk east past the stone pillars at the entrance and continue 150 yards on a narrow, blacktop driveway. The driveway bends left, but you keep walking straight (east). Soon you come to the rim of Las Flores Canyon and a sign indicating the start of the Sam Merrill Trail. This trail goes left over the top of a small debris dam and begins a switchback ascent of Las Flores Canyon's precipitous east slope.

Inspired by the fabulous views (assuming you're doing this early on one of L.A.'s sometimes crystal-clear fall or winter days), the 2.5 miles of steady ascent on the Sam Merrill Trail may seem to go rather quickly. Turn right at the top of the trail and walk south over to flat-topped Echo Mountain, which is more like the shoulder of a ridge. Poke around and you'll find many foundation ruins and piles of concrete rubble. An old “bullwheel” and cables for the incline railway were left behind after the Forest Service cleared away what remained of the buildings here in the '50s and '60s.

Next, you'll go north on the signed Echo Mountain Trail, where you walk over railroad ties still imbedded in the ground. Interpretive panels posted at intervals tell the story of this segment of the railway. The original line from Echo Mountain to Ye Alpine Tavern had 127 curves and 114 straight sections.

At 1.6 miles from Echo Mountain you'll pass the site (and some concrete footings) of the Circular Bridge, an engineering accomplishment of world-wide fame, where startled passengers swung into midair over the upper walls of Las Flores Canyon.



Tram remnants atop Echo Mountain

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley

Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Car Club Day at San Diego Auto Swap, Sunday, October 5, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Qualcomm Stadium. Vehicles on display and for sale, along with “acres of parts and accessories.” Admission is \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (MISSION VALLEY)

Extreme AutoFest Car Show and Concert, Sunday, October 5, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre (2010 Entertainment Circle). Tricked-out imports, domestics, SUVs, motorcycles; mini-remote-control car race, mixmaster DJ battle, more. Tickets: 619-422-5351 x214. (CHULA VISTA)

Fall Festival of Gems, Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., hosted by Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society (123 West Alvarado Street). Select a geode for cutting, pan for gold, see educational demonstrations, glow-in-the-dark rocks. Free. 760-728-1130. (FALLBROOK)

Hot Time in Fire House, City of Coronado Fire Department holds 11th annual open house, Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Station tours, fire apparatus on display, fire engine rides, entertainment, fire-prevention information. Fire department headquarters, 1001 Sixth Street. Free. 619-522-7374. (CORONADO)

Street Scene (North County Version), celebration of arts — dance, music, fine arts, drama, and crafts — Sunday, October 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at San Marcos Civic Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Free. Family art projects, performances, arts and crafts, food for sale. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

All Occasion Planners' Wedding Expo, Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Over 60 wedding professionals offering wares. \$7. 619-328-6421. (MISSION VALLEY)

Mustangs by the Bay, San Diego Mustang Club hosts annual show, Sunday, October 5, 11 a.m., Marina Park, Embarcadero South. Hundreds of cars for viewing. Free for spectators. 619-469-8435. (DOWNTOWN)

Let the Wild Rumpus Start! San Diego Zoo celebrates Founders' Day with free admission for all, Monday, October 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 619-234-3153. (BALBOA PARK)

“Americanos: Latino Life in the United States” continues through Sunday, November 23, at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2004 Park Boulevard). The exhibit includes 114 photographs by 30 photojournalists exploring “the breadth and variety of American Latino experience.” 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

Saluting the Etch-A-Sketch! The Etch-A-Sketch is showcased in exhibit through Monday, October 13, in UCSD Arts Libraries, lower level of Geisel Library at UCSD. Loaner Etch-A-Sketches available for visitors to contribute to show, along with articles about the toy from scholarly journals. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

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LOCAL EVENTS

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Hours are 7 to 11 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays; 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets for either abode: \$12.99. Through Saturday, November 1. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Scream Zone at Del Mar “Scare-grounds” runs Friday, October 3, through Saturday, November 1. Scream Zone is a 25-room attraction crafted with 3-D effects designed and handpainted by former Disney artist R.J. Ogren.

Hours: 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$11.95. 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

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, series continues with Francisco Alarcón’s *Body in Flames*, Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

“Big Joe’s Favorite Stories” performed by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, October 5, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next: *A Spider’s Tale* presented by Weaver’s Tales, October 8-12.

Performances at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Adventures of Masha (and Other Half-Baked Tales)” told by Icarus Puppet Company through Sunday, October 5. Original play with puppets starts at 11 a.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, at Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive). Programs include *La Borreguita y Señor Coyote* and *Finn MacCool’s Wife*. 619-563-5252. \$6. (KENSINGTON)

Arts and Activities, kids three and older are invited to crafts and activity program, Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m., at shade structure at Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Batty Storytelling on Saturday, October 4, 10:30 a.m., at the Magic Wand (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Come in costume to learn about bats, listen to *Stellaluna*, do crafts (\$3 per craft). 858-755-9263. (DEL MAR)

Ms. Frizzle Goes Batty at San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. Discover the wonder of bats, how they fly in dark, investigate what they eat, make a batty art project. \$13. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Nature Detectives: Lions and Tigers and Bears — Oh My!” San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this children’s program (for those in grades one through three), Saturday, October 4, 1 to 3 p.m. What makes a mammal a mammal? Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Shells, Snails, and More!” Class for preschoolers on Saturday, October 4, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expe-

KOREAN MUMS

beside me in this garden are huge and daisy-like (why not? are not oxeye daisies a chrysanthemum?), shrubby and thick-stalked, the leaves pointing up the stems from which the flowers burst in sunbursts. I love this garden in all its moods, even under its winter coat of salt hay, or now, in October, more than half gone over: here a rose, there a clump of aconite. This morning one of the dogs killed a barn owl. Bob saw it happen, tried to intervene. The airedale snapped its neck and left it lying. Now the bird lies buried by an apple tree. Last evening from the table we saw the owl, huge in the dusk, circling the field on owl-silent wings. The first one ever seen here: now it’s gone, a dream you just remember.

The dogs are barking. In the studio music plays and Bob and Darragh paint. I sit scribbling in a little notebook at a garden table, too hot in a heavy shirt in the mid-October sun into which the Korean mums all face. There is a dull book with me, an apple core, cigarettes, an ashtray. Behind me the rue I gave Bob flourishes. Light on leaves, so much to see, and all I really see is that owl, its bulk troubling the twilight. I’ll soon forget it: what is there I have not forgot? Or one day will forget:

this garden, the breeze in stillness, even the words, Korean mums.

— James Schuyler (1923–1991)



“Korean Mums” appears in *The Vintage Book of Contemporary American Poetry*; Second edition, edited by J.D. McClatchy.

dition Way, off North Torrey Pines Road). Activities and crafts. \$25. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

All About Painting, “Manny Farber: About Face” highlights early, abstract work of the artist. Participants in Free-for-All-Family Day workshop will create similar artwork in sponge painting activity. Also on tap: guided scavenger hunt through galleries. Sunday, October 5, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego,

La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Quail Trail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens for tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six), Tuesday, October 7, 10:30 a.m. Meet at visitors’ center located directly north of parking lot, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Bear in the Big Blue House Live, enjoy *A First Time for Everything*, October 9-12 at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street).

Bear and his sidekicks take the stage 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 9; 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, October 10; 10:30 a.m., 2, and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 11; 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 12. Tickets: \$14, \$18, \$24, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

California Surf Museum, “Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940” honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John

“L.J.” Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the “Sweetwater Soup,” and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the “Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay” exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center’s parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

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

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in “The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China.” From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the



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Behind Bars: The Straight-Up Tales of a Big-City Bartender



Ty Wenzel

St. Martin's Press, Thomas Dunne Books, 2003; 262 pages; \$23.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: After reading *Behind Bars*, a no-holds-barred tell-all in the spirit of *Kitchen Confidential*, you'll never look at your favorite bartender the same way again. Ty Wenzel offers a raw and clever account of slinging drinks in New York City on the Bowery before and during its renaissance. Wenzel, now 36, has just thrown in the towel after a decade at the swank Marion's Continental Restaurant and Lounge — a gig that was supposed to be a temporary escape after corporate burnout, but instead, like with most bartenders, took over her life. Honest, clever, and incredibly funny, this memoir at once offers outrageous tales, the dirty secrets of the trade, and commentary on bar

culture and the human condition. Wenzel's stories of life behind the bar covers everything: sex, money, celebrities, the tricks mixers play on you to get you to stay on that stool, how to jumpstart your own bartender fantasy, that all-important tip...and how "pink drinks" like the Cosmopolitan are ruining civilization. *Behind Bars* is also a fascinating narrative of Wenzel's life outside the bar, which is complicated by her Islamic background, her drive to save enough money and get out of "the life," and the ultimate realization that the grueling bar life that is driving her crazy is also something she has grown to love.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Ty Wenzel was born on October 10, 1966, in Belpinar, a village in Turkey. Her parents came to the United States when Ms. Wenzel was nine months old. The family settled in New Jersey, where Ms. Wenzel's parents still live. Ms. Wenzel went back to Turkey every summer until she was 16. "We were sent back every year for several months," she said. "My parents tried to keep us in a cultural bubble, even at home in New Jersey. We weren't allowed to have a lot of friends. We weren't allowed to do much at all, so it was a treat to go to Turkey and have friends." Ms. Wenzel was raised as a Muslim. But she and her two sisters weren't made to cover their heads, either in Turkey or at home in New Jersey. "In Turkey," she explained, "it's not that strict. But in New Jersey we did have to go to Koran school, and we did have to learn how to pray, and all of that was in Arabic. And we did follow a lot of the rules that Islamic families followed." Ms. Wenzel, who's as outgoing on the telephone as she must have been behind the bar, sighed, then said, "I'm grateful for having come from Turkey as opposed to some of the other countries. I have friends from other countries, particularly Saudi Arabia, where

women are really oppressed. Even in this country — I remember having a friend from Saudi Arabia when I was in high school, and I thought my household was strict; it was nothing compared to hers. It was really something else."

Ms. Wenzel's father for many years had a construction company. An accident ten years ago left him disabled. "He had a balcony fall and was on disability, and he took care of the house while my mom worked. My dad was extremely strict when we were growing up. But to see him now is just such a weird thing because he is so much more willing to accept the American lifestyle, after having brought us here and putting us through what we went through. I wish he had been like this then. He isn't a terrible person. I think he felt a need to show the other Turks around him what it is to raise daughters in America as Islamic. It was kind of embarrassing for him when his own daughters started marrying Americans. It's all show. It was pointless. It's kind of sad because now we all have children, and he's a doting grandfather, and he's wonderful. It was kind of sad that he didn't appreciate his kids, and it was such a Gestapo household. Because now we're all close, and it seems like a different family. Too bad that it would have had to take 30 years for that to happen. We could have all had such a nice upbringing with more respect and, yeah, that's unfortunate but — it didn't stop me from very much."

"From reading *Behind Bars*," I said, "I get the impression you were a wild teenager."

"In high school I realized I was really different, just that I wasn't allowed to have friends or anything. I started developing a secret life and not telling my parents what I was doing. I was sneaking out a lot and getting in trouble a lot. We came on a school trip to Manhattan when I was a sophomore in high school. It was for an art class, and we

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status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original

Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the

East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam loco-

motive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the myriad shapes and sounds of the electric guitar, and the first public West Coast showing of the Rick-enbacker "Frying Pan" featured in "Eclectic Electric." The "Frying Pan" was created in 1931 and has only been on public display once before, at the Smithsonian Institution. Through November.

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went to the Metropolitan Museum, and it hit me the moment I came to New York that I was going to live there. I was just in awe, and then I started counting the years for high school to end."

Ms. Wenzel enrolled at the Fashion Institute of Technology. "I cajoled my way in and told my dad that if I couldn't live in the city at the dorms or in an apartment, that I would rather not go to college. He wanted a daughter that went to college really badly. So he fell for it and said, 'Okay.' For my first year my dad visited every single week, to see what I was up to.

"I loved that school. It was such a brilliant school. It's such a wonderful atmosphere to be among so many creative people. I had wonderful professors. The two professors that I loved died of AIDS within a few years of each other."

Why she chose the Fashion Institute, Ms. Wenzel said, was that it was "the one thing my parents would let me do. I originally wanted to be an actress. That was my main thing, and they weren't going to let me do that. I studied in secret — music composition, theory, and harmony. I thought maybe my parents would allow me to be a composer. I applied at music schools, but my parents wouldn't let me go there. I said, 'Okay, what am I allowed to be?' I said, 'I wouldn't mind being a fashion designer.' They went for that because women sewed. That was the thing then. My mother went to sewing school when she was a kid."

Ms. Wenzel, after several years at the Fashion Institute, went to work for *Cosmopolitan* as a fashion editor. She followed the *Cosmopolitan* position with a job as a fashion coordinator at Bloom-

ingdale's. Wanting work that would permit her time to take classes, she became a bartender. She ended up mixing drinks for 12 years.

Married to Kurt Wenzel, a novelist, Ms. Wenzel lives with her husband and their 16-month-old son in East Hampton, New York. Kurt Wenzel is working on his third book. Ms. Wenzel is 125 pages into a new book. I said that it sounded romantic — the writing factory and the baby all in the East Hampton cottage. Ms. Wenzel disagreed.

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years.

"I bought a two-unit studio in the West Village. When I sold it I had made this tremendous profit. The real estate is crazy in the city. And that's the money that I bought the house with. I tried so hard to be responsible with the money and try to do something,

show something for it. Because it's crazy to make \$500 a night and blow it every day. Which is what I saw people do, which is sad. But I didn't blow very much of it."

We talked then about *Behind Bars*. Ms. Wenzel said that some readers seem offended by her book. "I think that they see themselves in it. I mean, who hasn't had a moment in a bar? I don't think people like to see themselves in the light of that person in the book who threw up or who stifles bartenders. Then there's other people who aren't offended, especially other bartenders and waiters and hairdressers and other people in the service industry who are, like, 'God, I'm so glad she's saying this because I have been dying to say this to my regulars.'"

In her 12 years, Ms. Wenzel was often surprised by how badly people would behave. "Part of it," she said, "is the alcohol, and part of it is this atmosphere of a party. So you put those two together and then you have somebody who is holding something big inside. You have fights. I've ducked bullets. I've run for my life. People get drunk and they whip out guns or knives. It's live music and it's dark and it's okay to act like a freak."

After several years as a drink mixer, Ms. Wenzel began to suffer panic attacks. I asked what she thought caused them. "Well, it's so complicated where that came from. I think it was about being afraid of confrontation. Growing up in a confrontational childhood. We were always afraid and scared, and then you have the situation, you're in a bar and you're Miss Tough Girl, you know, throwing people out. Acting as a bouncer. It was just terrible. I am so shocked nothing really bad ever happened to me. I would just jump in the face of crazed lunatics and physically eject them from the bar. The other bartenders all got hurt at some point.

"I would just get in their face right off — it really scares them

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immediately and allows them to see that they aren't going to have some little bartender just run away and look for a bouncer."

The vomiting, I said, must have been awful.

"It was. There are some people you don't see it coming. They're so able to keep it together until the last minute. They can drink and drink and drink, and then they're, like, 'Wow, I'm really drunk,' and then the vomit hits. It was disgusting."

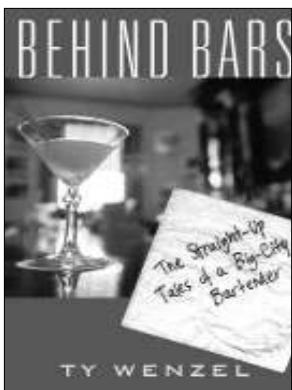
As a Muslim, did it bother Ms. Wenzel to drink and to serve alcohol? "Yes. My father, you know, he pretends to be a big Muslim, but he drinks. I never really liked alcohol. I didn't like the effect of it. I like clarity. Alcohol always made me feel very shaky. I didn't like drugs. Even though I tried everything, I was pretty wild when I moved to New York. I realized I didn't like anything but cigarettes. That's probably going to be my downfall. And that's the only thing. I don't like drinking that much. I never did. But I did drink. And I did feel guilty about it."

Ms. Wenzel writes in *Behind Bars* that she sometimes felt that her panic attacks were punishment for her serving alcohol. "It did feel like that sometimes," she said. "I think I always felt somewhat guilty about serving alcohol. You never know what happens to these people when they leave.

They leave rolled out. They roll out of your bar sometimes in a state that you can't believe, and you wonder, 'Did they kill anybody on the drive home? Or did they end up sleeping out on the street, or did they hook up in a bar and was this guy crazy, would he hurt her?' There were times I would think, 'My God, how many things have I caused? How many problems have I caused for people by serving booze?'

"And sometimes you just think it's not like that with everybody. It's a very small total of people that you worry about. Most people are having a good time, and you're just a bartender and you're part of the big party."

Ms. Wenzel writes that "the entertainment factor" is important for successful bartending. "I think that's why they hire outgoing people for the bar because so much of keeping a regular is to entertain them and to talk to them so much. It really is poor man's therapy. In order to get drinkers in there, you've got to listen to their problems, and then you've got to keep an open-door policy with them. They feel comfortable after a while, coming in week after week and continuing the saga. It's a true relationship. Even though you're very sober and they're probably not, you end up feeling camaraderie with your regulars. I have to say you end up burning out, and I got very motherly with some of them, telling them they were drinking too much, which probably wasn't my job, and it was detrimental to my own pocketbook. Then I



would find them drinking elsewhere. And you get offended that they're drinking elsewhere because you can't believe they would go anywhere else. In all of Manhattan they should only be coming to you, but, yes, there is this feeling of, I guess, ownership of your regulars. Because you do end up loving them so much, and you do end up telling your story, too, and getting a lot of help from them."

"Why," I asked, "have drinks in martini glasses become so popular?"

"It's a look, I think. It's really a throwback to other eras, and it has brought on a whole new genre of drinking. It hasn't been this fabulous since the '50s, cocktailing, you know. I tell you, it was hard work when it really took off. It's not gin and tonics anymore. I probably made one gin and tonic a week, and it was all fruity cocktails. The problem with those cocktails in the martini glasses, they go down too easy, and then you have a room full of drunks. You really do. You

have a room full of drunks drinking things that taste like fruit juice. That's where I think the rudeness came in. Just everyone got drunk faster than they ever did before. Before you'd have maybe two or three gin and tonics, now you were having six and seven cosmos.

"They have new martini glasses like fishbowls with a stem. Unbelievable. They're \$15 drinks, but they're huge. If you're drinking like a normal human being, you can't have a martini in a glass that big, because they turn warm by the time you're halfway through. But I think people are drinking a lot more."

About certain people, Ms. Wenzel said, you can almost guess what they will order.

"Publishing people drink vodka or gin martinis — classic martinis. Or Manhattans. Women in the outer boroughs drink wine spritzers or fruity drinks, and men, toward the end of the time I was tending bar, had begun to order pretty drinks."

"Did drinking change a lot over the 12 years you worked as a bartender?"

"A lot. What changed it was that the cosmo opened the door for respectable or pseudo-respectable drinks going in a martini glass, and what happened was everyone who wanted to be a star drink maker was coming up with different concoctions. Next thing you know there's 50 versions of the cosmo, either raspberry- or orange-flavored, and Stoli is coming out with flavored vodka. So you end up with

a whole new slew of new drinks that have become the norm. Like the Metropolitan is a norm now. The Suburban is a norm now. Some things, at the same time, are going the way of the dinosaurs. Anything in a rocks glass is pretty passé. Whiskey sours I got asked for more and more straight up, which is unusual. That usually came in a rocks glass. Or sours like a gin sour, vodka sour, people want in martini glasses."

Many of the now-popular drinks involve lots of fruit. Ms. Wenzel spoke of these with disdain. "It was like a fruit salad. You've got to mash and mash every fruit you've got, and you've got to put bitters in it, and you've got to put sugar in it, and then you've got to mash that. It's, like, 'I'm not working in the kitchen here, I'm trying to make a drink.' It takes forever, and a lot of these drinks — not just the mashed fruit drinks but even just martini drinks — it took so much longer to make drinks that people waited almost up to 20 minutes sometimes. Who's going to wait 20 minutes for a drink? But apparently they do. They do." She laughed. "It's a cultural thing, and it'll go away, too, I think, and other things will happen. It's nice to see drinking evolving. I just wish it evolved into something else."

"Like what?"

"Like, I wish it was more about actual liquor. I wish it was more about gin, making more interesting gin drinks or bourbon. You won't believe how little bourbon we started selling. Bourbon

and gin particularly were not selling well anymore at all. Everything was vodka. Everything."

"Flavored vodkas?"

"Yes. They are so easy to drink, it's just not good. It puts kids off from knowing how to drink and become adults. They'll be amateur night until they're 50. There's something respectable about a man drinking bourbon. Maybe it's Bogie, I don't know. You get a guy drinking a melon martini, and I think, 'What is wrong with that picture?' But it's the norm now. Men used to be kind of embarrassed to order that stuff. Now they are thrilled to be drinking watermelon margaritas instead of a single-malt scotch."

The no-smoking rule has hit New York City bars hard, Ms. Wenzel said.

"Now you go to Manhattan to a bar, and there's 20 people standing outside having a big party with the glasses, which is illegal. So they've got their cocktails, the party is outside, and it's 2 people sitting at the bar and, you know, 20 outside. Plus your regulars are outside smoking and hanging out together outside and not in front of you, where you're making your money by being their friend."

"My bartender friends are livid. They're very upset about this law. And I'll say about 40 percent of them are nonsmokers, so they're very upset about it because their tips are way, way, way down. They're all looking for other jobs now because they just can't make the same money they used to."

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Modern music dominated the conclusion of SummerFest this year, making up two-thirds of each of the final concerts.

The very last of these concerts was titled "Yefim Bronfman & Friends." I'm glad the Russian-Israeli-American pianist has friends, but I'm not one of them. Much of his playing has disappointed me, and this concert repeated the experience.

The program began with the great, daunting Sonata for Viola and Piano, Opus 147, by Shostakovich. This is Shostakovich at the end of his tether. It was his last composition; he had been ill and in pain for many years, and he died without hearing it performed. As in most of the composer's late works, this music is haunted by the grim presence of death. The Violin Sonata, the three last String Quartets, the final two Symphonies (Symphony No. 14 is really an orchestral song cycle, with death as the subject of all the songs) — these are works of intense and conflicted emotion, mirroring Shostakovich's inner life as he suffers and as he faces extinction. We can hear anger, despair, and resignation; we can also hear bitter irony. But the habitual wit of Shostakovich's irony is not outweighed by the bitter emotional freight it accompanies; and the searing emotions are balanced by the composer's undiminished urge toward form.

None of the late works exemplifies these characteristics more trenchantly than the Viola Sonata, with its fresh inventiveness and its idiomatic writing for both instruments. There is a famous recording of the Sonata in a live performance by Yuri Bashmet and Sviatoslav Richter, a performance so gripping that one might suppose it could never be equaled, much less bettered. Hearing violist Lawrence Dutton at Sherwood Auditorium, however, I was prepared to abandon that judgment. The violist of the Emerson Quartet, whose playing I had never before heard so nakedly exposed, turned out to be every bit as good as Bashmet, with a broad palette

of tones, a powerful command of expressive phrasing, and a tremendous incisiveness, almost aggressiveness, as though heroically determined to keep death at bay even while acknowledging its ineluctability.

Bronfman, in contrast, seemed scarcely there — or, at least, scarcely aware of what was going on in the music. He played in two modes: mumbling and banging. By "mumbling" I don't mean vocal sounds, but rather a dull, uninflected reticence, expressive of nothing, which the pianist deployed in all the soft passages. In the loud passages, he banged. There is no other word for those dry, harsh, explosive sounds, without resonance or bloom. And this was on the Jacobs Steinway, that splendid instrument, out of which — earlier in the festival — Garrick Ohlsson and Leon Fleisher had drawn such glorious, floating, expanding, ringing sonorities.

It cannot have been that this style of playing constituted Bronfman's special interpretation of the Shostakovich score (which in any case would have been a bad interpretation), for he played the same way in the Brahms Piano Quintet, which followed the intermission. His cohorts in that unsatisfactory performance were violinists Philip Setzer and Kyoko Takezawa, violist Dutton, and cellist Hai-Ye Ni, all of whom played this grand Romantic work with the heartfelt tone and dramatic subtlety the music demands. But in Brahms's chamber works with piano it is always the piano that dominates, and to have a performance of otherwise high caliber dominated by a banger and a mumbler was painful and infuriating. Bronfman produced the notes with flawless accuracy (unlike Leon Fleisher), but there was no real feeling for Brahms in this cold, unyielding, unmodulated playing.

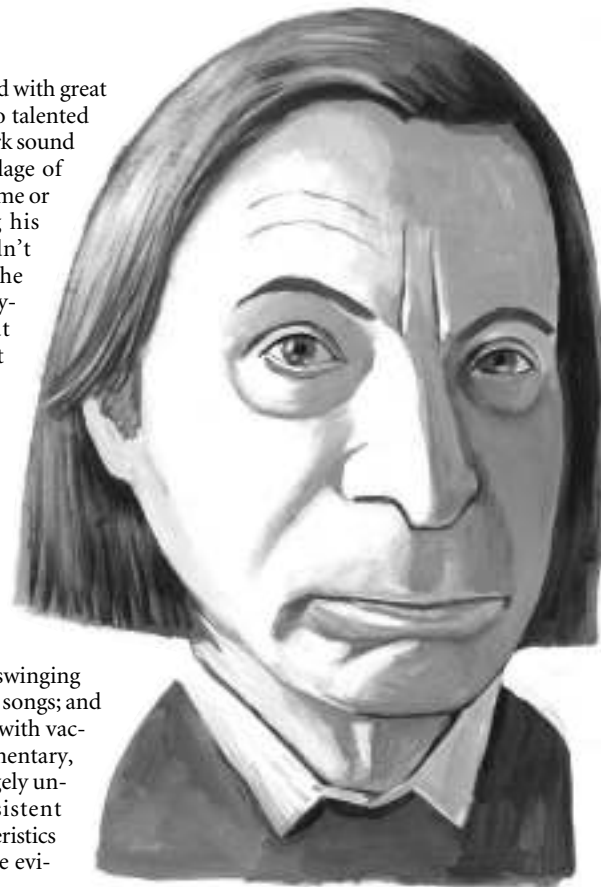
The third work on the "Bronfman & Friends" program was as modern as it could be: William Bolcom's Piano Quintet, which dates from the year 2000. Once again, Bronfman's friends were the cream of the crop: Setzer, Dutton, Hai-Ye Ni,

and Cho-Liang Lin. All of them played with great commitment and fervor. But even so talented a group could not make Bolcom's work sound like anything but a random assemblage of worn modernist devices, without rhyme or reason. Bronfman still was doing his mumbling and banging, but it didn't make any difference, one way or the other. Only the last movement had anything interesting to say, and that statement, lively and amusing as it was, was merely "I am a samba."

Arnold Schoenberg contemptuously referred to Stravinsky as "Modernsky," which was merely an expression of his envy for a 20th-century composer who could write a tune; but a much more plausible candidate for the sobriquet would be William Bolcom. Bolcom had appeared in another role earlier in SummerFest, accompanying his wife Joan Morris's prissy and utterly unswinging renditions of old-time American pop songs; and he had punctuated that silly concert with vacuous, rambling, cliché-ridden commentary, pronounced in a diction that was largely unintelligible except for the persistent name-dropping. All the same characteristics (except for the name-dropping) were evident in his Quintet.

There were also two 20th-century works on the "Young Artists" program that preceded the Bronfman evening (I wrote in last week's review about the performance of Beethoven's C-sharp minor Quartet at that concert). They were Bartók's Third Quartet and Alfred Schnittke's Piano Quintet, two compositions at opposite ends of the modernist spectrum (and separated by half a century: the Bartók from 1927, the Schnittke from 1976).

The Bartók (played with considerable brilliance and intelligence by violinists Tricia Park and Aaron Boyd, violist Eve Wickert, and cellist Julia Bruskin) belongs to that phase of modernism in which various revolutionary devices of sound, harmony, and decorum revivify underlying principles of aesthetic structure that continue to derive from the Classic-Romantic tradition. In Bartók's case, the mentor is Beethoven; and although Bartók never sounds like Beethoven, his procedures of tight motivic variation and development come right out of the first Viennese school. If you listen to this Quartet carefully and repeatedly, and (even more so) if you inspect the score, you are constantly amazed at the com-



Alfred Schnittke

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poser's inventiveness and ingenuity within the parameters of a solid, intelligible architecture.

At the same time, the Bartók Quartets — and numbers 3 and 4 in particular — are bursting with strong emotions, notably savage violence and poignant sadness. Yet these emotions are never allowed to take off on their own: they are anchored in the musical structure. One feels that Bartók did not write this music in order to express himself. His purpose was to create an objective work of art, in which emotion is one of the components. If we are deeply moved by such music — and in a performance like that of the young musicians at this concert we inevitably are — it is by feelings that go beyond the personal experiences of the composer or the listener,

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None of this applies to the Schnittke Quintet, which approaches musical discourse from a very different direction. Like Tan Dun (whose music I wrote about a few weeks ago), Schnittke composed in a variety of styles, often in the same work. The Quintet belongs to the style of extreme Expressionism (which in all the arts is concerned with the negative emotions rage, anguish, and disgust). It was composed over a prolonged period, as a reaction to the death of Schnittke's mother; the subsequent death of Shostakovich reinforced the composer's feelings.

"Feelings" is the operative word here. Unlike the Bartók Quartet or the Shostakovich Viola Sonata (not to mention the Brahms Piano Quintet!), the five-movement Schnittke Quintet is primarily, and overwhelmingly, an expression of personal — indeed, autobiographical — emotion. Yes, there are a few formal elements: the brief melodic motif immediately introduced by the piano in the first movement; the tolling out of life, second by second, on an unvarying

pitch (also on the piano); a sad, spectral, ironic waltz theme in the second movement (a movement that actually has a clear ABA structure). But the music continually degenerates into whimpers and screams of unbearable grief, expressed as excruciating minor-second dissonances by the strings (doubly excruciating because of the repeated, destabilizing use of quarter-tones). The third and fourth movements reiterate this material without adding anything new. If one or the other (or both) had been omitted entirely, no listener would feel deprived of anything. Yet Schnittke had to put them in, because he had not yet come to terms with his grief, and because this Quintet was not about music, it was about *him*.

Only the fifth movement introduces a new idea: a childish, monodic, diatonic, infinitely poignant theme, played over and over again by the piano, while the strings hesitatingly utter reminders of the earlier movements. Schnittke referred to this movement as a passacaglia. But to compose a passacaglia, it is not enough to repeat a tune over and over. In a real passacaglia (such as Bach's C Minor Organ Passacaglia, or the final movement of Brahms's Fourth Symphony, or the third movement of Ravel's Piano Trio), the repeated tune serves (usually) as the bass line for a number of ingenious varia-

tions, intimately related to it harmonically and in structure, and revealing the far-ranging possibilities inherent in it.

In the Schnittke, there is only a minimal relationship (certainly not harmonic) between the piano's tune and what the strings do. The procedure is in fact indebted not to a Baroque form but to the layering procedures in Charles Ives's music, in which entirely unrelated materials are presented simultaneously. That really is the point of this movement. A real passacaglia demonstrates the power of music to organize diverse materials in a majestic, all-encompassing order. Schnittke's solitary repeated tune in the last movement of the Quintet is a confession of breakdown, the impossibility of making sense of life and death, the inability to cope. The piano tune is perhaps a nostalgic memory of a song his mother might have hummed, or an evocation of the little boy picking it out on the keyboard again and again. The memory remains alive, a voice out of the past, unrelated to his mother's death, untouched even by grief, repeating itself with pathetic obsessiveness in his mind. The fact that this movement is *not* a passacaglia is what makes it so touching.

But as a way of confronting grief, the final movement (along with all the others in the work) is woefully immature and self-absorbed, compared — for example — to the radiant testimony of the music Brahms composed in reaction to *his* mother's death, the soprano solo "Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit" from the *German Requiem*.

Consider the Biblical texts Brahms chose: "Now you have sorrow, but I shall see you again and your heart will rejoice, and no one shall take your joy from you. I will console you, as one is consoled by his mother. Look at me: after a short time of effort and labor, I have found great consolation." These are insights Schnittke — in his heart still a sorrowing child in a meaningless world — could not come to. (Brahms was 32 when his mother died; Schnittke was 37.)

For all its *longueurs* and self-indulgence, listening to the Schnittke Quintet can be an unforgettably compelling experience. It was so when David Golub, Julie Rosenfeld, Sheryl Staples, Toby Hoffman, and Carter Brey performed it at a SummerFest concert 12 years ago. It is so in the recorded performances with pianists Catherine Edwards (Hyperion), Irina Schnittke (Naxos), and Roland Pöntinen (BIS). I mention the pianists because, as in the Brahms Piano Quintet, the piano is at the center of everything in this work: it begins it, it ends it, it dominates all the motifs, and it embodies the music's most profound feelings. At the recent SummerFest performance, in spite of the presence of some heavyweights among the strings (violinist Cho-Liang Lin and violist Alan Gilbert), I'm afraid the young pianist simply could not carry the weight of the burden thrust upon her. She is evidently a capable and talented artist, and she might do a bang-up job with the Brahms Quintet, but Schnittke's demands — which require

preternatural subtlety of rhythm, dynamics, and expression — just seemed beyond her at her current stage of development.

Consequently, it was the Schnittke Quintet's weaknesses rather than its special strengths that stood at the fore. All in all, it sounded merely bizarre and boring. No performance (even one with an insensitive banger at the keyboard) can hurt the Brahms Quintet, where the vividness of the ideas and the solidity of the structure can stand up to anything. But the Schnittke Quartet is an extremely fragile piece of music. If any aspect of its performance is not quite right, the whole thing falls apart; and it did.

By the way, Schnittke later produced a version of the Quintet for orchestra, titling it *In Memoriam*. Because of all the remarkable orchestral colorations, it's much easier to listen to than the chamber version; but it's also much less powerful. The touching little theme of the final movement is given — in the worst choice possible — to an organ, thereby losing all its unique emotional effect.

To mention Cho-Liang "Jimmy" Lin once more: it's good news that he and the La Jolla Music Society have renewed his contract as artistic director of SummerFest. The season that has just passed was an example of the kind of boldness and freshness he has brought to the festival. While it's true that I myself didn't think too much of several of the unusual works he programmed, I found it stimulating to hear them, and to think and write about them.

The "East Meets West" theme, at the very least, raised interesting issues; and the musicians Lin attracted to La Jolla were, with only a few exceptions, the best there are anywhere.

The rumor is that the theme of next year's SummerFest will be "North Meets South." What's next — "Harry Meets Sally"? ■

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Classical Violin Music may be heard when Reginald Clews and pianist Ivar Antonsen perform Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m., for Escondido Library's First Thursday series, in Turrentine Room of library (239 South Kalmia Street). Program includes pieces by J.S. Bach, Hindemith, and original compositions by Antonsen. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

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“Maids and Masters,” two comic one-act operas presented by Point Loma Nazarene University music department, October 3-5. Program includes *The Old Maid* and *the Thief* by Giancarlo Menotti and *La Serva Padrona* by G.B. Pergolesi.

Performances start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday 3 p.m. on Sunday, in Crill Hall. Find the campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. \$7 general. Reservations: 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

The Jacobs Masterworks Series hosted by San Diego Symphony opens with appearances by violinist Midori, conductor James Paul, October 3-5. Chadwick’s “Jubilee” from “Symphonic Sketches,” “Violin Concerto in A Minor” by Dvořák, and Elgar’s “Enigma Variations.”

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$80. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Multimedia Compositions of Martin Wesley-Smith” showcased for Music at Founders Hall series, Friday, October 3, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). The Australian composer will be joined by Ros Dunlop to present compositions addressing “contemporary political and social issues from an Australian’s perspective.” Reservations: 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

An Evening of Karlheinz Stockhausen promised when Morris Palter and friends perform Friday, October 3, 8 p.m., in Warren Studio A at UCSD. Program includes “Zyklus,” “Refrain,” and “Kontakte,” a seminal work for piano, percussion, and tape. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

Mezzo Soprano Susanna Poret-sky performs opera selections and art songs from her native land of Russia during concert hosted by Small Opera of San Diego and Pandeli Lazaridi, Friday, October 3, 8 p.m., Ark Center for Performing Arts (3554 Kettner Boulevard). \$20. 619-725-0777. (MIDDLETOWN)

The Chamber Concert Series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library opens with performance by Amati String Quartet, Saturday, October 4. Program: Beethoven’s “String Quartet in F Minor (Serioso),” Janáček’s “Kreuzersonata (String Quartet No. 1),” “String Quartet in A Major No. 3” by Schumann.

Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at 1008 Wall Street. Tickets: \$132 for series of six; \$25 per concert. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Classical Guitar Virtuoso Antonio De Innocentis performs music from Mexico, Italy, Scotland, Spain, England, Paraguay, Saturday, October 4, 8 p.m., at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Donation: \$15 general, \$10 seniors/students. 760-295-4428. (DEL MAR)

Operatic Aspirations? The annual Metropolitan Opera auditions take place Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Shiley Theater at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. Requested spectator donation: \$5. 619-479-8184.

Winners’ concert: November 2. (LINDA VISTA)

Cabrillo Chamber Orchestra performs Sunday, October 5, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). Joining the orchestra: organist Alison Luedecke plays a Poulenc “Organ Concerto”; Pamela Monroe performs Mozart “Piano Concerto” and a Bach “Harpsichord Concerto.” Offering. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Former Civic Organist Jared Jacobsen mans the organ for concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, October 5, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Composer and Pianist David Burge is joined by violinist Päivikki Nykter, percussionist Aiyun Huang, pianist Liliane Choney for concert Monday, October 6. Listen for “Sonata for Violin and Piano,” “Sources II,” “When Love Prevails,” “Dibujos.” Concert starts at 8 p.m. in Recital Hall at UCSD’s Mandleville Center. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Mexican Pianist Daniel Noli performs “music of his countrymen” during solo piano recital for San Diego Mini-Concerts, Monday, October 6, noon, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

Selections by Beethoven, Paganini, Rossini, Del Haye, Calace, Pettine, and others may be heard when Richard Walz (mandolin) and Mari Tomizuka (piano) perform on Tuesday, October 7, 8 p.m., at All Souls’ Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard). \$15. 619-223-6394 or 619-223-7705. (POINT LOMA)

The Classical Mandolin Society of America gathers for convention at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley (9901 Camino del Rio South). Evening concerts are open to public.

Evan Marshall (duo-style solo mandolin), Richard Walz and Mari Tomizuka (classical), and Caterina Lichtenberg and Mirko Schrader (classical) take the stage, Wednesday, October 8, 8 p.m.

Bruce Graybill and Ray Bell, Pasacat Philippine Dance Ensemble, Michael Eskin and Boys of the Town (Irish), and the Don Stienberg Trio (jazz mandolin) perform Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Uptown Mandolin Quartet, Luisa Corredor (mandolin and harp quartet), Richard Walz, Paulo Sá and Rio Trio (Brazilian choro), and Don Stienberg Trio may be heard Friday, October 10, 7 p.m.

Public concerts conclude with San Diego Mandolin Orchestra, Paulo Sá and Rio Trio, Caterina Lichtenberg and Mirko Schrader, and Enmasse Orchestra, Saturday, October 11, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$15. 619-280-9035 or 619-595-1788. (MISSION VALLEY)

Music by Hindemith, Lasla, Arlen, Roussel, and Sting promised during USD Faculty Recital by Kay Etheridge (piano), Holly Hofmann (flute), Thursday, October 9, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall (University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park). \$8. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Classical Guitarist Celino Romero performs on Sunday, October 26, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). 858-729-5531. Offering. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"Art from Our Perspective," an exhibit of work by Sharon George, Melissa Langham, Annie Lemoux, Joan Everds, continues through Thursday, October 30, at Art Institute of California-San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). Artists' reception, Friday, October 3, 5 p.m. 858-598-1200. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Twenty-Third Annual International Exhibition" — juried show of water-media paintings on exhibit through October at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Carla O'Connor. Reception is Friday, October 3, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (DOWNTOWN)

"Seven Printmakers," tenth annual exhibition features etchings, lithographs, wood cuts, monotypes on view through Tuesday, October 14, in Gallery 21 (Spanish Village). Meet artists at reception Saturday, October 4, 4 p.m. 619-222-1034. (BALBOA PARK)

Eighth Annual Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead exhibit at Next Door Gallery, featuring work by over 20 artists who've created altars and works commemorating people and memories of importance, opens with reception, Saturday, October 4, 5 p.m. Next Door Gallery, 2963 Beech Street; 619-233-6679. Closes Saturday, November 8. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Work and Play," featuring experimental sculptures, paintings, and installation by May-ling Martinez and Curtis Gannon, opens with reception Saturday, October 4, 6 p.m., in Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University. 619-594-6511. Through Thursday, October 9. (SDSU)

Issues of Identity, biracial and religious, resistance, and migration have been explored in "Arabs Anonymous/No Hay Moros" at Voz Alta (917 E Street). Show features work by Americans, Latino Americans of Middle Eastern and Jewish backgrounds, and Canadians. Closing reception: Saturday, October 4, 8 to 11 p.m. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Chinese Painting Exhibit by Shih Lin Lan opens with reception, Sunday, October 5, 3 p.m., at Taiwanese-American Community Center Gallery (7170 Convoy Court). Continues through October. 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, "Heirlooms of the Future — Art of Contemporary American Designer Craftsmen" includes furniture, textiles, glass, and pottery by renowned artists including Sam Maloof, Wendy Maruyama, Jack Lenor Larsen, Dale Chihuly, Italo Scanga, Beatrice Woods, and others. Show continues through Sunday, October 19.

"Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding," on view through Sunday, February 8, 2004, includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the ob-

jects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals.

"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, photographer Alex Webb has spent more than 25 years covering the Mexican border. "Alex Webb: Crossings — Photographs from the U.S.-Mexico Border," includes 40 photographs documenting Webb's coverage of border life since the 1970s. Closes Sunday, December 7.

Los Angeles artist Adam Ross has created a new, large panoramic work for his "Cerca Series" exhibit, through Sunday, October 12. Ross envisions a future where digital and scientific developments have surprising outcomes; he paints and draws technological landscapes.

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ner 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, "Manny Farber: About Face" celebrates the life and work of one of San Diego's most important visual artists, with work from the early 1960s to present. Farber has contributed to American cultural discourse for more than 50 years as both film and art critic and painter. Closes Sunday, January 4, 2004.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "The Discerning Eye: Southern California Collects" celebrates 20 photography collectors to commemorate the museum's 20th anniversary; show closes Saturday, January 3, 2004.

Also on view, "Collector's Group Acquisitions," concluding Sunday, December 14. Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "John Edward Svenson: California Sculptor" highlights the artist's legacy as an architectural sculptor and artist of public art commissions. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. See the show through Sunday, October 26. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Partners of the Soul: African Art of the Baule" includes 45 objects from the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History and private collectors. Show explores complex ways in which art functioned in Baule culture and society (Ivory Coast of West Africa) through a display of spirit spouse figures, portrait masks, miniature amulet figures, mouse oracles, wooden strikers. Through Sunday, January 4, 2004.

"Tradition and Innovation in European Modernist Drawings and Watercolors" showcases 35 works rarely on view due to their fragility. Artists include Paul Klee, Franz Marc, Emil Nolde, Paul Signac, Marc Chagall. See this show of works from the museum's collection through Sunday, December 14.

Paintings, sculptures, prints, videos, and photographs inspired by elements in nature are gathered in "Of Earth and Sky: Elements in Abstraction," closing Sunday, December 14. "The Later Mughals: Theaters of Power" presents more than 20 seldom-seen images telling the story of the waning of India's greatest dynasty. Through Sunday, January 25, 2004.

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Constance, she explains, is a fairy, not a witch. She was born magical, a shadow-seer, and cannot fall in love with a human. But she did, with King Bertrand. When he couldn't reciprocate, she cursed his daughter, Rose, into a coma. Constance has a test: the man who loves Rose as much as Constance will kiss and win the “sleeping beauty.” A thousand years of suitors bungle the task.

Like a crash course in the writings of Denis de Rougement, the suitors trace the changing face of wooing. A medieval courtly lover regards Rose as a genre: dormant princess. A 19th-century Romantic exudes sublime expressiveness. And a 21st-century dude just wants to “score with the chick.”

Enter James, a grad student who reads Rilke and Wittgenstein. James quests for Rose through brambles and unstable geography. He may look past objectifying labels — and relentless Hollywood conditioning — and see the actual Rose. But first he's got to wake up to himself. And, it turns out, so does she.

In *Love in the Western World*, de Rougement writes, “We are too fond of our illusions to suffer gladly any attempt even to name them.”

Beauty suggests that for genuine love to grow, disillusionment must occur. Rose and James could begin by not expecting the other to be royalty: a prince and a princess. They are human and therefore “will disappoint.”

The La Jolla Playhouse's *Beauty* dazzles the eyes, if not always the ears. Designer Scott Zielinski's “dream-crossed twilight” probes a nether zone.

Ricardo Hernandez's elemental set combines deep red curtains, giant briars, and wires spiderwebbing into the audience. Moving flats and panels — with fractal, coastlike designs — mesh in arresting stage-scapes.

As the leads, multi-talented Jason Daniele and Kelli O'Hara are outstanding. At first, their ranges seem so limited, you wonder why they got cast. But as the play progresses, both bloom: more adult, more expressive, their terrific singing voices, in particular. In keeping with the play's theme, Daniele and O'Hara's performances awaken.

As the old crone Constance, when I saw the show, Lisa Harrow must have had an off night: unfocused, tripping over lines, a toll call. Because Constance tells so much of the story, Harrow's troubles underscored the script's, which can enchant — but disenchant as well.

Beauty's a modernized fairy tale — and a running commentary on itself. The language often sounds culled from Critical Theory (as when

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Kelli O'Hara, Jason Daniele in *Beauty*

Beauty, by Tina Landau

La Jolla Playhouse, Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, UCSD, La Jolla

Directed by Tina Landau; cast: Lisa Harrow, Kelli O'Hara, Jason Daniele, David Ari, Simone Vicari Moore, Adam Smith, Amy Stewart, Richard Tibbitts; scenic design, Ricardo Hernandez; costumes, Melina Root; lighting, Scott Zielinski; sound and original music, Rob Milburn and Michael Bodeen

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Directed by Richard Seer; cast, Ned Schmidtke, Teagle F. Bougere, Brian Hutchinson; scenic design, Robin Sanford Roberts; costumes, Charlotte Devaux; lighting, Chris Rynne; sound, Paul Peterson

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we're told Rose has a seething "interiority"). Along with an academic veneer, the script interprets itself. As if the audience couldn't figure it out, we learn that, like Rose, we too are "fully asleep" in a "slumber of denial." And must wake up to beauty, etc. Like...duh!

James and Rose take not a leap of faith but a leap into life. But just before they do, we get a *Cliff's Notes* splatter of "what is beauty?" questions ("is it in the eye of the beholder?"). Instead of enchantment, which the ending could have, the play waxes didactic, as if *that's* where it wanted to go all along. Plus, most of the findings — "love isn't the answer; it's the question" — aren't new or revelatory.

The show often captivates, and Tina Landau's direction is imaginative throughout. But Landau-the-author needs to take her play's advice. Instead of clogging it with ideas about itself, and spoon-feeding the audience with significance, she should de-control and let *Beauty* wake up unfettered.

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Christopher tells Bruce, a psychiatrist-to-be, he hears voices and sees "zombies." Christopher is a black African émigré. Bruce is white, one month into advanced training at a London



Brian Hutchinson, Teagle F. Bougere, Ned Schmidtke in *Blue/Orange*

psychiatric hospital. After a 28-day examination of his first patient, Bruce suspects paranoid delusions, a borderline personality disorder — possibly even schizophrenia — and wants to keep Christopher hospitalized for further study.

The way he describes the zombies' "domed" skulls, Christopher may not be paranoid at all. They could be the racist skinheads who terrorize "White City," where he lives and works in fear.

Christopher says his father was Idi Amin. Delusional? Well, Amin did have 43 chil-

dren from five wives, and Christopher's mother, from Zaire, did give him a newspaper clipping explaining all.

Christopher also claims the three oranges in a bowl are blue. But then he eats one — which, studies say, a true psychotic would never do.

Old saying: the person with one watch always knows what time it is. The person with two watches is never quite sure. Along with being a rudimentary comparison of modernism and postmodernism — the latter wearing at least two — the saying applies to Joe Penhall's

talky, fascinating *Blue/Orange*.

A second psychiatrist, Robert Smith, also diagnoses Christopher. Agenda-laden, not wanting to rock boats, Smith says Christopher's adjusted enough to go home, with the occasional checkup — whether it's for his own good or to free up a hospital bed isn't clear. Robert also warns Bruce that "doing what's right is naive."

Joe Orton covered this territory in his bug-eyed 1969 farce, *What the Butler Saw*, in which the real lunatics are running the asylum. Orton's play

has a one-watch, modernist view. Joe Penhall's two-watch, Olivier Award-winning *Blue/Orange* takes a subtler, far less stereotypical approach: objectivity is absent; points of view, including the audience's, bias diagnoses. Robert, Bruce, and Christopher read each other through cultural, personal, economic, and job- and life-saving lenses.

And each crosses boundaries. Silver-haired Robert (the coy, forceful, excellent Ned Schmidtke) quotes Ginsberg and R.D. Laing. He's also a hard-core pragmatist who flits between enlightened authority and aggressive self-protection. Young Bruce (Brian Hutchinson, harried, fiery) reverses expectations by being conservative, caught between tidy, orthodox definitions and actual cases — plus allegiance to what may be an inferior superior.

And how do you "diagnose" Christopher? Is he paranoid schizophrenic? Or manipulative, fighting for a safer home at the hospital? Is he in culture shock? None of the above? Bits of each? Teagle F. Bougere's antsy, edgy, wonderful performance resists facile answers. Bougere plays conflicting traits, straddling several fences. But, in the script and the Old Globe Theatre's taut, rapid-fire production, the same applies to Robert and Bruce. All three are plural beings, Penhall shows us, in a world where the old categories

no longer account for gray's myriad shades. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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.

Anna in the Tropics

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Arsenic and Old Lace
Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Joseph Kesselring's "screwball comedy" about elderly sisters, lonely elder men, and elderberry wine laced with arsenic. George Flint directed.
SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO ROAD (ON THE CAMPUS OF ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY), SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH OCTO-

BER 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.
Beauty
Reviewed this issue.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, UCSD, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, LA JOLLA, THROUGH OCTOBER 19; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

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 things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.
THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

Blue/Orange
Reviewed this issue.
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 26; 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.

Boy Gets Girl
Stone Soup Theatre Company presents the San Diego premiere of Rebecca Gilman's drama about a successful woman followed by an obsessed stalker. Caprice Woosley directed.
6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH OCTOBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Breath of Spring
Poway Performing Arts Company stages Peter Coke's British comedy. Senior citizens want to help "those less fortunate" by stealing furs. Sherrie Colbourn directed.
POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS IN THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, THROUGH NOVEMBER 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-9085.

Butterflies Are Free
Korbett Kompany Productions presents Leonard Gershe's comedy about free and unfree spirits. Bob Korbett directed.
ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE (AT IDAHO), NORTH PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

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INSTANT THEATRE, 639 J STREET (CORNER OF SEVENTH AND J), DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-238-7377.

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 Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom de-



Breath of Spring

bate. 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: Euripides' *Ion*, Monday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN. 619-622-9012.

Hamlet

Poor Players Theatre stages Shakespeare's tragedy of the dilatory Dane. Richard Baird, one of San Diego's finest young actors, plays Hamlet. HEARTH THEATRE, SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY CENTER, 3 CIVIC DRIVE, SAN MARCOS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, THROUGH OCTOBER 13; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.; ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 8:00 P.M. 619-287-2406.

Hedwig and the Angry Inch

Most often an inaugural show's a shakedown cruise, a modest comedy to get bugs out. Not the new Cygnet Theatre. Their opener's an actual rock concert, lit, staged, and performed with professional polish. Hedwig — née Hansel — had her gender mangled when a sex-change operation, from male to female, left an "angry inch" of her manhood. The rock star Tommy Gnosis stole her songs and identity. Hedwig, a human limbo, must find her way. As Tommy wows devotees next door, Hedwig sings, hassles husband Yitzak (a woman playing a man wanting to become a drag queen), toys with and taunts the audience, shouting, "You put a wig on then judge me!" His cresting waves of hair like Lily Tomlin's Ernestine, only blond, Jeremiah Lorenz captivates as Hedwig. As grubby Yitzak, Jenn Grinels looks like a smudge but has the voice of a rocket. Led by Jim Mooney (who talks like Frankenstein's Igor and plays guitar like Hendrix), the backup band could tour when the show closes. *If it closes. Hedwig* needs to work out sound kinks, and Lorenz needs to trim his pauses from middle on. But given

the talent involved, these problems will get fixed and then Cygnet's first show will be much more than...

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 2; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 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.

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The Last Night of Ballyhoo

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Alfred Uhry's comedy-drama about Lela's debut at Ballyhoo, a dance thrown by the elite of Jewish society in Atlanta. Warner Shook directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH OCTOBER 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

Late-Night Catechism

Every Monday night, during summer, the Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult catechism class," taught by a sister from the old spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting for the regular teacher (it's his poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to have the job but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is just that, part of a course on Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The results, the two times I've seen the show: a.) an almost nonstop evening of comedy; and b.) a thought-provoking look at education, religion, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding.

Worth a try.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Love! Valour! Compassion!

When Diversionary first staged Terrence McNally's Tony Award-winner, in 1997, the show got caught in scheduling gridlock and had to close. To celebrate its tenth anniversary, Diversionary remounted *Love! Valour!*, Michelle Riel reprised her excellent, minimalist set, Chris Rynne his nuanced lighting, and the results rank among the company's most polished, funny, and moving efforts. In 1994, when the play premiered, McNally said, "I wanted to write about what it's like to be a gay man at this particular moment in our history, to tell everyone else who we are when they aren't around." Amid overwhelming evidence of uncertain futures — the specter of AIDS is ever-present — McNally's people eat, drink, confess, gripe, and zing one-liners ("movies are for people," says Buzz, a musical comedy/opera buff, "who have to eat popcorn while being entertained"). Tim Irving, who co-directed with Sean Murray, plays Buzz, the icon-drubber. If he weren't such a giving actor, this could be *The Tim Irving Show* (McNally wrote the part as a star vehicle for Nathan Lane). But Irving shares the stage with a talented cast

and everyone — from Dan Gruber's Perry (for whom being a role model is "very stressful"), Manuel J. Fernandes' generous Gregory, and Dennis J. Scott's dual roles as the manichean Jeckyll brothers (McNally italicizes themes), good-souled James and evil-souled John.

Critic's pick.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Medea, Queen of Colch-ester

There have been all kinds of *Medea* remakes, but Sledgehammer's must be a first: Euripides' tragedy as a soft-hit musical. Composed by Jean-Claude Rideau, and performed with an amateurish sound system, the music is dull and monotonal. And even though Sledge tries to jazz things up with a Vegas locale, Marianne McDonald's pseudo-postmodernist script is also dreary. In a landfill's worth of exposition we learn that Medea's a black transvestite from South Africa (from Colchester, not Colchis). Her drug-dealing lover James betrayed her, and she will get Medea-style revenge on his two sons (she shouts, in a breathtaking non sequitur, "I've broken the shackles of your Western greed"). One of the script's many problems (along with the difference between killing an ex-lover's children and a *mother* killing her own), the exposition never stops: everything is explained and externalized — and shallow. "Medea Divas" spell out her feelings into microphones while Medea (a statue-stiff George Alphonso Walker) parades about in a growing huff. There is no tragic dimension. Medea's just a psychotic with such a penchant for clichés and stock phrases they'd make Euripides irate in Elysium. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CELIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE (AT CEDAR), DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 AND OCTOBER 12, AT 2:00 P.M. (NOTE: *MEDEA* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *PHAEDRA IN DELIRIUM*.) 619-544-1484.

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Delany and Billy Campbell as sharp-witted Beatrice and Benedick, not so at all. Fox relocates the play in WWI Italy. Anna Louizo's glorious set makes a bold *sprezzatura* statement by having all of a two-story Tuscan villa stage left. But the rest of the uninspired production dares so little you wonder where the "much ado" went. Scenes get set, slowly, lines get spoken, dutifully, actors exit, in no hurry, and the pace lags throughout. When Delany and Campbell are jousting, however, things come alive. In his upbeat, endearing soliloquies, his body contorting like a pretzel, Campbell owns the audience. Shakespeare's Beatrice isn't Dante's angel. Benedick says she's "bitter" and disillusioned and doesn't care who knows it. Delany gets that storm-clouded tone pitch perfect, and you can almost, if you listen hard, hear a silver lining.

Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 12; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Naked Boys Singing!

The Spreckels Theatre hosts a nationally touring production of the Off-Broadway hit: 16 songs celebrating male nudity, sung *au naturale*. Robert Schrock conceived and directed the show.



The Last Night of Ballyhoo

SPRECKELS THEATRE, 121 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, THROUGH OCTOBER 12; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-220-8497.

National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff

on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an off-

shoot 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 ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players

from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Nick and Zita's Funny Fat Greek Wedding

Dillstar Productions presents an interactive Greek wedding, à la the movie. CLARION BAY VIEW HOTEL, 660 K STREET, DOWNTOWN; OPEN-ENDED RUN. 800-944-5939.

Phaedra in Delirium

In Susan Yankowitz's take on Euripides' tragedy, 40+ Phaedra's as obsessed with losing her youth as Hippolytus is with losing his virginity. Extreme behavior angered the Greek gods. But in Yankowitz's version, the gods aren't around, so Phaedra, her philandering husband Theseus, and her stepson Hippolytus can shred each other on their own. In

the male-dominated world, Theseus can fool around. It's expected. But for Phaedra even to think illicit thoughts is a mortal sin. And when she confesses them, she seals her fate. The play's a mite reductive (it's more about personal vanity than an absurd universe ruled by dysfunctional deities). It's also talky. In the first two-thirds of Sledgehammer's production, the speeches last longer than the images and movements illustrating them. The images arrest, however, especially white silks and linens bleached by steep shafts of light, and strings of thread, entwined and clipped (like the one Ariadne gave to Theseus in the labyrinth; and the one Atropos, the third Fate, snips to end a life). The production fires up coming home. Robin Christ's Phaedra alternates from openness to silence, strength and fragility. In a well-modulated, honest, and deeply moving performance, Christ portrays the inexorable rending of a fractured heart.

Worth a try.

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CECILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: PHAEDRA IN DELIRIUM RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH MEDEA, QUEEN OF COLCHESTER.) 619-544-1484.

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Proof
The San Diego Repertory Theatre opens its new season with David Auburn’s 2001 Pulitzer Prize-winner about an important mathematical proof and who invented it. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed.
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, LYCEUM STAGE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, THROUGH OCTOBER 26;WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Relatively Speaking
Alan Ayckbourn’s early comedy relies heavily — at times mind-bogglingly — on what isn’t said. Greg wants to ask Ginny’s parents for her hand in marriage. So he goes to an address on a match-book. He meets Philip and Sheila, who aren’t Ginny’s folks (Philip’s her former lover and employer). Because Greg assumes he’s talking to Ginny’s parents, miles of dramatic irony ensue. In a preview I saw, it took the North Coast Repertory Theatre a long time to get, and keep, rolling. A languid



Rough Crossing

throughout. The production settled in, somewhat, when Marty Burnett’s glorious set metamorphosed from Kansas to Oz. If you can accept Ayckbourn’s avoidance of the obvious question — without shouting, “Greg, don’t you see?” — and if the cast comes together, the production might be worth a visit down the road.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE,

987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH OCTOBER 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Rough Crossing
Sandor Turai and Alex Gal have four and a half days — the time it’ll take their ocean liner to go from England to New York — to

write a musical comedy. Time’s just one obstacle: a storm threatens, and young composer Adam vows to quit when his new love’s unfaithful. Tom Stoppard adapted *Rough Crossing* from Ferenc Molnar’s 1924 comedy *Play About the Castle*. Compared to Stoppard’s *Arcadia* or *The Coast of Utopia*, *Crossing*’s busman’s holiday piffle. But fun. Director Stan Wojewodski Jr. moves his cast at farce speed. And when the storm hits, on John Coyne’s Art Deco set light fixtures flop and a stack of plates shimmies like a Slinky toy. It’s hard to tell who’s having more fun: Mark Nelson as a ship’s steward/*raisonneur* with all the answers; or Alan Coates and Jennifer Roszell. As the romantic leads in the musical and ex-romantic leads in life, they get to break every rule of acting and ham to the heavens. Even with a strong cast and direction, the production nods on occasion. Bits that work in the first act succeed less in the second. And the ending gains more from Katherine Roth’s ersatz costumes (women in opened oyster shells and tall pirate ship hats) than a script that lets it down. *Crossing* melts in the mouth, but something does linger. Amid the hijinks Stoppard pays quiet tribute to collaboration. On the Atlantic, and in the theater, no one is an island. ***Worth a try.***

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 26; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

San Diego Theatresports
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports’ “game show” is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.
SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. 619-465-7469.

A Soldier’s Play
Community Actors Theatre stages Charles Fuller’s Pulitzer Prize winner about a murder in a Louisiana Army camp (“the discovery of the murder is almost as shocking as the murder itself”). Willy Williams directed.
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Tambourines to Glory
For a very brief run, Common Ground Theatre presents Langston Hughes and Jobe Huntley’s popular musical. Floyd Gaffney directed. WORD TO THE WISE: Gaffney directed *Tambourines* at the old Marquis Public Theater, and it was one of the hottest shows of the 1980s.
RAY AND JOAN KROC CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER, 6845 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, COLLEGE AREA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, THROUGH OCTOBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-263-0062.

Ten-Minute Play Festival
The North Park Vaudeville & Candy Shoppe hosts 12 new short plays by local authors.
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Towards Zero
Lamplighters presents the Agatha Christie mystery about an inevitable countdown. Mark Loveless directed.
LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH OCTOBER 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy
Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.
HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

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"FM 94/9 is the station I listen to. Their chief slogan is 'It's about the music,' yet they won't take an ad from an independent record

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company."

Singer/songwriter Woody Woodham says FM 94/9 wouldn't allow him to purchase a 60-second commercial that played a song he wrote and asked listeners to download his song for free.

"The song is 'Doing Business With a Gun.' It's about the violence in our society."

Woodham, 51, moved out of North County nine years ago but still listens to San Diego stations from his

home in Murrieta. "One of the reasons I moved out of Escondido was because a three-year-old boy was shot dead in my neighborhood.

"I feel an obligation to get [the song] out.... I'm sick of turning on the news and hearing about killing each other.... I just want to provide an alternative."

"A tourist in a parking lot / His wife, his daughter by his side

Out of nowhere came the shot / Another senseless homicide.

They're doing business with a gun / To spice up the day

'Round here I guess it's how it's done / The good ol' American way."

Woodham, a barber by profession, had an advertising budget of \$500. He was told that was good for a total of two commercials on 94/9.

"I didn't have a problem [with the cost]. But my ad guy [from FM 94/9] e-mailed me back saying the program director would not approve the ad to run because it promotes a song that is not



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THE WOODMAN SCORES
ON 92/1

on their playlist. I thought it was a bullshit excuse because I heard some beer commercial on their station pushing some band I had never heard of."

FM 94/9 program director Garret Michaels did admit he put a "kibosh" on the ad, because he said the arrangement sounded "a little

like payola." He also said he nixed it because Woodham specifically asked for afternoon DJ Mike Halloran to read the copy. "If my music director reads a spot about a band, that implies he endorses the music."

"How is payola involved when I don't make a profit on it? The MP3 file of the song is available for free on my site [www.woodywoodham.com]. All I want is for people to hear the song. I don't care if I make a cent. And when you pay payola, you get the whole four minutes [of the song]. I was just getting 10 or 20 seconds. Besides, I know there's no chance in hell they'd ever play it. As far as Halloran goes, why did they never tell me that that was a factor. I would have had no problem if someone else read it."

Woodham turned to one of the other local alternative stations, North County's 92/1.

"We will get it on the air," said 92/1 ad rep Scott Myers. "We are very much open to advertisers."

Woodham said that instead of two spots for \$250 on FM 94/9, he is now getting seven spots on 92/1 for \$75 each.

— Ken Leighton

Soma's Len Paul was blamed by JayJ Brawley as to why Brawley's Exploited show at Wabash Hall in North Park was cut short on September 19. SDPD vice officers confiscated the door receipts from \$25-per-person ticket sales; Brawley was cited for not having proper permits and arrested for a failure-to-appear warrant.

"It was for jaywalking," JayJ said last week.

In an e-mail, sent to this Reader writer, Brawley blamed the police presence on Soma's Len Paul.

"Without a doubt, the same vice squad was at Soma earlier in the night with a camera crew — Channel 10 news — and you should be able to verify this with them."

Paul says on September 19 there were no vice officers and no TV crews at his club. A Channel 10 assignment editor confirmed this. SDPD vice officer Lt. Bob Kanaski said his officers showed up at the Wabash Hall based on a tip from a different city department. "We received a tip from permits and licensing."

When told of all this, Brawley backed off from his

story. Brawley also admitted that there were two permits lacking. "There is an entertainment permit, which is the responsibility of the owner of the building, and the promoter permit, which is up to the promoter." Regarding Wabash Hall owner Ron Hall, Brawley



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JAYJ'S WABASH
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said, "He was conveniently out of town during the event."

When asked about the other promoter permit,

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Brawley said, "Every other time I did a show at Wabash Hall, nobody said anything about needing these permits. They always went off with no problem."

Hall could not be reached for comment.

"I feel ripped off. I didn't get a refund or anything," said Exploited fan Sean Johnson, 17, of Vista. "That was the most I ever paid for a

concert." He said the chances that the UK punk band will play again in San Diego are "very, very slim." Johnson blames Brawley for not getting the proper permits, but he said the vice cops "overdid it just a tad. They had on these bulletproof vests. It was ridiculous. There were 10 to 15 squad cars. There were a bunch of undercover cops." He said

the undercover cops were easy to spot. "They are like middle-aged men with Hawaiian shirts and khaki pants."

— Ken Leighton

"Street Scene had the Sex Pistols. We're like the North County Sex Pistols."

Mike Spent is the singer/guitarist with the Spent Idols. He performs Sunday at a free-admission, all-age event sponsored by the City of San Marcos called San Marcos Alive Street Scene.



SPENT IDOLS

The name "Street Scene" is owned by Rob Hagey.

"This is the first I heard about it," Hagey said from his office last Thursday. Hagey said this happened once before in Denver. "Sometime in the '90s.... I think it was a situation where they just didn't know."

Hagey said in that situation he did not sue after he was assured the promoter

would immediately back off from using the name and not attempt to use it again.

When asked if he would allow the San Marcos Alive Street Scene to go ahead and use the name this year if the City of San Marcos promised never to use it again, Hagey said "No."

Event coordinator Kathy Kronan, recreation supervisor for the City of San Marcos, was unavailable for comment, but Hagey said after conferring with a San Marcos city official, the problem was fixed. "I think they knocked off the name 'Street Scene' and are now just calling it 'San Marcos Alive.'"

The Spent Idols appear 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the San Marcos Civic Center. Phone 760-744-9000.

— Ken Leighton

J. Grant Brittain is the world's most renowned skateboarding photographer, having shot pro skaters such as Tony Hawk, Andy MacDonald, Art Brewer, and Lance Mountain — all of whom are locals and attended the first-ever exhibition of Brittain's photography September 18 at the AIGA San Diego Center for Design in the Gaslamp (in the same building as Dizzy's). Brittain is also photo editor of

Oceanside-based *Transworld Skateboarding* magazine and lives in Encinitas.

"I knew [Brittain] was long overdue for a showing," said organizer Josh Higgins, a local designer and bassist for



BRITTAİN—THE CONSUMMATE BABYSITTER

the band fluf. "I met Grant in 1994 when I joined fluf. Our singer/guitar player [O] is also a photographer for *Transworld*."

Now 48, Brittain met Hawk and several other then-fledgling skaters when he was the manager of the now-defunct Del Mar Skate Ranch in the early 1980s.

"I was kind of the babysitter.... I'd watch them and make sure nobody got in too much trouble.... If they got hurt, I would call an ambulance."

PHOTOGRAPH BY PAT SHERMAN

The Poinciana Trio performed jazz as about 700 people paid the sliding-scale entry fee of \$10–15, sipped Arrogant Bastard ale, and waited for Brittain to sign a commemorative book of his work.

"I could have gotten a loud skate band, except nobody would have been able to talk to each other," Brittain semi-apologized.

The J. Grant Brittain exhibit will be up until October 31. For more information, call 619-233-5470.

— Pat Sherman

When Joe Cocker played a sold-out show at Humphrey's on August 27, I talked to Cocker before the show and asked him if he's seen the local tribute band Mad Dogs and Englishmen, whose singer, Michael Muldoon, has played Humphrey's lounge a number of times.

I tell Cocker that Muldoon does an excellent impersonation of him and that he doesn't do the exaggerated twitches that John Belushi used to do. When I told him the band's name, Cocker said, "Well, Leon Russell better not find out about that. He'll kill 'em."

When I contacted Muldoon and told him what Cocker said about Leon Russell, Muldoon replied, "That's funny, because we've

actually opened for Russell three different times [most recently at the Belly Up Tavern last year]. He's really quiet and keeps to himself. But he didn't mind us using the name."

— Josh Board

"There's a problem with parking. Plus I heard the Navy wasn't real big on the marijuana thing. And the acts don't like the curfew, which is, like, 10 [p.m.]. Most of the artists want to play at least until 11 p.m."

That's why one insider said major concert promoters completely avoided the Navy Pier as a concert venue this year.

Between 2000 and 2002, the pier at 960 Harbor Drive was used as a concert venue for the B-52s, the Go-Go's, Alicia Keyes, and the String Cheese Incident. In 2001, the outdoor venue hosted three different reggae festivals, Reggae on the Bay, Summer Reggae Splash, and Reggae Roots and Culture Jam. For five years the U.S. Navy has allowed the San Diego Symphony exclusive rights to use the pier as a concert venue for its own Summer Pops series and to sublease the pier to major concert promoters.

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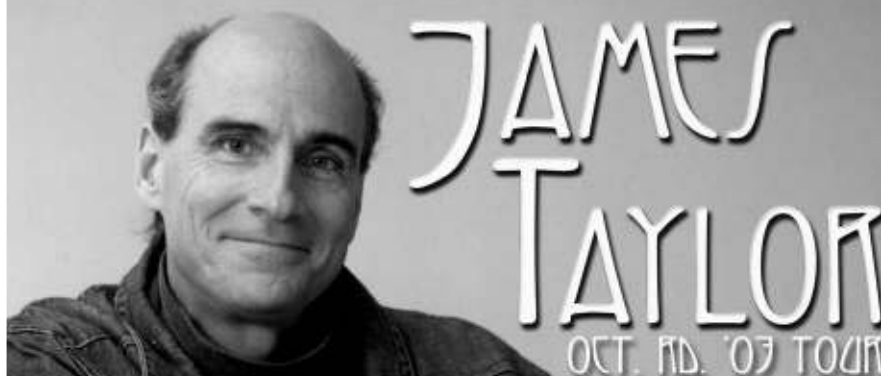
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Dog Night, Doc Severinsen, and Roberta Flack — but outside promoters completely avoided the pier this summer.

“There are so many other venues, so many other options,” said Michael Summers, director of facilities and operations for the symphony. He said the seaside venue has a 2700-person capacity with seats, 5000 without. “The Indian casinos took a lot of acts.”

The insider disagreed, saying that the casino bookings had little to do with the lack of talent at the pier. “The casinos get acts that couldn’t headline a Cox Arena or a Navy Pier on their own.”

Two weeks ago the Navy turned over control of the pier to the Port District. “They are our new landlord,” said Summers about the Port District. “We are in negotiation with them to use it next year.”

Symphony general manager Drew Cady did confirm that the Navy vetoed reggae music last year.

“The Navy did place a

restriction on what kind of music we could have there.... They vetoed a reggae festival that was planning to come.”

Cady said things may be different with their new landlord and that reggae may be back in 2004. “We look forward to working with the Port District.”

— Ken Leighton

California’s current budget woes tinkled all the way down to this year’s Third Annual Toy Piano Festival at UC San Diego. Pared down to two one-hour-long performances on Wednesday, August 27, festival organizer Scott Paulson was allotted less than \$1000 with which to produce the event. Last year UCSD’s budget for the event was over \$3000. Paulson pressed on anyway. “It’s a toy piano festival,” he told UCSD music department heads. “We can handle it with 700 bucks.”

Clear to this listener, comedy, and not composition, dominated this year’s presentations. “That’s what happens when you specialize in cheap,” Paulson lamented later. “More dollars

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allows us to commission more serious pieces.”

Paulson, a former oboist from the Bangor Symphony



PAULSON SPORTS A TOY PIANO HEADACHE

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in Maine, works as an assistant in UCSD’s Geisel Library.

“It’s so easy to get a toy piano headache,” Paulson

told the audience midway through the show. Between songs, he fields questions. One of them concerned a pint-sized bassoon that resembled a hookah.

“It looks like drug paraphernalia,” he said, “but it’s not. Some people call it the sausage bassoon.”

Former *Los Angeles Times* music critic (and local organist) Kenneth Herman held down the evening’s one serious moment. He played a chilling piece on a black Schoenhut baby grand by composer Norbert Laufer entitled “Bits and Pieces.”

— Dave Good

“They got the wrong place,” said a female employee of Pete’s Place. She

was referring to *Fox Rox* host Troy Johnson’s announcement that Java Joe’s, the Ocean Beach venue credited for launching the careers of Jewel and Jason Mraz, was moving to a new home. According to Johnson, that home is “near SDSU.... Joe has purchased Pete’s Place.”

Perhaps Johnson meant Kelly’s Pub, also adjacent to SDSU. According to Kelly’s Pub owner Lou Messina, he has hired Java Joe’s namesake and former owner, Joe Flammini, as his general manager, but Flammini has not purchased his bar.

Flammini told his regular performers that he would be bringing back his open-mike sessions every Tuesday at

Kelly’s Pub, which began at the end of September.

Flammini has brought in the bands Vertibird, Five Foot Tuesday, and Critical Me. Live music runs Wednesday through Saturday nights.

“If he comes up with the money, he can have it,” said Messina. “I have a feeling he will come up with the money. If he doesn’t, I’ll take it over and run it myself.”

Flammini had no comment.

— Ken Leighton

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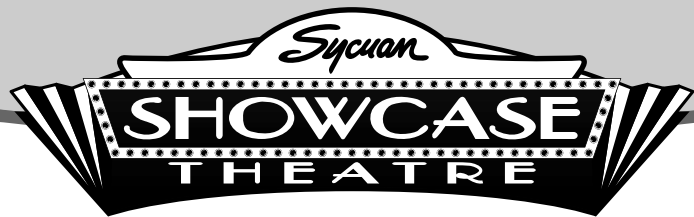
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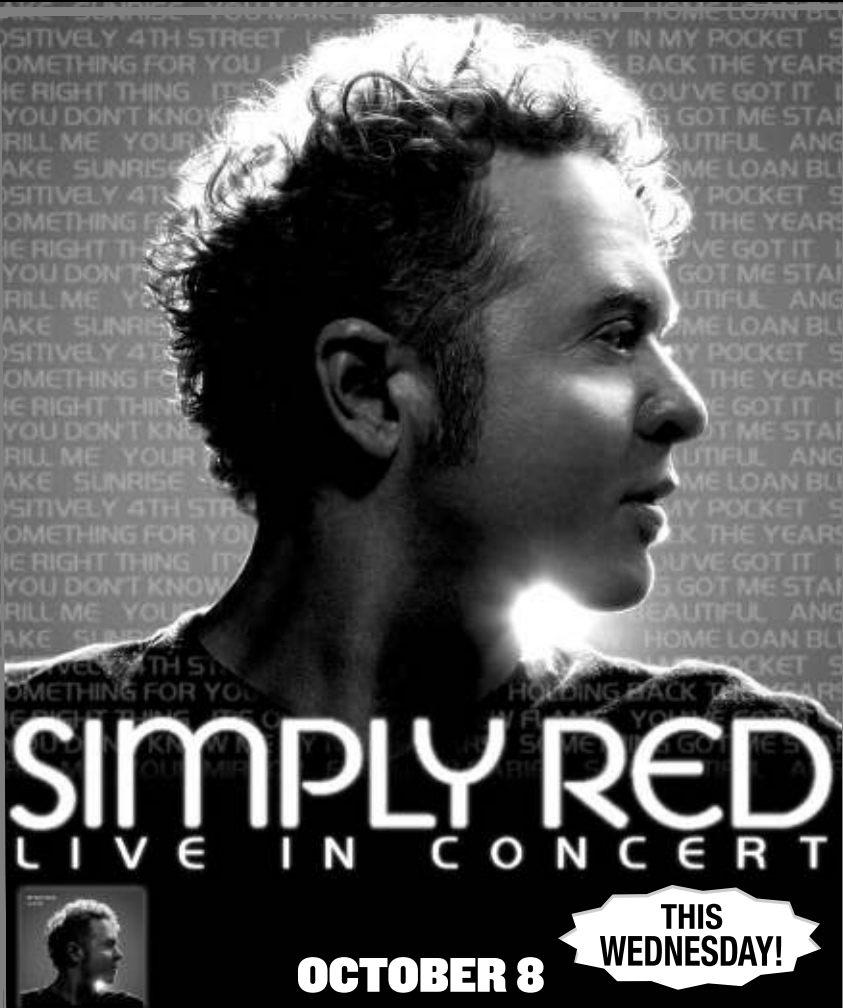
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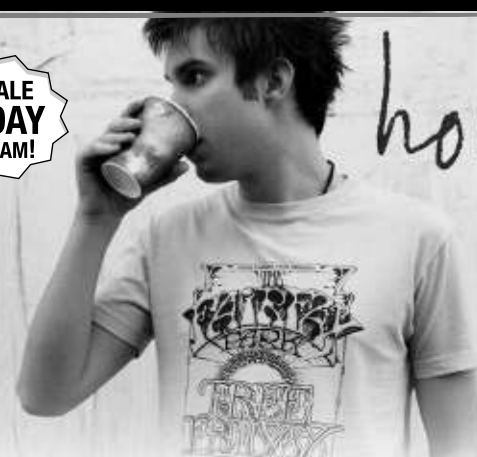
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Unplugged Buddy

He ain't no chicken, but still, it's difficult to realize that it's nearly 50 years since he arrived in Chicago.

Man, I really had a bad case of the blues the other day walking out of the W. Fourth Street subway station in Manhattan when I heard what sounded like some very serious bottleneck blues on a National steel guitar up the stairs leading to the street. No music on earth would have sounded better to me at that point, nothing. The performer turned out to be a white busker in his middle years with a couple days' growth of beard and a proudly unkempt, graying head of hair. He was playing up a storm, throwing some elaborately greasy licks in the direction of no one in particular; and no one much was paying him or his savagely dispensed art any attention. But it caught my attention, all right. That music hit the spot like a cool glass of water after a long, hard climb. I only threw a dollar in his open, empty-looking guitar case, but given what he was laying down and what I was getting from it, a double-sawbuck wouldn't have begun to cover it.

If that raggedy, soulful dude had a CD for sale, I would have bought a fistful of them. But street musicians like this particular bluesman rarely do. Oh, he looked as if he had some tales to tell, musical and otherwise, and it wouldn't have surprised me if he had played on sessions that resulted in an LP or CD. He was, after all, a first-class musician; and not too many guitarists, black or white, now or way back when, can get that much divine thunder out of a National steel. He didn't strike me as the chatting kind, but I'd wager if he had a musical model it would be the great Son House, the very

same who taught Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters to play guitar and who survived until 1988, cutting monumental sides as late as 1965 and performing live around the country for a good decade afterwards.



Son House

While in New York I caught a keyboard monster man and old friend Kenny White and his current band at Joe & Kenny's Pub in Greenwich Village. It's a good room, attached to the Public Theater. I didn't know who the Kenny was, but the Joe was the legendary theater producer Joe Papp, of whom there were innumerable photographs gracing the walls.

Kenny White was the warm-up act that evening for the country-folk-rock performer Amy Rigby, currently of Nashville, formerly (the '80s) of New York City,

and I'm not sure where from originally. This hybridized genre of Ms. Rigby and scores of other female singers of similar vintage probably has its roots in the late '60s and early '70s when popular artists such as Dylan, Gram Parsons, the Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, Poco, and others made it kosher for some of the better of-the-moment pop artists to give country music (formerly reviled in such circles) a go, much as other pop artists like the Rolling Stones popularized black R&B and the blues for American and British white mainstream audiences.

Ms. Rigby's prominent antecedents in the genre — the prototypes, really — are Linda Ronstadt (b. 1946) and Emmylou Harris (b. 1947). I

would place Ms. Rigby as 30-something, coming down the pike about 15 years after Ronstadt and Harris, and more recently Roseanne Cash (b. 1955). I'd make her contemporaneous with Alison Kraus (b. 1956), say. (This is probably appalling manners, discussing ladies' birthdates. Oh, my...)

Amy Rigby's song lyrics are especially good and the tunes memorable. This particular evening she was fighting a warm-up act that was musically a good deal more exciting. Whether most of the audience registered the fact is another matter. But I got the distinct impression Ms. Rigby wasn't thrilled about having to follow White and his group's sizzling half-hour set. Rigby shows every sign of becoming a commercial success. Kenny White may well remain an insider's taste. He's not the first brilliant musician to deserve a broader audience and not achieve it. But I haven't seen a mismatch like the one that night since I heard the Persuasions — way back when, at the Paramount in Seattle — serve as the warm-up act for the then-recently Los Angelized Smokey Robinson and the Miracles. And I don't know if most of the audience was able to tell that night either.

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Amy Rigby

artist is Buddy Guy, for crying out loud. But this is a Buddy Guy you've never heard of before: it's Buddy Guy unplugged!

Buddy Guy (b. 1936 in Lettsworth, LA) ain't no chicken, but still, it's difficult to realize that it's nearly 50 years since he arrived in Chicago and became the hot, young, electrified Turk on the scene, soaking up some crash, super-intensive lessons from Muddy, Elmore, and the rest of the proto-electric



Buddy Guy

mojo men rocking Chicago's South and West Sides at the time.

Guy has been among the preeminent electric blues performers, Chicago-style (if not *the* man), for a long time. And if you don't believe me, ask Eric Clapton, who makes a brief appearance on this new disc and who was perhaps the model for this unplugged session. Guy has a huge discography, almost all of it top-flight,

with Cobra, Chess, Evidence, Vanguard, Silver-tone, and Alligator, for whom Guy tried out an acoustic session in 1991 that didn't quite work out.

This one works, trust me. I can't think of another electric bluesman who can bring off acoustic blues at this level. Of course, Muddy Waters started acoustic and cut magnificent acoustic sides for Alan Lomax and the Smithsonian in 1941-'42. But Waters's 1963 acoustic set, *Muddy Waters: Folksinger* (with Buddy Guy providing backup on acoustic guitar), doesn't hold a candle to this new acoustic Guy set.

There has never been any question about Guy's skills on electric guitar or about his pleading, impassioned vocals. But nothing will prepare you for the spare brilliance of his picking on the acoustic instrument or his altogether different vocal stylings in this quieter form, a rather high-pitched, clearly Skip James-influenced manner of singing and phrasing. Run, don't walk, to the store. Right now! ■

Son House, *Father of the Delta Blues*, Columbia/Legacy (2 C2K-48867)

Amy Rigby, *18 Again: An Anthology*, Koch (KOC-CD-8384)

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Steel Pulse [292]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 2, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

FRIDAY

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.

Jesse Cook: 4th & B, Friday, October 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Riders in the Sky: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 4, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Etta James: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 5, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

MONDAY

Tom Jones [571]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, October 6, and Tuesday, October 7, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

TUESDAY

Sizzla [286], Turbulence, and **Stranger:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, October 7, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

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.

Simply Red [212]: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 8, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

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OCTOBER

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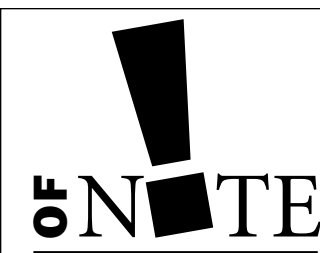
LeAnn Rimes [779]: Palomar Starlight Theatre, Friday, October 10, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

B.B. King [104]: Pechanga Entertainment Center, Friday, October 10, 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

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Joe Satriani [529], Steve Vai [532], and **Yngwie Malmsteen [541]:** 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.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

My aunt Susie says that hearing Odetta changed her life. She grew up feeling stifled by her small Kentucky town, but folk music opened her eyes to a world of possibilities. I don't mean to pick on Susie, but it strikes me as odd that she grew up in the Bluegrass State but didn't pay attention to the folk traditions around her until some college-educated people in New York did. Doesn't that seem unnecessarily complicated?

Young people in Europe have just as weird a relationship with their traditions as we do with ours, but their folk music has more history to fall back on. If you're a Scot and you decide you want to wear a kilt and play a bagpipe, you may look uncool but no

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Godsmack [159] and **Adema [279]:** SOMA, Monday, October 13, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers [295], the Flaming Lips [296], and **Mike Watt [140]:** Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, October 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band [302]: Grand Cabaret, Saturday, October 18, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 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.

Luis Miguel [282]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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AFI [329] and **Death by Stereo:** RIMAC Arena, Saturday, November 1, 8 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Crystal Gayle [603]: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday,

one's going to question your right to do it. Take **Alasdair Roberts.** He used to record for indie rock labels under the band name Appendix Out, but he writes songs with archaic titles like "Join Our Lusty Chorus."

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Except Belle and Sebastian wouldn't write lyrics like "You could not maintain your chastity, even with the wearing of a girdle." Then again, maybe they would. Still, my point remains: Roberts can get away with it.

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Slayer [405], Hatebreed [446], Arch Enemy, and **OTEP:** 4th & B, Friday, November 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Peter Dinklage [488]: 4th & B, Saturday, November 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Alkaline Trio [345], Reggie & the Full Effect, and **No Motiv [341]:** SOMA, Monday, November 24, 6 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Béla Fleck & the Flecktones [675]: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, November 25, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Davy Jones: Grand Cabaret, Saturday, November 29, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

DECEMBER

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ALTERNATIVE

- The Accident Experiment:** The Casbah
- Adeline:** Epicentre
- All Pride Aside:** Soma
- Arlo:** The Casbah
- Avenged Sevenfold:** Soma
- Battling Maxo:** Dream Street
- Beulah:** The Casbah
- The Bitty Bums [223]:** Lestat’s Coffeehouse
- The Blood Brothers:** The Scene
- Brickbath:** Brick By Brick
- Brookville:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- The Brothers from Another Planet [397]:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- Bunky [251]:** The Casbah
- Button:** Tio Leo’s Lounge
- Buzzkill Romantic:** The Casbah
- Calibretto:** Soma
- Call Me Alice [149]:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- Cave-In:** The Scene
- Chasing Daylight:** California Club

- Communique:** The Casbah
- Compass:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- Contra:** Dream Street
- Dance Disaster Movement:** The Scene
- The David Patrone Quartet [274]:** Croce’s Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
- Deverb:** Bub’s Whiskey Dive
- The Disco Pimps:** Fifth Qtr.
- DJ Bob One:** Neimans Bar and Grill
- Down Pour:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- Dragon Lounge:** Brick By Brick
- Dressy Bessy:** The Casbah
- Earthless:** The Kensington Club
- Electric Eel Shock:** The Casbah
- Every Time I Die:** The Scene
- Exit 21:** Epicentre
- The Fighting Jacks:** Soma
- The Fire Theft:** Epicentre
- The Fleshtones:** The Casbah
- Flood of Fury:** Blind Melons
- Foil:** Brick By Brick
- From Autumn Ashes:** The Scene
- Fuel [318]:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- Glasseater:** Soma
- Glew:** Brick By Brick
- Goldfrapp:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- The Guitar Outlaws:** Dream Street
- Holly Golightly:** The Casbah
- Horse Lever Fat:** Dream Street
- Hot Tub Action:** Dream Street
- How’s My Driving:** Blind Melons
- Hubris:** Epicentre
- Hyde:** Blind Melons
- The Imperial Star Project:** Brick By Brick
- Interpol:** Soma
- Kensington Avenue:** Brick By Brick
- Kill Radio:** Brick By Brick
- Kittens for Christian:** The Casbah
- KO & the Knockouts:** The Casbah
- The Kobbs:** Brick By Brick
- LaGuardia:** Epicentre
- The Licorice Quartet:** The Kensington Club
- Local H:** Brick By Brick
- Maktub:** Belly Up Tavern
- Mercy Vox:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- Money Shot:** Blind Melons
- Abra Moore:** Belly Up Tavern
- Motions to Claire:** California Club
- The Mutes:** Soma
- Luke Neely:** Dream Street



BY DAVE GOOD

I'll admit that I had my mind made up to not like **Gilbert Castellanos's** music, albeit for weak reasons. My work keeps me on the road, sometimes for hundreds of miles per week; I listen to talk radio to kill time. One of the local talk guys on an FM band overuses a Castellanos needle drop as his theme song. It underscores every introduction, every station break, every promo, even time-fillers for when the show's host is finished early and the news guys aren't ready. The tune, "Manny Brown," is now burned into my DNA. It begins with a horn (Castellanos is a trumpet man), then rapidly disintegrates into space and tension with a Hammond B3 organ growling like a dog with bronchitis. Then one day I heard "Manny Brown" on a jazz station in its entirety and was surprised that I liked it. All that built-up tension was released in floods of mathematical perfection.

Like a bridge that extends backward in time to players like Art Blakey and Don Cherry, Castellanos is one of those performers who create art by omission, leaning on the well-ventilated structures of slightly avant-garde '60s American jazz. During that decade, music, art, and literature followed the same path: what got left out was often more important than what got put in. Likewise, Castellanos's horn-playing is tight and uncluttered.

For about a week I tried to contact Castellanos, if only to tell him I had underestimated him. It took some doing — the guy's always out gigging. When I tracked him down, he told me that the B3 thing is gone, replaced with an acoustic ensemble featuring 19-year-old Gerald Clayton on piano, Kevin Kanner on drums, and bassist Rob Thoreson. At 31, Castellanos has worked with Poncho Sanchez, Wynton Marsalis, Dizzy Gillespie, and Les McCann. Castellanos is a young dude, but as his peers like to point out, he plays as if he's a lot older.



GILBERT CASTELLANOS

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- One Sided Dice:** Epicentre
- O.P.M.:** Brick By Brick
- Gregory Page [186]:** The Ould Sod
- Paint Dog:** Brick By Brick
- Please Mr. Gravedigger:** The Scene
- Poi Dog Pondering:** Belly Up Tavern
- Poison the Well [232]:** Soma
- Preparation Hate:** Dream Street
- Public Transportation:** Winstons
- Quarter Down:** Brick By Brick
- RadioUs Silent:** Brick By Brick
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- RDG:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- The Republic of Letters:** California Club
- Resinstone:** Dream Street
- Alasdair Roberts:** The Casbah
- Scout Niblett:** The Casbah
- Shadows Fall:** Soma
- Simply Red [212]:** 4th & B
- 66 OHM:** Tio Leo’s Lounge
- Sizzla [286]:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- Smile Empty Soul:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- Sneak Preview:** Epicentre
- Spare Change:** The Scene
- Static Halo:** The Casbah
- Steel Pulse [292]:** Belly Up Tavern
- Stellastarr:** The Casbah
- The Stills:** Epicentre
- Stranger:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- The Subterranean Horses:** California Club
- Sullen:** Brick By Brick
- The Texas Chainsaw Mainchoir:** The Scene
- This Day Forward:** Soma
- The Thought Experiment:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- Throw Down:** Soma
- Tritium:** Blind Melons
- John Vanderslice:** The Casbah
- The Vexors:** The Kensington Club
- VIII Fraud:** ’Canes Bar & Grill, Brick By Brick
- The Warlocks:** Soma
- The Wastrals:** Blind Melons

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

- The Abuse [441]:** Brick By Brick
- Agave:** Tiki House
- Back Pocket:** Dream Street
- The Bastards of Glory [409]:** Tio Leo’s Lounge
- The Bavarian Beer Garden Band:** Winstons
- Big Blue Cat:** Surf N’Saddle, O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
- Blank Space:** Bub’s Whiskey Dive
- Bordertown:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Brain Bucket:** Tiki House
- Buddha’s Belly:** Winstons
- Center Aisle:** The Metaphor Coffeehouse
- Jesse Cook:** 4th & B
- Rob Crow:** The Casbah
- DJ Beer:** Di-mond Jim’s Nightclub
- DJ Frances:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- DJ Jalil:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
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- DJ Tone Capone:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- DJ Tony A:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons
- Elephante:** Over the Border
- The Fryday Band:** Hennessy’s Tavern (PB)
- Fuzz Huzzi:** ’Canes Bar & Grill
- Glü:** Dream Street
- Heaving Grooves:** Winstons
- Hera’s Olive [461]:** Dick’s Last Resort
- Hot Rod Lincoln [547]:** Tio Leo’s Lounge
- Inside Out:** Jolt’n Joe’s (La Mesa)
- Kemosabe:** Island Sports & Spirits
- Lojak:** Dream Street
- Louis & Friends:** JP’s Pub
- The Make-Out Boys:** Tio Leo’s Lounge
- The Mix:** Victor’s Restaurant & Bar
- Private Domain [489]:** Dick’s Last Resort
- R.O.K.:** Second Wind (San Carlos)
- Roxx [444]:** O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub



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ROCK

Senator: Dream Street
Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)
Sirens Wail [535]: 'Canes Bar & Grill
6one9: Dirk's Niteclub
The Stilettos: Island Sports & Spirits
Street Heart: The Kraken
Sunday Afternoon: Blind Melons
The Surf Kings: Friars Folly Wine Cellar
Top Dog [492]: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Triple X: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
Tubby: Moondoggies
Turbonegro: 'Canes Bar & Grill
Turbulence: 'Canes Bar & Grill
2 Guys Will Move U: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Under Cover: Pal Joey's
West of 5 [505]: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
West of Memphis: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)
Whole Hog: Tio Leo's Lounge

WNP: Tio Leo's Lounge
Wonka Bar: Blind Melons
The Zendogs: Surf N'Saddle

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
City Limits: Carvers
DJ Geoff: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
DJ Lenny: The Plum Loco Saloon
Delta Nove: Tiki House
Karen Giorgio: The Inn at the Park
Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel
Liquid Blue [606]: Boar Cross'n
The Love Rangers: The Alley
The New Breed Band: The Alley, Dick's Last Resort
Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Risa: Princess Pub & Grille
Rising Star: Viejas Casino
Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits
X-Cel: Viejas Casino

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: The Kensington Club, Winstons
Marc Antoine: Thornton Winery
The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II
David Borgo: Dizzy's
Chris Botti [689]: Thornton Winery
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Onyx
Mike Cea: Friars Folly Wine Cellar
The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill
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Janet Hammer: U.S. Grant Hotel
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Bill Harris: Hotel del Coronado
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Rick Helzer: Dizzy's
Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: Winstons
Nate Hubbard: Dizzy's
Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado, Dizzy's
Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado
Rick James: Dizzy's
The Sam Johnson Jazz Trio: U.S. Grant Hotel
Dave Koz: Thornton Winery
Lady Dottie & the Sliders: Bayou Bar & Grill
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
Gary LeFebvre: Dizzy's
The Ledesma Brothers: The Latin Room
Jeff Lorber: Thornton Winery
Joe Marillo [645]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Sean McVicker: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Diego Roots: Blind Melons
DJ Cisco: The Plum Loco Saloon
DJ Rassie: The Plum Loco Saloon
DJ Winston: The Plum Loco Saloon
Mikey Dread: Winstons
Maiz: Winstons
NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
Starshak: Winstons
The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club
Emerald River: Mulvaney's
George James: Don's Cocktail Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Fred Benedetti: Dizzy's
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub (Downtown)
J.D. Brouhard: Princess Pub & Grille
Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub (Clairemont)
The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Brent Corley: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
The Brombies [766]: Coyote Bar and Grill

Frank Drennen: The Ould Sod
John Foltz: Miracles Cafe
4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Beppe Gambetta: Dizzy's
Gato Papacitos: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Gene's Pool: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
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Jenn Grinels: Blarney Stone Pub (Clairemont)
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John Lowery: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.
Larry Marciano: Hot Monkey Love Cafe
Sir Kippy Marks: Sassafras Bar and Grill
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Sean O'Donnell: Blarney Stone Pub (Clairemont)
Trace Palos: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Tommy Price: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Earon Rein: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Mike Restelli: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Ron's Garage: Dick's Last Resort, Hotel del Coronado
Saba [822]: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
She Blonde Swede: Lestat's Coffeehouse
George Svoboda: Dizzy's
Kevin Tinkle: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)
Victoria Rose: Sassafras Bar and Grill
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EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

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Club Duh?: Sundays, cheeseball one-hit wonders, dork rock, and '70s and '80s so-called hits. Bad music for bad people. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163. Information, 619-465-5827.

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. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Red Circle Cafe, 420 E Street, downtown. 619-234-9211.

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, hip-hop, house, and trance featuring "Goliath," a monster sound system. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Information, 619-441-1800.

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, *Club Maximum*. 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.

Heaven: Sundays, DJs Infinity, Golden Boy Mike, Garrett S., and more spin house, progressive, and trance. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590.

Hi-Fi: Every third Saturday of the month, the best in imports, '80s, and indie with DJs BCZAR!, Richard D, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Roseary Room, corner of Tenth and E Street (next to Pokez), downtown. 619-296-6789.

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.

MixLab: First Sunday of the month, DJ Dex spins jazz 'n' abstract, alt hip-hop, downtempo sonics, future soul, and ultraglobal vibes. 8 p.m. to midnight; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

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.



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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

Album Name: *Travel in Shoes* (2003)

Artist: Denny Lira

Label: Shebaca Records

Songs: 1) Almost There 2) Phoenix 3) Never Mind Me 4) New Leaf 5) Matza Girl 6) Anna Braime Spessard Mulhair 7) Birthday Song 8) I Wanna 9) Barrista 10) Paper Flower 11) Thanks to You 12) She Never Was for Me 13) I'll See This Through 14) Old and Gray 15) Coming Back Home Again 16) When I Am Done

Price/Where Available: www.ccnw.com for \$12

Band Members: Denny Lira (vocals, guitars, shakers, tambourine, whistle), Jason Thor (bass, trombone), Terry Burdico (drums), Dave Lopez (lead guitar), Trevor Hill (keyboard), Kat Parsons (female vocal)

Extra Info: On *NPR.org* Denny Lira's song "Phoenix" received a 3.497 on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being tops)

Website: www.dennylira.com

Even when questioning life, singer-songwriter Denny Lira makes a firm stand for himself and his

convictions. While the subject matter of each of his 16 songs is centered on life's surprises, Lira presents it in a

way that avoids redundancy.

Lira's specialty lies in constructing guitar-propelled ballads. He is a classic songwriter whose words are poetic, emotional, biting, and intense. The often-bare acoustic guitar melodies surrounding his lyrical marvels are pretty impressive too. Backed by fervent guitars in "Never Mind Me," Lira sings, "*She set my soul on fire, and I run to meet her inside, put your arms around me, and I will set you free.*" His songs are artistic and expressive, showcasing the sometimes exhilarating and sometimes melancholic beauty of life.

The added trombone in "She Never Was for Me" and the animated keys in "Coming Back Home Again" give the album a little jolt as things begin to wind down. There are no fillers on this CD; however, some songs, like "I



Denny Lira

Wanna" and "Thanks to You," take a few listens to appreciate them. Other cuts from the album, such as "New Leaf" and "When I Am Done," will hit hard the first time.

(To hear a sample of Travel in Shoes, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4314.)

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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.

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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, 9 p.m., *Obie Trice* and *Steel Pulse*, reggae. Friday, 9:15 p.m., *Maktub*, alternative. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Etta James* and *Ricky Fante*. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Poi Dog Pondering* and *Abra Moore*, alternative.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Donnie Finnell & Co. East*, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Liquid Blue*, pop rock.

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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *City Limits*, pop.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Brombies*, roots rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bordertown*, rock, blues, folk. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Ruby & the Red Hots*, swingin' blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock, blues, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz.

Doubletree Hotel, 11915 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 619-481-5900. Sydney's Bar & Grill: Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Ron Siegrist Trio*, jazz.

Friars Folly Wine Cellar, 1032 West San Marcos Boulevard, #196, San Marcos. 760-736-8035. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Vladimir*, acoustic guitar. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *Mike Cea*, jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Surf Kings*, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, *Trace Palos*, classical guitar.

Jolt'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665. Friday and Saturday, *West of 5*, classic rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues. Saturday, *Street Heart*, classic rock. Sunday, 4 p.m., *Blues Brokers*, blues.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Saturday, *John Lowery*, folk.

La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Cynthia Hammond Trio*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas.

760-943-9101. Friday, *DJ Frances*, rock. Saturday, *DJ Tony A*. Monday, *DJ Jalil* and *DJ Tone Capone*, rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, *Center Aisle*, rock. Saturday, *Brent Corley*, acoustic. Wednesday, open mike.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *John Foltz*, acoustic rock.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., *the Cradit Union*. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *DJ Bob One*, hip-hop. Saturday, hip-hop. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., *rock en español*. Monday, 8:30 p.m., swing.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 p.m., open mike. Friday, *the Zendogs*, rock. Saturday, *Big Blue Cat*, rock, blues.

Thornton Winery, 32575 Rancho California Road, Temecula. 909-699-3021. Sunday, 4 p.m., *Dave Koz* with *Marc Antoine*, *Chris Botti*, and *Jeff Lorber*, jazz.

BEACHES

Barefoot Bar and Grill, the San Diego Paradise Point Resort, 1404 West Vacation Road, Pacific Beach. 858-274-4630. Saturday and Sunday, live rock/pop.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *The Wastrals*, *Tritium*, and *Hyde*, alternative. Friday, *Sunday Afternoon*, *Wonka Bar*, and *How's My Driving?*, rock. Saturday, *Diego Roots*, *Money Shot*, and *Flood of Fury*, reggae/alternative. Sunday, hip-hop. Monday, open mike.

'Canes Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Turbonegro*. Friday, *Fuel*, *Smile Empty Soul*, and *DJ Swamp*. Saturday, *VIII Fraud*, *Sirens Wail*, *Compass*, *Brothers from Another Planet*, and *Thought Experiment*. Sunday, *Goldfrapp* and *Brookville*. Tuesday, *Sizzla*, *Turbulence*, and *Stranger*. Wednesday, *Call Me Alice*, *RDG*, *Mercy Vox*, *Down Pour*, and *Fuzz Huzzi*.

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MUSIC ► jazz, dance, acoustic, folk, alternative, bluegrass, blues

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CLIENTELE ► 21 and up; average age early 20s; 80% Caucasian, 10% Asian, 10% African-American; 60% male

COVER ► usually free (bartender said, "Once in a while we have a cover, but not often.")

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DRINKS ► happy hour, Monday–Friday 5–8 p.m.; Saturday 2–8 p.m., all day Sunday (everything \$1off)

FOOD ► bags of chips \$1; not many restaurants in area

Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4437. Call club for information.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Battling Maxo*, *Horse Lever Fat*, *Guitar Outlaws*, and *Luke Neely*, alternative. Friday, *Senator*, *Lojak*, *Back Pocket*, and *Glu*, rock. Saturday, *Preparation Hate*, *Resinstone*, *Hot Tub Action*, and *Contra*, heavy music.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. The French Gourmet: Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Joe Marillo*. Friday, *Jack Pollack*, piano and vocals. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday,

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DECIBEL LEVEL ► 90 during an acoustic set; 95 when DJ was spinning records; 111 last week at Manila Tokyo

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ► Pocket

QUOTABLE ► A guy said, "Do you think I have a chance with that chick over there?" He was pointing to a gorgeous blonde. His friend said, "I think you have a better chance with her," and pointed to a woman who had tattoos all over her arms and piercings all over her face.

I like the train theme. The bar has a sign behind it that says "North

7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Tuesday, *Sean McVicker*, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, 5:30 p.m., *David Patrone*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Thursday, open mike. Friday, *the Fryday Band*, rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae. Wednesday, *the Mike & Mike Show*, acoustic.

Il Forno Mediterranean Bistro, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Call club for information.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday and Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Leviticus*, pop, jazz.

Lodge Torrey Pines, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, jazz.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *Tubby*, rock.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., and Friday, 9 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz, piano, saxophone, and vocals. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday through Tuesday, *Larry Fogel*, singer, pianist.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Brain Bucket*, rock. Friday, *Delta Nove*, pop rock. Saturday, *Agave*, rock. Sunday, *Chris Kelly's* open-mike night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Michael Glabicki*, acoustic. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Mix*, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Maiz*, reggae. Friday, *Mikey Dread*, reggae. Saturday, 4 p.m. to

Pacific Railway," there are two railroad crossing signs out front, a piece of a railroad rail for a doorstep, and two oval windows that give the bar a feel of a locomotive.

I ask Sam Chammas, who's owned this place for the past three years, the history of the joint. He said, "There used to be a trolley that stopped right here...some Vietnam Vets owned the place in the '70s, and they called it the Whistle Stop.... It was Bonnie Bell in the '50s, which sold beer and burgers."

Chammas tells me that when he books bands, he likes it if at least one member of the band lives nearby. "I like to support the bands that support the bar," he says. He also told me the bar basically has bands on Friday, DJs on Saturday, and that they try to stay away from the really loud rock.

—Josh Board

7 p.m., *Heaving Grooves*, rock, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Bavarian Beer Garden Band*, 8:30 p.m., *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz. Monday, *The Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Buddha's Belly*, rock. Wednesday, *Starshak* and *Public Transportation*, alternative.

SAN DIEGO

Aubergine Grille, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100. Sunday, live swing music.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. 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. Monday, *Jenn Grinels* and *Sean O'Donnel*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

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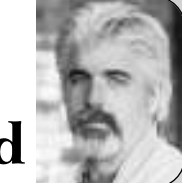
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California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Music is alternative. Friday, *Motions to Claire, the Subterranean Horses*, and *the Rat City Riots*. Saturday, *the Republic of Letters* and *Chasing Daylight*.

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The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Todd Stedman & the Fattones*, blues.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Seth Horan* and *Larry Mariano*, folk.

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Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Thursday, *West of Memphis*, rock. Friday and Saturday, *Inside Out*, rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Friday, *Earthless, the Licorice Quartet*, and *the Vexors*, alternative.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *the Bitty Bums*, alternative. Friday, *Robin Henkel*, blues. Saturday, *She Blonde Swede*, alternative folk.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Roxx*, classic rock. Saturday, *Big Blue Cat*, rock, blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Frank Drennen* and *Gregory Page*, acoustic/alternative. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday, *Under Cover*, classic rock.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Shirley Allen*, piano. Sunday through Tuesday, *Eddie Rossi & New Directions*.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Tuesday, *From Autumn to Ashes, Cave-In, Every Time I Die*, and *Spare Change*. Wednesday, *the Blood Brothers, Dance Disaster Movement, the Texas Chainsaw Masschoir*, and *Please Mr. Gravedigger*.

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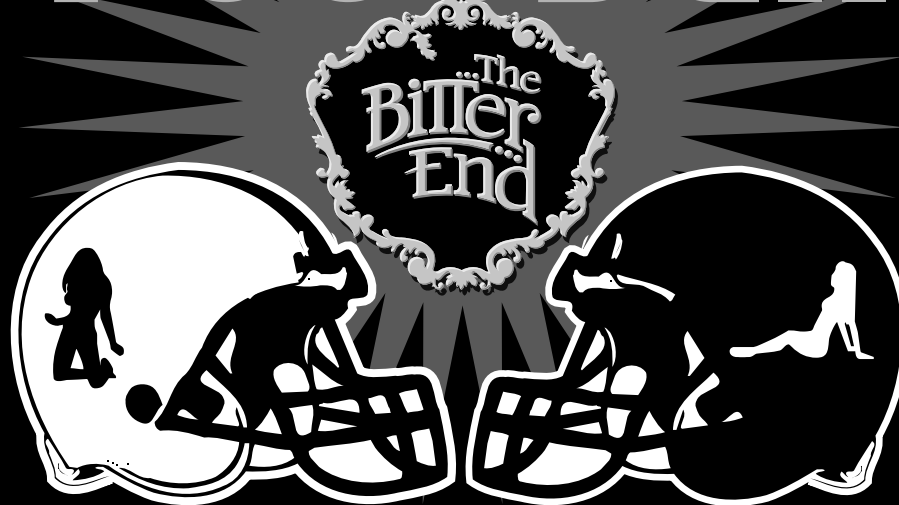
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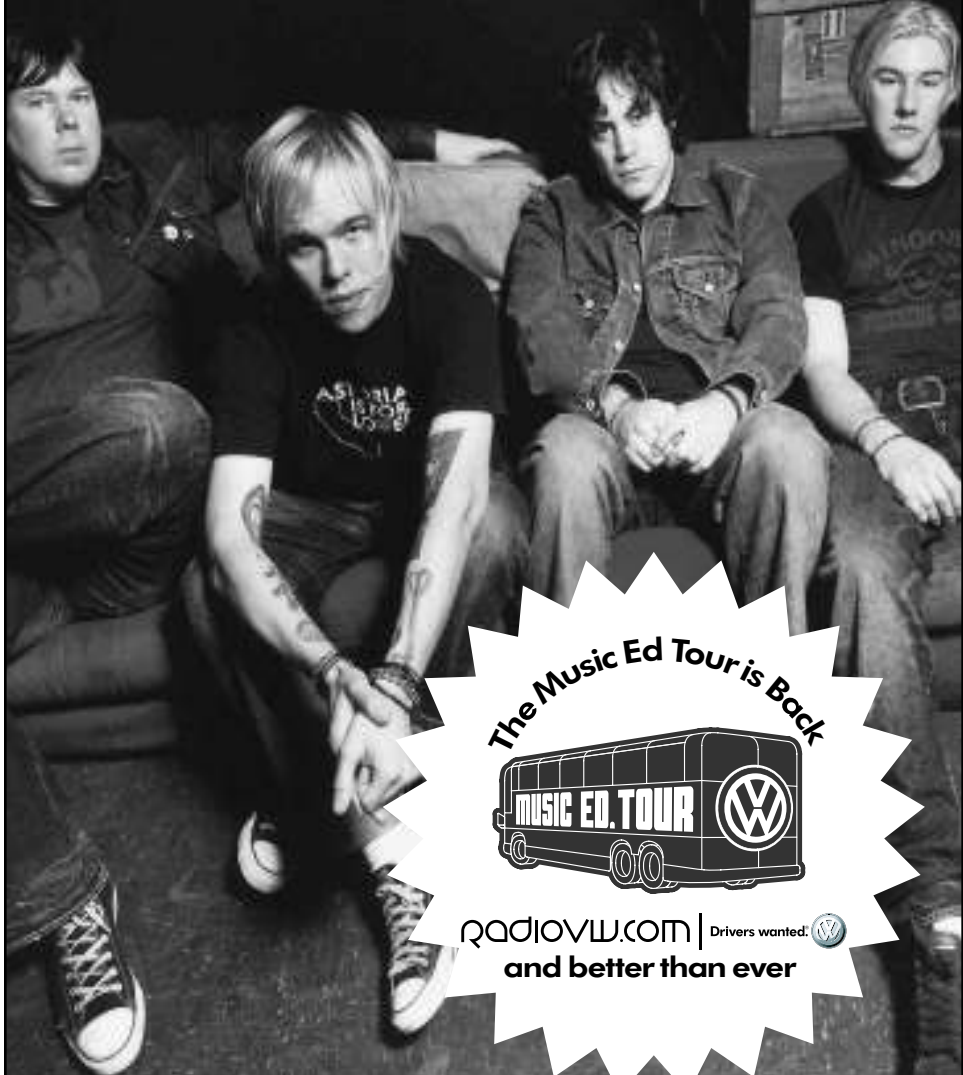
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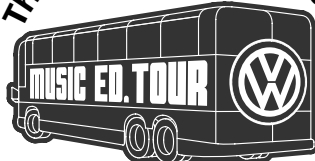
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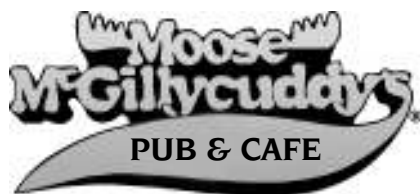
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Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was until recently the executive chef at Four Seasons Aviara, supervising all four restaurants, banquets, catering, and room service. Missing the act of cooking and the smells of the kitchen, he decided to open his own little restaurant. He worked with an architect as well as a decorator to remake the site almost from the ground up. It now has three brick-walled rooms including the bar, semi-partitioned by hard plastic panels. Large canvases by a local artist depict exquisite fruits and veggies, and the tables wear red and white cloths (but not in the old "pizzeria plaid" pattern). Currently, the room can be painfully noisy on busy evenings, but Pascal (as he likes to be called) is working to have acoustical ceiling tiles installed over the next few months to quiet it down.

Pascal describes his restaurant as casual. That's because he's a generous man — while giving his all to the effort he puts into his kitchen, he's keeping Savory's prices affordable. You don't have to check your bank balance before you commit to a meal. You can eat lightly or heartily, drink a glass of wine or share a bottle of it, all with no worries and not much forethought.

The dinner menu is divided into two classes, Taste and Taste More. This is just a cute way of saying starters and entrées — and of letting you know that the servers won't give you funny looks if you don't want a big meal, just a taste or two. One of Savory's best features is that Pascal evidently takes care to avoid repeating the same flavors from plate to plate. Although prime seasonal ingredients recur, each dish stands wholly on its own. This makes the restaurant a natural if you enjoy eating family style, sharing dishes with your companions.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

A starter of Dungeness crab panna cotta had my name written all over it. Panna cotta is, classically, an ethereal, mousse-like cream dessert. Turning it from a sweet dish into a savory one proved to be one of the year's best culinary inventions: crab-flavored creamed air, accompanied by tomato carpaccio — thin slices of excellent tomato with balsamic vinegar, fresh herbs, and pepper. (As autumn comes on and perfect raw tomatoes go out, Pascal will substitute roasted tomatoes.) An appetizer of small, porcini-dusted sea scallops (of decent flavor), their surface blackened by mushroom dust, came with the oddity of a puréed-zucchini cream sauce that worked surprisingly well with the seafood.

The clever salads are among the menu's high spots. One example featured very sweet beets dancing one-to-one with juicy artichoke hearts, garnished with ripe tomato slices and a single leaf of red cabbage. Slivers of an earthy Basque cheese, its flavor resembling a young Parmesan, lent character to this dish, and the

vinaigrette dressing absorbed and echoed the natural sugar of the roasted roots.

At any meal, about half the restaurant's tables include a bowl of the signature Savory mac'n'cheese. Most diners just order a dish of it for the whole table to share, since it's both irresistible and impossibly rich — penne bathed in cream, with meltings of suave Gruyère and pungent Comte cheese, punctuated with cubes of Black Forest ham. It's comfort food your mom never made, unless

her title was *Maman*.

More cream makes a discreet appearance in Bouride, traditionally a hearty Provençal fish soup similar to bouillabaisse. Often, this dish has a tomatoey broth, but Pascal revises the recipe. Here, it's a school of perfectly cooked huge prawns, mussels, and sweet, tender hunks of Pacific sea bass fillet, along with multicolored, quartered new potatoes, set atop a thin swash of sensuous garlic cream sauce, with snipped chives providing a final flavor fillip.

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A special of Seafood Cas-soulet was less purely lovable. This was a fad dish of the late '80s when suddenly, several big-name New York chefs decided that luxurious shellfish would go with plebeian baked beans, like Beauty and the Beast. I've never really bought the concept, but a certain morbid fascination tempts me to order it whenever it's served. (This is as dumb as going to see remakes of a movie that you didn't much like the first time.) Savory's version was almost a success: A small, tender grilled Maine lobster tail, split length-wise and parsleyed, was placed atop a bowl full of classic, saucy, salty, garlic-laden white beans laced with carrot chunks. But intermingled with the legumes were calamari rings so numerous and rubbery, they actually destroyed the dish — your fork just couldn't avoid them. Hot beans are culinary napalm, searing anything they touch. The lobster in its armor survived the contact, but the vulnerable calamari inevitably succumbed.

Oven-roasted chicken with 20 cloves of garlic had good fowl, albeit a slightly dry breast, and quartered small new potatoes in a tangy, salty chicken gravy made with wine and, of course, not just 20 cloves but a lot more. All my tablemates liked the dish very much; unfortunately, I've cooked it at home a few times too many, so it's become a yawn for me. Savory's rendition held no surprises.

At several charity events that I've attended (Chef Celebrations, Mama's Kitchen, etc.), for some reason Pascal has done a dessert course — most often because the other chefs didn't want to. Many chefs don't enjoy baking, an art requiring rigorous precision rather than innovation, but this is something Vignau can take in stride. Bittersweet chocolate lava cake is another dish that's grown common to the point of boredom, but Savory's version gains distinction by the use of excellent, really *bittersweet* chocolate (not semisweet) and a garnish of sour cherries in syrup. I actually enjoyed it. On the other hand, a dessert of marinated strawberries had sour, under-ripe fruit surrounding a thick slice of a substance that looked like toast but turned out to be

lemon pound cake, of a weight and density that would guarantee it a role as a murder weapon in a Hitchcock mystery.

I'm of two minds about the apple tart — a swirling mandala of thin apple slices with no cinnamon and very little sugar, arranged over a thin but dense, chewy crust. The staff actually provided a steak knife to cut it. The combination seemed interesting, sophisticated, exigent — but not exactly pleasant.

They say it's not over till the fat lady sings. One famed fat soprano of the previous *fin de siècle* was Nellie Melba, a diva of great girth who had two dishes named after her: the dieter's austere melba toast and the sybarite's Peach Melba. The normal rendition of the latter features a poached halved peach cradling a scoop of vanilla ice cream topped with fresh raspberry sauce. Savory adds a crisp cookie at the bottom, producing the interesting texture of an open-face ice cream sandwich. "Cara nome..."

Savory is one of Encinitas's better restaurants, especially welcome in the interior region well east of Highway 101, where housing construction is rampant and rapidly filling with

folks wrangling frightening mortgages. After a rough day in the silicon mill, the software plant, or biotech factory, Savory provides a perfect site to repair those weary neural sensors with a splash of comfortable sensuality.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Pascal Vignau was born in Lourdes, France. "My dad had a butcher shop," he recalls. "I worked in the shop for a few years and realized I wanted to cook the meat, not cut it, so I entered culinary school. I wanted to travel, so at age 17, I packed up my bags and went to Paris, where I worked at restaurants that taught me a lot about cooking and even more about other things in life.

"I ended up on the Riviera working at the Negresco, one of the most famous restaurants of that time; Jacques Maximin was the chef. I spent a year and a half there and realized that, 'yeah, I like this.' Then I went to Monte Carlo, which is basically just down the street. At that time my dream was to see other countries, and a friend of mine who was working in Miami had to fly back to France for personal reasons. He just handed over his job to me, so

in three weeks, I packed up all my goods, which weren't many at the time, and flew to Florida." He spent about a year there and then, in 1981, went to work in Dallas at the reopening of the Adolphus Hotel's prestigious French Room.

Stints followed as sous chef and executive sous chef at luxury hotels around the country, including the Ritz-Carlton and the Four Seasons Beverly Hills. Then he had a chance to open hotel restaurants in Jakarta, Indonesia, and Singapore. Traveling to Bangkok and Hong Kong as well, he learned a lot about Asian cuisines, but it did not really influence his current cooking. "You can't find the same products here. When you bought a mango, you could eat it all day. When you bought fish, it was still alive in the box, and they killed it for you. Even the bean sprouts were different. We were making our own black pepper — we'd buy bags of fresh green peppercorns and dry them ourselves on the stove. The flavor was unbelievable!" he says. "But if I'm going to do something, I want it to be very true and straightforward. I don't do 'fusion.' I have too much respect for the ingredients, and you can't get really good Asian

ingredients in San Diego. My menu is completely based on whatever's fresh and great."

By the end of his three-year stint in Asia, the chef, his wife, and their baby were ready to return to the States. He was offered the job of executive chef at Aviara when the resort opened. In a resort of such size, executive chefs don't get much hands-on kitchen time; Pascal's responsibilities were more administrative and supervisory.

One day he wanted to go out for lunch near his home in San Marcos, "and I realized I couldn't find a decent place to eat there." At that point, he was inspired to start seriously looking into opening a restaurant of his own. "It's every chef's dream," he says. His wife Catherine researched locations, and Pascal eventually decided to take the gamble in Encinitas. "Once I put up the big sign in the window for the liquor license and saw my name on it, I realized that was it! I had to embrace it with both hands and go with it. It's a good thing; it's a challenge; I'm enjoying it. And I'm getting great, great support from the local people. About 70 percent of our people actually walk here or drive just a few blocks. We're really grateful for it." ■

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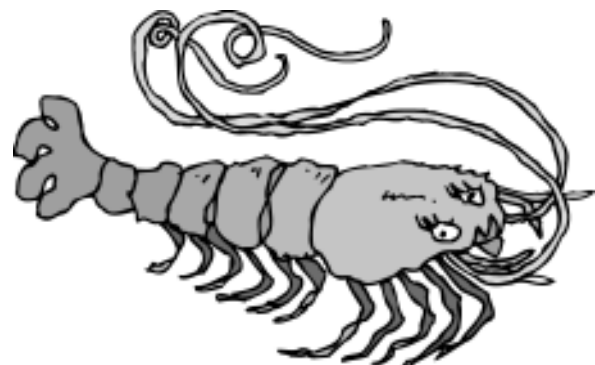
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“On this planet? On this street?” says Hank.
“In this eatery?”
“Well, yes and no.”
“‘Yes and...’ What da heck does that mean?”

“It means we’ve eaten here when it was Bombay Indian, and we’ve eaten here when it was Cuban. This corner place hasn’t had the best of luck.”

We’re at Ninth and E, kitty-corner from the library, across from the downtown post office, and facing the Library Lofts. This time, I must say, the little corner eatery is looking real smart. Smoky blue window frames outside, eggshell blue walls inside, new stainless cooking hood, cream tile-type floor, new tables and chairs along the window facing the street, and a sign saying “Stan’s ‘Be Back’ BBQ” near a smaller sign with “Special: Hot Link on a Bun, \$2.99.”

As you go in, reflective glass stops you from seeing into the kitchen, but at a counter down at the far end, a gal waits to take orders. Above her, this big ol’ four-by-six-foot board has menu items written right across it. Lord. Looks like miles of stuff, but I see that lunch comes down to five items. A mild or hot link (\$4.75), chicken (\$5.50), pork ribs (\$5.25), beef ribs (\$5.25), and sliced beef or chopped pork (\$5.50, or as a sandwich \$4.75). Good prices.

I know what Hank wants. “I’ll take the pork ribs,” he says.
Dang. I was right.
“Mild, medium, or hot sauce?” says the gal, Laraine.



“Medium.”
“Which side?”
“What...?”
“Which side? Potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni salad, baked beans, collard greens?”
“Oh, right. Macaroni.”
“Bread or corn bread?”
“Corn bread.”

“Drink? Coffee, tea, chocolate, soda?”
Hank looks into the cooler cabinet.
“Pepsi.”

That has cost him \$6.25 and me the chance at pork ribs. Can’t have what he’s having. So I order beef ribs, hot sauce, potato salad, corn bread, and a can of Brisk iced tea, and then an extra side of coleslaw (95 cents) and we sit down to wait.

“Thanks a lot,” I say.
“No, buddy, this is dutch.”
“I meant for taking the pork ribs.”
“What’s to stop you from having them?”
“You know I can’t eat the same thing. My grandma always said...”
“Jeez. ‘Grandma says.’ If Grandma said, ‘Jump off the bridge’ you’d...”

That’s when this guy comes in. Selling incense. Pablo. Has an incense stick stuck through his left earlobe. He parks his cart. “Ten for a dollar,” he

says. “And speak up. I’m deaf in my incense ear. See? Never formed properly when I was a baby.”

The guy chopping up the ribs, Ruben, arrives with our plates, and hey, hey, hey! My two beef ribs look ten times as big as Hank’s five pork ribs. By a mile. Ruben lays down a bunch of paper napkins, and we hog in. Oh...yesss. The meat falls off the bone. It’s moist and tender, and the rich, pungent sauce sweetens it up without drowning the meat’s own flavor. The coleslaw’s crisp and fresh, and the potato salad is hand-chopped, not machine-cut. Flavor’s good and tangy.

“How hot’s yours, like spicy?” says Hank.
“Not that burning hot,” I say. “But it’s great. And the corn bread’s sweet, fluffy.”

I grab another napkin. Take a blob off the end of my nose. We agree to a prisoner exchange. His pork is great-flavored, but my two ribs are so-o-o much bigger, heh-heh.

Laraine comes over. I have to ask. The menu has “Stan’s ‘Be Back’ BBQ, ‘In His Honor’ ” written across the top. And I notice the mural on the back wall, a country scene, is dedicated to Joe Stanley Hay.

“So who is Stan?”
“That’s our uncle. He died in 2000,” says Laraine. “He was our inspiration. He came out of San Quentin and transformed his life. He spent years working with inner-city kids, the police, KNSD. He was a pretty incredible guy.”

Laraine’s boyfriend, Tony, has arrived. Turns out he was the one who bullied Laraine into starting this place. “Mom had had another place, Backyard BBQ, at 30th and Madison,” she says. “That’s where I learned to cook ribs growing up. Then there was a fire. It ruined Mom’s business. Mom didn’t have the heart to start again. And I had been cooking in hotels for 12 years when Tony says, ‘Why don’t you start up one of your own?’ He kept at me.

“While we were getting this place painted and ready, people came by and they said, ‘This’ll never work. This corner is unlucky. The block is messed up.’ But business has been great.”

Now Laraine’s mom comes in every morning to bake the sweet potato pies (\$1.75 a slice) and peach cobbler (\$2.50 a scoop). “Friday and Saturday we’re open till three in the morning,” says Laraine. “We even have a DJ in the corner. Catches the bar crowd. It’s really fun.”

Pablo hauls out a double-sized incense stick. “Strawberry shortcake flavor. Three for a dollar.”

Hank passes it under his nose. “That’s incredible. It is strawberry shortcake.”

“You should have taken the pork sandwich, man,” says Pablo. “It’s the greatest. When I get enough spare change, that’s what I have, right?”

“It’s the most popular thing we sell,” says Laraine. “But why ‘Be Back’ BBQ?”
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"Some people will think it's the most bitter, awful thing. It's genetic."

In 1976, Maynard Amerine and Edward Roessler, both UC Davis professors emeritus, published a book entitled *Wines: Their Sensory Evaluation*. The book's genius — or at least one aspect of it — is its calm simplicity, its systematic analysis of what goes on when you try to determine a wine's quality. With rigor, but without undue coldness, it defines terms ("When pleasure and complexity combine to create a memorable experience we have a great wine") and experiences ("Our enjoyment of wine is thus essentially a learned response and is a complex mixture of intellectual and sensory pleasures"). It examines the roles of the various senses (including pain and temperature), warns against common (but usually unrecognized) errors, and provides a fine framework for conducting and analyzing a sensory evaluation (the second half of the book is full of statistical procedures for the latter). It does a splendid job of what it sets out to do: "contribute a better understanding of the classicist's motivations, methods, and terminology" — "the classicist" here being opposed to "the romantic," who describes wine along subjective, emotional, and intuitive lines.

It is also clearly aimed at professional judges, possibly including connoisseurs who wanted to conduct serious judging sessions of their own. (Home judgments, it warned, may include "guest" judges who insist on actually drinking the wines, thus rendering their later assessments unreliable.) It praises the selection process of the California State Fair, which required that prospective judges place "wines of known composition in proper order: sugar, acidity, sulfur dioxide, etc." Tests of varietal dilution were also given, as well as identification of varietal aromas: "For white wines, a series of Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon

Blanc, and White Riesling could be used. For red wines, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gamay, Petite Sirah, Pinot Noir, and Zinfandel would be within the competence of satisfactory judges. In the California State Fair tests, each reversal or error was a demerit. The judges with the least number of demerits were selected."

I do not know if the state fair still uses such a rigorous policy. I do know that the interaction between UC Davis and the various wine competitions is not what it once was. I know that because

Hildegard Heymann, professor of sensory science at UC Davis, told me so. "It's sad," she says. "I like that interaction with the industry; I think that's when we learn a lot."

But even if the competition judges aren't being put through Amerine and Roessler's paces, the book remains a treasure for people like Heymann, who train panels of tasters to evaluate wines in an objective fashion. "It's an amazing book. For what they covered, for what was known at that point, it's still as up to date as anything else. It has a perfect bibliography — everything that was written on this topic is in there. And it's the seminal book. It was the first one, and for many, many years, it was the only one."

There have been advances since 1976, of course. For one thing, the role of genetics in taste has been explored more fully — all palates are not created equal. For instance, says Heymann, "PROP is a compound. Some people are totally insensitive to it. Some people will say, 'Yeah, that tastes bitter.' And some people will think it's the most bitter, awful thing they've ever put in their mouths. It's genetic. There are two alleles to the gene. If you have neither, you can't taste it; if you have one, you can taste it and find it bitter; and if you have both, you're called a supertaster and

you have this intense response. There's some research that shows that supertasters also have other differences in their mouth environment. They have more taste buds than other people, and they have more pain nerve endings in their tongues. When they put food in their mouths, they respond to it differently."

Computers have also served to make complex statistical analyses more feasible. "A multivariable statistic like principal component analysis existed in the late '50s/early '60s, but because of the [lack of] computing power, it wasn't used. Now it's used extensively, and it gives you a lot better understanding of what the data tells us. In the old days, we would look at one attribute at a time — say, sweetness, sourness, bitterness, and astringency. Now we can look at all of those together, and since what really happens in the mouth is all of those together, we've got a much better handle on that today."

Another difference: while Amerine and Roessler were interested in translating those objective evaluations into conclusions about quality, as a competition judge would, Heymann uses them as a tool for understanding consumer preferences. She's not concerned with determining a wine's greatness, but rather, its salability, a task that sends her deep into the subjective, emotional territory of "the romantic." She has to consider consumers' "expectations, their life experiences. How much wine they've consumed, how much good wine they've seen." She has to think of a winery's target demographic. "Are they going to look at the people who drink their wine? The people who drink their competitor's wine? People who drink wine, period? Or are they going to look at the average American consumer, who may or may not drink wine? You need to define what it is you want to know and why, so that you know which people to ask."

From there, Heymann goes after what Amer-



Maynard Amerine and Edward Roessler

ine and Roessler term the "hedonic rating." "The only thing the consumer can consistently tell you is whether they like or dislike something," she says. "Most consumers don't really know why." Because they are untrained, consumers may make analytical mistakes, such as mistaking a sweet smell for sweetness on the tongue. "We ask consumers, 'How much do you like it?' Then we take their liking scores and project them into our analytical sensory space. Then we can see, 'Okay, 50 percent of consumers liked this wine because it was sweeter and less astringent and fruitier.'"

From there, "Sensory scientists learn to work with marketers," people who represent the very opposite of objective analysis. Amerine and Roessler include in their glossary a list of terms that "have little or no definable meaning with relation to the sensory evaluation of wines. They suggest that such words should be used "with caution, if at all." "Elegant" is one such word. Says Heymann, "The marketers will sell the wine, but if they don't use the right words, it's not going to meet your expectation, and you're not going to buy it again. So we need to work together. I will not use the term 'elegant' in an objective study, but if the marketer feels it may get consumers to go buy it and not be upset that it's less fruity, I could probably live with that. Although," she notes, "as a consumer, I'm also not sure what you mean by elegant." ■

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sundeck overlooking Highway 101, some dishes (e.g., gyros) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also translates the Armenian specialties to the more familiar Greek food vocabulary. The gyro meat mixture is made on the premises; other good choices are Armenian marinated rack of lamb and shish kebab, including kebab-filled breakfast omelets. Music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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What the Chef Eats

CHILEAN CHICKEN STEW WITH PUMPKIN AND WILD RICE

BY TREY FOSHEE

Chef, George's at the Cove, La Jolla

This is a dish that my wife prepares when I'm sick. She's from Chile, and this is a stew that they make there. I added a couple of things, like the wild rice, and just cleaned it up a little bit.

This is a homey meal. When I think about that meal that you have with your family, this is what I think of. It's kind of a stew, kind of a soup. It's a comforting dish and an accessible recipe.

I would recommend serving a full-bodied white wine with it, perhaps a Chilean chardonnay.

HOW TO DO IT
Heat oil in a large pot. Add the carrots, celery, and coarsely chopped onion and cook over moderate

heat, stirring often, until the vegetables are softened, but not browned, about ten minutes. Add the garlic, cumin, and oregano and cook, stirring until fragrant, about four minutes.

Spoon half the vegetables into another large pot. Divide the chicken legs and breasts, the squash, potatoes, and wild rice between the pots, and pour two quarts of the stock into each pot. Season well with salt and pepper. Add enough water to just cover the chicken and vegetables and bring to a boil. Simmer over moderately low heat until the vegetables and rice are tender and the chicken is cooked through, about 1¼ hours. Season with salt and

pepper to taste.
In a small strainer, rinse the minced onion. Transfer the onion to a kitchen towel and squeeze dry. In a small bowl, combine the onion with the cilantro.

Ladle the chicken stew into deep bowls. Sprinkle with the onion-cilantro mixture and serve.

This recipe serves eight.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 carrots, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 6 celery ribs, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 2 large white onions, 1 coarsely chopped and 1 minced
- 20 medium garlic cloves, minced

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at

the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and an-



- 1 tablespoon cumin seeds
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 8 large chicken legs (about 3 pounds), skin removed
- 8 chicken breast halves (about 3 pounds) on the bone, wings and skin removed
- 1 large butternut squash, peeled, halved lengthwise, seeded and cut crosswise into 1-inch slices
- 16 small fingerling potatoes
- 2 cups wild rice (about ¾ pound)
- 4 quarts chicken stock or canned low-sodium broth
- ½ cup finely chopped cilantro

cilantro, and rice, and the savory egg-plant soup includes airy little "crou-tons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Oceanside Cafe 938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Di-eter's Downfall," a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with Marsha's carrot cake or her double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato pat-ties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "for-

other full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds,

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Tom Giblin’s Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly “small-townish” saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish “peasant” potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as “wraps” for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/02)*

NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* (“squat lobster,” in fishermen’s terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (6/01)*

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It’s the last thing you’d expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario’s Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua (“Flower”) serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream soup, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki

chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you’re a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it’s yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/02)*

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You’ll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the “cheese crisp,” a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there’s a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-2406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It’s popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an “extra large bowl” of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank,

tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is “French bread with beef juicy cube soup.” They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Sand Crab Cafe 222 Micro Place (at Oppen, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that’s his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There’s a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they’re still tasty. The melted non-butter “spread” accompanying them appeals to the area’s many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they’ll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Albertson’s Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The “New Style Favorites” of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong’s has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They’re tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties

(hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao*, *ma la*, etc.) are better than the old “Chinese-American” standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Vincent’s Sirino’s 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robbing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel’s own garden) are the season’s best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

GOLD COAST

Barone’s Trattoria Del Mare 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Pleasant interior, 27 pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine rustica and chicken Marsala best bets. Lunch, Tuesday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (1/00)*

Charlie’s by the Sea 2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers

a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it’s light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen’s good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively “Bayou Burger” with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it’s not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Open daily, lunch or brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts “the largest California sushi bar” as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

Village Mill Bread Company 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — *E.W.*

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La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

On Tap! Bistro and Brewery 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy's), University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-587-6677. On Tap! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and



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green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch Monday to Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant

Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — *N.W. (9/02)*

THE BEACHES

The Fishery

5040 Cass Street (at Opal Street), Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish market, half fish restaurant — you can buy fresh raw seafood (much of it rather steeply priced). Or you can get cooked seafood ranging from the casual to the elaborate. The menu includes fish and chips, sandwiches, chowders, crab cakes, raw oysters, sushi and sashimi, fusion-style fish entrées and simple shellfish extravaganzas. Short but smart list of sakes. Open daily lunch and dinner. Prices are mainly moderate but they cover the waterfront, from inexpensive (lunch specials, fish and chips) to downright exorbitant (Maine lobster or live King crab). — *N.W. (9/02)*

Harbor's Edge

Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), Harbor Island, 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inexpensive diversion, try the Bakery (adjacent to the dining room) where sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House

3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Pampas Argentine Grill

8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Phuong Trang

4170 Convoy Street (at Balboa Avenue), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with off-white walls, black-and-red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Michelob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) are all here. The *chao long* (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hot-pots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*

Seoul B.B.Q.

4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gwi*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchily seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N. (12/99)*

night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

The Surfside

4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight: just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Victor's

2702 North Mission Bay Drive (in the De Anza Mission Bay Golf Resort), 858-490-3380. You're in a ranch-style clubhouse here, looking out onto a wonderland of palms and pines surrounding a giant artificial waterfall. Victor's eatery spills out over a concrete patio. Inside, it's easy to fall into conversation with regulars at the cozy bar. You can pay a little (for, say, soup and half a tuna sandwich), or a lot (for the Friday through Sunday prime rib special). Pasta dishes like "Rasta Pasta" (red and green bell peppers and tomato in a cream champagne sauce of penne pasta) are a happy medium. Or their delicious "Victor's Ultimate Burger Grilled," with mushrooms, onion, bacon, and Swiss cheese. Order rare. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Saigon

4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Trieu Chau Restaurant

4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Ventiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*koitiow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Turf Supper Club

1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

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Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful “Por Favor” eateries’ owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it’s partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

La Mesa Ocean Grille And Seafood Market 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard (at Maryland Street), La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot speaks seafood in several accents — Italian, Mexican, Cajun, and “Continental.” One part of its menu is devoted to basic fare, such as seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, blackened, “wraps”). Then there are the more elaborately sauced-and-garnished seafood dinner entrées, most with pasta accompaniment. Fisheschewers will find chicken and veal in classic Italian treatments (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.), plus nightly specials. Seafood here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps — too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat — cool, refreshing, and slightly tart. Baked Maryland-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. The ambience, too, is a mixture of styles — from the encyclopedic fish posters of a basic fish house, to the lace curtains and tablecloths of an old-style seafood restaurant, to the slightly hip modernity of charcoal-gray track-lighting and black-background fish-design upholstery. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *A.M. (5/01)*

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant 3983 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog’s legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W. (9/99)*

May Day Cafe 1860 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon, 619-448-2707. Talk about hidden jewels: This place is in a hangar at Gillespie Field next to a road hardly anybody uses. Yet go early for breakfast and TV news, country music, and a relay from Gillespie tower make it feel like Grand Central Station. Then you’ll notice most everyone else there is talking planes. This is a fliers’ hangout. The menu is simple, and cheap. Eggs and toast a couple of bucks, “May Day Melts” (sourdough bread with eggs, cheese, ham), not much more. For lunch, it’s hot pastrami or a grilled ham and cheese sandwich. But what you’re really here for is the talk. Take-offs, landings, getting lost. Breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Sunny Garden Cuisine Of China 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes

vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly non-sweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, “Iowa Breakfast”: breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it’s delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can’t go wrong ordering the signature “Iowa Porker” hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the “Iowa Beefers” (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

Burning Tree Native American Grill 40080 Old Highway 80 (at the end of Highway 94), Boulevard, 619-766-3442. This place feels like someone’s baronial country retreat. Since 1917 it has sat under a grove of California live oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you’d brought your tie. But don’t worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create an interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs’ legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter’s stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or “Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck.” Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Dulzura Cafe Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food’s for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled “success.” Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Potrero's Cafe 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2694. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu’s non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can’t quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to

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Bread And Cie 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Cafe On Park 3831 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious

mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Liaison 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy Street), uptown, 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner; closed Monday.

Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (3/00)*

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (11/98)*

Sassafras 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-4745. This restaurant claims to serve "Continental Americana" (whatever that is), but chef-owner Andre Bellard is a son of Lafayette, Louisiana, and knows his Cajun flavors inside out. He's pioneering a "new" Cajun cooking: kinder, gentler, and more sophisticated. His Acadian seafood gumbo, which includes spicy house-smoked andouille sausage, is one of the best in any town; oysters Bienville feature barely-warmed oysters with a lush spinach topping. Also superb: paper-wrapped shrimp, seafood Evangeline, and crab-corn soup. Among the entrées, the must-try is the signature Sassafras Chicken, stuffed with jambalaya. On Wednesday nights during the season (January to June), there's an exuberant crawfish feast on the enclosed patio, with mudbugs shipped live from Louisiana cooked with andouille and corn in a tasty house-made "boil." Dinner nightly. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays

and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakae*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like *arni psito* — roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Blue Point Coastal Cuisine 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. Dinner only, from 5 p.m. Expensive. — *E.W.*

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled

chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in "*la nueva cocina Mexicana*," a luxurious, inventive update of traditional Mexican fare, combining French techniques and Latin ingredients into a sophisticated new cuisine that you've never tasted before. In a romantic Spanish-style dining room with extremely gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including jumbo prawns flamed with three tequilas, sea bass with *huililacoche* (mushroom-like "corn fungus"), and a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat-lovers, too, including a thick veal chop with a rosemary-mole sauce. Reservations advised, slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorne Street), downtown/Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *puttanesca* is better than the marinara), or scampi.

The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (12/02)*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the

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bles in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Peohe’s The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

BAJA

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El Rodeo 1647 Blvd. Salinas, Tijuana, 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts, some cooked right at your table. The accompaniments are wonderful: an appetizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid — even a dessert is included in the price of the entrée. Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. *Vaquero* decor, wood-paneled rooms. Good value if you like beef. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente; turn left just before the twin high-rise towers, and left again, onto the one-way street, Blvd. Salinas. El Rodeo is on the right side of the street. Highly visible and easy to find. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Original Ortega’s In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original “Lobster Village” restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega’s grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including “Viagra,” which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted “Kitchen Maid” margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — *N.W. (11/02)*

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Taurino Steakhouse 7531 Sixth Avenue (off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Located in the heart of the old section of Tijuana, three blocks west of Revolución, this restaurant provides superb value in an excellent setting. Basically a steakhouse, it also offers fish, seafood, and fowl. The price of the entrée includes grilled quail, soup

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Bully’s East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The “Petite Cut” 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the “full cut for two.” It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors’ eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the “Bully Burger,” French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — *E.B. (2/03)*

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Popeye’s Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye’s, you’ll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren’t bad, but it’s more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where’s the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*

In Session

The undemonstrative actors do not blunt the power.

Head of the class this week, in fact the only class whatsoever this week, is *The Son*, another slice of naturalism from the Belgian brothers Dardenne, Jean-Pierre and Luc, who previously carved out *The Promise* and *Rosetta*. This one revolves around a vocational training facility,

and more particularly around a stolid carpenter in coke-bottle glasses and six-inch leather girdle for back support. The camera crowds in as close as it can get, but the actors make no accommodation for it, so that it's often looking at the back of the balding head of our protagonist, peering over the dandruff-like sprinkle of sawdust on his shoulders, picking up practical details of the trade along with the students. Perhaps more agitated than necessary, it changes focus, it jiggles, it jockeys for a better angle. There is no music, ever, unless you count the ambient sawing and hammering as some kind of modernist percussion piece. We can tell something is up with the protagonist: suspicious behavior, strange looks, an unnatural interest in a newly enrolled sandy-haired teenager, yet an almost panicky avoidance of

direct contact with him. What we the viewers find out long before the boy does, but not before we can draw a wrong conclusion or two, is that this is the boy, fresh from the reformatory, who killed the protagonist's son and repercussively destroyed his marriage. It is a powerful and suspenseful

situation, so much so that it needs no trumped-up theatrics to sell itself. The undemonstrative actors (Olivier Gourmet, Morgan Marinne, indifferent to the presence of the camera) do not blunt the power, nor does the off-hand treatment blunt the suspense: not, at any rate, for a viewer who can find his way to *The End* without constant cues as to what he ought to be thinking and feeling. A situation so intrinsically gripping can survive some understatement, some counterpoint, some misdirection. Like the elephant in the parlor, it thrives on inattention.

School of Rock sets up an actual classroom, in "the best elementary school in the state," presided over by an imposter substitute teacher, and local laughingstock rocker, who instructs the little buggers in What He Knows: rock-and-roll, history and



The Son

practice. The participation of director Richard Linklater (*Slacker*, etc.) and screenwriter Mike White (*The Good Girl*, etc.) might raise expectations slightly, and similarly raise the results: head of the class of boneheads. Their plunge into the commercial mainstream — for a sort of Adam Sandler movie *sans* Adam Sandler —

has left them relatively unbefouled, maybe with just a faint scent of oil and sewage. A smarty-pants answer to things like *Mr. Holland's Opus* and *Music of the Heart*, the movie nevertheless boasts the "sweetness" for which Sandler is abundantly famous and grudgingly indulged. The hero does end up teaching something, and

of course learning something himself: a feel-good movie, but a feel-cool, too. Jack Black, in his plummiest role to date, throws himself into it body if not soul. He appears more eager to connect with those in the multiplex than with those in the classroom, thus coming across as grovelling and aloof at the same time, albeit in different directions.

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The Rock, not a whole school but an odd fish, portrays a “retrieval expert” in *The Rundown*, a mob freelancer who declines to work with a gun and looks forward to a future as a restaurateur. In the opening scene, in order to collect a little collateral on the gambling debts of a pro quarterback, he takes on a team of bodyguards composed of “the entire offensive line,” and leaves the quarterback unprotected against next Sunday’s pass rush. After that, you may rest assured that nothing worthwhile will happen on his ensuing escapade in Brazil, with a treasure-hunting college dropout (Seann William Scott, further assurance of worthlessness), a capitalist slave driver (Christopher Walken), and an undercover rebel leader (Rosario Dawson) disguised as a barmaid. (Second-time director Peter Berg, a sometime actor, was earlier responsible for *Very Bad Things*, described in the press notes as a “cult classic,” which I seem to have mistook for a piece of garbage.)

Though he looks as if he stepped out of a comic book, The Rock can handle not only an offensive line but also a line of dialogue, and I would not mind seeing him in a better vehicle. I can remember saying that, or thinking it, about Chuck Norris, Steven Seagal, and Howie Long, too, and I’m still waiting.

Duplex depicts the increasingly foul means by which a yuppie couple attempt to root out their upstairs Neighbor-from-Hell, a wizened Irish-woman with a deceptive grandmotherly twinkle. Director Danny DeVito has been toiling too long in the same black-comic mine (*Throw Momma from the Train*, *The War of the Roses*, *Matilda*, *Death to Smoochy*), and there was never that much coal down there to begin with. The trucking-in of trendier gross-out nuggets — Drew Barrymore throwing up in Ben Stiller’s face, and the like — tacitly acknowledges the depletion.

Bubba Ho-tep amounts to an extended dizzy spell brought on by an ancient Egyptian Soul Sucker who stalks the halls of a Texas rest home till he runs into some stiff opposition from a resident who may or may not be the real Elvis (weighing how he got

there, you’d have to guess not) and another resident who believes he is JFK (as he’s black, there’s not much question). Ossie Davis, Jr., sounding new depths of gravity, has an easier access to absurdity than has the heavily made-up and heavily imitative Bruce Campbell: what’s the difference between playing Elvis and playing an Elvis impersonator? The mock-horror element is very much the element of director Don Coscarelli (the *Phantasm* series); the mock-heroic element proves to be more of a reach.

The name of *Casa de los Babys* is the name of a Mexican resort hotel-cum-hospital where half a dozen *gringas* await their turn to adopt native newborns; more bluntly, where the haves take from the have-nots. Or still more bluntly, where the Left-leaning John Sayles can show off some of his right thinking (note the lowercase “r”), to say nothing of some of his false-sounding dialogue. At a mere hour and a half, it is underdeveloped by Sayles’s latter-day standards, yet each of the principals (Maggie Gyllenhaal, Daryl Hannah, Marcia Gay Harden, Susan Lynch, Mary Steenburgen, Lili Taylor), if they don’t all get a turn to adopt, do get a turn to act.

The Museum of Photographic Arts embarks next week on a new series entitled “Automatic Filming: Surrealism and Images of Desire.” Whether or not you accept the chal-

lenge of making sense of the title and the selections, you will have a chance at a number of topflight films long absent from local screens. Buñuel (but of course), Boorman, Burton, Franju, Godard, Polanski, Keaton.... And a few lower-flying ones as well.

Landmark, meantime, has launched a midnight-movie program on Saturdays at the La Jolla Village. I don’t know who would want to see these movies (*The Goonies*, *Evil Dead 2*, *The Princess Bride*, et al., not to forget *Lollipop Girls in Hard Candy* for adults only), but should someone ever want to see something at midnight, there they are.

And a belated happy twentieth birthday to Andy Friedenberg’s baby, the Cinema Society of San Diego. No waiting list at present. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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American Splendor — A chewable bone thrown to the famished fans of *Ghost World*, with a protagonist closely related to the latter’s Steve Buscemi in his marginal existence, his menial job, his obliviousness or out-and-out resistance to fashion, his

patronage of yard sales, his esoteric record collection, his congenital negativity. One difference, of course, is that the present protagonist is an actual living person, one Harvey Pekar, a 365-days-a-year sourpuss, sorehead, and bellyacher (“I don’t know how to be positive”), and a lifelong file clerk at a V.A. hospital in Cleveland, who eventually became the protagonist of a series of autobiographical underground comics also titled *American Splendor* (illustrated by various hands, starting with R. Crumb), and who by that avenue became the sometime foil of David Letterman and the full-time husband of one Joyce Brabner, a “self-diagnosed anemic” and all-around hypochondriac, who began as a fan of the comics and wound up as a character in them and a collaborator on them. Another difference from the Buscemi character is that this one, center-stage the entire time, must carry the whole load by himself. And even though Paul Giamatti, the very epitome of a supporting player, relishes his chance at a lead, he’s a bit of a one-note, a bit of a stickler about always staying “in character.” The danger of him thus seeming to be putting on an act is that he seems to be insinuating that Pekar too is putting on an act. Our respect for the man teeters in the balance. In covering the complete biographical arc at one sitting, the film inevitably deviates from the amorphous daily minutiae in which the comic books wallow. It comes to resemble instead a conventional American success story — however modest or ironic or parodistic a one — with a suspiciously rosy ending after a climactic battle against cancer. The infiltration of the action with other likenesses of the hero — the real Harvey Pekar behind the scenes and in voice-over, the real Pekar in archival clips from the Letterman show (major exception: his ill-tempered meltdown on the air must be reenacted by Giamatti and a silhouetted stand-in for Letterman), along with assorted comic-book incarnations of Pekar — feels not so much artistically bold and daring and liberated as artistically casual, capricious, slovenly. Maybe, in smaller concentrations, there’s something bold and daring and liberated inherent in those very qualities, and in any event they certainly suit the protagonist. With Hope Davis; written and directed by Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini. 2003. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Bubba Ho-tep — Reviewed this issue. With Bruce Campbell, Ossie Davis, Jr., and Ella Joyce; written and directed by Don Coscarelli. ★ (KEN, 10/3 THROUGH 9)

Casa de los Babys — Reviewed this issue. With Maggie Gyllenhaal, Daryl Hannah, Marcia Gay Harden, Susan Lynch, Mary Steenburgen, and Lili Taylor; written and directed by John Sayles. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/3)

Cinemania — German-financed video documentary, focussed on five New York cinephiles, four men and one woman, all of them single and unattached, acquaintances if not necessarily friends. “Film,” one of them submits, “is a substitute for life.” (Clearly, it was a word-choice of Flaubertian care and consideration not to call the film *Cinephilia*.) No one in his right mind would wish to change places with one of these, but all together, or even separately, they hold up a yardstick against which to measure your own level of commitment, however thankful or relieved you may be to come up short. And no matter how soon you drop out of competition with them, no matter how hastily you disavow membership in the club of cinephiliacs, you are nevertheless apt to find that if you are any sort of film buff at all, you will have a lot of common ground with this group — a concern with things like print quality, projection standards, the ungodly distraction of popcorn and cell phones. In one way or another, it’s good know they’re out there. Good to know how high the bar has been set. Good to have a rough idea of the ceiling on sanity. The documentary itself, composed of surface-skimming interviews and small-talk duologues (“What’s your favorite Esther Williams?”), is not sufficiently cinematic to be worthy of its maniacal subjects. And no

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one would know this better than they. As one of them sizes it up after a look at the rushes: "It's on video, to begin with, and that's a problem." Directed by Angela Christlieb and Stephen Kijak. 2002. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 10/2)

Cold Creek Manor — If Mike Figgis, following his string of digital-video experiments, wanted simply to prove he could still make a regular movie, then the present project might be termed a success. It could hardly be more "regular," an obvious

and overwrought thriller about a New York family (Dennis Quaid, Sharon Stone, and kids), in search of tranquility, who, for a song, pick up a repossessed upstate mansion and all its belongings. What happens next, or subsequent to finding kiddie-porn Polaroids among the belongings, seems a staggeringly bad idea: hiring the ex-con former occupant (a bearded, ballcapped Stephen Dorff) as a handyman after he has entered the house without invitation, slurped down a free meal, practically drooled over the wife and teenage daughter, and generally matched the social manners of

the ex-con in *Cape Fear*. Staggeringly bad ideas make for notoriously shaky foundations. The business of lowering a camcorder on a rope to find out what's at the bottom of a hidden well christened the Devil's Throat, is truly spooky, and truly unrepresentative of a movie that otherwise favors the Big Eek. With Juliette Lewis, Christopher Plummer. 2003. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;

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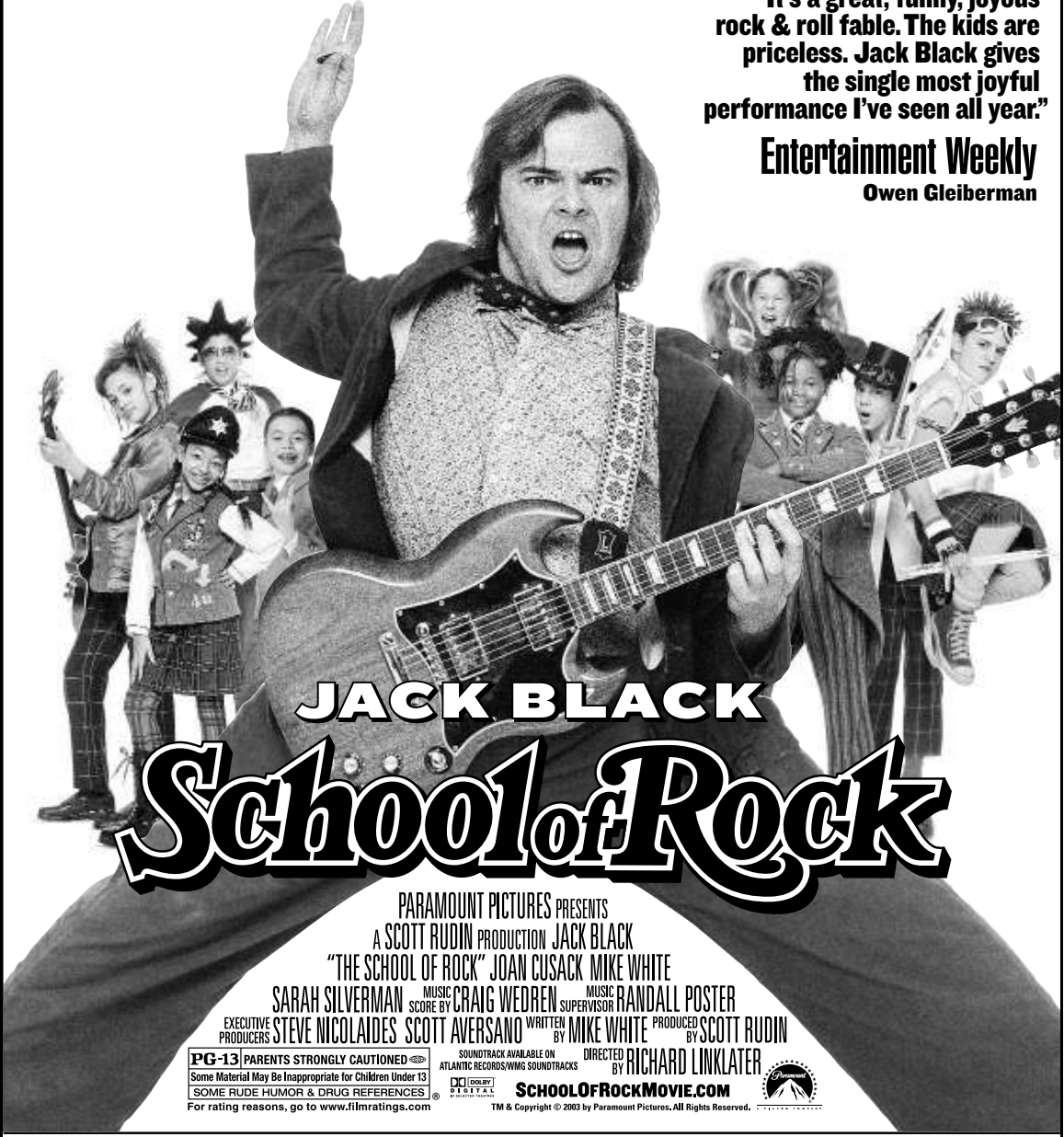
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the milieu of his *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid* and *My Beautiful Laundrette* — the London melting pot, but this time in the grimmer mood of a Thirties-style social drama (the Warners studio, most typically), with a rough, raw, skinned-knuckle image and a crowding, collaring, buttonholing camera. The puckered-browed protagonist (Chiwetel Ejiofor) is a Nigerian illegal who works days as a cab driver — his training in his homeland as a doctor obliges him to examine and treat his fellow cabbies for VD — and works nights as a hotel desk clerk. (He sleeps never.) In the latter capacity, a ghastly discovery in an overflowing toilet on the fifth floor — a breath-stopping scene — leads him down a trail into a black-market trade in internal organs and forged passports: or, if you prefer, into an overwrought metaphor for the plight of the illegal. There is also a girl in the picture, a Turkish Muslim (Audrey Tautou) who works in the hotel as a chambermaid and has a huge crush on the hero. The mixed chorus of immigrants — prominently Spanish, Chinese, and Russian in addition to the nationalities already mentioned — affords an interesting framework, but the fill-in is luridly melodramatized and sentimentalized, as if the only answer to xenophobia were an equally rabid xenophilia. The plaintiveness of the two principals stands unsurpassed on the streets of London since *Broken Blossoms*, and the cartoonish menace of the immigration cops and the swinish sweatshop boss is unsurpassed since Dickens. The climax indulges our sympathies to cloying extremes. 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Duplex — Reviewed this issue. With Ben

Stiller, Drew Barrymore, Eileen Essell, and Harvey Fierstein; directed by Danny DeVito. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Fighting Temptations — A native son of Georgia, back from the Big Apple, needs to whip the hometown church choir into shape in order to collect his inheritance from Aunt Sally. Not even the frantic amiability of Cuba Gooding, Jr., not even the transfusions of foot-stomping gospel music, can raise the flattened carcass off the floor. With Beyoncé Knowles, Mike Epps, Wendell Pierce, LaTanya Richardson, Steve Harvey; directed by Jonathan Lynn. 2003. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 surviving 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-



Cold Creek Manor

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, shimmery, 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 Duck. (Ideal, 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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Freaky Friday — Disney remake of the magical, mystical mother-daughter switcheroo, adjusted for youth’s further usurping of the culture since 1977. The ostensible 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 bodies, but for us and the scriptwriters as well. With Mark Harmon, Harold Gould, Chad Michael Murray; directed by Mark Waters. 2003. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; GROSSMONT TROLLEY)

The Housekeeper — Claude Berri’s film has all the qualities you could want in a housekeeper if not all you could want in a film. Efficiency: the “exposition” is taken care of in the fully explored messy apartment during the opening credits. Attention to detail: the bourgeois divorcé tidies up the place beforehand to make it presentable for the cleaning woman. Thoroughness: every centimeter of the tightening bond between the middle-aged employer and his soon homeless young employee, every millimeter of the closing chasm between his classical CD and her rock-and-roll boom box, is scrupulously marked. Yet somehow this characteristic sample of French intimism is too

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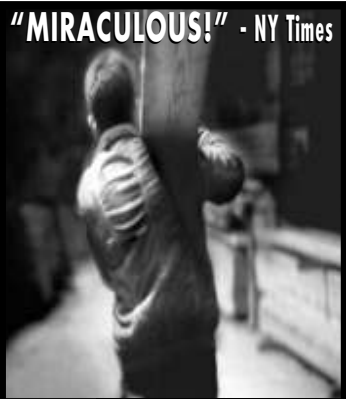
circumscribed for its own good, inching toward a puny punch line that only spotlights the smallness. It is an unfailing pleasure nonetheless to observe the frowning, scowling Jean-Pierre Bacri (*Same Old Song, The Taste of Others*, etc.), who always appears to be in disagreement with the last thing he ate, and a very fresh pleasure to observe the strong-jawed Emilie Dequenne (*Rosetta* and *Brotherhood of the Wolf* only), who beautifully fits a space without needing to fill it or rule it. 2002. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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. ● (VOGUE)

The Legend of Johnny Lingo — South Seas adventure film from New Zealand, starring George Henare and directed by Steven Ramirez. (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; FROM 10/3)

Lost in Translation — Sofia Coppola’s sophomore effort marks an advance over *The Virgin Suicides*: a phlegmatic comedy about two American outsiders who fall into an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a sadsack Bill Murray, who surely should have been written as an over-the-hill comedy star), in town to collect a cool two million for a series of whisky ads, and a neglected young wife (the seductively throaty Scarlett Johansson), who spends a lot of time lolling around her hotel room in transparent pink panties while her photographer husband (the dependably dreadful Giovanni Ribisi) busies himself with work. The “satirical” touch tends to be lighter this time, with perhaps a few exceptions: the suspected anorexic blond starlet (with so many to choose from, couldn’t a better fit have been found for this role than the robust Anna Faris?), the tutti-frutti television host

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California, the exercise machine, the local cuisine, and the inevitable karaoke bar (Murray reverting to *SNL* form for his soup-ladle renditions of Elvis Costello’s “Peace, Love, and Understanding” and Roxy

Music’s “More Than This”). And the touring in and around Tokyo is pleasantly relaxed. Coppola’s uncertain visual style, vacillating between a fussy precision and a fumbling offhandedness, could never be mistaken for her father’s. Which, for purposes of independence and the establishment of a separate identity, would be a good thing if only the style could be recognized as distinctively anybody’s. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Luther — Stormily acted, drearily dramatized history of the birth of the Reformation. Joseph Fiennes, as Brother Martin, a/k/a/ “this drunken little German monk,” starts out in deep torment and rapidly ascends to high dudgeon. With Alfred Molina, Bruno Ganz, Peter Ustinov; directed by Eric Till. 2003. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Magdalene Sisters — Something more for the Catholic Church to endure: a crusading exposé of the workhouses for “fallen women” run by Irish nuns. (Laundries, more exactly, but that can’t justify the washed-out color.) Set in the mid-1960s, it follows three girls into captivity: a rape victim (in a well-staged opening scene at her sister’s wedding), a harmless flirt, and an unwed mother. Though not exploitive in intent, it nevertheless forms a kind of unholy union between the women-in-prison genre and the behind-convent-walls genre. To say so is not to misstate the crudity of its attack. With

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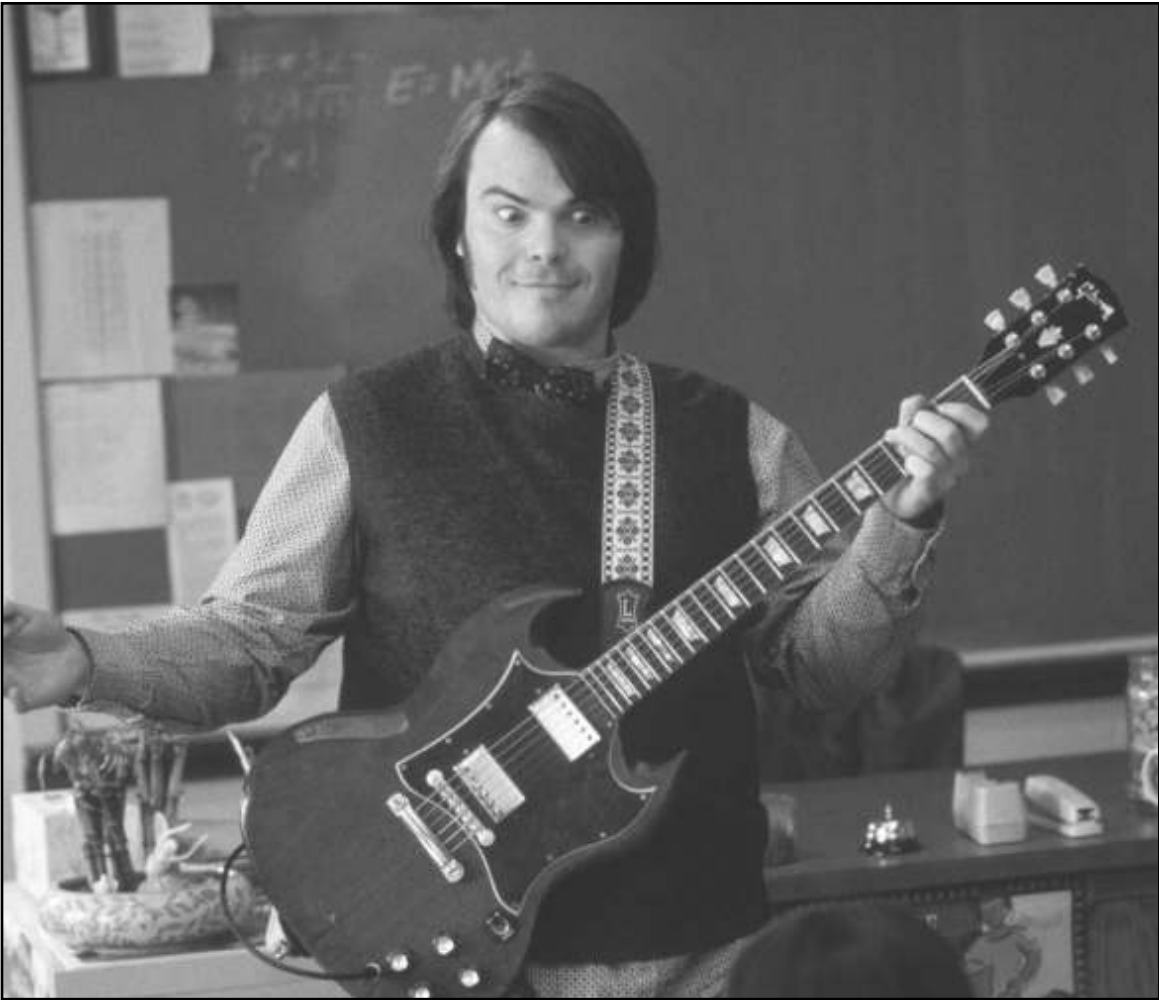
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Anne-Marie Duff, Nora-Jane Noone, Dorothy Duffy, Eileen Walsh, and Geraldine McEwan; directed by Peter Mullan. 2003.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Mambo Italiano — Coming out of the closet in a house of Italian immigrants in French Canada. Based on a play, and presumably on experience, by Steve Galluccio, but as telegraphed, as shouted, as blared, as a TV sitcom. With Luke Kirby, Ginette Reno, Paul Sorvino, Claudia Ferri, and Peter Miller; directed by Emile Gaudreault. 2003.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/3)

Matchstick Men — Nicolas Cage is let off the leash to play a tic-infested con artist with an obsessive-compulsive disorder, a phobia for dirt and the outdoors, a mania for canned tuna. Frisking and frolicking to keep pace are Alison Lohman as the teenage daughter he never knew he had, and Sam Rockwell as his loosey-goosey partner in crime. It would all be intolerably annoying except that director Ridley Scott, while exercising no control over his actors, keeps a close watch on their surroundings, playing tirelessly with light and shadow, picking out microscopic details, catching reflections in glass, and generally giving you a lot to look at apart from the three overactors. (He gives you a lot to listen to as well: a wall-to-wall soundtrack heavy on Sinatra and his peers.) Instead, it becomes intolerably annoying only after you have come through the snarl of plot twists toward the end and can look back in righteous indignation at where you have been. Bruce McGill, Bruce Altman. 2003.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Medallion — “The Holy Grail of Eastern mythology” grants Jackie Chan a second life after drowning, in addition to superpowers even more super than his



School of Rock

normal ones. British comedian Lee Evans bests him in the humor department, however, and the movie as a whole drains away between its widely separated moods. As a sign of its identity crisis, the clapboard in the *de rigueur* outtakes at the end indicates that the movie started out to be called *Highbinders*. With Claire Forlani and Julian Sands; directed by Gordon Chan. 2003.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Once upon a Time in Mexico — It is one of the mysteries of cinema: the production can be slick as a hockey rink, the

camera movements agile and athletic, the angles exalting, the action unrelenting, the overall direction giddy with the joy of creation, and still the movie can be stupefyingly dull. This second sequel to *El Mariachi*, colloquially billed as “A Robert Rodriguez Flick,” as well as “Shot, Chopped, and Scored by Robert Rodriguez,” in addition to simply “Written and Directed by Robert Rodriguez,” serves to illustrate, if not illuminate, the mystery. No doubt the shooter, chopper, scorer, writer, and director has come a long way since the hand-crafted crudities of *Mariachi*, and yet the persistent dullness indicates that the

mileage has been piled up in a tight spiral around a fixed point. No doubt, too, he has accomplished exactly what he set out to do in this self-consciously, tongue-in-cheekily mythologizing pageant. (“That,” as a line in the script puts it, “is truly unbelievable.”) No doubt he himself finds a Hong Kong action film by John Woo to be a completely satisfying aesthetic experience, and no doubt he would feel flattered to be included in the same sentence. One is tempted, then, to try to explain away the mystery by the absence of what once would have been called the human element: back before, that is, every fledgling filmmaker had to add Joseph

Campbell’s *The Hero with a Thousand Faces* to his basic library, and mere heroes began to be crowded out by superheroes, one-man armies, instant legends, franchises. One needn’t be a believer in Pure Cinema, though, to suspect there’s more to it than just the total absence of humanity. Topmost among the director’s glaring limitations is his propensity, like a muscle-bound headhunting prizefighter, to think in terms of one shot at a time: no combinations, no strategy, no pacing. The very definition, inside the ropes, of a palooka. Antonio Banderas, Johnny Depp, Willem Dafoe, Eva Mendes, Salma Hayek. 2003.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Open Range — Kevin Costner, star and director both, renews his commitment to the Western. And one of the foremost things to be said about it, or for it, is that it’s a better and a braver movie in the year 2003 than it would have been in, say, 1953. What would have seemed common as dirt a half-century ago now appears flecked with gold dust. The narrative situation could scarcely be more simple and basic. “There’s a fight coming” — between a powerful cattle baron and a pair of nomadic “free grazers” — and that’s all there is to it. The simplicity in itself sees to it that this one manages to sidestep the pitfalls of the star’s three previous Westerns: the self-consciously “epic” scale of *Dances with Wolves* and *Wyatt Earp* at three hours apiece, and, notwithstanding the less cumbersome running time, the anthological “comprehensiveness” of *Silverado*. By far the biggest chunk of the action — or nonaction, as you like — is taken up with the interminable waiting period in preparation for the big shootout. (Curiously the Costner character’s surname is Waite.) Sort of a *High Noon* without a time limit. Yet you very soon realize that the movie is so safely and securely entrenched in its period and idiom (“Let’s rustle up some grub,” somebody actually says) that there will be no ruinous intrusions of technology, apart perhaps from a smidge of slow-motion in the action scenes: no Chinese martial-arts maneuvers to build a bridge to the younger generation,

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Out of Time — Crime thriller with Denzel Washington, Eva Mendes, and Sanaa Lathan, directed by Carl Franklin. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/3)

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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY;

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School of Rock — Reviewed this issue. With Jack Black, Joan Cusack, and Mike White; directed by Richard Linklater. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/3)

Seabiscuit — Writer-director Gary Ross 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 the filmmaker 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 anyone miss

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it, how this mishandled and discarded horse mirrors and symbolizes the three damaged men — owner, trainer, rider — who turned him into a winner. 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. And the principals — Jeff Bridges, Chris Cooper, Tobey Maguire as the aforesaid owner, trainer, rider — are uniformly sympathetic in their openly, operationally anguished way. 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. With William H. Macy. 2003.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Secondhand Lions — Frayed coming-of-age yarn tied to a crusty-old-coot comedy. Robert Duvall and Michael Caine are mismatched as brothers, and even worse

matched with their stand-ins in flashbacks. Haley Joel Osment, Kyra Sedgwick; directed by Tim McCanlies. 2003.
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Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 3:50) 9:50; Sun. (10:45, 3:50); Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 5:50); **The Fighting Temptations** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:10, 3:45) 7:20, 10:05; Sun. (10:30, 1:10, 3:45) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:05, 5:35) 8:10; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30); **Lost In Translation** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:55) 8:05; **Luther** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:25, 3:55) 7:10, 9:55; Sun. (10:55, 1:25, 3:55) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:10, 5:40) 8:15; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:40, 10:15; Sun. 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 7:50; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:20, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:20, 5:25) 7:40; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:00) 8:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 2:00) 5:00, 8:05; Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:55, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:45; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 12:55, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (10:40, 12:55, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:25, 5:45) 7:55

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:30) 7:05, 10:00; **Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; **Duplex** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45; **The Fighting Temptations** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:00) 7:10, 10:15; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 11:50, 2:00, 2:30, 4:40, 5:10) 7:20, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:10, 2:40, 4:50, 5:25) 7:30, 8:05, 10:10, 10:40; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:50, 2:40, 4:00, 5:20) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:20) 8:05, 10:40; **Underworld** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Underworld; Secondhand Lions; Once upon a Time in Mexico; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; **Duplex** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Fighting Temptations** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 10:45; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; **Underworld** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Denmery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Out of Time; School of Rock; The Legend of Johnny Lingo; The Rundown; Under the Tuscan Sun; Duplex; Lost in Translation; Luther; Underworld; Secondhand Lions; Cold Creek Manor; The Fighting Temptations; Cabin Fever; Matchstick Men; Once upon a Time in Mexico; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star; The Medallion; S.W.A.T.; Freaky Friday; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl</

RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN;
SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Son — Reviewed this issue. With Olivier Gourmet, Morgan Marinne, and Isabella Soupарт; written and directed by Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne.
★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 10/3)

Step into Liquid — Dana Brown, son of

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CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:45, 7:50, 10:20; Sat. (12:00, 3:00) 5:30, 8:05, 10:35; Sun. (1:15, 3:55) 7:05, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:05) 7:05, 9:35; **Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 5:50, 10:30; Sat. (1:10) 5:50, 10:15; Sun. (1:10) 5:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 5:45) 9:55; **Duplex** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:40; Sat. (1:00, 3:05) 5:25, 7:35, 9:50; Sun. (12:40, 2:45) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:50, 5:55) 8:05, 10:05; **Lost In Translation** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:25, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. (1:05, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:25) 7:25, 9:50; **Luther** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:50) 7:05, 9:45; Sat. (12:50, 3:40) 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:00; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; Sun. (12:55, 3:45) 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:55) 7:15, 9:45; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri. (3:40) 8:10; Sat. (3:30) 8:00; Sun. (3:30) 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:30) 7:50; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55) 4:20, 7:10, 10:15; Sat. (12:05, 2:25) 5:00, 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:25) 7:05, 9:30; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:50) 8:00, 10:10; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:40) 7:55, 10:15; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri. (1:45) 5:05, 7:55, 10:25; Sat. (12:35, 3:15) 5:40, 8:10, 10:40; Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:25; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 3:55) 7:15, 10:10; Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:45) 7:20, 9:50; **Underworld** (R) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:25, 10:05; Sat. (12:30, 3:50) 7:15, 10:00; Sun. (12:30, 3:50) 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:10, 9:40

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30; **Duplex** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:15; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00; **Underworld** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45

RAMONA

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Cabin Fever (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:25; **Cold Creek**

Bruce Brown (*The Endless Summer* and *The Endless Summer II*), has grabbed a camera and followed his father's footprints into the surf, assembling a workmanlike testimonial to the religion of riding the waves. Inspirational illustration is evenly balanced with interview and voice-over pearls of wisdom: "The cut-and-dried has no place in liquid." 2003.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA COSTA 6, FROM 10/3;

LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA, FROM 10/3;
MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16)

S.W.A.T. — Puff piece on the elite unit of the LAPD, "the most honored, most respected, most professional police division in the world." Not that there isn't turmoil in the ranks: a trigger-happy loose cannon ("SWAT means Special Weapons and Tactics. Where were your *tactics* out

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
Out of Time (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35; Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:45; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:45; Sun. 10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 11:55, 2:15, 4:35, 7:00, 9:20; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:50, 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20; Sun. 10:50, 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. 12:10, 2:25, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; **Underworld** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:10, 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. 10:10, 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30,

there?"), a fed-up girlfriend, a paper-pushing ballbuster, an out-and-out turncoat. No, the puffing-up is chiefly in the dimensions of the case (an international French criminal, jailed on a traffic violation, offers a hundred million to whoever will spring him) and the scale of the action (a private jet sets down on the Sixth Avenue Bridge, etc.). Even the training sequences, which might otherwise have been enjoyable,

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:45, 5:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 12:45, 5:45; **Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 3:30, 8:30; **The Fighting Temptations** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00; **Underworld** (R)

must be bumped up into music videos. With Colin Farrell, Samuel L. Jackson, Michelle Rodriguez, James Todd Smith (formerly LL Cool J), and Olivier Martinez; directed by Clark Johnson. 2003.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Swimming Pool — Slick commercial venture, from François Ozon, with a strong

Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Lost In Translation (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:00, 4:15, 7:00; **Step Into Liquid** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Out of Time; **School of Rock**; **The Rundown**; **Duplex**; **Underworld**; **Secondhand Lions**; **Matchstick Men**; **Dickie Roberts**: **Former Child Star**

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Step Into Liquid (Not Rated) Fri. 6:45, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:45, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 6:45, 9:00

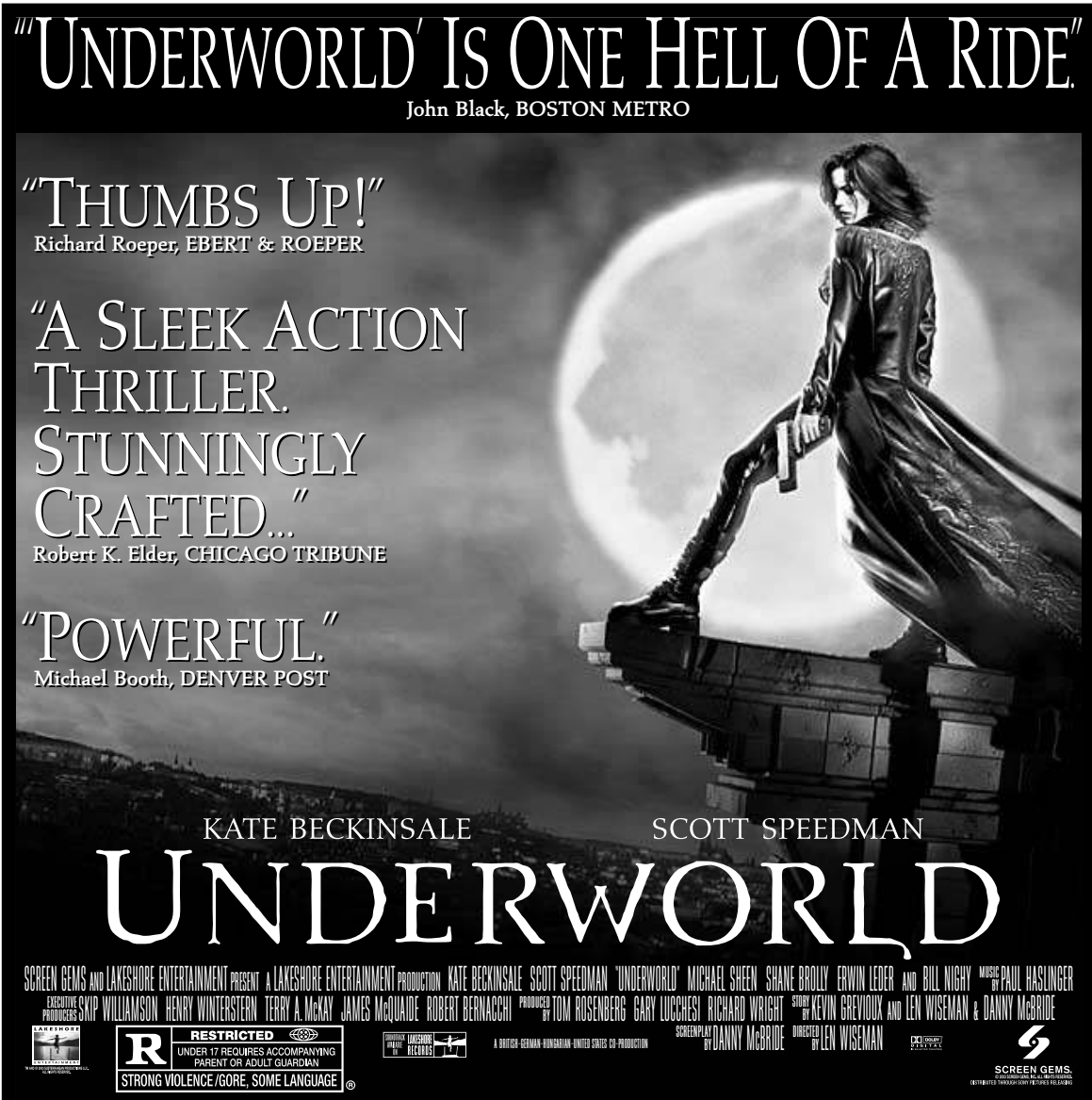
LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00; **Step Into Liquid** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:50, 7:04, 10:20; **Duplex** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:10; **The Fighting Temptations** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 12:00, 2:10, 2:50, 4:50, 5:30, 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 11:45, 2:00, 2:30, 4:50, 5:30, 7:30, 8:15, 10:10, 10:45; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40; **Underworld** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40

Oceanside 16
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Out of Time; **School of Rock**; **The Rundown**; **Under the Tuscan Sun**; **Duplex**; **Underworld**; **Secondhand Lions**; **Cold Creek Manor**; **The Fighting Temptations**; **Matchstick Men**; **Once upon a Time in Mexico**; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**; **Dickie Roberts**: **Former Child Star**; **Step into Liquid**



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858/558-2AMC

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OCEANSIDE CINEMA 16
Mission Ave @ Pacific Ave
800-FANDANGO #152

AMC
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805 & Palm Ave.
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Parkway Plaza Mall
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858/646-9423

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East H Street & Tierra Del Rey
800-FANDANGO #126

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO STADIUM CINEMA
Hwy 94 at Campo
800-FANDANGO #132

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800-FANDANGO #161

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Santee
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2170 Coronado Avenue
619/423-2727

PACIFIC THEATRES
SWEETWATER 9
At Sweetwater/ Town
& Country Center
619/474-8571

REGAL
TEMECULA STADIUM 15
40750 Winchester Road
909-FADANGO #167

PACIFIC THEATRES
TOWN SQUARE STADIUM 14
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MOVIES

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.

★★ (LA PALOMA, THROUGH 10/2)

Taking Sides — Istvan Szabo adapts the Ronald Harwood play on the artistic dilemma of conductor Wilhelm Furtwangler (Stellan Skarsgard) under the Third Reich. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/3)

Thirteen — Essentially an R-rated *Afterschool Special* about the junior-high perils of conformism, cliquism, peer pressure, piercings, thongs, drugs, and all the rest, but especially drugs. More specifically: how a "nice" girl (Evan Rachel Wood, ever so nice in *Little Secrets*), a sensitive poet and a pal to the studious quiet Asian type, falls under the spell of the "hottest" girl in school (fifteen-year-old newcomer Nikki Reed, who collaborated on the script with first-time director Catherine Hardwicke). The visual style, with its grainy, jiggly, zoomy, zigzaggy image, is as trend-conscious as any teenager, giving the film an air of complicity (or even of favor-carrying), and sacrificing credibility. Holly Hunter is outstanding as the struggling mother, rising to her greatest heights at the climax: reeling in reaction to the evidence of her daughter's self-mutilation, then gathering her forces, going on the offensive, smothering all resistance. 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Under the Tuscan Sun — The distilled essence of Chick Flick, right down to the gender of writer-director Audrey Wells: a free adaptation of the Frances Mayes memoir of a San Francisco divorcee who inherits a ten-day gay tour of Italy (Gay and Away) from a pregnant lesbian no longer willing to fly, and who then makes an impulse-purchase of a dilapidated villa in



Underworld

Cortona, cooks meals for her Polish immigrant construction crew, receives spiritual guidance from a flighty Englishwoman claiming acquaintance with Fellini, and embarks on a rejuvenating affair with a younger Italian reminiscent of Rosanno Brazzi in puckery sensitivity: "Francesca, I'm going to make love all over you." (Try not to visualize something triple-X.) Though the pallid color scarcely does justice to the setting, the narrative events go down easily, almost liquidly, if none too fillingly. The tallest part of the tale, a lightning storm that launches a washing machine into midair and deposits an owl in the bedroom, is so fantastically Brothers Grimm that it could only be true. Diane Lane, in the lead role, continues in her

Unfaithful vein of forcing every little twitch and tremor of interior life out onto the surface. And Sandra Oh, as the expectant lesbian, provides the solid support that seems to be her lot. Lindsay Duncan, Raoul Bova. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Underworld — Kate Beckinsale (*The Last Days of Disco*, *The Golden Bowl*, etc.), in a remarkable display of range and versatility, makes herself right at home as a music-video

Vampirella, dressed in dominatrix black leather, photographed in deep-freezer blue, mired in a moronic blood feud between high-tech vampires and werewolves. Alongside the snarling supporting cast, she looks like a goddess, just not too smart a one. Scott Speedman, Michael Sheen, Shane Brolly, Bill Nighy; directed by Len Wiseman. 2003.

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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 glistening 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 Haughton, Cliff Curtis. 2003.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA, THROUGH 10/2)

Xiu Xiu, the Sent-Down Girl — Simple tale, and sentimental, and sad, of a good girl of the Chinese Cultural Revolution and her ill use by her superiors, while assigned to learn horserherding under the tutelage of Tibetan eunuch. Directed, with a real eye, by actress Joan Chen (*The Last Emperor*, *Twin Peaks*, etc.), the movie can boast of being "banned in China." It must take its boasts where it can find them. With Lu Lu and Lopsang. 1998.

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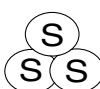
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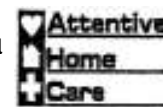
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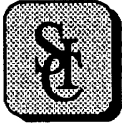
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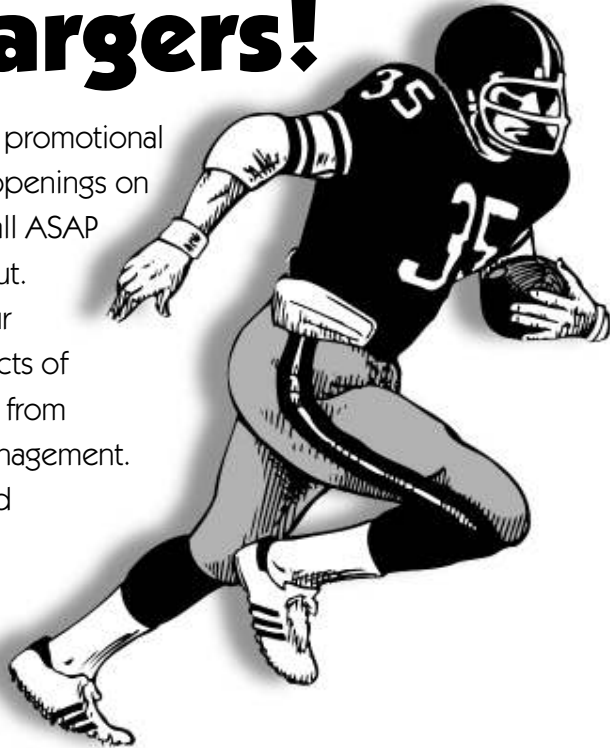
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- 1. Flings with force
 - 7. Hail to Caesar
 - 10. “Not on _____”
 - 14. Bit of newspaper advertising
 - 15. Bomb’s opposite
 - 16. “..._____ no fury...”
 - 17. “Man in Black” autobiographer
 - 19. Bob Hoskins role of 1991
 - 20. Where “ahoy!” is heard
 - 21. Suffix with fact
 - 23. Cold comment?
 - 24. “Dog Day Afternoon” director
 - 26. Quilled critter
 - 29. Transport dating from the Stone Age
 - 30. Physicians, briefly
 - 31. Baby spoilers, often
 - 32. June honoree
 - 33. “The Simpsons” creator
 - 34. Official soft drink of Little League
 - 35. Sit in a Jacuzzi, say
 - 37. Hereditary
 - 40. Way to one’s heart
 - 41. Where to find “Oz”
 - 44. Cook, as chestnuts
 - 45. Sheepish sounds
 - 46. Model T contemporaries
 - 47. In charge, so to speak
 - 49. “The Simpsons” mom
 - 50. Jazzman Adderley
 - 51. High tennis shot
 - 52. “ ... had a farm, _____”
 - 54. Term paper abbr.
 - 56. Outdoor porch application (and an apt description for 17-, 26-, 35- or 47-Across)
 - 60. Not windward
 - 61. Bond, for one
 - 62. Addressed
 - 63. Kid’s ball material
 - 64. C.I.A. predecessor
 - 65. Commands

- Down**
- 1. Alphabet trio
 - 2. Rock’s Brian
 - 3. Guilt-ridden
 - 4. Let off
 - 5. Young’s partner in accounting
 - 6. Lid swelling
 - 7. “So, it’s you!”
 - 8. Blackjack dealers’ headwear
 - 9. Work _____
 - 10. Sounds during medical checkups

- 11. Italian infant
- 12. Always around
- 13. Patron saint of aviation
- 18. “In Cold Blood” author
- 22. Classic yo-yo maker
- 24. It can have you seeing things
- 25. Suffix meaning “small one”
- 27. Like standard music notation
- 28. Smoker’s purchase
- 30. Pulitzer-winning humorist
- Barry
- 33. Barbie’s maker
- 34. 18 Louises
- 35. This-and-that dish
- 36. Four-_____ fastball
- 37. Language family that includes Kurdish
- 38. V.I.P.
- 39. More dapper
- 41. Emma or Jane Eyre
- 42. Wetland
- 43. Suffix with verb
- 45. Dizzy sounds?
- 46. Didn’t just drizzle
- 48. “Want to explain that?”
- 49. Getty Center architect
- Richard
- 53. “Should that be the case ...”
- 55. “Hysteria” band _____
- Leppard
- 57. Yiddish plays
- 58. Orchestra sect.
- 59. Santa’s laughs

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Monday, four days following the issue date.
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We’ve only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we’ll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 9/25/03.

Of the 30 entrants, 24 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Bill Taylor, *San Diego*
- 2. M. McGriffin, *San Diego*
- 3. Al Weiss, *San Diego*
- 4. Sherry Truitt, *San Diego*
- 5. Steve Perraud, *San Diego*

San Diego. 4459 Morrell Street. For more information 619-895-1286.

FREE PATHWORK LECTURE (#211). Presentation on Creating. October 20, 2003, 7-9pm, San Diego, 4716 32nd Street. Information, 619-280-9075 or 858-459-7840.

FREE POST ADOPTION Support Group for parents with adopted children, Monday, October 13, 7pm. Call for information. North County Lifeline, 760-726-4900 x285.

FREE PSYCHIC HEALING/Lecture Clinic. Free readings for new visitors. Mondays, 7:30pm, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, by Vessa's Clairvoyant Program students. 4305 Gesner #200. 858-509-7582.

FREE TRANSITION SUPPORT group. Learn effective decision techniques for dealing with change in your life. 4th Wednesday monthly, 7-9pm, room 1109, VA Hospital La Jolla. 619-224-4491.

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HERPES (HSV) OR HUMAN Papillomavirus (HPV). San Diego City HELP is a self-help support group. We offer accurate medical information. Call for recorded message, 619-491-1194.

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JEWISH YOM KIPPUR SERVICES for singles, couples, families. Sponsored by the Jewish Counseling and Fellowship Center at the Al Bahr Shrine. Nera Highway 163 and Cliremont Mesa Boulevard. Yom Kippur, 10/5/2003 6:30pm, 10/6/2003 9am, including Yizkor. Questions and answers with the Rabbi 5pm. Concluding service with the sounding of the Shofar 6pm. No reservations or tickets required; donations accepted at the door where prayer books may be purchased. Also offering: Weddings, Bar-and Bat Mitzvahs, counseling, funerals, life-cycle ceremonies and workshops. For additional information, please call Rabbi Aaron Gottesman at 619-284-1000.

LOOKING FOR MY 3 sons considered at risk. Jesus P (13), Pablo C (9), and Estevan P (8). Notify Polly Klaas Search Center, 800-587-4357.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Stop crime and violence. Be a role model. Be a Guardian Angel. Free martial arts training. 619-255-1523.

MEDITATION. Free classes. Tuesdays, 7pm; Thursdays, 7pm; Saturdays, 11:30am. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. Donations accepted, not required. www.dharmacenter.com or 858-616-6308.

MEDITATION THRU MUSIC. Free. Modern rhythms, ancient Mantras. Saturday 10/4 and 10/18, 12-1:30pm, Ocean Beach Club. 2160 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 858-831-1770.

MENOPAUSAL STUDY for women, ages 50-75. UCSD conducting research study to determine the effects of hormone replacement therapy on mood, sleep, and behavior in healthy menopausal women (nonsmoking and not currently using hormones). 6 overnight hospital stays required. Possible payment up to \$550. 619-543-7393.

MOVIE BUFFS. Interested in watching a movie every 2 weeks and discussing it afterward (like book clubs)? Please call 619-934-2602 or 619-692-0635.

NATIVE AMERICAN COUNCIL Progress, Incorporated. Nonprofit. Seeking donated musical instruments, records, art supplies, sewing machines, places for sweatshops, teachings. Can pick up. ohgoat4@yahoo.com or 619-528-0907.

NOT STRAIGHT? Bisexual Forum, friendly group meets monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm, for discussion, support, social interaction at Community Church, 115 Thorn, Hillcrest. Nonreligious. 858-259-8019.

PARENTS, FAMILIES and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Find help, support, and understanding. Meetings: Hillcrest and Carlsbad. www.pflag.com or call for details, 619-579-7640.

PARTICIPATE in a UCSD research study. Looking for sexually active men and women who have used crystal meth recently. All confidential. Cash incentive \$230. 619-543-5088.

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PRAYER PIPE CIRCLE and Sweatlodge (Asi) ceremonies held monthly. We gather together as a community to pray in a good way. All are welcome. 760-729-7836.

PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM women, ages 18-45 (not using birth control pills) needed by UCSD Department of Psychiatry for sleep and light research study. 8 overnight hospital stays required. Payment \$475. 619-543-7393.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/codependency. Fridays, 7pm, Celebrate Recovery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444.

SALK INSTITUTE researchers looking for volunteers, ages 18-40, good health, English first language, to participate in ongoing studies on cognition. Compensation provided. Call Nasim, 800-434-1038.

SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You're not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step fel-

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ADDITION PROBLEMS? Women for Sobriety is a non-12 step self-help program meeting Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. www.womenforsobriety.org or 858-549-3533.

AL-ANON: Paz mental, vive usted con alguien que le afecte a usted su manera de beber? Sabados, 1-2:30pm; Lunes, 5:30pm. 260-1/2 3rd Avenue.

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Avenue, San Diego 92105. 619-280-7224.

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ARE YOU READY for the spiritual adventure of a lifetime? Occult Mystery School now accepting new students. The gates of initiation are open. 619-443-5425.

ARE YOU SINGLE? Do you scuba dive? San Diego Singles Dive Club, 21 and up. Meeting place at Rocky's Crown Pub, 3786 Ingraham Street, Tuesday nights at 7:30pm. Meet a new dive buddy!

ATHEIST COALITION: "For centuries, theologians have been explaining the unknowable in terms of the-not-worth-knowing." Information: newsletter and website, www.atheistcoalition.org or 858-459-8273.

AURA HEALINGS. Tuesday healing night, 7-9pm, 2141 El Camino Real, Oceanside. Aura healings and chakra balancing. Earth and Sky Church, 760-631-7900.

BHAGAVAD-GITA classes by a Vedic scholar. 8:30-9:15pm, following an international vegetarian feast, Monday-Thursday. Hare Krishna Temple, 1030 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-9389.

BISEXUAL, GAY, LESBIAN, unsure? Friendly group meets monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm, for discussion, support, social interaction. Community Church, 115 Thorn, Hillcrest. 858-259-8019.

CAN'T STOP EATING? Can't stay on a diet? Craving carbohydrates? Food Addicts Anonymous has a solution. No dues or fees. Information, 619-220-1330.

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CANNABIS PATIENTS ACT (Association Cannabis Therapeutics) nonprofit seeks patients, strains to grow in accordance Proposition 215 local guidelines. 24 indoor plants. Vote! Ombhanghi. 619-819-6421.

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VOLUNTEER AS A MENTOR. Change a life. Need responsible, caring adults to serve as volunteer mentor for youth at risk, age 10-17. Kristian/Partners Mentorship Program, 619-584-5797.

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WOMEN WHO LOVE TOO MUCH 12-step meeting, Thursday, 6:30-7:45pm, 424 Via De La Valle (Calvary Church Solana Beach, room upper level near parking).

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THANK YOU Holy Spirit for prayers answered. Ones.

THE GOOD FIGHT is the best fight and is often not easy. Absence of war is still an unseen battle.

MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

CHRISTIAN MALE SEEKS female adventurer to explorer California's deserts, Yellowstone Park, and the Oregon coast. Preferable by motorcycle. Platonic relationship only. (10/8) ☎90191

DUPLICATE BRIDGE PARTNER, intermediate, wanted by male in La Jolla area. Can play days or evenings with male or female partner. (10/8) ☎90168

FRIENDLY, FUN GAL, honest, not flaky, looking for some platonic gal pals for happy hours, gym, dancing, good laughs, hanging out. Let's chat! (10/15) ☎90221

FRIENDSHIP. Early 40s woman seeks fun person for weekend activities like dining, music, movies, walking, hiking. Let's explore the Gaslamp and Balboa Park together. (10/8) ☎90169

FRIENDSHIP. Male seeking bright, stylish female friends into Indie and British pop music for concerts, films, nightlife, etc. (10/8) ☎90178

FRIENDSHIP. Female, 39, seeks a movie partner for seeing movies out and renting them. I also enjoy lots of chatting, dinners, light walking, shopping. Platonic. (10/8) ☎90179

HIP, LIBERAL AND OUTGOING female seeks same for happy hour, workouts, travel and concerts for fun and company. No flaky or stuck up women, please! (10/8) ☎90167

ME-JI-CO LOVERS. Gringa seeks amigos (men or women) who share a passion for cultura latina. I'm 43 with buena honda wanting simpaticos. Vamonos! (10/15) ☎90220

TALL MALE PROFESSIONAL seeking casual friendship with open-minded woman. Likes movies, etc. (10/8) ☎90170

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PERHAPS it possible for "Blackouts" (wars, racism, terrorism) to occur, affect countless humans, since we, too, of God-created invisible electromagnetic, and yet more unknown, frequencies?

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THANK YOU St. Jude for favors granted. SG.

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TIMESHARE. Coronado Beach Resort. Use here or trade through RCI. Gold Crown, red time. 1 bedroom, week 17, even years. \$7000/best. 619-895-4995.

TIMESHARE. 2 weeks. Great golf resort in San Diego Country Estates/Ramona. Free golf while in residency. RCI Gold Crown. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$7500. 760-480-1199.

TRAVEL PARTNER WANTED. Need partner, 21-30. Driving San Diego to Costa Rica roundtrip. Leaving immediately. Will take time, surfing, camping, exploring, adventure. 858-232-0881.

VACATION FOR TWO. 3 nights hotel accommodations at the MBM Grand, roundtrip airfare and strip airport/hotel transfers worth \$1600, sell for \$799/best. 619-857-1600 or 503-429-0161.

VACATION IN MISSION BEACH! \$800 weekly, \$2000/monthly from 9/20/03-

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Mail: Reader Matches, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186 **Fax:** (619) 233-7907
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ONE LAST HAPPINESS. Funny, sensual, 5'3", 170lbs. Looking for country, genuine man who wants to be lover/friend/monogamous companion and share what life offers. (10/15) ☎80852

LET'S PLAY HOUSE. Yours or mine! Single mom seeks single dad to share cooking and dancing in the kitchen. No smokers. Life's an adventure. (10/15) ☎80850

YOUNG 51-YEAR-OLD. white female, 5'3", 110lbs., literally starting over. Seeking white male, 48-58, generous mentor. (10/15) ☎80865

SWEET, SIMPLE, CUTE, petite, professional, 47, hard-working, healthy homeowner. Looking for personable, reliable, stable, arts lover. Loves the beach, music and quiet Sunday afternoons. (10/8) ☎80830

SEXY, EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage, friendship, sportive. No previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-48, 5'9"+. (10/15) ☎80873

VERY ATTRACTIVE, MEXICAN, sexy, nice legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, honest, financially secure, nonsmoker, for friendship or possible relationship. (10/15) ☎80878

PEACENIK, 49, 5'9", natural, free spirit, son (15). Seeking sensual leftist, under 50ish, comely, fit, balanced intellectual. Dog Beach, blues to opera, dancing, moon howling. (10/15) ☎80860

NORTH COUNTY CHRISTIAN woman, 53, nonsmoker. Interests: dancing, camping, walks, motorcycles, church activities, books, good music, friends, food and fun. Wanna share in some fun? (10/15) ☎80862

SINCERE, TALL, SEXY, degreed, down-to-earth black beauty, seeking a sincere, attractive, down-to-earth, 6'2" or taller, black male, age 35-45. Serious responses. (10/8) ☎80832

Do You Exist?

Attractive, color blind, classy, black lady, 50-ish, impeccably dressed, sterling character, gregarious personality, enjoys theater, concerts, and restaurants. Seeking nonsmoking gentleman, 50+, high integrity, financially and emotionally secure, mild mannered, generous heart. (10/15) ☎80883

SEXY, ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED beauty. Slim, active, energetic, stylish, romantic and fun, 39, 5'5". Seeking a very successful, educated, assertive, loving, sportive, adventurous and monogamous mate. (10/15) ☎80856

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BEAUTIFUL INSIDE/OUT, educated, bilingual, 40's, faithful, great sense of humor, nonsmoking. Seeking tall, financially secure gentleman with same qualities to be lifetime soul mates. (10/15) ☎80881

NEED PASSION AND COMPASSION, love and understanding, excitement and happiness? Me too. I am black, 5'4", 130lbs., under 40. You: any race, fit, fun, ready! (10/15) ☎80853

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette. Very loving and sincere. Nonsmoker. Seeking long-term relationship. Romantic also. Let's go for it, big boy! (10/8) ☎80831

PLAYFUL, SEXY, BEAUTIFUL, Latina, 38, 5'8", 140lbs. Seeking 6'+, 40+, ready for serious, committed, fun relationship. Nonsmoker, handsome, financially secure, witty, kind, gentleman, should respond. (10/8) ☎80846

LAST LOVE. Widow, 59, smoker, loving, for country guy, gentle, humorous, patient teddy bear, spontaneous, with time for me. Monogamous only. I'm apartment manager. Coffee? (10/15) ☎80869

UNCLAIMED TREASURE who enjoys movies, cooking, travel, antique shopping, theater. Romantic, affectionate, sens of humor. Seeking 45-55, tall man, who wants to enjoy life together. (10/8) ☎80826

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40's, outgoing, adventurous, movies, dining, sports, weekend getaways, comedy clubs. Seeking outgoing professional, romantic, intelligent, fun loving man for friendship, exploring the city. (10/15) ☎80874

CARIBBEAN BEAUTY, dark and lovely, shapely, sexy, career oriented, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit gentleman, 45-59, athletic, nonsmoker/drinker, emotionally/financially stable. Friendship first. (10/8) ☎80829

CUTIE SEEKS GOOD-LOOKING guy! Me: cute, brunette, white, great build. You: 21-30, 5'11"+. Love dancing, parties and having fun with cute guy! (10/15) ☎80868

IS THERE ANY MAN OUT THERE who wants a normal, professional, romantic girlfriend? 50, plus-size brunette seeking

passionate kisses from humorous, nonsmoking, white male. (10/8) ☎80834

30-YEAR OLD, full figured, attractive, single mother, seeks 30-50 years, white male. Must not play games. Ready for serious relationship. (10/8) ☎80848

CATHOLIC GENTLEWOMAN, 38, seeking handsome, professional, athletic, 38-50, 5'11"+, Catholic gentleman, who desires holiness in his life and truly loves and embraces his Catholic faith. (10/15) ☎80870

BEAUTIFUL, CLASSY, PETITE, brunette, Sagittarius, 50+, but look much younger, friendly, outgoing. Seeking attractive, sensitive, humorous man for life's simple pleasures. You won't be disappointed! (10/15) ☎80857

60 YEARS YOUNG. City to country. Love mountains, beach, music, dancing, camping, relaxing. Seeking fun loving, honest, monogamous, financially/emotionally secure male. Loving, committed relationship. (10/8) ☎80836

WOMAN OF COLOR, dark, slender, sexy, attractive, tall. Seeking black, tall male, age 35-42, for movies, dinner, walks and more, for possible relationship. Call me. (10/8) ☎80839

24-YEAR-OLD FEMALE seeking 24-28-year-old male for movies, gym, dinners, clubbing, friendship or possible relationship. I am funny, outgoing, athletic, Mexican-Persian. (10/8) ☎80840

IF YOU ARE SEEKING GOOD times, laughs, lots of tender loving care and you're 55+, 5'10"+, then a very pretty, nice-figured lady anxiously awaits. (10/8) ☎80841

LOVINGLY PRETTY, 62, white female, artisan, educated, love symphony, geology, dance, ceramics, outdoors. Seeking handsome, artistic, musical, adventure-some grandpa. Beyond, American culture. Live abroad awhile? (10/8) ☎80842

FIT, TRIM, 53, LOYAL, spiritual, resilient, appreciative, discerning. Enjoy nature, arts, music, landscaping, Jungian psychology. Seeking similar, energetic, ethical, authentic to celebrate next 50 years. (10/15) ☎80866

GENTLE, TRIM, ATTRACTIVE, El Cajon girl, loves dancing, outdoors, cooking, spontaneity. Seeking guy with similar interests. Nonsmoking, health conscious, active, for friendship, possibly romance, 55+ (10/15) ☎80867

NATURAL, LOVING, CHRISTIAN woman, loves to cook, loves sports/outdoors. Seeking white male, 35-50. (10/15) ☎80876

WANTED: FIFTY-YEAR-OLD Jew, endowed with brown eyes, big nose, suspenders, piano, college degree, and howling sense of humor. Playmate for sweet, young goya. (10/15) ☎80864

TOO CUTE NOT TO HAVE a honey! Dazzling smile, flashing eyes, sharp wit, sensual spirit, gregarious. You're classy, humorous, secure, romantic, warm heart, nonsmoker, 58+. (10/15) ☎80875

CUTIE, BIG BROWN EYES, great smile, 40's, very attractive, flight attendant. Seeking attractive man to make me laugh, good communicator, very financially secure, professional. (10/8) ☎80838

FUN-LOVING FILIPINO woman, employed, 55, 5'1", seeking man. Enjoy dining out, cuddling. You should be employed, honest, nonsmoker, humorous, fun. Friendship, possible relationship. (10/8) ☎80837

BEAUTIFUL, ENERGETIC, intelligent, enthusiastic, voluptuous, 50. Cooking, dining, movies, walks, gym, dancing, singing, fitness, nutrition, meditation, spirituality, truth, honesty, totality, devotion, love, friendship. Race open! (10/15) ☎80872

ANIMAL LOVER WANTS real, live, two-legged male animal. Slender, blonde, 5'4", Mission Valley, home cooking, cuddling, beach, bridge, all the fun stuff! 62, nonsmoker. (10/15) ☎80861

SINCERE, DOWN-TO-EARTH, attractive Jewish woman, 57, nonsmoker, tall, slender, seeks honest man with good personality and similar values. Enjoy outdoors and good movies. (10/15) ☎80851

AD MATE TO: soul, live, laugh, love, work, play, exercise, trust, talk, travel. 50+, divorced, white, adventurous, do-it-yourselfer, down to earth, metaphysical, spiritualist. (10/15) ☎80849

SENSUOUS, EDUCATED, SECURE, athletic, travel, 5'6", 125lbs. Seeking tall, attractive, sexy, compatible, educated, fun for romance, music, travel, dancing, golf, etc. (10/8) ☎80847

PETITE COUNTRY GIRL, 39, seeking purely platonic relationship with country boy for dancing, movies, dining out. Must be animal lover. (10/15) ☎80855

ASIAN, HIGHLY EDUCATED, integrated, intelligent, open minded, positive personality, sophisticated, pretty, classy, healthy, fit. Like travel, classical music, cooking, outdoors. You: 38-50, same qualities. (10/8) ☎80835

ATTRACTIVE ARTIST, TALL, slender, educated, seeks special guy for sensual romance. Walks, film, outdoors, music, garage sales. Be taller, handsome, sincere, nonsmoker, well bred, 40-55. (10/15) ☎80871

LET'S MEET! I'm blonde, very pretty, toned, genuine, stable. You: dark hair/skin, muscular, 29-37, homeowner. Both: spiritual, never want kids, degreed, outgoing, prosperous. (10/15) ☎80880

HEART TO HEART. Caring, communicative, open-minded, petite, classy, affectionate, educated lady, 50s. Seeking similar, charming, compassionate, confident

man for romance, travel, firesides, sharing life. (10/8) ☎80843

SINCERE, SLINKY, SEXY, 40, athletic, outdoorsy, part-time mom. Seeking loving, affectionate, snow skiing, music loving man, for relationship, marriage, 5'10"+, 30's-40's, nonreligious Jewish. (10/15) ☎80879

ATTRACTIVE, PROFESSIONAL woman, 40, 5'10", fit, with mid-western heart, enjoys movies, beach, hiking, cooking. Seeking tall, attractive, conservative, fit man, 35-50, similar interests, commitment minded. (10/8) ☎80833

VIXEN SEEKS LONG-TERM relationship. Smart, fun, full figured, youthful lady, 48, seeks 40-54, educated, successful, tall, fun gentleman for love, adventuring, travel, passion, partnership. (10/15) ☎80858

LOOKING FOR LOVE, or at least a lot of fun. Adventurous, midwestern, educated female, 33, seeks tall male, for dating, exploration, outdoor activities, and more. (10/15) ☎80877

LOVING SWEETHEART WANTED by beautiful, blonde/blue, 59, lady. Share exciting, adventurous, never boring relationship. Handsome, upbeat, secure, for relationship. I could be the one. (10/15) ☎80863

FRENCH/RUSSIAN, 44, looks, 34, fun, romantic, loves movies, walking, quiet times. Looking for 30-50-year old man, romantic, honest, fun, outgoing, travel, same interests. (10/8) ☎80844

TIRED OF THE GAME and disappointment? Let's begin "our" journey and experience joy! Energetic, spirited woman seeking sensitive, sexy man to share commitment, excitement, dreams. (10/15) ☎80859

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE/OUTSIDE, European educated, sensual, red/blue, athletic, cultured, arts, worldly, traveled. Seeking honest, professional, conversational, friendships, stable, romance, laughter, travel, confident. Take chance. (10/8) ☎80845

DREADLOCKED BEAUTY, upbeat, intellectual, free spirited and sensual. Love being near water, music, art, want kindred spirit. Be healthy, kind, generous, beautiful in spirit/body. (10/8) ☎80828

ACTIVE, DYNAMIC, OVER 50 lady, would like a gentleman to have fun with. I have many interests. My locale, Clairemont. Let's enjoy. (10/8) ☎80827

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

EAST COUNTY, 53, ATTRACTIVE, financially secure, homeowner, movies, dining, romantic hand holder. Looking to share goals, professional, clean. You: attractive, honest, sensual, like life, 40-56. (10/8) ☎90183

DON'T GO THERE! Unless it's with me! Single, black male, degreed, professional, tall, dark, and handsome. Seeking white or latina, shapely female. (10/15) ☎90247

28, 6'2", 175lbs., FULL time student, nonreligious, nonsmoker, healthy and energetic, seeking soul mate, no smoking or children. (10/15) ☎90228

I'M THE ONE! White male, 44, 6'1", dark hair, hazel eyes, quick-witted, responsible, loyal, enjoy almost anything! Seeking intriguing, nonsmoking woman, for potential relationship! (10/8) ☎90197

Windy City Special!

Attractive, green-eyed, semi-retired, commodities trader, 6'2", youthful 63, financially secure, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, good conversation. Seeking woman for friendship, laughter, love. (10/8) ☎90180

WIDOWER, 80, SEEKS attractive, well groomed, Caucasian woman companion, 67-75. Dining, movies, plays, homeowner. Must take pride in attire, hair, dress. Be young at heart. (10/15) ☎90234

TALL, ATHLETIC, professional, 42, 6'1", brown/blue, healthy lifestyle seeking thick, athletic lady, 30-48 for biking, tennis, sailing, hiking, etc. Thick legs a plus! (10/8) ☎90164

GREAT CATCH! Down to earth, playful Jewish male, 34, enjoys movies, hiking, cats, '80s music. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (10/15) ☎90231

INTELLIGENT, SPIRITUAL computer professional, 61. Desires active relationship based on openness, honesty, communication, affection, healing and mutual personal growth. Seeks inner beauty, not exterior image. (10/8) ☎90165

TALL, LIGHT, HANDSOME, Hispanic gentleman, seeking attractive, sincere, romantic, affectionate, 40-50s woman, with nice figure, long legs, big heart. Wanting someone special! South Bay area. (10/8) ☎90156

FINE GENTLEMAN, good natured, outgoing, slim, 5'8", seeks mature senior woman, 69 plus, joyful in spirit, aging gracefully. (10/15) ☎90216

Nice Wisconsin Girls?

East Coast guy would like to meet traditional, down-to-earth Wisconsiner, 26-30, never married, no kids. Must be honest, loving, caring, blondish hair. (10/8) ☎90151

JEWISH MAN, 51, athletic. I am trim and slim, 6'2", and love the good life. I am financially and emotionally secure and seek counterpart. (10/15) ☎90215

45, 5'8", 160lbs., looking for soul mate interested in travel. No children or dogs in household. Established professional, Point Loma, Unity Church, metaphysical, 40-50. (10/8) ☎90155

BILL'S A THRILL. White, 49, 5'9", 145lbs., brown/blue, easy to look at, fun, seeks partner for life. Be short, sweet, I'll think you're neat. (10/15) ☎90240

ACTIVE, NONSMOKING, HEALTHY, affluent, South Bay Jewish widower, 80's. Seeking lady counterpart, without excess baggage, 70's-80's, for companionship, long relationship, travel, tours, cruises, trips together. (10/15) ☎90232

SURF, BLADE, BIKE, jog, guitarist, restaurants, theater movies, 36, 5'11", athletic build, spontaneous, North County coastal. You: athletic, quiet evenings at home, time to date. (10/8) ☎90188

BLACK MAN SEEKS white woman for friendship, fun, frivolity. 37, 5'9", 185lbs., love blues, funk, reggae, sports, beer, pool, books, kissing, more. What about you? (10/8) ☎90196

TALL, HANDSOME, professional, 39, black male with great sense of humor. Seeking cute bunny for snuggling and laughing. (10/8) ☎90163

YOU'RE ONLY OLD ONCE. Active 73-year-old gentleman would like to share life's opportunities with an adventurous woman. Call, and let's explore the possibilities. (10/8) ☎90161

SENSITIVE, JEWISH DOCTOR, 39, tall, very attractive, fit, blue eyes, plays three instruments, writes books, enjoys creative accomplishments. Seeking sensitive, intelligent, growth-oriented, single female. (10/8) ☎90194

NICE, SINCERE, ROMANTIC, healthy, 53, homeowner, financially secure, responsible and reliable, sense of humor, hoping to meet special person to enjoy life together, lets meet. (10/8) ☎90160

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. (10/8) ☎90154

DEL MAR. HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, successful executive, 60, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, educated, fit, professional, 35-60. (10/8) ☎90187

STOP HERE! 5'10", 52, no children, secure, professional, music, hiking, movies, golf, cooking, barbecues, sense of humor. Seeking 40-52, intelligent, easygoing, fit, loving partner. (10/8) ☎90190

WHITE, PROFESSIONAL MALE, good looking, 48, 6'1", 180lbs., brown hair, green eyes. Seeking white, professional female, in shape, 30-50, for adventure,

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dating, long-term relationship.)10/8) ☎90201

CROSSROADS? Ready! Life's best half, monogamous relationship, witty, travelled, sensitive, spiritual, North County retired. You: tall, unencumbered, romantic doer in life. Experience the right road. (10/8) ☎90198

WHITE KNIGHT, INTELLIGENT, handsome, financially secure, 53, 5'11", 195lbs., seeks to rescue damsel in distress, 30-50, 5'5"-5'11", weight proportionate, for loving relationship. (10/15) ☎90235

EASYGOING, HONEST, LOYAL, good looking, Italian, Scorpio, 36, good heart, romantic, loves family, sports, working out, down to earth, movies. Seeking 27-38, good shape, playful. (10/15) ☎90229

DANCE MATE SOUGHT. Caucasian, 56, professional, 150lbs., blue/brown, sincere, romantic, communicative. Seeking partner for loving, laughing, possible relationship. Romantic dinners, movies, outdoor, travel, more. (10/15) ☎90248

LOVABLE, CUTE, financially secure, 5'10", physically fit and slightly compulsive. North County guy seeks unencumbered, attractive woman, 35-45 to go out and have fun with. (10/8) ☎90171

HANDSOME, TALL, FIT, confident, personable, passionate, caring, 45, 6'2". Looking for an affectionate companion to share good times. Pretty, slim, healthy, intelligent, fun loving. Nonsmoker. (10/8) ☎90199

CHILL OUT PARTNER WANTED. White male, 42, kick back, no stress, relax, have fun. Laughter, movies, music, plants, massage, concerts, camping, animals, fresh live foods. (10/8) ☎90172

JEWISH MAN, 50'S, SEEKING Jewish woman, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Interests: tennis, hiking, music, live theatre. (10/15) ☎90233

SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intellectual, handsome, charming and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady in her 30s. (10/15) ☎90226

STONE AGE MAN, retired, 59, 5'11", 170lbs., enjoys hiking, running, traveling, good conversation. Seeking nonsmoking, slender, petite, attractive lady with same interests. (10/15) ☎90205

OLD FASHIONED. 32-year-old Filipino-Hispanic, 6'2", 250lbs., seeks 28-35 year old woman for possible long-term relationship. Like honesty, loving and loyalty. (10/15) ☎90230

LOOKING FOR CHEMISTRY. Italian male professional, pleasantly surprising. I have no dependents or baggage. Seeking attractive young lady for friendship, dating, exciting things, possibly more. (10/8) ☎90185

DON'T STAY HOME TONIGHT! Do you glow with personality? I'm 37, latin, educated, fit, fun, and very humorous. Let's start as friends and have fun! (10/15) ☎90242

COMPATIBILITY, FRIENDSHIP, dance and whatever else occurs, mutually sought by attractive, upscale, creative, adventurous type. 59, 5'10", trim, articulate, well groomed. All inquiries answered. (10/8) ☎90174

FINANCIALLY SECURE white guy. Seeking fun, outgoing female for sailing and other outdoor activities. Lady between 25-38, who enjoys good times and romance. Call. (10/15) ☎90225

HAVING TROUBLE MEETING the right person? Me too. I'm 6', blue/brown, good looking, honest, funny. You: pretty, reliable, funny, kissable. (10/15) ☎90245

LOTS TO OFFER. Professional, balanced, unencumbered, athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 53, homeowner, spontaneous, midwest values, educated. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (10/15) ☎90211

WHITE MALE, 6', 175LBS., enjoys life, movies, short/long trips, mountains. Not rich, not poor, average. You: 45-62, not perfect, nice smile, petite to medium. (10/8) ☎90184

TALL, SPIRITUAL FRIEND 6'4", 51, open minded, fun loving, professional, entrepreneur. Loves sailing, skiing, dancing, romantic adventure. Seeking spiritual path partner, share life's lessons. (10/15) ☎90217

ITALIAN MALE, 40, sexy looking, sense of humor, morals, seeks female, 30-44, for friendship, beach, surfing, mountains,

deserts. Possible long-term relationship. North County Coastal. (10/15) ☎90213

SEXY, MANHATTAN PHOTOGRAPHER. Athletic, eclectic interests, from the beach to the opera. Enjoy well appointed, open-minded woman, especially European, for dating, sharing. Age unimportant. (10/8) ☎90192

NEW IN TOWN. Attractive male looking for female to share new experiences. 5'11", 165lbs., brown/brown. I'll try anything once and most things twice. (10/15) ☎90219

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 59, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (10/8) ☎90157

ARE YOU SINGLE, about thirty-somethingish, Caucasian, Christian, physically fit, financially responsible, childless and ready to click with similar yet older mature monogamous male? (10/15) ☎90243

GOOD NATURED GUY, fun, outgoing, slim, athletic, 5'8", educated professional. Seeking friendship with sweet and kind lady, 23-43. (10/15) ☎90214

SENSE OF HUMOR, spiritual, communicative, playful, 52, 5'8", 170lbs., blue-gray, enjoy coffeehouses, books, psychology. Open minded, seeking relationship. (10/15) ☎90204

GRANDPA WILLY, 62, 6', 180lbs., East County. Love: kids, dogs, cats, animals, musicals, movies. Nonsmoker, non-drinker. Seeking trim female for companionship. (10/15) ☎90227

VERY ATTRACTIVE, CHARMING cat lover from Michigan, 37, seeks adventurous, creative and confident woman with open heart and mind to share love of travel, music. (10/8) ☎90162

FIT, ATHLETIC, GOOD looking, clean gentleman, age 33, look 27, nonsmoker, looking to meet a passionate, real woman, for friendship, travel, beach. One on one. (10/8) ☎90177

SINCERE, PASSIONATE, sensitive, 55, 160lbs., 6'1", romantic. Seeks 30 to 45 angel for possible long-term relationship. All responses answered. Are you the one? (10/8) ☎90173

CATHOLIC MAN, 52, seeking a very Catholic woman, 35-50. Me: Slim, attractive, humorous, romantic, adventurous. Loves: Cooking, dancing, country picnics, coffeehouses. (10/15) ☎90218

NICE, FUN MALE, 37, black, seeking white female friend or maybe more. It's so simple, I don't argue, I don't fight. (10/8) ☎90189

SUCCESSFUL MOTIVATIONAL speaker seeks sexy, optimistic, slender lady. Me: 43, very fit, young, wealthy, fired up! You: 28-42, likes entrepreneurs, hates routine. San Diego awaits. (10/15) ☎90236

FRIENDLY, SINCERE, communicative, fun-loving, romantic white male, 50s, sensitive, secure. Enjoy hiking, beach walks, travel, dining, dancing. You're 40s, fit, affectionate, bright, relationship ready. (10/15) ☎90210

FRIEND AND LOVER, ME: 49 years young contractor. In shape, fun loving, easygoing. Enjoy surfing, sailing, biking, movies. You: slender, easygoing female sharing same qualities. (10/8) ☎90166

SOME LIKE IT HOT! Favorite movie native San Diegan, 175lbs., 5'11", good shape/looks, exercise, bike, walk. You: 40-60 educated, good shape, laughing, spontaneous, music. (10/8) ☎90175

ASIAN FEMALE DESIRED. Attractive white male professional, 46, athletic, well built, seeks very attractive Asian female, 35-45, professional, for quality relationship. North County. (10/15) ☎90238

HEALTHY, HANDSOME, tall, retired, widower, homeowner, financially secure, successful businessman. Seeking beautiful, vivacious, slim, shapely, affectionate, emotionally secure Caucasian lady, 55-65. Dates, fun, romance, trips. (10/15) ☎90212

42, ATTRACTIVE, FIT, business owner, financially secure, kids OK. Seeks positive fun loving, attractive female, smart, kind, warm, passionate, sensual, honest, for fun, outdoors/indoors. (10/8) ☎90186

GREAT KISSER. White male, 45, nice looking, great personality, financially secure, homeowner. Seeking sensual, full-figured female, for friendship, dining out, travel, and awesome kisses. (10/15) ☎90246

EAST COAST FROM D.C. Race and age open. I'm 38, 5'7", 150lbs., and might I

PICTURE STORY



Vendor and youngster at Julian's "Apple Days" event, 1969. That year, a "record crowd of 15,000" showed up to gobble apple pies, candy, cookies, and tarts, according to our local daily. The town threw a pancake

Photograph from the San Diego Historical Society

breakfast and a couple barbecues, too. Growers in 1969 said the harvest ranked as one of the three best since 1910, when Julian began its business relationship with apples.

—by Robert Mizrachi

add good looking. Smile, sense of humor mandatory. (10/8) ☎90176

GENTLEMAN, WORLDLY, compassionate 6', tall, brown hair, blue eyes, unique, handsome, 48, and spiritually driven. Looking for a conscious, attractive woman, with moral fiber. (10/8) ☎90195

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African-American/white male, 64, 6'4", 210lbs. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, more. (10/15) ☎90239

TALL, FIT, 49, EDUCATED, financially secure. Looking for attractive, special lady for committed relationship. Must be open to share and care and available to enjoy travel, dinners, concerts, healthy living. (10/15) ☎90222

ITALIAN MAN, 40, 6'1", honest, sincere, enjoys movies, walks on beach, easygoing, home oriented, seeking slender, attractive woman for meaningful relationship. No drugs, smoking, games. (10/15) ☎90244

FINANCIALLY SECURE, 53, Italian male, brown/brown, entrepreneur, warmhearted, fun, handsome. Seeking

petite, attractive, secure with herself, no problem, sexy, warm, fun, travel. North County. (10/8) ☎90152

JAZZ MUSICIAN, teacher/performer, handsome, 6'1", 170lbs., 51, red/blue, swing dancer, road bicyclist, non-smoker/drinker/drugs, childless. Seeking someone not behind the eight ball. (10/15) ☎90224

GYM TRIM, SUCCESSFUL, smart, professional, Caucasian, 5'10", 160lbs., seeking same, 45-55, who likes travel, reading, friends, family, cooking, wine, is witty, sexy, honest, financially secure. (10/15) ☎90207

MALE, 50'S, DIVORCED, romantic man, likes cuddling, walks on beach, spontaneous, easygoing, honest, dining out, movies, very nice, affectionate, laughter, looking for his princess. (10/8) ☎90181

EVIL MOORE, WELL EDUCATED, successful, interesting, traveled. Seeking charming, educated, enchanting queen, who knows life imitates opera. Please, no forest creatures or witches. (10/8) ☎90150

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. (10/15) ☎90237

OCEANFRONT LA JOLLA mansion. Sunsets with very handsome, fit, 50, 6'4", almost retired writer, professor, lawyer, investor, father, world traveler. Seeking incredibly beautiful, slim, fit, 21-40, confident, smart woman partner. (10/8) ☎90203

55+ ATTRACTIVE LADY sought by warmhearted, attractive male, slender 6'2", for conversation, music, hand holding, plays, music. Let's start something fun together. (10/15) ☎90241

What did YOU do last weekend?

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- ☒ Bonfires
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CORONADO. Take a walk on the Boardwalk since home is just a block away at Coronado Apartments. 2 bedroom, 2 bath one block from ferry landing, secured parking. 24-hour laundry facility. Rents starting at \$1500. Move-in special: 1/2 off

first month's rent. 220 Orange Avenue. For appointment call 619-427-6960.

CORONADO. Up to 1 month free! Luxury waterfront apartments. 1 bedrooms from \$1000. 2 bedrooms from \$1400. World-class amenities. Short term corporate apartments/vacation stays. Pool. Spa. Training facility. Movie theater. Basketball. Volleyball. Golf driving range. Tennis. Coronado Bay Club. 1515 Second Street. EHO. www.coronadobayclub.com, 619-435-2254. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1094.

CORONADO. \$2200. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath spacious townhouse. 1545 square feet. Fireplace, storage, laundry hookups, fenced patio. Gardener, trash, water included. Nonsmoking. Available 11/1. 619-437-1068.

CORONADO. \$4500. Coronado Cays. 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath. 2 masters, 1 upstairs, 1 downstairs. New carpet. Dock for boat. 2-car garage. Available 10/1. 18 Spinnaker Way. Boone Properties, 858-274-0307.

CORONADO. \$975-\$1150. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartment homes in beautiful Coronado! Community features laundry, parking and more! 143-1/2 D Avenue. 619-437-7125.

CORONADO. \$1300. 622 4th Avenue. 1 bedroom. Quaint Spanish style home, red tile roof. Gardener provided. 1-car garage. Lease. 619-435-2491.

CROWN POINT. \$2125. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ground floor condominium. Parking, quiet area, skylights, dishwasher, newer. No pets. 3924-1 Shasta Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com

CROWN POINT. \$1250. Upgraded 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Natural wood cabinetry. Close to Mission Bay, Crown Point Park. Parking. Laundry. No pets. 858-551-6049.

CROWN POINT/PACIFIC BEACH. Beautifully remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Ceiling fan, gated entry, laundry, barbecue. Peaceful. No pets. 858-483-2869.

DEL CERRO. \$1175. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, downstairs unit. Balcony, pool, spa, off I-8. 5533 Adobe Falls Road, #2. Available now. 619-267-7969.

DEL CERRO. \$1115-\$1125. Large 2 bedrooms. Pool, patio. Near shops and freeway, 5757 College Avenue. 619-286-1777.

DEL CERRO/GRANTVILLE. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 2 baths available. 1/2 off first month's rent. Near shopping, bus, easy freeway access. Mission Arbor Apartments. 4555 Vandever Avenue. 619-281-4006.

DEL MAR HEIGHTS. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath Elysian condo with fireplace, washer/dryer hookups, new range, large patio, 2-car garage, exercise room, pool and spa. 12646 Carmel Country Road. Available early October. Agent, 619-956-0900.

DEL MAR, \$1650. Furnished cottage apartment. Short walk to beach and town, Old Del Mar. Ocean

DEL MAR. Beautiful ocean view! Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Vaulted ceilings. Covered parking. Extra storage. Pool. On-site laundry. Walk to beach, town. Easy freeway access. \$1300-\$1375. 619-595-3297 or 619-595-3296.

DEL MAR. Duplex. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$2500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1800. Located in heart of village. Both units remodeled. All new appliances including washer/dryer. 760-753-1305.

DEL MAR. Ocean view! Live/work 1 block to beach. Perfect for home/business. Pool, covered parking, extra storage. Charming smaller complex. \$1375. 619-595-3292.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. Luxurious 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Remodeled, pool, spa, tennis, weight room, treadmill, private patio with views. \$2095/month. 858-705-4585.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Coastal living! Live west of I-5 from as low as \$1165. Spacious 1, 2 or 3 bedroom floor plans. Swimming pool, tennis court and fitness center. Close to beaches, entertainment and shopping. Small pets welcome! Solana Highlands, 701 South Nardo. www.hgftenton.com, 1-877-443-4030. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1057.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Great location! West of I-5. Large floor plans. From \$1099. 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.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$1250-\$1295. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Gated parking. Laundry facilities on property. Cat OK. 1100 square feet. View! 1233 22nd Street. 619-531-0826. www.floft.com.

DOWNTOWN /BANKER'S HILL. \$1295. Large 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. 1100 square feet. Bright, luxurious living space! Roof top sundeck, underground gated parking. Intercom entry. Laundry. Don't miss this fabulous opportunity. 2353 Albatross Street. Cat OK. 619-531-0826. www.floft.com.

DOWNTOWN, CORTEZ HILL. \$795. Studio. Remodeled. Limited access building. Charming, quiet, nice residential neighborhood. Utilities paid. On-site laundry. No pets. EOH. 619-299-8746.

DOWNTOWN, NORTH. \$825. Upstairs 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator. New carpet. Coin laundry. Available 9/20. 119 West Fir. Del Sol Property Management, broker 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

DOWNTOWN, TREO. \$1375. New condo. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Courtyard entrance. Fireplace, balcony, washer/dryer. Underground parking. Great amenities: pool, spa, gym. 858-598-1111. www.utopiamanagement.com.

DOWNTOWN. 800 square feet. 1 bedroom plus loft. 1 bath. Large balcony. \$1350. 619-888-8288.

DOWNTOWN. 1 month free on select units. The El Cortez lofts/1 bedroom available. From \$1610. 20-foot ceilings, great light. Large patio. 2 baths. Washer/dryer. Internet, satellite TV. Air conditioning. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Night doorman. Underground parking. Pets are welcome! 702 Ash Street. 619-338-8133. www.sdreader.com/rent/1029.

DOWNTOWN. New luxury Park Place townhome. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Roof deck, fireplace, 2 parking spaces. Living room opens to pool and patio. \$3300. 619-306-8193.

DOWNTOWN. \$450, plus deposit. Furnished room available in residential hotel with shared kitchen/bath. Includes microwave, refrigerator, cable TV. 1545 2nd Avenue. 619-595-0078.

DOWNTOWN. Residential. Single rooms from \$150/week plus deposit. Clean, quiet, secure, kitchenettes, shared bath. Near City College. Utilities/cable paid. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.hotelmed-sd.com

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DOWNTOWN. \$600. Studio on El Cortez Hill. Furnished. Utilities included. 1541 8th Avenue. No pets. Call resident manager, 619-233-4821.

DOWNTOWN. In the heart of the Gaslamp, single rooms, share bath and kitchen. No smoking/pets. \$375/month including utilities and cable TV. 843 4th Avenue, Windsor Hotel, 619-231-2385.

DOWNTOWN. Lofts, \$1195-\$1350. Historical. 12-foot-ceilings, bay windows. On-site laundry. Private elevator. Controlled access. No dogs. Minutes from the Gaslamp. Move-in special! Available now. Call for appointment. 619-235-5601.

DOWNTOWN. Huge loft in big, old warehouse, high ceilings, windows. 1067 J Street. \$1950/month. Available now. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639.

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. Brand new studios— move in now! Island Village open house, Saturday 10/4, 10am-2pm. 1245 Market Street. Only \$558! 3 month's free cable, 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. Penthouse loft. \$1795. 1000 square feet, Ballpark views, vaulted ceilings. Heart of Gaslamp District, 4th and K. Pets allowed. A definite must see. 619-838-7908.

DOWNTOWN. \$2000. Treo building. 1 bedroom with rooftop deck for entertaining. Amazing city/bay views. Gourmet kitchen, granite counters, custom paint/lighting. Must see! 619-888-6888.

DOWNTOWN. \$950. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with renovated kitchen, hardwood floors. Close to Balboa Park/ Little Italy. Agent, 619-685-3960.

DOWNTOWN. 7th and C. Work/live Trolley Lofts. 1000 square feet, \$1135. 1110 square feet, \$1295. 1225 square feet, \$1325. Oak floors, heating, air conditioning, laundry room, underground parking available. Shanna. 619-702-7222.

DOWNTOWN. \$425. Sleeper. Restored 1920s building emanating charm! Room with 1 full bath and no kitchen. 1244 10th Avenue. 619-544-1671.

DOWNTOWN. \$650. Remodeled studio in converted Victorian. Some utilities included. No pets. No smoke. 1759 2nd Avenue. Available now. Agent, 619-685-3960.

DOWNTOWN. \$1650. Crown Bay, 350 K Street. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with huge kitchen, deck, hardwood floors, and available now. 350 K Street. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-9935.

DOWNTOWN. \$1500. Marina Park, 850 State Street. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath with new carpet, fireplace, all appliances and pool, spa, workout. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-9935.

DOWNTOWN. 2 bedroom, 1 bath at 1357 8th Avenue. \$800. Do not disturb occupant! On-site laundry. Agent, 619-229-2540.

DOWNTOWN. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New condo. Granite countertops, washer/dryer, balcony, views. Close to City College, freeways, trolley, Balboa Park. Available now. \$1995. 619-255-9366.

DOWNTOWN. Large studio, \$695. Quiet complex, gated, laundry. 2545 A Street. Nolan, 619-235-8907.

DOWNTOWN. Assume lease, beautiful 1 bedroom apartment with no deposit. 4th floor, great view of pool/spa, tennis courts, large balcony, new everything. \$1025. 619-757-7582.

DOWNTOWN. \$1975. New Treo condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Downtown view! Gourmet kitchen, washer/dryer hookups, secure parking. 1240 India Street #1314. 619-640-7530.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Bright corner studio, \$795. 1 bedroom, \$995. Charming, secure, quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front Street. Near Beech. 619-233-7428.

DOWNTOWN/Marina District "CityFront Terrace" condo. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large master, balcony. All appliances including washer/dryer. Lap pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, fitness center, valet, security. Pet(s) considered. Available approximately 10/15. Lease \$2300. 619-231-4387.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. Call about our great move-in special! Remodeled 1 bedrooms from \$775. Controlled access building. Cats OK. Laundry facilities. Most utilities paid. Ceiling fan, gas stove, microwave and refrigerator. Walk to City College and Gaslamp District. Please call 619-235-9018 for more information, or view online at www.pacificliving.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1200. Bright, sunny 1 bedroom in four-level townhouse with single-car garage. 7-unit building. Large private rooftop deck plus 3 balconies. Washer/dryer. Fireplace, lots of storage. Secure building. Available now. 1631 State Street. Norm, 619-295-0742.

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DOWNTOWN/BALBOA PARK. \$2500. Magnificent all glass panoramic view of bay, downtown, Balboa Park! Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Full amenity building, doorman, 2 parking, gym, deck, jacuzzi. Some furniture available. 619-222-4208.

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DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. Up to 1 month free! Luxury junior 1 bedrooms from \$1265, 1 bedrooms from \$1560, 2 bedrooms from \$2050. Gourmet kitchen. Washer/dryer. Central heat, air. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Underground parking. Near Gaslamp, Horton Plaza. Seaport Village! The Heritage, 1471 8th. 1-888-707-3529. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2010.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gleaming hardwood floors, stackable washer/dryer, fireplace, gated parking, 2 balconies. 619-296-2787.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Central heat/air. Fireplace, full-size washer/dryer. Secure. 2 parking spaces, rooftop deck, spa. Agent, 619-426-0661.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$700 and up. Spacious studios. Utilities included. Laundry. Convenient location and 9th and Broadway. For appointment, call 619-235-9626 or 619-708-9313.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Lofts in the heart of The Gaslamp! 85 lofts, 17 different floor plans. 890-1300 square feet. Move-in specials! All pets OK. Roof deck with barbecue, laundry on every floor. Parking available. Pioneer Lofts leasing office: 315 4th Avenue. 619-231-1505 x12. Visit www.trilogymanagement.com. Also visit www.sdreader.com/rent/2064.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Harbor, city views! Move-in special. Office space/live/work lofts from \$1700. 887-'1818', air conditioning, huge windows, Maple cabinetry, 18'-25' ceilings. Water, sewer, trash included! Parking available. Pets on approval. Near Seaport Village, Horton Plaza, East Village, ballpark, restaurants, entertainment. 433 "G" Street. 619-235-6150. www.sdreader.com/rent/2071.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Brand new! Studio, \$900. 1 bedroom, \$1150. 2 bedroom, \$1350-\$1550. 3 bedroom, \$1600. Deposits \$500. Great views! Dishwasher. Storage. Secure building. Underground parking. Floor to ceiling windows. Laundry. Cats OK. Dogs OK in first floor units. Military discounts. Apply online, www.fstreetapts.com, 900 F Street, 619-233-4787. www.sdreader.com/rent/2020.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet. \$115/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Safe and secure. 619-235-6820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1400/up. Beautiful brand-new and bright live/work lofts across from Horton Plaza. Hardwood floors. Huhg windows. Small pet OK. Leasing now! 619-231-1333.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$795. 1 bedroom Craftsman-style cottage. Charming, bright, sunny! Hardwood floors. Laundry on site. Near Gaslamp, Balboa Park, bus and trolley. Near Broadway and 27th. Available 10/15. Nonsmoking, no pets. 619-239-1558.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$1299. Victorian penthouse. Panoramic city view. Totally renovated. Large deck, hardwood floors, granite countertops, maple cabi-

nets, attic with pull-down staircase. 1232 24th Street. Lower flat also available, \$1099. 619-236-1186.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Fully furnished luxury lofts for corporate or month-to-month with magnificent bay views. \$600/week or \$1800 to \$2000/month. Call 619-255-0526.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 1200 square foot loft, 1.5 bath, walk-in closet, washer/dryer, high ceiling, \$1500. Also, 600 square foot, 2 level loft with partial bay views. Washer/dryer. Available 11/1, \$1250. www.sdurbanliving.com. Call 619-255-0526.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Up to 1 month free rent! New 2 bedrooms from \$1775! Great views! Full-size washer/dryer. Microwave. Cable. Wood-style flooring. Berber carpet. Patios/balconies. Pool/spa. Fitness center. Parking garage. Gated. Business/recreation center. Internet. Pet friendly! Camden Tuscany, 1670 Kettner Blvd. 888-408-0265. www.sdreader.com/rent/2060.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Modern lofts, only for the truly urban at heart! Large new 1 and 2 bedrooms, \$1495-\$1995. High ceilings. Huge windows. Wood floors. Private roof deck with bay views. Euro kitchens. Washer/dryer. Pets OK. Highly desirable location! Near trolley, restaurants, shops. Chris, 619-233-1111, or Brian, 619-370-8826. www.sdlotfs.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. From \$650. Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrigerator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Residential hotel with laundry. Near trolley/bus lines, blocks from harbor. On-site manager. Villa Caterina, 1654 Columbia Street. 619-232-3400.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Move-in special! 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. \$1850. 1501 India Street, #506. Available now. More Property Management. 858-514-8201.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Move-in Specials. Corner of Ash/Union. Brand new 1 bedroom modern lofts. Great downtown views, balconies, roof decks, stainless steel appliances, 17-foot ceilings, air conditioning, pet friendly, parking available. Starting at \$1300. Open House: Sunday, October 5, 10am-4pm. 619-501-6731. www.thebillboardlofts.com

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1400. Porto Siena, 1601 India Street. Top floor 1 bedroom, 1 bath with views, large deck, all appliances, in private newer building. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-9935.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$795. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Large kitchen, patio, on-site laundry. Close to restaurants and shops. 2442 India. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA DISTRICT. \$1295. Beautiful 1 bedroom condo located at Columbia Place. Don't miss out! 2 parking spots; too much to list. 655 Columbia. Cogan Properties, 619-279-2183.

DOWNTOWN/PARK PLACE. Move-in special! \$2295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Great amenities. Hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances. 858-598-1111, see pictures @ www.utopiamanagement.com.

EL CAJON. \$1150. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Extra large, new kitchen with granite, new carpet/paint, gated parking, balcony. Available now! 300 Filbert Street. www.cethon.com; 619-295-1100.

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EL CAJON. \$940. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouses in small beautifully landscaped gated community. New carpet, freshly painted and newer kitchen appliances including dishwasher and garbage disposal. Available 10/20. Sorry, no pets. Call to visit your new home, 619-593-6602.

EL CAJON. \$795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. On-site laundry. Assigned parking. Monterey Apartments. 1005 N. Mollison. Call Sunrise, 858-571-1970, 619-401-2404. Sunrise.living.com.

EL CAJON. \$1100. Deposit \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Totally remodeled house in quiet neighborhood, private yard. Section 8 OK. 2 parking spaces. No pets. 1256 Sumner Street, Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7430.

EL CAJON. \$620. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath, air conditioning, pool, laundry. 1/2 off first month. Call 619-590-2690.

EL CAJON. \$675, includes \$100 worth of utilities. 720 square foot stand alone studio in quiet residential area. Private entry, kitchen, walk-in closet, air, laundry, garage parking. No smoking. Indoor pets OK. Available 10/15. 619-334-3910, Legal_Goddess1@yahoo.com.

EL CAJON. \$950. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fresh paint, new carpeting. Recreation room. Barbecue area. Sparkling pool, relaxing spa. Laundry on site. Lush landscape. 501 Greenfield Drive. 619-441-9726.

EL CAJON. A sparkling pool in the middle of a quiet courtyard invites you into this community. 1 bedroom, \$700. 2 bedroom starting at \$795. No pets please. 619-990-5900.

EL CAJON. Quiet courtyard living. 1 bedroom apartments. \$700. No pets. Call 619-838-8088.

EL CAJON. Peaceful and serene describes this small cozy complex. 1 bedroom at \$700. No pets please. 619-818-9939.

EL CAJON. A quiet, peaceful community with a sparkling pool. Flower gardens everywhere. 1 bedroom at \$700. 2 bedroom at \$795. No pets. Call 619-985-3900.

EL CAJON. Peaceful community, conveniently located to I-8 and 67. 1 bedroom, \$700. No pets please. Call 619-742-7600.

EL CAJON. A must see. Large 1 bedroom at \$700. No pets. Call 619-850-9722.

EL CAJON. A sparkling pool and friendly surroundings greet you. 2 bedroom, 1 bath at \$825. No pets. Call 619-838-4600.

EL CAJON. Balconies, central air conditioning, a sparkling pool and lush landscaping that surrounds this community are a few features. 1 bedroom, 1 bath at \$695. 2 bedroom, 2 bath at \$895. No pets. 619-993-6800.

EL CAJON. Central. 1 bedroom. Only \$695. Central air/heat. Ceiling fan, microwave, dishwasher. Barbecue area. Laundry. Park-like setting. 275 Ballantyne. Manager, 619-442-5618. Owner, 619-448-9062.

EL CAJON. Attached 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, \$1495. Small yard, 2-car garage. No pets. 1017 Greenfield #C. Move-in special! Call 858-483-5111.

EL CAJON. \$950. Luxury for less. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. In-unit washer/dryer, microwave, central air. Great location. Available mid-October. Sherry, 619-726-7933.

EL CAJON. Great value. \$925. Townhome with shaded balcony, garden patio. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, secluded area, pool, parking. Small pet considered. Sherry, 619-726-7933.

EL CAJON. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath townhome. Garage. Cat OK. Grossmont Terrace, 224 South Pierce. 619-987-0274 or 619-297-0274.

EL CAJON. \$1235. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, fenced yard, air conditioning. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

EL CAJON. Very large 3 bedroom, 1 bath, \$950. Very large upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$750. Laundry facilities, assigned off-street parking. 1423 Peach Avenue. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

EL CAJON. \$695-\$825. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath units located in clean, gated community with on-site laundry and sparkling pool. 247 N. First Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

EL CAJON. \$795. Deluxe 2 bedroom apartment, air conditioning, fans. New paint, carpet, appliances. Nice patio. Off-street parking. Laundry, quiet, gated. 619-579-6705; 619-925-7657.

ENCANTO. \$1350, \$1000 deposit. Huge 2 bedroom, 1 bath house with large front/backyards. Washer/dryer included. Pets on approval, \$25/month each. Available 11/1. 619-501-0615 or usnates1@cox.net.

ENCINITAS. \$1350-\$1390. 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious townhomes. Washer/dryer included, assigned parking, fully equipped kitchens. 1 mile from Encinitas Beach, close to shopping, golfing, and I-5. 760-633-3382.

ENCINITAS. 2 months free! From \$1795-\$2795. New luxury 2, 3 bedrooms. Short term leases! Central heat/air. 9' ceilings. Microwave. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer. High speed Internet. Walk-in closet. Balcony/patio. Storage. Gated parking. Pool. Spa. Barbecue. Business/fitness center. Poinsettia Ridge, 1100 Garden View

Road. www.poinsettiaridge.com, 1-866-449-6100. www.sdreader.com/rent/2073.

ENCINITAS. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Private patio. Pet community. Assigned parking. Includes refrigerator, dish-washer, washer/dryer. 1457 North Vulcan. Sunrise, 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

ENCINITAS. \$2100. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, fireplace, family room, fenced yard. Community pool/spa/tennis. 2119 Mountain Vista. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

ENCINITAS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1235. Patio. Bright and airy. Garden setting. 1-1/2 blocks to beach. Close and easy access to shopping, freeway, Coaster. No pets. 760-929-1950.

ENCINITAS. \$1595. New resort 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 1.5 miles from ocean, washer/dryer, microwave, dishwasher, fireplace, free water, pool, spa, gym, tennis. Pet OK. Philip, 619-342-6074.

ENCINITAS. \$1550. 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. 1000 square feet. 1-car garage. 1134 Gardena Road. Available now. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. \$2500. 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths. 2-car garage. Townhouse in gated beachfront community. Furnished. Elevator for handicapped or elderly. Private beach, tennis, pools, spa. 3 month-1 year lease. Pets negotiable. Available now. Agent, 760-635-4264.

ENCINITAS. 3 bedroom, 1 bath attached house. \$1795/month. Agent, 760-212-0082.

ENCINITAS. Condo rental. Remodeled, tons of upgrades. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car attached garage. Fireplace. Enclosed patio. Washer, dryer, refrigerator. Pets allowed with deposit. Pool, spa. \$1850. Agent, Prudential, 760-918-9989.

ENCINITAS. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus loft condo. Close to beach, Coaster, and shops. Beautiful ocean view, vaulted ceilings, washer/dryer. Pets maybe. 760-944-1788.

ENCINITAS. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, quiet neighborhood, 2-car garage, large fenced yard, RV parking. Some pets OK. \$2700. 858-735-8989.

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ENCINITAS/LEUCADIA. \$1195 with utilities, 2 bedroom, 1 bath studio apartment with private patio and yard, close to beach. Quiet. Golf course. Nonsmoking. No pets. 760-632-1515.

ESCONDIDO. 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.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$1350. Large 2 bedroom in completely renovated classic Victorian. Available 10/4. New kitchen, bathroom, appliances, ceiling fans. Laundry, gated, pets, storage available. 2042 F Street #2. 858-453-4510.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1100. Small 2 bedroom with dog run in completely renovated classic Victorian. Available 10/6. New kitchen, bathroom, appliances, ceiling fans. Laundry, gated, pets, storage available. 2042 F Street #1. 858-453-4510.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Move-in special! \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath units. Completely refurbished. Dishwasher. Covered off-street parking, on-site laundry, security system, balcony. \$850 deposit. No pets. Herb. 619-838-1595.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$725-\$1100. Charming 1 or 2 bedroom, 1 bath, acrpel/hardwood, ceramic tile, gated courtyard, laundry. Garage available. No pets. No smoke. Some utilities included. Larger unit includes garage. 2967 "A" Street. Available mid-/October. Agent, 619-685-3960Or Ken. 619-251-4355.

GOLDEN HILL. Studio and 1 bedroom cottages. \$625-\$675. Charming Spanish bungalows, garden setting, faux fireplace, laundry facilities. Near shops/restaurants. No pets. 619-595-1923.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 1000 square feet. Easy access to freeway. Near Balboa Park. No dogs. 2913 A Street. James, 619-895-2357.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$850. Huge loft in converted building with separate kitchen. Washer/dryer hookups. Water paid. Carpet. Patio. Antique stove. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$525. Upstairs studio. Hardwood floors. Large kitchen. Lots of windows. Extended cable included. Shared yard. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$795. 1 bedroom cottage with hardwood floors. Tiled kitchen and bath. Small fenced yard. No dogs. Gated building. Laundry. Agent, 619-234-9553.

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HILLCREST. \$975-\$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Controlled access. Balcony. Amazing location. Immaculate community. Arbor Place. 4202 4th Avenue. 858-571-1970 or 619-368-5576. Sunriseliving.com.

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HILLCREST. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, charming and spacious with arched doorways, hardwood floors, French doors, large kitchen. 1902 Cypress. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST. \$725. Great studio. Great location. 6 or 12 month lease. 3785 Park Boulevard. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

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HILLCREST. \$975. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Canyon view. Balcony. Laundry. Assigned parking. Pool. Pets negotiable with deposit. 4053 8th Avenue. 619-297-0269.

HILLCREST. \$895. 1 bedroom, newly remodeled. New appliances, wood floors. Coin laundry, shared patio area. Available 9/12. 3730 First Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

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HILLCREST. \$875. Charming 1 bedroom duplex. Hardwood floors. Great neighborhood. Close to hospitals. 4060 Front Street. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. \$725. Large studio. Electric included. Upstairs. Large walk-in closet. Breakfast nook. Mock fireplace. On-site laundry. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. \$2200. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 1-car garage plus, all appliances included. Exquisitely remodeled 2-story home, stainless steel appliances, granite counters, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, fireplace, tiled bathrooms, accent lighting throughout. No pets. Beautiful! Available immediately. 619-871-0635.

HILLCREST. \$985. Charming cottage-like 1 bedroom in small vintage Spanish-style property with laundry facilities. Hardwood floors and 9-foot coved ceilings. Garage available. Georgia Street. Call 619-298-1961.

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HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$975. Downstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, verticals, new carpet/tile flooring, refrigerator, laundry, off-street parking. No pets. 4568 Cleveland. 619-297-3109.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. 920 square feet, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, fully remodeled condo. New appliances, washer/dryer, mirrored closet doors, spa, 6 minutes to downtown. 3651 Louisiana Street, 92104. \$1500. 619-549-2300.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. 940 square feet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath fully remodeled condo. Dual master suites, new steel appliances, 6 minutes to downtown. 3960 Arizona Street, 92104. \$1500. 619-549-2300.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 2 bedrooms, \$1300/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.

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KENSINGTON. \$1175. Spacious upstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner suite. On-site laundry. All amenities. Security building. 2-car garage available. No pets. Quiet area. Available 11/1. Call 858-456-2098.

KENSINGTON/NORMAL HEIGHTS. House. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large yard, wood floors, fireplace, new carpet, new paint. Washer/dryer hookup, 1-car garage, and parking space. \$1350/month; \$1000 security deposit. 4454 Felton. 858-292-1773.

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KENSINGTON SQUARE. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2-story house with den. Complete custom remodel. Private yard and balcony. Washer/dryer. Dogs OK. 619-750-9111.

KENSINGTON. 3 bedroom, 1 bath charming Spanish home. Built-ins, laundry room, front and side yard. Heart of Kensington. \$1795. 4774 Edgeware. 619-846-6140.

KENSINGTON. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, gated, recently renovated. In the heart of Kensington Village. Across from park, near Starbucks. Parking. Available now. 4118 Adams Avenue #6. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

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KENSINGTON charmer. \$750. 1 bedroom. Small gated complex. Very quiet. Tropical, lush surrounding. Dishwasher, laundry, fireplace, air conditioning, walk-in closets, patio. 2 parking. 619-606-4685.

KENSINGTON. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, super clean, nice house in great neighborhood. Large bedrooms, update kitchen, dishwasher, on-site laundry. Available now. 4525 Terrace Drive. 858-729-6406.

KENSINGTON/TALMADGE. 3 Bedroom, 2.5 bath, new house. Fireplace, berber, tile, stainless, 2 car garage. Pets okay. \$1,795 per month plus deposit. 619-286-3128.

KENSINGTON. \$700, deposit \$600. Cute, cozy 1 bedroom apartment in duplex. SDG&E included. 4778 34th Street. Agent, 858-688-1345; www.dakotapm.com.

LA COSTA HILLS. \$1095+. 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. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with vaulted ceilings and lots of light. Great neighborhood. Like new appliances included, washer/dryer, air conditioning, pool, balcony, 2 carport spots. Near golf/beach. Call 760-470-3411.

LA COSTA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with common pool and spa, underground parking. Nice view. 2507 Navarra #104. Leasing Unlimited 760-436-7273.

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 COLONY/UTC. Receive up to \$1000! Some restrictions apply. Reduced deposits! Application fees waived. 1 bedrooms from \$1275, 2 bedrooms from \$1545. Cybernet Cafe. Fitness club. Busi-

ness center. Pools, spas. Washer/dryer. All new interior, planned community. Pets welcome. La Cima, 7503 Charmant Drive. 1-888-521-6916. www.sdreader.com/rent/1054.

LA JOLLA COLONY. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment available. Free gym and Internet. Available November. Pets OK. 858-699-3474.

LA JOLLA SHORES. Studios \$950-\$1000/month, 1 bedroom \$1100/month both include utilities/cable. 3 bedroom house \$3750/month. Vacation rental \$7500/month. Near UCSD. 1/2 mile beach. 858-454-5414.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Studio. Living room, bath, kitchen-appliances. Walk-in closet, dresser drawers/shelves, laundry. Walk to beach, bus, restaurants. \$1095-\$1375, includes utilities. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. \$900-\$950. Charming studios and 1 bedrooms. Pool, laundry, elevator. Walk to La Jolla Cove and business district. No pets. 858-459-8254. www.casalinadaapartments.com.

LA JOLLA Woodlands. Large executive 1 bedroom trilevel townhouse, attached garage/storage. Completed \$75K remodel, all new appliances. Pool, spa, sauna. \$1495. Available 10/10. 972-304-3260.

LA JOLLA. \$2000. Live at beach, ocean view, large 1 bedroom, large patio, fully furnished, tenant pays phone only. Available December 1. 858-551-5800.

LA JOLLA. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath on ocean, Windansea area. Patio, fireplace, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, covered parking, laundry on site. Great view! 760-720-1400; 760-613-1350.

LA JOLLA. Best location 2 bedroom, 180 degree view, \$2750. Or 2 bedroom mini view, \$2050 (add \$100 furnished). Available now. 616 Prospect #9. 858-729-0342.

LA JOLLA. \$4495. 2-story home in the village. Blocks from the beach. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath plus office, with ocean views from master and roof deck. Call Mike, 702-592-9442.

LA JOLLA. \$2050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1/4 block from beach, 2 blocks from village. Ocean view from door. Call 858-459-1484, or Manager: 858-729-0342.

LA JOLLA. Renaissance. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom condo with washer/dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, pool/spa, 1-car garage, carport. 858-361-3843.

LA JOLLA. Pets welcome. 1-3 bedrooms. \$800+. Great variety of 100% pet friendly rentals. Low fee with money back guarantee. Listings available online. 888-482-8136. www.petrent.net.

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. Completely remodeled spacious townhouse. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Laundry, patio. Quiet area close to UCSD. New carpet, wood flooring, kitchen, refrigerator, washer/dryer. \$1950/month. Cat Olga, 858-538-8912. Move in, treat yourself to the best! www.sandiegohome4you.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with ocean view. Pool. Steps to beach. Laundry. Security parking. Available 10/1. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-775-0386. 858-395-9942.

LA JOLLA. \$1725. Heart of Village. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, 2-car underground parking. Open Sunday 1-4pm. 7434 Herschel #8. Leasing Unlimited 760-436-7273.

LA JOLLA. \$1125. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Secure building. All appliances. Near beach, bus stop. Easy freeway access. No pets. 2510 Torrey Pines. 858-459-3531.

LA JOLLA. \$875. Studio. Utilities paid, just remodeled, off-street parking. 858-349-8125, 858-459-6640.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house close to beach. Fireplace. 180 degree panoramic view of La Jolla, Sea World, airport, Mt. Helix. \$2600. 619-851-0989, 858-566-4519.

LA JOLLA. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 1 bath second floor, 3 blocks from ocean, 1 parking space, coin laundry, balcony, newly renovated. Off La Jolla Boulevard. 858-459-3753.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 1/2 off first month! Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Walk to UCSD, shops, park. Balcony. Garden window. No pets. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive #11. 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. \$965, 1 bedroom. \$1395, \$300 off! 1 bedroom, 2 bath in village. Intercom entry. Fireplace. Dishwasher. Laundry. Underground parking. No pets. 7555 Herschel available 10/10 or 7575 Eads available now. 858-459-1102.

LA JOLLA. \$1025-\$1195. Ask about move-in special! Spacious studio and 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.

LA JOLLA. \$2100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath furnished condo. Steps to Prospect. Security building. 1-year lease required. 858-459-0374.

LA JOLLA. \$1850. 2 master bedroom suites, plus 1/2 bath townhouse. Fireplace, all appliances, washer/dryer, double garage. Community pool and park. No pets. 858-361-3374.

LA JOLLA. \$1390-\$1890. Ocean view condo, 1 bedroom, balcony. Beach cottage, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer. Completely remodeled. Block from Windansea. Pets OK. 858-499-0611.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with ocean view! Parking, coin laundry. Close to shops/restaurants. No pets. 5538 La Jolla Boulevard. Open house Saturday 10/4, 11-30am-12:30pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. \$1850. 3 bedroom, 2 bath in great location, close to beach and village. Pool, laundry, parking. 525 Marine Street #6. Open house Saturday 10/4, 1-2pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. From \$1250. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry on site. Fireplace. Private patio. No pets. Available now. 1241 Roslyn Lane. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA. Amazing deal for studio in tropical environment. 1/2 block to ocean. Pool, laundry. No pets. \$999 and up. Call 858-454-7509.

LA JOLLA. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, great ocean new. Laundry on-site, underground parking for 2 cars. Available now. Call 858-454-8857 x326.

LA JOLLA/UNIVERSITY CITY. \$1700. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Garage. Recently remodeled. Pool. Available now. 858-274-6103; 858-344-7133.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$2400. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome with fireplace. Private patio, community pools/park, 2-car garage. Near UCSD/shopping. Refrigerator, washer/dryer included. Available 10/1. 858-657-0546.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Senior 62+ complex. Patio, spacious club house, amenities, activities, on bus line, and more. 858-458-0066.

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. \$1650. Ask about move in special! 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Fireplace. 1-car garage. All amenities. 4004 Crystal Dawn Lane, #104. Agent, 619-471-1760.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Receive up to \$1000! 1 bedrooms from \$1145. 2 bedrooms from \$1530. Some restrictions apply. Washer/dryer. Patios/balconies. Broad-band 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. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Tile and wood floors. 2 balconies, marble fireplace, attached garage, near pool and spa. \$1695. Agent, 858-560-6656.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath Playmor condo. Fireplace. Gas stove. Walk-in closet. Laundry room. Patio. Carport. 8064 Camino Tranquilo. Available 11/1. 858-755-1426.

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. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1200 square feet. Condo with parking. Located in the boardwalk complex at 8860 Villa La Jolla Village Drive. Year lease. 858-922-9288.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. 7822 Camino Raposa. Phillips Realty, 858-453-2882; 619-291-6686.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1195. Large 1 bedroom condo, large walk-in closet, automatic garage, 4 blocks from UTC, 2 from shuttle. Utcrentals@aol.com, 858-578-3392.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1750+. Large 3 bedroom condos available now and on continual basis. Near UCSD and bus line. Washer/dryer, refrigerator. utcrentals@aol.com, 858-578-3392.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Private patio, near UCSD/shopping, lots of parking, community park/pool. Refrigerator, washer/dryer included. 760-809-5958.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1700. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. Bright and clean. New carpet and paint. Washer/dryer in unit. 858-254-1740.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1600. Cottage, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, private courtyard, rear patio, block from beach, no pets, street parking. 9-month lease. 310-475-0121.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1350 plus security deposit. Serene 1 bedroom condo with spacious patio, pool, spa. Updated appliances. Walk to beach. Available 10/15. 619-274-6500.

LA MESA. \$795. 1 bedroom apartments. Utilities included. Ceiling fans, close to shopping center. Units available in November and December. 619-465-8258. www.floit.com.

LA MESA. \$1995. Trilevel home in private community. 4 bedrooms, 3 bath. Air conditioning, washer/dryer, 2-car garage, gated yard. Gated pool/park. Available now. Gayle, 619-977-2533.

LA MESA. \$700 including utilities. Private studio apartment with private entrance, large walk-in closet, own bath, new carpet, quiet neighborhood. coachbrenda@juno.com or 619-300-2628.

LA MESA. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$625, studio. Newly remodeled! Great location. Off-street parking. 4922 68th Street. Sunriseliving.com. 858-571-1970.

LA MESA. \$1345. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. 2 masters, pool, tennis court, jacuzzi, dishwasher, washer/dryer. 7715 Saranac. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

LA MESA. \$775. Spacious 1 bedroom, upper end unit. Ceiling fan, extra closets, on site laundry room, off street parking. Walk to Village. 619-697-7841.

LA MESA. \$940. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, gated complex located in the village of La Mesa. Air conditioning, on-site laundry. Donna, 619-469-3809.

LA MESA. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Dishwasher, new flooring, 1 assigned parking, 900 square feet, patio. No pets. 7470 Lime Street #F. Agent, 619-298-7724.

LA MESA. \$1950. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Family room, fireplace, garage, central air, yard, gardener included. Pet OK. 619-749-4578.

LA MESA. \$725. Quiet, upper end unit, spacious 2 room studio. Large walk-in closet New paint/carpet. Under new ownership. 7631 Normal Avenue. 858-245-9747.

LA MESA. \$725-\$750. Large studios. Pool, patio. Near shops and freeway. 5639 Jackson Drive. 619-462-3447.

LA MESA. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Upstairs. Balcony. New carpet. Dishwasher. Blinds. Intercom entry. Laundry. Garage included. 4311 Parks Avenue. 619-460-5406.

LA MESA. \$850. 1 bedroom. Cute clean, cottage duplex in landscaped courtyard. New decor. Hardwood floors. Quiet complex. No pets. 4866-1/2 Pine Street. 619-697-4831.

LA MESA. \$850. Deposit \$500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool, spa, laundry room, parking on site. Close to shops and freeways. 4515 3rd Street. Available now. Glenna, 619-469-5010.

LA MESA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, garage with hookups. Patio, balcony. Quiet townhome. Cat OK. 4750 70th Street, #32. 619-463-1466.

LA MESA. \$400 off move in! Lovely 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$825. Quiet, park-like. Pool, spa, air conditioning, barbecue, sauna. 619-464-7676.

LA MESA. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment. Top notch condition, great location. Laundry, parking. No pets. 3717 69th Street. Open house Saturday 10/4, 10am-12pm. Manager, 619-337-2369.

LA MESA. \$1500. Completely furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with pool, garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher and other upgrades! 10-month lease. 5940 Zora Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

LA MESA. \$995. Deposit \$800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, off-street parking. 6004 Lake Murray #C. 619-804-3325.

LA MESA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath spacious home \$1595. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath \$795, all appliances. Garage/workshop \$100. Rent apart or rent to own all for \$2695 with \$600 towards purchase. 8312 University Avenue. 619-697-6468.

LA MESA. Beautiful landscape, \$400 off first month's rent. Low deposits! 1 bedroom apartments available starting at \$750 and up. Enjoy our pools, barbecue area. Carport/storage available. Laundry facilities. Gated community. The Palms of La Mesa, 7481-7487 Mohawk Street. Monday-Friday, 9-5:00pm. Appointment on Saturdays. For appointment, 619-466-6149.

LA MESA. From \$775. 1 bedrooms, small quiet complex. Air conditioning, upgrades, patio or balcony, on site laundry, off street parking. Garages available. 619-460-8011.

LA MESA. Meticulous gardens and a sparkling pool are just a few of this community's amenities. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$895. No pets. Call 619-884-7900.

LA MESA. Starting at \$1195. Townhome, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2 story. Large private fenced yard. Dogs welcome. 8685 Mellmanor Drive. Available immediately. 619-698-0505.

LA MESA. Studios, \$700-\$730. 2 bedrooms, \$1050. Includes carport space and storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated community. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, air-conditioned apartment homes. Close to lovely parks and shopping centers. Enjoy quality, comfort and convenience at a price you can afford at Vista Amaya. Call us now at 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1035.

LA MESA. Studio, \$740, Junior, \$785. 2 bedroom, \$1150. 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.

LA MESA. Smell the flowers blooming, hear the birds singing. Balconies, sparkling pool, cathedral ceilings are just a few of the amenities. No pets please. 1 bedrooms start at \$950, 2 bedrooms start at \$1150. 619-464-8985.

LA MESA/COLLEGE AREA. \$725-\$895. 1 and 2 bedroom, upper, stove, refrigerator, carpet, vertical blinds, laundry facilities. Security building. Off-street parking. Garage available. No pets. 619-507-7119; 619-466-4547.

LA MESA/CASA DE ORO. Special \$300 off! Best value for your dollar! Elegant, sculptured flower garden, fountains, gas lamps, park benches. Charming, New Orleans style community. From \$850. Spacious 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms/2 baths. Huge patios/balconies. Restricted access gate. Small pet OK. 3903 Conrad Drive. 619-462-1212. www.sdreader.com/rent/1017.

LA MESA/LAKE MURRAY. \$1950. Nice 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. Walk to lake. Family room, fireplace, garage, central air, yard. Gardener included. Pet OK. 6135 Baltimore Drive. Agent 619-469-7790.

LA MESA. \$1950. 3 bedroom plus huge loft, 1 bath. 1300+ square feet, newly remodeled, fireplace, laundry, large yard, fenced. \$1500. 619-390-9939.

LAKESIDE. Marilla Sundance Apartment homes located in scenic Lakeside. We offer spacious 2 bedroom, 2 full bath approximately 935 square feet. From \$925. 1/2 month to 1 month free! Dogs/cats are welcome. Dog must be 40 pounds/less. Cats must be indoors. Two pet maximum. 619-561-2922. www.sdreader.com/rent/2024.

LAKESIDE. \$850. Deposit \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Small complex. Laundry on site, near park and lake. 1 parking. Pets OK. 12633 Lindo Lane, Unit A. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7430.

LAKESIDE. Large 5 bedroom, 3 bath. Jacuzzi tub in master bedroom. Quiet lo-

cation, deck with view. Small yard, little maintenance. \$2100/month. 619-445-4164.

LAKESIDE. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1700 square foot, 1/2 acre, large living room, large family room with fireplace, upgraded kitchen and baths, nice yards, covered patio, RV parking. \$1850/month. 619-749-5532.

LAKESIDE. \$775. Cute 1 bedroom apartment in historic courtyard property, washer/dryer, off-street parking, optional garage. Pets considered. 619-725-3632.

LEMON GROVE. \$995. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Air, microwave, ceiling fan, mirrored closet doors, patio. No smoking/pets. 7525 Pacific Avenue. 619-280-4693.

LEMON GROVE. Off of Broadway. \$700. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry on site, parking, yard. Move-in special. Available now! 3320 Vista Avenue. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

LEMON GROVE. \$995. 2 bedroom house. New paint, fenced yard. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

LEMON GROVE. \$875. Move-in special. 2 bedroom duplex. New paint, carpet. 8357 Palm. Agent, 858-688-1345; www.dakotapm.com.

LEUCADIA. \$1600. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow on cul-de-sac. Washer/dryer hookups. Water, garbage, gardener included. Near beach. No dogs. No smoking. 760-942-1803.

LEUCADIA. \$800. Private studio in great location, West of I-5. Nice front yard, off-street parking. 1105 North Vulcan. Cat ok. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

LEUCADIA. \$875. Duplex. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Off-street parking. No pets. Walk to beach. 625-square-feet. 1223 North Vulcan. Available 10/1. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

LEUCADIA. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Close to beach. New paint, carpets. Appliances. Yard. Available 10/15. No pets/smoking. 760-942-7857.

LINDA VISTA. Genesee Summit. Secluded, private. \$995, Spacious, 2 bedroom apartments. Refrigerators, dishwasher, garbage disposal and gas stove. Garages available. Patio. Air conditioning. Laundry hookups. Central location, near all. No dogs. 2219 Judson Street. 858-576-0420.

LINDA VISTA. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$845. 1 bedroom, \$825. Convenient location, fenced backyards, assigned parking. No pets. Office at 2451 Ulric Street. Please call for appointment at 858-278-3610.

LINDA VISTA. \$650, studio, utilities included. Laundry, gated parking. No pets. 2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

LINDA VISTA. \$975. Deposit \$1025. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs unit, near USD, laundry on site, street parking. No pets. Available 10/7. 5762 Lauretta St. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7430.

LINDA VISTA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath end unit townhome by USD, interstates. Great pool, spa. \$1200/month. No smoking, pet considered. Friars Village, 6362 Caminito Salado, 92111. 858-336-1597.

MIRA MESA. Mirabella condo, gated complex. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, air conditioning, balcony, washer/dryer, refrigerator, 2 parking spaces. \$1350, deposit \$1350. Available November. 619-397-0393, 619-300-1268.

MIRA MESA. \$1095. Large 1 bedroom upper corner condo, sunny exposure. Balcony facing pool, jacuzzi, laundry. Major appliances. Covered carport. Near shopping. No pets. 619-846-3965.

MIRA MESA. \$1295. Mirabella 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo overlooking pool. Underground secure parking. Locked community near shopping, recreation center. Appliances, jacuzzi, sauna, gym. 858-578-3392.

MIRA MESA/SCRIPPS RANCH. \$2000. New 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home. Gated community. Refrigerator, microwave, washer/dryer. No cats. Dog OK with deposit. 619-838-0410.

MISSION BAY/BAY PARK. Please call for current move-in special! Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$1225! Great location. Near beaches, bay, freeway, shopping, and restaurants! Quiet complex. Balconies/patios. Pools. 6 laundry rooms. Lush landscaping. Garages, storage. Cats OK. Villa Pacific Apartments, 2905 Clairemont Drive. Call 619-276-1680. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1090.

MISSION BAY, EAST. \$775 rent. 1 bedroom. \$500 deposit. Close to I-5. 1450 Morena Boulevard. Open daily 9am-6pm. \$275 off first month's rent, OAC. 619-276-8816.

MISSION BAY. \$795. Studio in mint condition with bay views. Controlled access, parking, laundry. No pets. 2821 Morena Boulevard. Resident manager, 619-275-1352.

MISSION BEACH. \$2700. Ocean view! 3 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. On Boardwalk. Parking. Available through May. Call now! 619-298-1666.

MISSION BEACH. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Newly remodeled, dishwasher, carpet, new refrigerator. Year-round. Available now. Call 858-488-2006.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1575. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. View. Third floor condo. No pets. 2965 Mission Boulevard. Cairncross Rentals, 858-490-1450.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1800/month. spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2-car garage, washer/dryer, furnished. 858-488-4450 or 858-610-0181.

MISSION BEACH. \$1475-\$1600. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Hardwood, tile, remodeled. Second floor. One parking space. Laundry. No smokers/pets. 3314 Mission Boulevard, Martha, 619-224-0985.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$1550 plus utilities. 2-1/2 bedroom, 1 bath unfurnished house. Parking. Lease. Deposit. 829 Pismo. Bright tiny studio. Stove, refrigerator, captains bed, attached bathroom with shower. Lease. \$650 plus utilities. Deposit. 825-1/2 Pismo, off alley. 858-488-5435.

MISSION BEACH. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit. Downstairs, bay side, parking, remodeled, yard. Must see. 808 Island Court. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Tile flooring. 50 steps to the beach. Beautiful fenced patio/deck. Available now. Storage in back. 858-488-4612.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. 1 and 2 bedroom furnished apartments from \$1050. 858-488-2858.

MISSION BEACH. \$900. Deposit \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Furnished unit in small complex. Off-street parking. Steps to beach and bay. No pets. Available for 9 month rental. 3764 Bayside Lane #3. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7430.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$2400, year-round. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, parking, laundry. Newly renovated, Viking appliances. Available. Call 858-272-4770.

MISSION BEACH. \$2600. Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath newer townhome. Washer/dryer, fireplace, deck, double garage. Located on quiet bayside court. Well-mannered pet considered. 808 Monterey Court. 858-488-3539.

MISSION BEACH. \$1695. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 parking spaces, furnished. No pets. Available until 5/31/04. 807-A Nantasket Court. 619-977-4979; 619-441-0975.

MISSION BEACH. \$1250. Stylish 1 bedroom, apartment. Hardwood floors, parking. No pets. Available now. 805 Venice Court. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$1950. Oceanfront upstairs 2 bedroom. All appliances, private garage, large front patio and laundry on site. On the sand/boardwalk. 4005 Oceanfront Walk/Santa Rita Place. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH. \$1095. Charming 1 bedroom in great location. Appliances. Parking. Laundry. Just steps to the best sandy beach. 746 Santa Rita Place. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished, bay view, parking, quiet complex. Available now until June. 2654 Bayside Lane. 858-488-2217.

MISSION BEACH. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Steps to beach, covered parking. 715 Santa Barbara. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$750. Upper studio. Block to ocean and Bay. Includes parking space and utilities. Remodeled bath. No pets. 3667 Mission Boulevard. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

MISSION BEACH. \$1595. Steps to beach! 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with garage space. Open floorplan. Decks. Fireplace. Dishwasher. Laundry. 735 Santa Clara Place. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

MISSION BEACH. \$1145. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, furnished or unfurnished, all utilities included. Call 858-733-0770.

MISSION BEACH. \$775. Bayfront studio. Nice view. Quiet older building. Assigned parking. Laundry. No pets. New paint in and out. 858-488-0341.

MISSION BEACH. \$2695/month. Ocean views, 1 house off sand, huge 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, 2 floors, 2-car garage, luxurious layout with fireplace, marble, ocean-view patio. Washer/dryer. Every amenity. No pets. Amazing! 858-488-1189.

MISSION BEACH. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Steps to beach. Parking. Private patio. No pets. 733 Ensenada Court. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1900/month. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. Steps to beach/bay. Large patio. Parking. No pets. Available approximately 10/9. 824

Anacapa Court. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, fireplace, full kitchen, dishwasher, garbage disposal, carpeting, washer/dryer, 2-car parking. Steps to bay. 310-454-1398.

MISSION BEACH. \$800, cozy furnished studio in South Mission with off-street parking. 1/2 block to ocean! No pets. Nonsmoking. 858-488-3100.

MISSION BEACH. \$1750. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished, upper duplex, bayside. Extremely spacious, 2-car carport, large balcony with outdoor furniture, barbecue. Walk-in closet, hardwood floor in living room. No pets. Nonsmoking. 858-488-3100.

MISSION HILLS. \$1975. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath triplex. Beautiful Spanish style. Great views, laundry, 2-car garage. Fantastic neighborhood. No pets or smokers. 619-222-5729.

MISSION HILLS. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with downtown/bay views, your balcony. Gated parking/2 spaces. No pets. On-site laundry. Security building. 619-296-9393.

MISSION HILLS. \$900. 1 bedroom, quiet, one car garage, walk in closet, balcony, dishwasher, on-site laundry. 3282 Reynard Way. Call 619-286-9568.

MISSION HILLS. \$925. Nicely remodeled 1 bedroom condo. Totally new inside. Nice appliances including dishwasher. Upstairs. Laundry on premises. Walk to Little Italy. No pets. 619-291-7002.

MISSION HILLS. \$1050. Detached 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Hardwood floors. Nonsmoking. No pets. 1-car garage. Must see! 4045 Front Street. Available November. 619-294-2604.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs condo in newly remodeled complex. All new appliances, carpet, paint. Balcony, and off-street parking, on-site laundry. Cat OK. Available now. 2850 Reynard. Agent, 619-956-0900.

MISSION HILLS. \$1150. Spacious, charming 1 bedroom house. Great downtown view! New carpet. Available now. Absolutely no pets. Drive by and see! 1784 Linwood. 619-255-8393.

MISSION HILLS. \$895. 1 bedroom. 800 square feet, large deck, some view, parking, storage. No pets. 3737-8 Keating. 858-483-3534. www.Cal-Prop.com.

MISSION HILLS. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Spectacular view of San Diego Bay. Quiet. Minutes to downtown. Breakfast bar, laundry. 1767-205 Torrance. 619-295-3663; 858-483-3534. www.Cal-Prop.com.

MISSION HILLS. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, garage, washer/dryer hookups, two patios, pool, spa. 619-296-2787.

MISSION HILLS. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. \$1200/month. Laundry on site. No pets. No smokers. Available November 1. 2850 Reynard Way. 858-625-6934.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. Top floor of duplex, fantastic harbor views, separate garage. Large 1 bedroom plus den. 3154 Horton, 92103. \$1850/month. No pets. 619-291-8777.

MISSION HILLS. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. \$1395. Ceramic tile and berber carpets, gas stove, refrigerator, laundry, large secluded backyard with patio, wood deck and tropical landscaping. Gardener included. Cats ok. 1829 Guy Street (off Pringle). 619-884-7500.

MISSION HILLS. \$1995. Serene 2 bedroom, 2 bath home, gorgeous canyon setting, washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, nice patio. Detached garage. No smoke. No pets. 726 West Arbor. Available now. Agent, 619-685-3960.

MISSION HILLS. \$1895. 3 bedroom, 3 bath Penthouse fabulous bay, airport downtown views. Washer/dryer included. 1-1/2 car garage. Free cable. 3826 Kettner. Lease. Available immediately! 619-507-4172.

MISSION HILLS. \$1495. Bay view! 2 bedroom, 1 bath with hardwood floors. 3826 Kettner Blvd. Available 10/1. Please call 619-507-6172.

MISSION HILLS. Midtown. \$1750. 1020 feet. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath contemporary condo. Never lived in! Attached garage. Washer/dryer. 1187 Terrazina Lane. Available 11/15/2003. 619-248-6744.

MISSION HILLS/OLD TOWN. \$795. Award-winning studios. Modern kitchen, convenient breakfast bar, microwave, 370 square feet. Some with 14-foot cathedral ceilings, sunny private patios. Price includes: gas, water, reserved parking. Everything, sparkling clean, fabulous location! (But no pets.) 619-692-3773.

MISSION HILLS. \$1945. 4 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath house with bay view, small pet considered. Fireplace, patio, washer/

dryer hookups. Garage and workshop. Agent, 619-223-2524.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Extra large. Nice location. Yard. Bright. Charming. One small dog OK. 3330 Reynard Way. Available now. 619-295-7570.

MISSION HILLS. 2 large bedroom and bath home. Patio, view, fireplace, garage, storage, all appliances, with lease. Available now. \$1800. 619-543-9184.

MISSION HILLS. \$795. Upper, bright studio. Laundry room, pool, parking. Near market/bus. Available 10/15. 4039 Brant. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$300 Move-In Special! 1 bedroom, \$800. Quiet complex. Laundry, ceiling fan. Off-street parking. No pets. 2822 Reynard Way #7. Gina, 619-231-2727 x215.

MISSION HILLS. 1 bedroom apartment \$895, hardwood floors, city views, 3509 Crowell. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment \$1195. Balconies, carport. No pets. 3960 Hawk. 619-464-1652.

MISSION HILLS. Move-in special! 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$800-\$1150. Pool. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Close to downtown and shopping. 3505 Reynard. www.sunriseliving.com; 619-683-9239.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. Reduced! \$850. View overlooking Old Town, 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, 2 parking, laundry. No pets. 3633 Columbia/Chalmers. 619-295-7113.

MISSION HILLS. 1753 Guy Street. Available October 1. Dazzling harbor and Downtown views. Skylights, dishwasher, microwave and huge outside deck so you can watch the stars at night or the airplanes on their approach to Lindbergh Field. Quiet and secure location. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1100. Duplex. Open house Saturday 10/4, 9am-4pm. Call 619-466-1901 or e-mail gbornsen@cox.net.

MISSION HILLS. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, lower. Quiet neighborhood location. new appliances, tile. Gated community. Laundry. Underground parking. Cat OK. Gail, 619-297-3511. www.floiti.com

MISSION HILLS. \$950. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment. Balcony. Very modern, all appliances. Quiet neighborhood, on-site laundry. Underground garage parking. Gail, 619-297-3511. www.floiti.com

MISSION VALLEY/SDSU/San Carlos. Ask about Manager's Special! Brand-new 1, 2 bedroom gated community. From \$1270. Spectacular views! Lush landscaping. Sparkling pool, spa. Play center. Built-in computer niche. Large closets. Washer/dryer. Fitness, business centers. Garages available. Canyon View Apartments, 7149 Navajo Road. 619-464-4144. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2011.

MISSION VALLEY. Gorgeous 2 story, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, plus office. 2670 square feet. World-class amenities, pools, jacuzzis, weight room, tennis courts. Former home of Charger Natrone Means. \$2900. Call John, 858-361-4495.

MISSION VALLEY/SERRA MESA. \$795 and \$895. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Freshly painted with new carpet. Upgrades include microwaves and mirrored closet doors. On-site laundry and parking. Close to the Costco center. 2669 Mission Village Drive. Call Manager, 858-560-5780.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1450. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. View, top floor, corner unit. 1150 square feet. Washer/dryer, air, fireplace, security, pool, etc. Available now. 619-559-7016.

MISSION VALLEY/USD. Studios. \$675. Bright and airy. Private. Gated. Nonsmoking. No pets. 5411 Linda Vista Road (near Mildred Street). www.info101.net. 619-294-4376.

MISSION VALLEY. \$99 deposit special! \$500/up off first month's rent! Starting \$1538 for spacious 2 bedrooms. Patio/balcony. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Microwave. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Courtyard. Pool. Spa. Fitness center. Underground parking. Pets welcome. Close to trolley, shopping, restaurants. River Front, 750 Camino de la Reina. 800-476-9570. www.sdreader.com/rent/2072.

MISSION VALLEY. \$500 off first month! \$99 deposit special! 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1125. Tennis courts. Lap pool, spa. Basketball court. Central air conditioning. Private patios/balconies. Fitness, recreation centers. Washer/dryer in units. Pets welcome. Available now! Club River Run, 10041 Rio San Diego Drive. 800-476-9561. www.sdreader.com/rent/2022.

MISSION VALLEY/COLLEGE. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Great area! Big and clean. Complex has assigned parking, laundry, storage, and pool/spa. \$1675/month, \$1000 deposit. Available now! 5503 Adobe Falls Road. 619-278-8243, 619-838-7873.

MISSION VALLEY, \$1000+ deposit. 1 bedroom/1 bath, 2-story condo. New berber carpet, new tile, pool, spa, tennis. Great location. Available now. 619-271-0919.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1495. River Colony. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, fireplace, parking, pool, gym. 2050 Camino De La Reina. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 940 square feet. Pool, Jacuzzi, central air/heat. Upper unit. 2 balconies. 6059 Rancho Mission Road, #203. Agent, 619-471-1760.

MISSION VALLEY. Cozy 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Steps from pool and gym. Near tennis and laundry. Dishwasher and balcony. Parking space. \$950/month. Available 10/5. 619-992-2516.

MISSION VALLEY. Spacious studio, \$850. Murphy bed, balcony, pool and spa. Upgrades covered, reserved parking. Secured quiet park-like complex. Small pet. Photos, tmagill@cox.net, 619-840-1720.

MISSION VALLEY, NORTH. Serra Mesa. \$850. Large 1 bedroom upstairs unit with vaulted ceilings, balcony, pool, parking. 3449 Castle Glen. Agent, 619-246-7715.

MISSION VALLEY. \$785, Junior. \$915/up, 1 bedroom. 2 bedroom, \$1175/up. 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. \$900. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Excellent condition. Berber carpet, oak wood kitchen, white appliances, mirror closet. Pool, spa, tennis. RE/MAX Associates, Julia, 619-813-6479.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1095. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Downstairs, new carpeting, carport. Pool, spa, barbecues. No pets. 6354 Rancho Mission Road #501. Agent 619-469-7790.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1450. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer. Pets OK. Huge patio. High ceilings. Air conditioning. Pool, jacuzzi, gym. Parking, security. Call 858-204-5876.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1 car garage. No pets. 1017 square feet. 640 Camino de la Reina, #1304. Available 10/20. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

MISSION VALLEY. 1 month free rent with 12-month lease! 2 bedroom, 2 bath from \$1190. Low deposits of \$550! Near everything! Intercom system. Pool. Spa. Sauna. Fitness center. Central air/heat. Balcony/patio. Garage, parking. Laundry. Mission Pacific Apartments, 4424 44th Street. Call 619-282-1191. www.pacificliving.com, Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

MISSION VALLEY. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Top floor, great golf course view, secure parking, The Bluffs. 619-220-8317.

MISSION VALLEY. \$900/month. Newly renovated condo. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright, spacious corner unit, Many amenities. Near trolley and 24-Hour Fitness. Victor, 619-743-5141.

MISSION VALLEY. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, enclosed backyard, garage, all appliances, paid trash/water, 1300 square feet, \$1950, Pets OK. 1721 Linbrook. 626-358-1751, 818-266-2386.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Parking spaces. Cat OK. Park Villas South. 8085-A Caminito de Pizza. 619-987-0274 or 619-297-0274.

MISSION VALLEY. \$2000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Quiet location, private patio, dishwasher, washer/dryer. Pool, tennis courts on site, off-street parking. Small pet on approval. Available approximately 10/24. 5936 Caminito De Porte. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1195. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 1-car attached garage with opener. Tri-level townhome. Resort complex, pool, spa tennis. No pets. Lease required. Agent, 619-888-1700.

MORLEY FIELD/NORTH PARK. \$875. Charming 1 bedroom apartment. Must see! Newly remodeled, large sunny windows, hardwood floors, balcony, private garage. Quiet and secure. Walk to park. No pets/smoking. Call 619-297-6206.

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NATIONAL CITY. \$695/month. 1 bedroom fully furnished. Low \$150 deposit. No SDG&E deposit or hookup required. 624 East 24th Street. Office open daily. 619-474-3787.

NATIONAL CITY. Bright 1 bedroom, upstairs, gated, laundry, assigned parking.

Available now. Move-in special. 315 East 30th Street #F. 858-483-5111.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695-\$900. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Neat, clean, quiet. Recently remodeled. Air, stove, refrigerator, some parking. 4577 Bancroft. Must see! Call now! 619-281-0022.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, reconditioned hardwood floors in family room, 2 off street parking, dishwasher, refrigerator. Washer/dryer. Fenced small yard. Available 10/1. 858-277-3879.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, remodeled complex. New hardwood floors, Travertine, ceiling fans, paint and carpet. Laundry room, parking. 4622 30th Street. 619-265-4535.

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. \$910. 2 bedroom, 2 full bath upstairs apartment with garage in gated intercom access building. Dishwasher, ceiling fan, balcony. 4465 Cherokee. 619-265-8680.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. 1 bedroom or \$865, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Reserved parking, new paint, window coverings and carpeting. No pets. 4319 Copeland. 619-582-3596.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/NORTH PARK. \$850. Bright, charming, 1 bedroom house. Newly remodeled, hardwood floors, fenced yard, private entrance, off-street parking. Monroe/34th Streets. 619-563-1996.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. 2 bedroom near Adams Avenue. 2 parking spaces. Laundry on site. Gated. Storage. No pets. 4678 Ohio Street #2. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$950, \$450 deposit. Upper 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large, walk-in closets. Newly remodeled, parking, quiet, clean, laundry, barbecue, patio area. No pets. 619-283-7447.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$815. Pride of Normal Heights! Extremely large, clean 1 bed, 1 bath, with 3 closets (one walk-in) plus linen closet, storage closet. Private fenced patio. New paint and full appliances. Huge pool and jacuzzi. Off-street parking. Laundry rooms. 1 block below Adams on Madison Avenue with easy access to I-805 and I-15. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. \$600 deposit. Large 1 bedroom. Off street parking. Gated. Newer carpet/paint. Laundry. Close to Adams Avenue. 4665 36th Street. 619-276-5430.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom Spanish style cottage. \$675. Charming bungalow setting, faux fireplace, small yard area. Near shops/restaurants. No pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom. \$695. Charming courtyard setting, large downstairs unit, retro kitchen, quiet neighborhood. Near shops, restaurants, transportation. No pets. 619-282-0717.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Large upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry. No pets. No smoke. New paint. Updated appliances. Lush tropical courtyard setting. 3030 Monroe #12. Agent, 619-685-3960.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. Two units available. Large 1 bedroom. Newer appliances. Off-street parking. New carpet. On-site laundry. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850. Large 2 bedroom. Large living room and kitchen. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. Large 2 bedroom in cute area. On-site laundry. Close to schools and shopping. Pets OK. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$595. Cozy cottage style studio. Completely renovated. New carpet. New kitchen. Close to bus line. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath nice Spanish-style house. Fireplace, wood floors, small deck/yard, carport, clean. Near all. \$950 plus utilities/deposit. 619-299-1633.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$700. Clean 1 bedroom upstairs apartment. Laundry, parking, security gate. 4572 34th Street. 760-943-9333.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$800. Lower, large 1 bedroom. Parking, laundry room. No pets. Near bus/park. 4613 Alabama. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1250 includes gas, electricity, water. Remodeled 2 bedroom house. Living room, dining room, bath, kitchen. Refrigerator, stove, shared washer/dryer. Available after 10/10. 619-284-6979.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs unit in gated building. Large kitchen with dining area. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, \$780. 2 bedrooms, \$980. Gated building, underground parking, elevator, laundry, air conditioning, ceiling fan, dishwasher, microwave. No pets. 4526 Illinois. 619-280-3867.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$995. Don't miss out! Nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Full-size washer/dryer inside unit. Microwave, dishwasher. Upper unit, underground parking. 4737 Felton Street. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Spacious, quiet gated community. No dogs. 4530 40th Street. 619-284-8575.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850. Nice, clean, quiet, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, new paint, carpet. Well maintained. Refrigerator. Laundry on premises. No pets. Conveniently located. 619-563-0779.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$650. 1 bedroom, security door, nonsmoking, custom closet, air conditioning. Laundry. Cat ok. Garage available. Open Saturday, 10/4, 10am-12noon. 4349 Cherokee #1. 619-276-5899.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint and carpet. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. Bright, spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs unit. Large kitchen. Stove, refrigerator. Garage. Laundry facilities. No pets. Mr. A's Property Management, 619-697-1888.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$795. 3 bedroom, 2 bath quiet 4-plex. Appliances. Laundry. Parking. Patio. Big kitchen. Downstairs. No pets. 4481 36th at Monroe. 9AM-7PM. 858-539-0044.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Remodeled 1 bedroom duplex, off-street parking. Laundry available. Walking distance to all. 3 blocks south of Adams on Bancroft. \$700 plus \$500 cleaning deposit. 619-584-6229.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, \$1300. Excellent condition. Available now. app@ajprop.com. 4430 Wilson. A & J Property Management, 619-279-6579.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1075. House-like duplex! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, gardener, updated throughout. Cat OK. Open 12-4pm Sunday, 10/5, 3375 Monroe Avenue. gregoryz@sandiego.edu. 858-270-4949.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$850. Beautiful 1 bedroom apartments. Newly remodeled including all new appliances, ceramic tile floors, air conditioning, ceiling fans. Gated complex with intercom system. On-site laundry and off-street parking. Available November 1. 3745 Pershing Avenue. 619-725-3648 or 619-846-6615.

NORTH PARK. \$625-\$950. 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Gated. New decor. Free cable. Quiet. Laundry. Off-street parking. Available 9/20. 4144 Kansas. 619-583-0210.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1200 first month rent special! \$1350 rent. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath townhouse. Walk to Balboa Park! Parking for 2. Washer/dryer hookups. Dishwasher. Patio. Squeaky clean! No pets/smoking. 3767 Villa Terrace. 858-454-2024.

NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Move-in special! \$700 first month's rent! \$850 rent. Gigantic 1 bedroom upper apartment near Adams. Parking, laundry. Small, quiet complex. Squeaky clean! No pets/smoking. 4622 Hamilton. 858-454-2024.

NORTH PARK/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$765. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Onsite parking. Laundry room. Air conditioning. New carpet and paint. Nonsmoking. No pets. Available mid-October. John, 858-454-6968.

NORTH PARK. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Gated, many windows, new refrigerator, laundry on site, 1 parking. Near all. No pets. Available now. 858-705-4535.

NORTH PARK. \$635. Small 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Very nice neighborhood. Laundry. Close to shops/restaurants. 4067 Kansas. Agent, 619-260-1368.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, lots of windows, lots of cupboards and closets. No dogs. Assigned parking. On-site laundry. www.floit.com. Call Patty, 619-280-5461.

NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$709. 1 bedroom, lower, patio, new interior, ceiling fan, dishwasher, disposal, off-street parking, laundry. No pets. 4225 Florida. Call 619-491-1548.

NORTH PARK. Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. \$1800. Small enclosed yard, deck. Washer/dryer hookups, new refrigerator. Pets OK on approval. Available 11/1. 909-990-3103.

NORTH PARK. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Refurbished, spacious, bottom unit duplex. Small dog OK. 619-795-3301.

NORTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2nd floor. Community pool and jacuzzi, parking, gated. Available now, Heartland Property Management. 619-464-3439 x143.

NORTH PARK. Move in before 9/30 and receive 1/2 off first month! \$695, studio. \$825, 1 bedroom. Quaint. Upstairs cottage. Near bus lines and freeways. 3322 Lincoln. Call Sunrise. 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

NORTH PARK. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Fully equipped kitchen. Very clean. Newly remodeled. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 4035 Utah. Sunrise, 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

NORTH PARK. \$665. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Downstairs. Quiet location, end unit, spacious. 4511 34th Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom apartment. Dishwasher. Parking. 4169 Alabama Street. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeeccompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1025. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Upstairs. Washer/dryer hookups. 1-car garage. 4123 Hamilton. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeeccompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Washer/dryer hookups. Garage. 4410 34th. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeeccompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom apartment. Laundry room, dishwasher, air conditioning. Parking. 3766 Swift Avenue. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeeccompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom apartment. Laundry, upstairs unit, secured entry. 2860 Lincoln. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeeccompany.com.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$950. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Gated garden complex, pool, laundry facilities, off-street parking. No pets. Close to all. 3722 Alabama. 619-299-1699.

NORTH PARK. Charming cottage! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, garden entrance, on-site laundry, private patio. No smoking/pets. \$850/month plus security deposit. 619-519-0393.

NORTH PARK. \$875. 2 bedroom house. Small. 4378 Utah Street. Quiet area. No pets. 619-298-9237.

NORTH PARK. \$795. Large 1 bedroom duplex. Hardwood floors. Large walk-in closet. Laundry on site. Quiet neighborhood. 3736 Villa Terrace. For appointment, 619-563-9727.

NORTH PARK. \$775. Very large 1 bedroom. Stove. Refrigerator. Microwave. Ample closet space. Small gated complex. Laundry on site. Parking. Quiet neighborhood. 2 blocks from 805. 4077 32nd Street. For appointment, 619-563-9727.

NORTH PARK. \$800. Deposit \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Small cottage with small fenced patio, small complex, garage. No pets. 4514-1/2 Idaho. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

NORTH PARK/BALBOA PARK. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/tile. Laundry. Large 1960s apartment. Quiet residential neighborhood. Available immediately. 3236 Bancroft at Thorn. 619-281-6789.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom apartments. Gated property, parking space. No pets. 3946 and 3952 Idaho Street. Call 619-294-7730.

NORTH PARK. Newly renovated 2 bedroom apartment, \$950 plus 1 month security deposit. On-site laundry and manager. Parking space. Credit check. 4170 34th Street. 619-203-4119.

NORTH PARK. \$1150. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath detached house. Dining-living room, backyard, garage. Conveniently located. 3570 Nile Street. Available October. 619-442-0597, 619-339-7419.

NORTH PARK. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 1,200 square feet. Washer/dryer in unit. 2-car parking. Fireplace. Quiet neighborhood. 619-670-7046.

NORTH PARK. Ask about move-in special. Seniors 55+, disabled, section 8 OK. \$300 deposit. Cat OK. 1 bedroom, \$750. Newly remodeled, new refrigerator, garden, patio, parking, laundry. 619-795-9546.

NORTH PARK. \$795. West Hollywood charm, North Park convenience! Squeaky clean 1 bedroom cottage in small, 1930's gated complex. Beautifully landscaped, intimate courtyard. New carpet, paint. Optional garage. Excellent location.

Hurry! Will rent fast! 4345 Illinois Street. Call for appointment. 619-726-6305.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. Upstairs, newer carpet, blinds, stove. Off-street parking. Coin laundry. No pets. 4136 Iowa Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$785. 1 bedroom duplex. Very quiet. Garage, new carpet, vinyl and blinds. Back unit, parking. 3764 Villa Terrace. Agent, 619-469-7790.

NORTH PARK. \$900. Large 2 bedroom, bright, upstairs. Assigned parking, laundry. Close to all. Also, 1 bedroom, \$700. Available now. 4344 Ohio #7 and 9. 858-483-5111 x10.

NORTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking and laundry. Available now. 4165 Mississippi Street. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$850/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath completely refurbished, large unit. Off street parking. Washer/dryer on premises. Near transportation. Centrally located. 619-980-6290.

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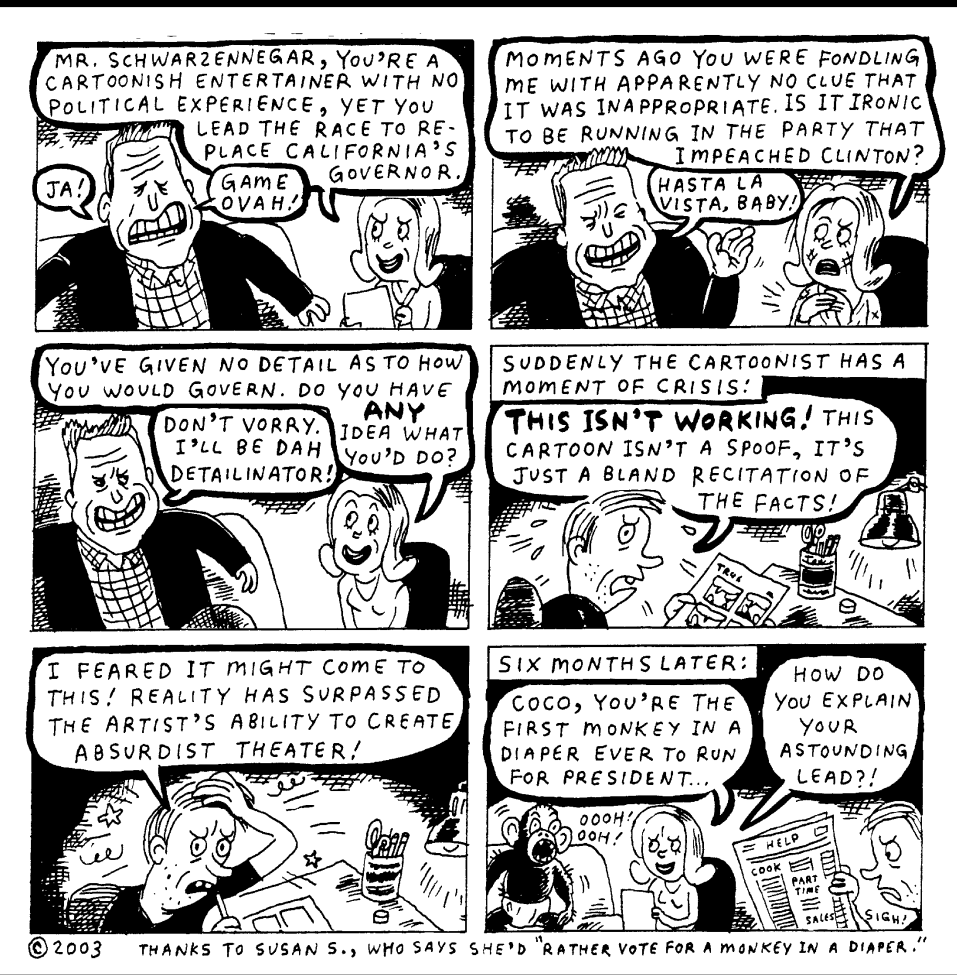
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PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$775. Studio apartment with kitchen, quiet, parking, close to beach/bay/shopping. No dogs. Dave, 858-883-5305.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$1625. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Newer style building, fireplace, dishwasher, partial hardwood, beautiful. 1069 Loring. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1990. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, downstairs, patio, dining room, garage. 1522-1 Hornblend. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1095. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled, walk to all, patio, laundry, parking. No pets. 4613 Fanuel Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$700. Studio apartment. Will consider pet. Refrigerator, stove. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

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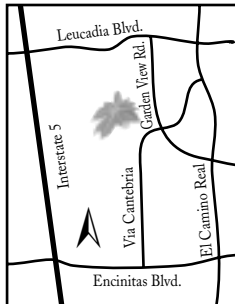
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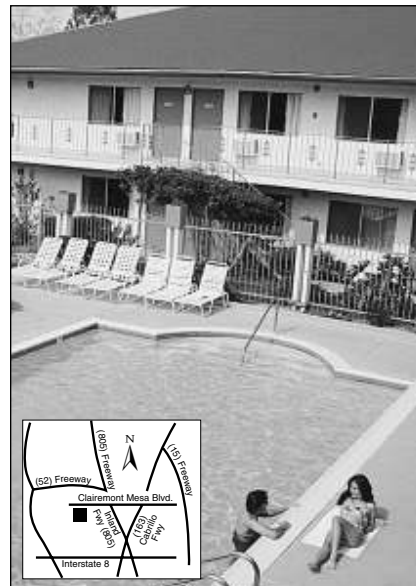
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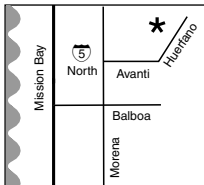
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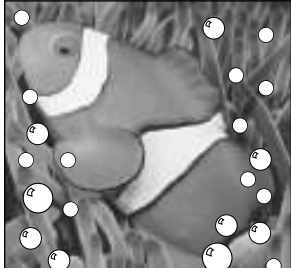
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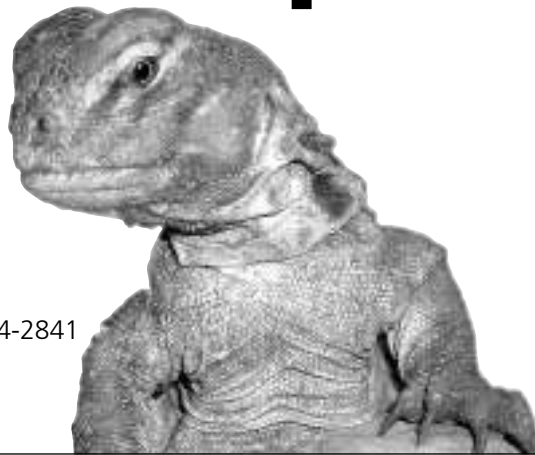
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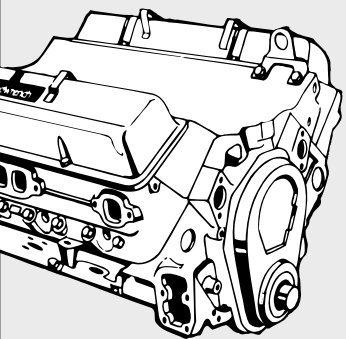
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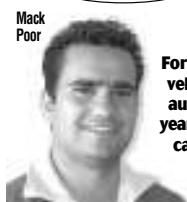
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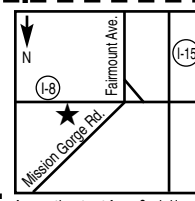
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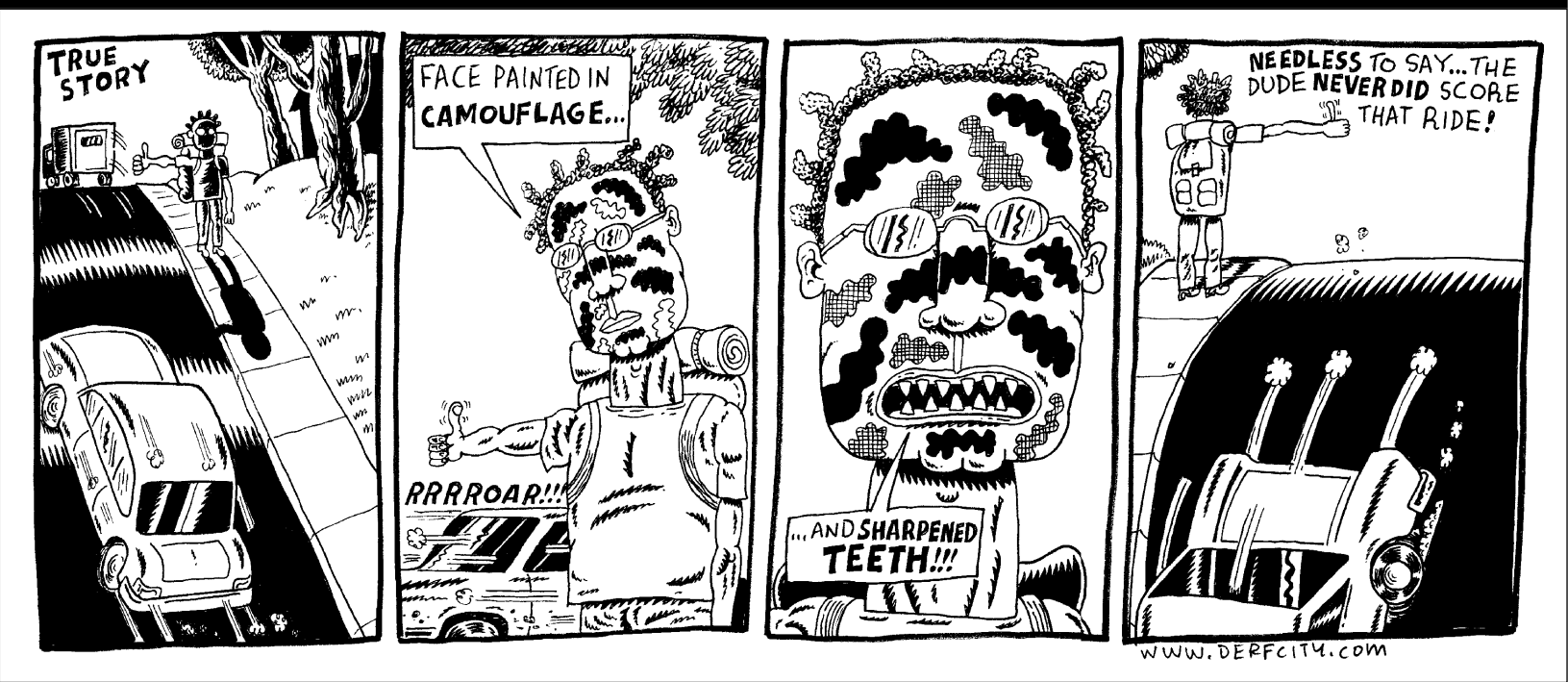
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NORTH PARK. Yard sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 10/4. Lots of great stuff. Come see. No early birds. 3429 Meade Avenue.

NORTH PARK. Yard sale. 7am-2pm, Sunday, 10/5. Pool table, electronics, major appliances, camping equipment, furniture, books, clothes, homegoods. 2976 Laurel Street, 92104.

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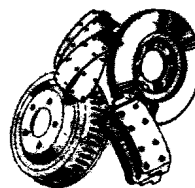
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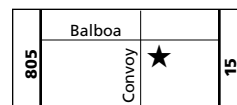
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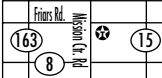
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LEAD STORY

— Hurricane Isabel roared through Virginia Beach, Va., in September, inflicting serious property damage, despite public calls for prayer to keep it away by prominent resident Rev. Pat Robertson, whose Christian Broadcasting Network is headquartered there. In 1998, Robertson condemned the city of Orlando, Fla., for sponsoring a Gay Days festival and warned that the city could be torn up during the subsequent hurricane season, as God punishes those who promote homosexuality. The first hurricane of that season (Bonnie) made a direct hit on Virginia Beach.

People Different From Us

— Alongside recent weight-loss and body-part-growth mass e-mails have been messages of Robert Todino, 22, of Woburn, Mass., who uses the spam (100 million messages so far) to locate time-travel hardware to buy because of his need to revisit his childhood, during which he believes a woman drugged him and implanted a device to give her followers the ability to monitor his every move. According to an August *Wired* magazine story, Todino has been seeking an “Acme 5X24 series time transducing capacitor with built-in temporal displacement” and an “AMD Dimensional Warp Generator module containing the GRC79 induction motor,” among other gadgets, but that “the conspiracy” has subverted his attempts to acquire them.

Our Civilization in Decline

— The school district based in Elgin, Ill., decided in August that, although four new schools that cost \$40 million were ready to be occupied, the district has no money to operate them and that they will thus stay locked up for the entire school year, at least. ... A September General Accounting Office report described the customer-friendliness that motor-vehicle offices display when people try to obtain driver’s licenses fraudulently. Based on undercover work in seven states, the report stated that clerks routinely give “applicants” back their bogus papers instead of confiscating them and instruct them exactly how to “correct” the applications to assure that they’ll get that license on the next attempt.

Latest Religious Messages

— A July *Wall Street Journal* report revealed that some women’s clothing stores in Tehran, Iran, do a brisk backroom business in tight, colorful, sheer, form-fitting robes that are severely frowned upon by the conservative Islamic government, which prescribes the formless *hijab* robe. One clerk showed one that was actually a “paper-thin beige tunic made of stretchy material with two slits on each side,” “with a matching tank top.” Other popular robes make strategic use of zippers for women who have to convert their flashy clothing into something conservative in a hurry.

— In September, religious fundamentalists brawled in Brooklyn, N.Y., when the locally dominant Satmar sect of ultra-Orthodox Jews moved aggressively against slightly less-ultra-Orthodox Jews who were using a loophole to be able to push baby strollers and wheelchairs around during the Sabbath, when such activity is prohibited in public. “The [Satomars] were like animals,” said a security guard who witnessed the incident. (The “eruv” loophole allows such labor inside a symbolic wall, which the more liberal ultras had constructed with sticks and string.)

— State and local law-enforcement officials met in Salt Lake City in August to discuss the growing problem of the radical Mormon-based polygamist community that reaches from Hildale, Utah, to Colorado City, Ariz., and which has been denounced by mainstream Mormons. Issues included not just religious freedom and forced marriage for young girls, but the \$5 million annually in federal benefits that go to polygamist wives who say they are “single” mothers on their welfare applications.

— In August, bookstores began selling *Revolve*, a glossy, 392-page soft-cover title that directs a thought-by-thought rendition of the New Testament to its target audience of teenage girls. Text on beauty, fashion secrets, and dating is included in the volume. (For example, proper etiquette, according to *Revolve* founder Laurie Whaley, requires the boy to initiate a relationship: “There’s no indication from Scripture that Mary Magdalene ever [called] Christ.”)

Least Competent Criminals

— Florida wildlife officials, suspecting that Israel A. Cervantes was illegally shooting at deer from his car in the Ocala National Forest in August, asked to inspect his home freezer for stored meat, and, professing innocence, Cervantes agreed. There was no deer meat, but apparently Cervantes forgot about the pound of marijuana in the freezer, and he was arrested.

— William Penny was arrested in Greenwood, Ind., in August, putting a halt to his alleged identity-theft business. He was caught because, three times in a three-day period, he had aroused suspicion of several people in a neighborhood by approaching a certain ATM on foot, carrying a motorcycle helmet, donning the helmet as he neared the ATM’s camera, making a withdrawal (with someone else’s card, allegedly), walking away, and then removing the helmet.

Latest Alarming Headlines

— (1) “Man with Ear Ache Gets Vasectomy” — an August Reuters dispatch from Rio de Janeiro about a patient who answered the wrong doctor’s call at a clinic and endured the procedure because he thought the ear inflammation had deep roots.

(2) “Groups Fight Over Fate of Feral Chihuahuas” — an August Reuters report on 170 wild Chihuahuas taken from a breeder in Acton, Calif., and ultimately given to one animal-rescue outfit rather than another.

(3) “Woman with No Baby Given Caesarean” — a September Melbourne (Australia) *Herald Sun* report on an overweight woman who went into cardiac arrest at a hospital after telling doctors she was pregnant, motivating them to try to deliver the baby in case they couldn’t save her. She survived; the baby never existed.

More Things to Worry About

— The Danish beer company Carlsberg announced it was relocating a plant from Stockholm, Sweden, to Gothenburg because there was too much uranium in the spring it uses near Stockholm. ... The interior minister of the Netherlands, citing public concern, proposed to ban police officers from coffee shops that also legally sell marijuana. ... Authorities in Putnam County, W.Va.,

announced that someone had broken into a sheriff’s deputy’s home while he was away on vacation and set up a methamphetamine lab.

Out of Control in Boston

— Furious at a rush-hour accident that blocked traffic in the Boston suburb of Weymouth, motorist (and software engineer) Anna Gitlin, 25, went ballistic at a police officer and then allegedly bumped him with her car, screaming, “I don’t care who [expletive deleted by the *Boston Globe*] died. I’m more important” (June). ... Joseph DiGirolamo, 43, distraught over domestic problems, allegedly barricaded himself inside an ex-girlfriend’s home in Boston and hurled household items (TV set, air conditioner, broomstick, a pot of boiling water) at police officers, threatening to kill them before he was subdued (May).

Thinning the Herd

— A 20-year-old man was killed in Denver during afternoon rush hour on Sept. 1 when he jumped from a car going about 40 mph. According to friends, he had been planning a nonfatal jump for a while because he wanted to endure some trauma in order to muster the courage to get a tattoo. ... A 15-year-old boy in Maryland Heights, Mo., who had been demonstrating his pain tolerance by clobbering himself on the head with his skateboard, invited a pal to take a shot, too; the first blow knocked him out, and he died four days later.

In the Past Month...

— A 47-year-old man was arrested for allegedly trying to steal a woman’s backpack, his 177th arrest (Boulder, Colo.). ... A 36-year-old man was captured by a SWAT team after holding off police for ten hours in a hotel room. The incident began when he threatened to kill hotel workers because there was no ice (Houston). ... No one voted in a school-board election in Mississippi County, Ark., on Sept. 16, not even Carl Miner, who was the only person on the ballot.

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All I can manage is to sweat onto the page.

By John Brizzolara

The last Friday night of the summer. That would be September the 19th and would be a couple of weeks past and why dwell on it? Well, say you're getting paid. When this appears in October, I will undoubtedly be wearing pretty much the same thing — my fall fashion's identical to summer: Hawaiian shirt and corduroy jacket with patched elbows. The jacket is of course de rigueur for writers, along with the optional pipe and eye patch (James Joyce, Andrew Vachss, etc.). The Hawaiian shirt is my colorful concession to geographical and meteorological reality and adds a schizoid or at least indecisive note beneath the sport coat (what sport?). The combo mirrors the weather, I could say, artfully (and so I will). Days of early-morning fog and broasting sunlit afternoons, at least inland.

On my way, this Friday evening in question, to hear a singer/songwriter with the curious name Darryl Purpose, I realize I have bungled the directions to the concert site in Normal Heights. No one is here at my faultily assumed destination next to Adams Elementary school, and so my apologies, Mr., ah, Purpose.

Much of a piece with everything else this past week, the bitter end of a bitter summer for me. I feel I've become like the tigers in the politically incorrect children's story "Li'l Black Sambo." The

tigers in the story chase each other around the base of a palm tree where Sambo hides and furiously churn themselves into butter out of sheer frustration.

Walking back along the #11 bus route (no bus in sight) I strain, I squint at trees, trying to conjure the autumnal. The closest I can manage is to focus momentarily on some kind of dwarf maple or whatever it is, blighted down to three parchment scrap leaves. I am put in mind of the movie version of *The Day of the Locust*, where Donald Sutherland as Homer Simpson (Nathanael West's, not Matt Groening's) autistically contemplates oranges, overripe, falling from a tree onto the ground in his Los Angeles yard. It is a scene I stole and rewrote once, employing bird-of-paradise plants and snails instead of trees and oranges. Anyway, that is pretty much my image of the end of California's endless summer.

I am writing this by hand, sitting in the sun on Monday morning, the 22nd of September, and again I am reaching for imagery of the seasons, that is, change, the end of one thing and the beginning of another. All I can manage is to sweat onto the page. Long ago I was told by someone, possibly my mother, that I was a "disgruntled malcontent." And as I sit and stew in my kind of reverse seasonal-affect disorder, I realize certainly *that* hasn't changed. Along that line and on the heels of Sutherland as Simpson comes the snapshot/sound-bite memory of a September afternoon long ago in Manhattan. It was a 71st Street apartment. The only furniture, an orange crate and a typewriter. I was working on what was to be my first professional submission ("...near miss — ed.") to *Galaxy* magazine. I was also waiting for a telephone to be installed. As the installer poked around, he asked me what I was writing.

"Science fiction," I told him.
 "The future, eh? I'll tell you about the future. More of the same, pal. More of the same."

His words toll in memory like the bells of doom, and I'm still not finished praying he was wrong.

This past summer I could hardly have abused more thoroughly. A string of bad decisions stemming from one bibulous one: moving, isolating, drinking. And I've left myself at fall's doorstep with the pervasive, rotten knowledge of time truly wasted. I haven't been in the ocean for two summers now. Possibly I should rebaptize myself. Something.

Back to Friday night, the 19th. I catch the #2 at 30th and Adams. I head south,



The bitter end of a bitter summer

philosophically indifferent about having nothing to write about. At the corner of 30th and Juniper, in what has become South Park, I hear the strains of what seems to be an unfamiliar Laura Nyro record coming from M-Theory Music store. But no, it is live and next door, at a newly opened book, yarn, etc., new-age sort of store, the Grove (official Grand opening, November 1).

A woman named Sarah Messenger is playing the guts out of an electric piano, left hand brilliantly riffing counter to her right. Her voice is a comforting layer of wordplay over the eccentric, upbeat musical stew. Unable to resist an opportunity to compare myself with William Styron, I shall. In his book *Darkness Visible*, he describes a long, severe depression ended, fortuitously, by hearing a passage of classical music. Messenger had a similar effect on me, and I arranged to interview her. I would have a column after all.

Oh, by Tuesday, the 23rd, you may recall, it was cloudy, cold, and threatening rain, so everything turned out all right. Next week: Sarah Messenger, another undoubtedly doomed, overtalented immigrant to San Diego.

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Monday morning, I tried to potty-train Ben. I have taught four children to use the toilet. When my oldest daughter Rebecca was 18 months old, she hopped on the toilet one day and produced a BM. “This is great,” I thought. “I’ll have her potty-trained before she’s two.” Rebecca didn’t use the toilet again until after her third birthday. One morning, I put a pair of Snow White underwear on her. She didn’t have many accidents.

“You were smart to wait so long,” a friend said. “She was so ready. She knew just what to do.”

Angela, Lucy, and Johnny all started using the bathroom right around the time they turned three. My husband Jack insists they all started earlier. “They were all wearing underwear when they turned three,” he says.

They might have been wear-

ing underwear, but they didn’t always make it to the bathroom. And then there’s the “I have to go now” phenomenon. During the time when my children were learning to use the toilet, they always had to go when we were out in public. I remember many trips to Vons with Rebecca pushing a little yellow cart, Angela sitting in the front of my cart, and Lucy snoozing in her car seat in the cart basket. “Mommy,” Angela would announce as we passed the frozen pizza, “I need to go to a baff-room.”

“Are you sure?” I asked.

Angela winced as though in pain. “Really bad, Mommy. I have to go *now*.”

I wheeled the cart through the big, dirty swinging doors into the back of the store. We threaded our way through pallets of soda and big boxes of canned vegetables. “Is this it?” Rebecca asked when I opened a rusting door.

“Yes,” I said, trying to breathe through my mouth. “Here, Angela,” I said and lifted her out of the cart. “Don’t touch *anything*.”

After a long wait, Angela produced a tiny trickle of urine. She smiled triumphantly. “All done.”

I hate that in-between phase. Too old to wear a diaper. Too young to hold it. During the past nine years, I have visited disgusting bathrooms all over San Diego County with an infant and a toddler. I don’t know if I’m ready to explore all those interesting places again with Ben.

Last Monday morning after I dropped the girls off at school, I drove Johnny and Ben home. Johnny goes to half-day kindergarten that doesn’t start until 12:15. When we walked

in the door, I asked Ben, “Hey, Buddy. Want to put on some underwear?”

Ben looked skeptical.

“Remember what we talked about yesterday?” I reminded him. “If you start to go to the bathroom in the toilet instead of your diaper, I’ll get you some new Power Rangers underwear.”

“And you’ll get to go to preschool,” Johnny chimed in.

Ben’s face broke into a smile. “And play with the trains?” he asked.

“Yes, and lots of other toys,” I said.

“Okay,” Ben agreed. “I’ll take off my clothes.” Standing in the living room, Ben stripped off his shirt and shorts. With his chubby hands, he ripped open the Velcro tabs, and his soggy diaper dropped to the floor. I ran upstairs and grabbed a pair of Bob the Builder underwear out of Ben’s drawer.

“How about these?” I asked my naked son.

“No. I wanna wear Spiderman underwear.”

“Okay.”

“He can wear mine,” Johnny offered.

I came downstairs with the requested Spiderman briefs. Ben examined the large picture of Spiderman leaping through space with a web shooting from his wrist. He turned the underwear around and looked at the Spiderman symbol on the front fly.

“These are cool,” he announced.

“Do you want to try to use the toilet before you put on your underwear?” I asked.

“Okay.” Ben ran into the bathroom and climbed up onto the seat. He balanced for a few seconds. Nothing happened. “I don’t have to

go,” he said.

I helped Ben pull Spiderman up over his bottom. Ben looked down and smiled at his crotch. I helped him step into his shorts and pulled his shirt over his head. “Now remember to tell me if you need to urinate or have a BM,” I reminded him.

I straightened up the kitchen then went outside to push Ben and Johnny in their swings. They laughed when their swings almost bumped into each other. When Ben hopped out of his swing, he looked down and watched a wet stain spread over his shorts.

“I yur-nated,” Ben said.

“I can see that. Remember, you’re supposed to do that in the toilet.”

“That’s right.”

“Let’s change your clothes and try again.”

I dried Ben off and put clean underwear and shorts on him. “Don’t forget to let me know when you need to go to the bathroom,” I reminded him.

A half hour later, I changed Ben’s pants again. An hour after that, he appeared naked in the living room. “I have to go to a baffroom,” he told me.

We ran into the bathroom. Ben sat on the pot. Nothing happened. “I guess I don’t have to go.”

I found his clothes in the family room soaked with urine. “You almost made it that time,” I told him.

When Ben walked into the kitchen before lunch, he said, “I had a BM.”

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