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Val Arbab

Rug People

I thought I knew something about Oriental rugs. You know, the usual — that a rug is judged by the number of knots per square inch, that more knots are better, that they make the piece more valuable. Or that certain colors, like green, are significant and desirable. Or even that all Oriental rugs are expensive. And while I never thought I was an expert, I fancied I knew enough not to embarrass myself. But I was wrong. Repeatedly. CONTINUED ON PAGE 36

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California School Product

Howdy. Re: "Dropouts" ("Kickin' with the Homies," December 4). Hallelujah! I've finally found a leader to follow — in the pages of the Reader no less! Listen to the wisdom of Gabe, this allegedly "uneducated" guy! On psychologists: "Apparently, if you don't have insurance, no one wants to think you're crazy." On celebrity: "I'm happy being me...famous people who have money do a lot of drugs and sex and that obviously doesn't make them happy." If a child of his decided to drop out of school, "I'd probably cry in happiness and say, 'You've done the right thing.'"

Where do I sign up to follow this guy? If we can get an even dozen of us involved, we might just change the world!

Dat's it! Please correct grammar and spelling (I'm a product of the California school system).

Tony Lynn, via e-mail

Blatant Lies

I recently read your article in the Reader entitled "Eye of Newt, Toe of Frog" (December 4). As a lifetime practicing Wiccan, I was taken aback by several of the statements of the people you interviewed. A majority of what came out of their mouths was half-truths and blatant lies. The Wiccan religion can be as simple or as complex as you wish to make it. My advice would be to check out a series of books by Ann Moura. They will sufficiently explain our religion. I only ask that you do not take the statements of these people to heart.

Jason McCain
El Cajon

Older VWs Should Be Banned

A variety of comments on the latest issue (December 4).

(1) A cover story about sea gulls is even less interesting than Dora Diamant ("Kafka's Last Love," June 12). Doesn't matter how good the writing is, the topic is most important. The magician call of Gulli Gulli does not come from the bird. Penn and Teller explained it on a special, but I forget the details. I think it is an Egyptian or Indian expression.

(2) Geoff Bouvier is a good writer.

(3) All older VW bugs and vans should be banned. They don't have enough power to accelerate safely onto freeways. Maybe they have enough power to cruise at the speed limit, but the drivers rarely do it. Older VWs and their drivers are a menace.

(4) Dropouts, read *Brave New World*. Every society needs Gammas and Deltas. The Alphas and Betas thank you for your efforts.

Name Withheld
Little Italy

Pig Skin Freak Show

The article on page 2 of the December 4 issue of the Reader ("San Diego Patsy," "City Lights") would have been a great cover story. As a transplant to San Diego who is trying to be a solid Chargers fan, I cannot help but to observe that the romper-room antics of the Alex Spanos family of Stockton, as well as the C Street Comedy Shop (a.k.a City Hall), merely prove that Ringling Brothers does not have a monopoly on freak-show entertainment here in Navy Town.

Unfortunately, the main feature of this circus is in the ambulance-chaser ring; in other words, the "see you in court" follies. If justice were at its most fair and unbiased, the victors would be the general public. I remain hopeful that the people will prevail merely for the fact that miracles do occur and that the system does properly work. However, knowing that our mayor is none other than Dick "One Goal-Yellow Jacket" (I have other harder-hitting yet unprintable nicknames) Murphy, we can only hope that he and the brave patsies at the *Union-TrivialBune* will, to say the least, watch the movie *Do the Right Thing*, if not actually apply such in

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You're Gonna Die If You Stay

By Ernie Grimm

Fire consumed John Heglin's Santee home in 1986. "I lost everything," he recalls, "and I was homeless for quite some time. But the worst thing was not losing everything but having to deal with the insurance companies and lawyers for the next five years after."

Those memories were fresh in Heglin's mind as the Cedar Creek fire approached his house, next door to Menghini Winery in the Farmer Road area north of Julian. Though a steady stream of cars carrying evacuating neighbors bounced down the gravel road in front of his house, Heglin decided to stay and fight the fire.

At noon, five days after the fire burned through his neighborhood, Heglin sits at his second-floor dining room

ception, but we could hear the audio for Channel 8, so we got an idea of what was going on. And we could see smoke up above our valley here." He points westward toward a blackened hillock crowned with a stand of scorched trees, some of them still smoking.

As he and Smith, who have owned their mountain house on ten acres for two years, stood watching the smoke cloud rising to the west that Sunday, their electrical power cut out, came back on, then cut out again, not to resume for five days. "That means no water," says Smith, a small, soft-spoken woman with long black hair, "because you can't

and manzanita-covered parcel sits perched above a deep canyon to the west. Along with the house, the couple had three small cabins and one Los Angeles streetcar from the early 1900s in which they stored sheet glass and metal used in their glass sculptures. Sunday and Monday, as the fire sprinted westward into Poway, Scripps Ranch, and beyond, the Mitchells say it also crawled eastward toward the mountains. From a tree house he built in a live oak on the rim of the canyon, Brent, a powerfully built man with dark curly hair, says, "I could see it on the hills coming this way especially at night when you could see the flames. During the day you couldn't see the flames, but you could see all the smoke."

Though they could see the fire and smoke off to the southwest, Charlotte, a tall woman with fine, graceful features and long brown hair turning gray, says the scene around Wynola was eerie and quiet. "It was a beautiful blue



Brent and Charlotte Mitchell next to street-car remains

she decided to leave in the camper, which she had been packing with artwork and valuables. She took the four dogs, and she was going to go down Banner Grade on the other side of Julian. But they had already closed the road about halfway between here and Julian. The sheriff stopped her there and turned her around. She honked her horn, and I knew that it was her. I didn't know where she was going, but I knew she wasn't going to go down Banner Grade. As a matter of fact, when she got down into Santa Ysabel, she had to make a right-hand turn, and they told her to go out to Borrego Springs."

Brent had already decided, "I wasn't going to leave my property."

John Heglin had made the same decision. "I was going to be here no matter what," he says. Arlene Smith wasn't as sure. While she was deciding whether to stay with Heglin, she packed their two cars and motor home full of valuables and pets and parked them next door in the Menghini Winery parking lot. Though their power was out, the phone worked. "And we had people calling us constantly," she says. "The phone was ringing off the hook. I am trying to pack stuff into a car, and friends keep calling to ask me if I was okay. My sister Marilyn was screaming at me to get out now because 'You are going to die if you stay.' And that just did not help."

"I kept changing my mind," Smith says, "and thinking, 'Maybe I am being crazy; maybe I should leave.'"

Through Tuesday the wind out of the west brought ever-thickening smoke and occasional burning embers. That afternoon, a car full of evacuees came down the road and stopped in front of Heglin and Smith's house. "They said, 'Get into the car and follow us, we are all going to Temecula,'" Smith recalls. At that moment she made up her mind. "I said, 'I can't leave John.'"

Though they couldn't pump water from their well, they had 10,000 gallons of water in a reserve tank to use for fire abatement. From this, they filled buckets of water in which to wet towels to use to beat out flare-ups. Heglin also mowed down his five-acre wheat field, one hundred or so yards from the house. Other areas of the house were

already cleared and mowed. "The fire department comes and says, 'You need to keep the brush down and a certain distance from the house,' and I believe them, I always have. And so we have kept a perimeter, a defensible perimeter around the house."

The Mitchells had not kept a defensible perimeter around their house. Manzanitas, very flammable due to high oil content, grow right up against the house, which has board-and-batten siding, exposed wood rafters, and wooden eaves. Tinder-dry oak trees stand nearby. Tall dry grass stood in a pasture behind the house. But even after his wife evacuated, Brent wasn't worried. "I had heard that they were going to make a stand on

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John Heglin and Arlene Smith

table with his partner, Arlene Smith, who stuck out the fire with him. Despite sleeping until 11:30, they sound and look exhausted. "We didn't sleep much for about three days," says Heglin, a robust man in his 40s, wearing boots, jeans, and a tattered tan vest over a T-shirt. His outfit — along with his long blond hair, full beard, and muscular stature — lend him the air of a mountain man.

"It started on Sunday [October 26]," Heglin continues, "with the fire burning the other way. We don't get TV re-

pump water from the well without electricity. We could cook because we have a gas stove, but we couldn't take a hot shower for five days..."

"And pretty dirty days," Heglin adds, "particularly after the smoke started coming this way."

A few miles to the west, in the town of Wynola, artists Brent and Charlotte Mitchell were also watching the fire's progress. Their art studio/home sits on 25 acres two lots south of where firefighter Steven Rucker and his crew were overcome. The oak-

sky here and very still weather. Normally, when fires are around here, the firefighters are on them right away, and we see them. But we didn't see them, we didn't see any of the airplanes, we didn't hear anything. It was like being tied to a railroad track, and the train is slowly coming, and there is no one stopping it. But then [on Tuesday] the wind shifted, and it was really, really smoky here, and I knew that I better get the animals out."

"Even on Tuesday," Brent says, "I wasn't worried; it just got really dark and smoky, so



Firefighters working the Cedar fire, Julian

Look at the losers

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ferent approach. It owns and operates single-tenant retail properties. Almost 20 percent of the tenants are in child care,

12 percent restaurants, and 13 percent convenience stores. The company has raised its dividend for 24 straight quarters and paid dividends for 401 straight months.

"Both companies are well managed, and although they

are quite different from one another, they have strong strategic visions and have stuck with the game plan and never deviated from it," says David Allen, an expert in San Diego stocks with Palomar Equity Research.

However, both have done so well that "I don't see much upside left [in their prices]," he says. But since both have good dividend yields, he would hold on to them. Both have relatively low debt levels — a big plus for a real estate

operation.

If interest rates remain low, and that's possible, both stocks could stay strong, even though they sell at a premium to other trusts.

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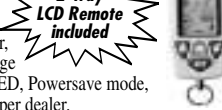
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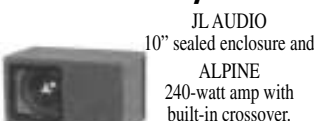
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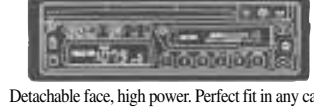
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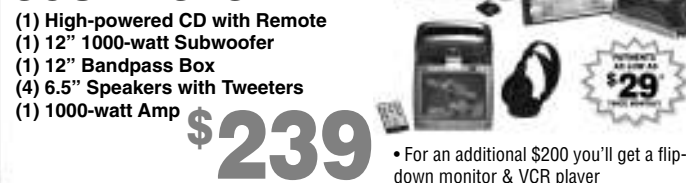
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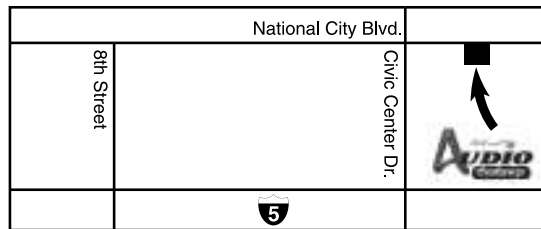
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well fundamentally and knocking the cover off the ball on the acquisition front," says Anthony Paolone of J.P. Mor-

gan, who nonetheless worries that "valuation is a bit rich."

"We suffer from sticker shock from Realty Income," says Andrew L. Rosivach of U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray, who doubts that the stock will outperform the rest of the

market this year, but next year, aided by earnings "oomph," the company should be out in the lead again.

William T. Camp of A.G. Edwards points to "an exceptionally strong balance sheet" and "a monthly dividend that

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Pan Pacific, which expects 13 to 14 percent growth this year, should be hiking its dividend before too long, says Lee Schalop of Banc of America Securities. By one measure, Pan Pacific's growth over the

last 15 quarters has "been an unbelievable 9.7 percent" a year, says Richard C. Moore II of McDonald Investments.

Pan Pacific is "an acquirer of assets, not a developer," and that lowers risk, says Christopher J. Hartung of W.R. Ham-

brecht. But he points out a significant risk: Wal-Mart. The huge discount retailer plans to build 40 supercenters in California and may gain grocery-market shares as a result of the strike. Big grocers are worried about Wal-Mart — one reason they have held the line on strikers' demands. A positive, though, is the public's stiffening resistance to Wal-Mart incursions.

Three other San Diego trusts have done poorly for various reasons: excessive speculation, inability to pay dividends and prosper as a trust, poor management, board backbiting, and hubris. American Residential Investment Trust was founded in 1997 as a trust specializing in acquisition of home mortgages. But it lost a bundle of money from 1998 through 2001 and in 2002 decided to drop out as a real estate investment trust and will concentrate on mortgage banking.

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The company has been marked by discord. Forty percent of the stock is controlled by Sol and Robert Price and their confreres. In the summer, they went to court against another board member — a rarity. The dispute was settled, but in September, three top executives, including the then-chief executive, departed. There has also been top-management turmoil, as well as an accounting im-

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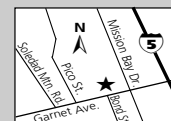
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broglia and stock-price setback, at another Price family-dominated company, PriceSmart, but McGrory says

it's just a coincidence.

"Jack McGrory has never established himself as a real estate investment trust manager," says Allen, who thinks highly of the executives who resigned. "There is no reason to buy a REIT with no divi-

dend unless you are banking on a turnaround." And that could be some time down the road, if ever.

Finally, there is Burnham Pacific Properties, which once sported well-located and well-diversified San Diego hold-

ings. San Diego real estate scion Malin Burnham played a key role in the company, but management permitted a San Francisco real-estate magnate to gain control. At first, things were glorious. In late 1998, the powerful California Public

Employees' Retirement System contributed \$250 million worth of properties in a linkup with Burnham that made national headlines.

But some speculative efforts in the Bay Area and elsewhere did not bear fruit. In

1999, an Ohio entrepreneur bid \$13 (later \$13.50) a share for Burnham stock when it was selling for \$11. The board said Burnham was worth more and set up defenses. Eventually, the company simply liquidated, and it appears that shareholders will get around \$8 a share. Understandably, they are bitter; they could have received far more for their stock, and also haven't been receiving the stout income they had become used to getting regularly.

The properties are now almost entirely liquidated, and the stock has been trading for around 30 cents. Experts in the real estate investment trust industry consider it one of the major scandals of the past decade. ■

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Highway 78, and we're on the other side of 78 from where the fire was burning."

Though Brent wasn't worried, a close friend of the Mitchells, who happens to be a former 911 operator, was worried, and she decided to do something about it. "She was so worried about it," Brent says, "that she called the sheriff on Tuesday night to come out and check on me, and I thought he was going to arrest me."

"She wanted him to arrest you," Charlotte adds.

"I was in the house talking on the phone," Brent continues, "and I saw him coming with his spotlight, so I hung up real fast and hid under the workbench. But the workbench has a glass top, and I figured the light would shine right through it. So I went and hid in the bathroom, and the sheriff came around shining lights through the window, and he actually opened our back door."

But the deputy didn't search any farther. No deputy ever visited Smith and Heglin. "A Border Patrol agent came," Smith recalls, "and asked, 'Are you leaving?' We told him no, and he just wrote it down and continued up the road."

After a few hours of sleep Tuesday night, Brent made some coffee and took a mug of it to the tree house on the canyon rim. At 9:00 Wednesday morning, as he sipped the coffee, he saw the fire jump over Highway 78 southwest of his house. Though he had

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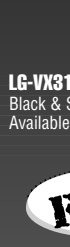
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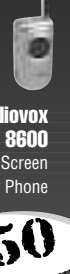
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counted on the highway standing between him and the flames, he still wasn't too worried. "It wasn't very big," he explains. "Most of the flames only seemed to be about three feet tall, and every once in a while, it would hit an oak tree, and then you would get a 20-foot flame, but then it would die back down. It almost looked like it was just going to go out."

It didn't go out. The fire moved northeast up the canyon below the Mitchells' land, picking up speed and intensity as the morning wind grew. "I watched it for three hours," Brent says. "And all of a sudden, the wind changed from coming from the south to coming from the west, and the fire that was way over there, on the far side of the ridge, all of a sudden started coming this way, and it came up between Hubble's residence — which is next to us — and the Lises' just beyond. And that is where the fireman died."

"The five firemen from Novato," Brent continues, "had gone down about 100 yards into the canyon where the fire was. Whether they set a backfire or not, I don't know. But when the wind changed, and they saw the flames coming toward them, they all turned around to hightail it back up to the house, which I thought was kind of weird. But I've heard they are trained to go inside the structure and hope the fire roars over them, and then they can come out. Well four of them made it up there into the house but then realized Mr. Rucker wasn't there. Well, in order to get up into the house, you have to climb up three steps, and then there is a patio, and then you go into the door. They found him on the patio."

After the "wall of flames," as Brent remembers it, reached the canyon rim at the Lis property, two parcels north of the Mitchells', it turned south "and started coming this way. And that is when I decided I had to move. Charlotte had taken the camper full of stuff, but we had also packed a car full of artwork and so forth, and I told her that I would drive it someplace safe. So I got into the car and drove it down to the end of our driveway, and there were some fire marshals and

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three other men who had 'INFORMATION' written on the back of their jackets. I think they were press because one guy had a microphone in another guy's face, and there was a third guy moving around with a camera. Anyway, I said, 'I need help, my place is burning,' and I said, 'Where is the air-tanker support?' and the marshal told me, 'Well, sir, we don't have enough visibility today,' and I looked up, and it was blue skies above us."

Brent drove his car down Orchard Lane and parked it at a neighbor's place where Orchard meets Highway 78. Figuring that fire officials wouldn't let him walk back up Orchard to his place, Brent decided to walk it overland. "So I came up through the woods, back through the fire. By then, the main wall of fire had passed through. But everything was aflame and burning like mad."

Having been gone about an hour, Brent got back to his house and was amazed to find it still standing. The fire had burned around it on both sides. A row of interconnecting manzanitas near the house had all burned except for the one against the house. A plastic pickup truck-bed liner lying in the driveway ten feet from the house was incinerated. A fiberglass stepladder standing next to the house was severely scorched. Though the tree house burned down, and the old streetcar — with \$10,000 worth of sheet glass and art supplies inside of it — was reduced to a pile of twisted steel and molten glass, all three cabins were unburned, and one blackened spot on the siding was the sum of damage the house endured. "Why this house is still standing," Brent shakes his head in disbelief, "is amazing."

At Heglin and Smith's house, the fire came into view at 3:00 or 4:00 Wednesday morning. Later that morning, "Our neighbor called," Smith says. "She had already evacuated, and she asked us if John could put things over her vents in her house, so that sparks couldn't get into the crawl space and attic."

"So I covered all the vents," Heglin explains, "so that sparks wouldn't get sucked in, and I made sure all the windows were shut for the same reason."

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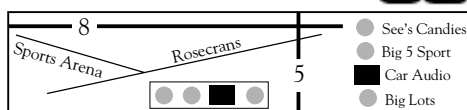
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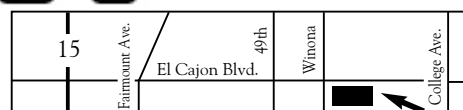
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Heglin adds, "It was a firestorm, like you hear about. We saw tornadoes of flame, and trees were just exploding as the fire came down the valley toward us from the northwest. At that point, there was not much we felt that we could do. We were just in awe; it was amazing to watch the speed and the intensity of that fire just coming at us. The firemen stood and watched; they watched with us. They said, 'We are not going out there; it is 50- to 60-mile-an-hour winds; it is a firestorm. We can't put it out; there is nothing we can do.' But they staged there to protect our neighbor's house, and we came back here for some final preparations."

Late Wednesday afternoon, the hill of tall, dry grass across the road immediately to the north of Smith and Heglin's house was ablaze. "At the same time," Heglin says, "this whole ridge to the west of us was going up, one tree after another exploding, all the dead pines... There were 300-foot flames up there; it was absolutely unbelievable."

"We were standing in the street with the flames all over the place," Smith recalls. "Some firemen did drive by. John asked them, 'Will you come back and help us?'"

And Heglin continues the story, "They said, 'Don't count on a truck being there.' So we were on our own, which was

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the mindset we had from the beginning anyway."

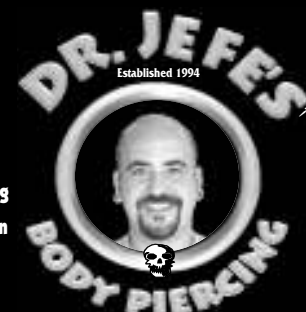
So with scuba masks over their eyes and particle masks over their mouths and noses, Heglin and Smith walked around their property stomping out little fires started by golf-ball-sized chunks of burning wood blowing over from the nearby ridge. With shovels and rakes, and with the help of a neighbor who brought out his tractor, Smith and Heglin cut a fire line to keep the grassfire north of their road. The move was successful. Except for windblown ember fires, which they quickly stomped out, the fire never crossed onto their property. By 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, the main event was over. "There were little fires burning all over the place," Smith says, "but they were little ones, and they were lying down for the night."

"But they burned all night," Heglin adds.

Brent Mitchell slept Wednesday night in a chair on the porch of one of his cabins. He, too, could see what looked like "hundreds of campfires" burning all night. Thursday brought cool, damp weather and even a bit of drizzly rain, which helped. Still, Brent says, enough fuel remained to have some "significant flare-ups." Some tree stumps where the fire had been hottest still burned. Smoking holes surrounded by piles of white ash showed where trees had burned to the ground, and the roots were still smoldering. Brent spent Thursday and Friday putting out hot spots and wondering how his house survived. "I did the best I could to protect it," he says, "but there are a lot more reasons why it should have gone up than not." ■

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A while ago, Pam went with her mother Karen on a sad and difficult errand. When they returned, they both looked grim and dejected. Melvin Hasman, Pam's dad and Karen's husband of 30 years had, without warning, died in his sleep not long before.

Sun spots beamed off Karen's new car, and I felt disoriented. I was used to Karen looking cheerful and driving "the Blue Bomb," her 1968 Plymouth Valiant. She and Melvin had bought it new and driven it for 30 years, maintained it, and taught their kids to drive so well it never got smashed. "Well," Karen said, "maybe a few knocks to the fenders."

The Valiant became a minor classic. Men would introduce themselves to teenaged Pam and ask her to pop the hood just so, they said, they could look at the slant-six engine.

In 1981 the Hasmans had bought a

Chevy Citation, "the Car of the Year"; but by 1991, it was junk, while the Blue Bomb kept on rolling. Before work on cold mornings, Karen let the engine run for 30 minutes so the slant-six wouldn't stall on the road. And since the heater didn't work, she wore woolen driving gloves and a winter cap.

Pam and brother Tim went to college and got cars of their own; but whenever those cars failed them, they'd call home and ask if they could borrow the Blue Bomb. If Melvin were still alive, it might be on the road today.

But when you're a young widow, things change. Karen no longer could see any reason to buy a car and keep it 30 years. Besides, the Blue Bomb had become a "gross polluter." It wouldn't pass the smog test. So she tried to sell it. People told her she could get \$3000, because of the slant-six. But nobody wanted to risk what it might've cost to meet the smog requirements.

One day a neighbor shouted from

across the street, "The state will take our old cars."

"A '68?" Karen asked.

"Even my '74 Plymouth," the neighbor said. "We'll get rid of our old cars, buy new ones, and spruce up the street at the same time."

Hmmm, Karen thought, I guess the neighbors are tired of looking at the Bomb.

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On the way home along the 805, they were both stricken by memories. Karen wept a little and mumbled, "Now get hold of yourself. Life goes on. You have to move forward, and with God's help, you will."

"Did they crush it?" I asked.

"They put a big X on it," she said. "I think that's what it meant."

We all hung our heads for a while, then Karen stood. Looking brave and determined, she walked out and drove off in her shiny new Mustang. "She'll be all right," Pam said.

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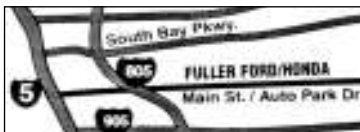


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Matt:
I bought some organic celery and broccoli, and I noticed the produce was covered in bugs, slugs, caterpillars, etc. It was psychologically upsetting, but I don't want to waste food, so can one eat the veggies after the bugs are removed?

— Mixelle, North Park

I have to assume by now that you've washed the veggies and eaten them. Since you're still around to read this, there's your answer. You could probably steam the veggies with the critters attached and still survive the meal. If you're willing to pay extra for organic foods, wildlife could be part of the deal. That's pretty much the point of organics.

Heymatt:
I'm a taxi cab driver, and I spend a lot of time driving around, thinking.... Why, oh why, oh why is there a Ninth Street in Poway — but no First, Second, Third, etc? Could I be mispronouncing this road, and it's really named after Joe Ninth?

— Larry Rotolo, on the road

Hi, philosopher-cabbie Larry. We'll flag you down and give you the full story — with the moral first: The best-laid plans of mice and developers oft run into big problems with the planning department. (Hey, relax, Larry. Grandma can load the luggage.)

Many decades ago, before Poway was Poway, a developer made plans for a tidy community along Pomerado Road, between (present) Ted Williams Parkway and Poway Road. Since he was a builder, not a poet, he named his east-west streets First, Second, Third, etc. He took his plans to the county, and by the time they were through nitpicking the scheme, Ninth Street was the only one left on the map. And there it sits today, just one block long and adrift in an otherwise numberless void. (The City of Poway won't let developers name streets drab stuff like First or Second, A or B.) According to Poway's planning department, Fifth and Sixth Streets would have been located where Meadowbrook Middle School is today. Less clear is why the builder didn't change Ninth Street's name since, after the county's edit, it served no ordinal purpose. Oversight? A rebuke to the bureaucrats? (You can drop us off over there, Larry, between the Dumpster and the crime-scene tape. Grandma's got the luggage. The elves will handle the tip.)

Dear Matthew Alice:
Now that my father has passed away, I "inherited" boxes that filled a basement, attic, and two-car garage (into which my father never put a car). Amidst the papers, pictures, and assorted historic items there was a family tree going back into the late 17th Century. In a rare spare moment, I noted eye colour beside each member. Virtually every male and female had blue eyes, except for me. Mine are hazel, though my mother assured me they were blue on my birth day but "changed" sometime in the first year. My wife and all of her family also have blue eyes, as do our three children and all of our grandchildren. Recalling genetics taught in school, I thought that blue eye colour is a recessive gene, not allowing for other eye hues of descendants. Is it possible for me to have hazel eyes under those extraordinary circumstances? Have I discovered a family secret?

— Buried in Boxes

If you're old enough to have grandchildren, be assured that everything you learned in biology class is now wrong. Time and science march on. One of the "facts" jettisoned by contemporary research is the assumption that only two genes predict eye color. Science guys are pretty sure there are genes they haven't even found yet that play some part in each person's ultimate peeper pigmentation. Though it might be an unusual occurrence, you (and millions of other kids) are testimony to the fact that two blue-eyed parents (or five blue-eyed generations) can produce a non-blue-eyed child. If we'd known this sooner, perhaps the divorce rate would be lower.

The main source of eye color is a layer of cells in the iris that contains deposits of pigment. The color we see is created by light entering the eye and being scattered by this layer. The size, shape, and density of these layered cells, plus the size and intensity of the pigment spots and their distribution within the cells determine the scatter pattern, and thus eye color and color depth. (Why is the sky blue? Same reason eyes are blue — conditions that scatter blue light.) Gene patterns will influence the characteristics of this iris cell layer. How many genes? What's their influence? Stay tuned. Nobody's sure yet.

So far, eye science has identified three genes that are eye-pigment linked: green-blue, brown-blue, and brown. These will influence the amount of pigment (melanin) in the iris; at one extreme, dense deposits of melanin help make eyes look some shade of what we'd label "brown." At the other end of the continuum, minimal deposits create shades of "blue." And given a polygenic model for eye color, a family with predominantly blue-eyed ancestors can still carry a genetic potential for a brown- or hazel-eyed child. Actually, greenish eyes are colored by an additional pigment, lipochrome, so there's another variable in the chromatic mix. Aren't you glad you took biology back when life was simpler?

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By Patrick Daugherty

Chargers. Green Bay. Terror. Despair.

Starting easy, I ask, "What do you think of the Packers this year?"

A male, Norwegian sounding voice answers, "Off and on. Good one day and not so good the next."

Speaking is master Andy, three-year employee and manager of the downtown Green Bay, Wisconsin, Burger King. As sports fans know, the Chargers are hot off another Martyball victory, brutally stomping the mighty Detroit Lions 14 to 7 and doing it Marty's way; one . . . yard . . . at . . . a . . . time.

Sadly, as satisfying as victory over a 4-and-9 team is, we must move on. Green Bay is coming to town, and that contest will surely test Marty's strategic vision, which, by the way, can be summed up in one sentence: "Why can't we run the same play every time we get the ball?" Wanting to help, I've been calling Green Bay residents, seeking affirmation, and, along the way, collecting vital enemy intel.

Slyly pretending to be on Andy's side, I remark, "People who torture babies say San Diego sucks. Does anybody in Green Bay care about the Packers/Chargers game?"

"They all care." Andy's Norwegian accent just got thicker. I sense terror and despair.

Now's the time for a zinger. "What's your take on the Chargers?"

"They suck, but so does Detroit and they beat us."

"You want to know about the Green Bay Packers?" Speaking is Jesse, majordomo of High, Wet & Wild Taxidermy. I make Jesse to be 60 years old and fresh off the boat from Norway.

I trot out my Norwegian and reply: "You betcha."

"The Pack could do a little better, but they're doing all right." Jesse takes a long pull of oxygen. "I don't think the coach is up to par, to tell you the truth."

True, at 7 and 6, Green Bay does not inspire. "Do you have season tickets?"

"No, but I've been to a couple of games. You can get tickets if you go to the stadium and find them. People are selling them."

I believe it's called scalping. "When San Diego envision Green Bay, we see a small, rust belt town where it's always 40 degrees below zero and all the policeman speak Norwegian."

"Yeah."

"So, what's the real truth of Green Bay? It's worse than that, isn't it?"

Jesse thinks for a moment. "It's just a great place to play football. The atmosphere is incredible. We got the bay here. We get a lot of lake effect snow, and when she's windy and blowing it's miserable."

All right, if you say so. "Your business is named

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Makes...perfect...sense. "How long have you been in business?"

"About ten years."

"If I shipped you the carcass of our head coach, Marty Schottenheimer, would you stuff him for me?"

Silence. More silence. "Well, legally, no."

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Now comes a cold, hard-edged Norwegian woman's voice. "Brown County Jail Intake. May I help you?" The voice does not sound helpful.

"Do you follow the Green Bay Packers?"

"Yeah."

"Well, what do you think? They're playing the Chargers this week. Granted, San Diego is an NFL team only in the sense that it extorts money from the public, but does that mean the Packers should take them for granted?" The woman says, "Is this, like, a joke? You're calling the county jail to ask. . ."

"Hey! I've already talked to Jesse at High, Wet and Wild Taxidermy. And, I've had a long conversation with Andy over at the Oneida Street Burger King on this same precise topic."

"Oh." She understands.

Carrying on, "The Chargers are 3-and-10 and people who sleep with Michael Jackson say they're despicable. But, there is something about the Pack too. You seem to have two teams in Green Bay. One's good, the other isn't. Have you noticed that?"

"Yeah, it all depends what kind of day Brett Favre has. I think it's time for him to retire."

"Marty Schottenheimer is our head coach, and people who believe in the Walking Dead say Marty passed away in 1987. Is your head coach still alive?"

"I think our head coach [Mike Sherman] did a fine job until he became general manager. He can't handle both jobs."

Everybody wants both jobs. "Last question. How many of your inmates are Packer fans?"

"I'll go with 85 percent."

"Only 85 percent?"

"It's a jail."

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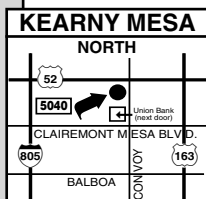
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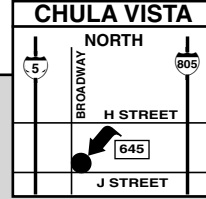
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Year founded: 1971
Senior pastor: Reverend Jerald Borgie
Congregation size: 1600
Staff: 8 full-time
Annual budget: \$1 million
Weekly giving: \$23,000
Singles program: yes
Diversity: white, Hispanic
Dress: casual to dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

"I can't say what's going on at the national level. But I know that in California, the more theologically conservative churches in our denomination are growing well."

Twenty-six years ago, when Reverend Jerald Borgie started at Peñasquitos Lutheran Church, 37 people sat in his pews. The church now has 1600 members, three Sunday-morning services, and is looking to acquire eight acres somewhere in North County to establish a second congregation.

Last Sunday, Reverend Borgie spoke with me about his denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the country's largest and most main-line Lutheran denomination. San Diego's ELCA churches range from "contemporary evangelical" style congregations like the up-tempo and liturgy-free Church of Joy in Chula Vista, to liturgy-intense old-fashioned liberal churches like First Lutheran downtown.

"Our denomination resulted from the merger in 1987 of two different Lutheran denominations. Now, at our church, we were sort of concerned about the merger because, in the past, when denominations merged, they lost members and their bureaucracies grew. For example, we now have three bishops where we used to have only one. But we don't have three times as many churches. You can sort of see why the ELCA wants to get close to the Episcopal Church. Episcopalians have lots of bishops. In the Episcopal Church, everybody and his brother is a bishop."

The odd thing is, as Reverend Borgie admitted to me, you'd have to hunt hard at Peñasquitos Lutheran to find out that it was an ELCA church.

"Old categories are falling apart," Reverend Borgie told me. "I'm a Lutheran. But I may have more in common, theologically, with the Southern Baptist pastor down the road than I would have with liberal pastors within my own denomination."

Last Sunday morning at Reverend Borgie's traditional service, the congregation rose to

recite, "Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed..." I hadn't heard the traditional liturgy for so long that those bald words surprised. As did the eerie 18th-century hymn written by Charles Wesley, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus."

Reverend Borgie's sermon, too, had the virtue of surprising simplicity. "Christianity is upsetting," he told us. "It's disconcerting. Christmas is a story about a holy god who chose to invade an unholy world filled with unholy people. Christianity is supposed to shake us up and challenge who we are. God often chooses to speak to us at unexpected times through unexpected people."

"Now, it might be nice to think that Christianity came along with a calm, untroubling message. That it spoke in a soft voice, 'Let's all

get along nicely with each other.' But Christianity's message was like John the Baptist, rough-hewn, wild, surprising. Christianity calls us to change, to not be complacent with sin. But so many of us are so comfortable with our sin that we don't even notice it anymore and can't imagine how anyone, much less God, could be offended by it."

"And because we're so complacent, we're not even aware of how easily sin comes to us in this age. We can be sitting at home at our computer, and with a few keystrokes find ourselves at a website, or in a chatroom, where no believing Christian has any place being. We have no appreciation for how such a simple, common thing as a computer can be used by Satan to destroy people."

I'd never expected to hear such a sermon in an ELCA church.

You don't even hear such sermons in denominations famous for their conservatism. But after the service, Reverend Borgie told me something that was more surprising than his sermon.

"We own our church and the land it sits on. That's very rare in the ELCA. When our previous denomination merged to become the ELCA, we didn't rewrite our constitution so that our property belonged to the ELCA. No one can turn us out if we say or do the wrong thing."

I asked Reverend Borgie if he would be so uncompromising if his church didn't own its building and land.

"I'd like to believe that I'd have the courage of my convictions, but you never know. When you do own your own building and land, however, you can act with a little more confidence when it comes to doing and saying what's right."

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I work for a very large corporation. To dispense with individual birthday celebrations, they dispatch all birthdays for each month in one party. Monthly parties are assigned to different departments, who take a gift collection and send a folder around with as many as 15 birthday cards to sign for that month's birthday people. It's acceptable to give a buck toward the gifts, but there is a push to come up with original quizzes, games, and skits for these parties, and some of them are quite elaborate. I don't mind chipping in money for the gifts; however, I don't wish to plan, eat the fattening desserts, or participate in the forced camaraderie of these gatherings honoring people I don't know, barely know, or don't like. I especially hate it when the folder full of generic cards hits my desk and I'm expected to write a perky message and sign each one. What can I say that is tactful yet firm to abstain from all this frivolity?

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Dear Grinding,

Sounds as if the company's attempt to build esprit de corps is becoming a burden. It's funny how compulsory office celebrations often have an effect that's the opposite of what's intended. Though no one wants to say it, I'll bet you aren't the only one getting mighty tired of this forced monthly jollity. I hope no one hassles you about passing on the triple-fudge Oreo cheesecake. That would be rude. When stacks of birthday cards are passed around, there's no reason you can't simply sign your John Hancock and let it go at that. The poets and platitude-ists in the office can come up with the multitudes of perky greetings, stump speeches, and original songs required. I know these kinds of office activities are tricky to opt out of, even partly, because you don't want to get labeled a spoilsport or be seen as unfriendly. If you get pressured to participate in the "fun," you can say that you sincerely wish everyone being celebrated a very happy birthday, but that you're just not good at composing odes in their honor, making paper crowns, or whatever it is you're being pressed to do. You will probably have to compromise a bit and abstain from some of the more annoying parts of these festivities but sit through others, so you don't appear to be the birthday Scrooge to colleagues who'd apparently rather party than do their jobs.

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Speak to your neighbor about this

problem. Be calm and friendly. If you can't catch him in, leave a polite note. He may be totally unaware that the dog is wailing for the duration of his absences. Give him a chance to solve the problem. He will probably have to get a dog sitter to come by while he's gone or take the dog with him on his sleepovers, if he can. Hopefully he'll be responsive and do something about the problem, for the pooch's sake as well as for the sake of the neighbors. If you speak to him once, and he does nothing, contact him one more time to give him a last chance. If you've tried twice and gotten no results, then I think you have to call animal control and let them deal with the situation, so you can get some shut-eye and the innocent animal can have a chance to receive proper treatment.

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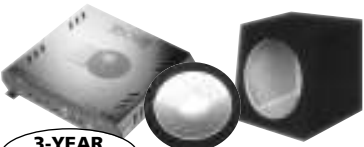


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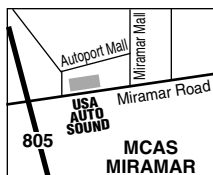
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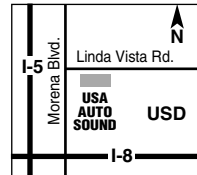
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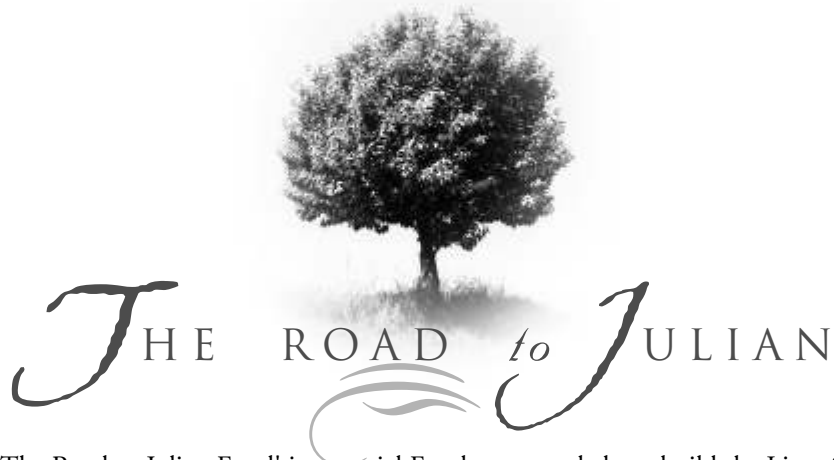


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Uncle Hank, God rest his soul, was a financial wizard, so nobody was surprised that he left Aunt Azelda well taken care of. But no amount of money has been able to eradicate her arthritis, and she is no longer able to spend whole evenings wrapping presents, creating packages so beautiful we hesitate to open them. She called me, her "go-to girl," and asked me to look into gift-wrapping services around town.

Horton Plaza and Mission Valley Center, both owned by Westfield Shoppingtowns, offer a complimentary red gift box with attached red ribbon for each (same-day)

\$50 purchase. They can be found at the Shopping Concierge in each mall. Additional boxes can be had for **\$3**. I poked around a bit and found a gift-wrapping booth at Mission Valley Center at the north end of Ruby's Diner. Mary and Debbie, the ladies behind the counter in the Gift Wrap Palace aprons, filled me in. "We've been doing this for eight years," said Mary. "It benefits the overseas missions for our church, Revival Tabernacle."

I counted nine patterns of paper to choose from, and was happy to discover that the wrappers were well-trained. "You have to measure the paper so that the fold is on the side," explained Mary, "not the middle — that way, the seam doesn't show. We use double-sided tape on the fold and at the corners, so that you don't see tape on the package itself. For ribbons, we cut to size and then tape it on. Then we fan out a bow for the top and put it on with extra tape to make it stick." Debbie added, "I use a measuring tape to measure around the box; that's how I decide where to cut my ribbon and paper. Also, I write down what I'm wrapping — say, a sweater — and pin the note to myself. Then I put the paper on the package; it helps us keep organized." The wait for gift wrapping is about 10 to 15 minutes, but, says Debbie, "it can be as long as an hour close to Christmas," even with six people working full steam.

Mary ran through the prices: "A jewelry-sized box is **\$2**, a mug size is **\$3**, and a vase size is **\$3.25**. From there we have a shirt-sized box, **\$3.75**, a robe-sized box for **\$5.75**, a 10-inch by 10-inch box for **\$4.75**, a 22-inch by 18-inch box for **\$8.75**, and a 26-inch by 16-inch box for **\$9.75**." If a gift doesn't fit in a box, "we have to be creative. Some toys are five-sided and huge. We have one fellow here who will make a box to fit a gift if need be."

"People like our work," she concluded. "One customer comes every year and brings grocery bags full of all her presents for wrapping. Guys seem to like the service as well, especially military guys." The team will be working there through December 24.

"We have to be creative; some toys are five-sided and huge."

Next I called a couple of Hallmark stores. Auntie likes to give their ornaments as early Christmas gifts; we open them on Christmas Eve and hang them on the tree. Cynthia's Hallmark in Grossmont Center features six different Christmas wraps with bows. Prices range from **\$3.50** for a jewelry-sized box to **\$22.50** for something the size of a microwave. Corey's Hallmark in Bonita provides complimentary gift-wrapping for in-store purchases, and if you bring in an item and buy the paper there, they'll take care of the wrapping.

As for North County — Aunt Azelda's neck of the woods — an employee from guest services at UTC told me that there would be a gift-wrapping service every weekend until Christmas next to the Pretzel Time. It, too, is sponsored by a charity — no charge for wrapping, but donations are requested.

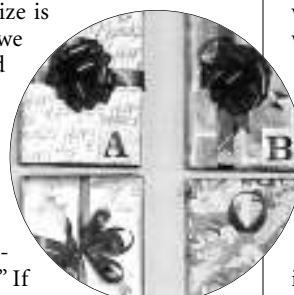
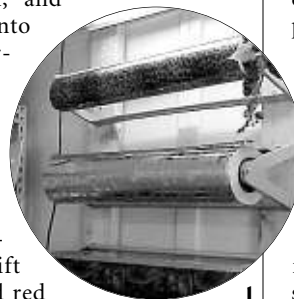
I started looking into individual stores, careful to hit Auntie's favorites. Robinsons-May in La Jolla offered eight different Christmas wraps and one Hanukkah wrap, all with bow and ornament. An employee told me, "If you purchase the item at our store, the cost is **\$5** for a small item, **\$6.50** for a medium item, and **\$7.50**

for a large item. An oversized package is **\$15**. If you bring items for wrapping from other stores, it's **\$1** extra per package. There is some limitation on wrapping due to weight." Macy's also wraps gifts purchased outside the store; the extra charge there is **\$2** per package. There are nine Christmas wraps and one for Hanukkah; all include a ribbon and an ornament. Prices for wrapping in-store purchases are as follows: **\$5.95** for a small package, **\$7.95** for a medium, **\$10.95** for a large, and **\$15.95** for oversized. Mervyn's, where Auntie buys socks and stockings for her nieces and nephews, will wrap items purchased in-store. Prices vary according to size — **\$4** to **\$6**. Christmas and Hanukkah papers are available.

Other department stores were going boxy. Shoppers who purchase items at Saks Fifth Avenue receive a complimentary gray gift box with gray ribbon. Red and blue ribbons are also available. Nordstrom devotees who purchase goods in-store are rewarded with complimentary silver Nordstrom boxes offset by a gold tulle ribbon. If you buy something from the Gift Gallery, a burgundy-and-pink-stripe wrap is available free of charge. A Neiman Marcus employee described their gift boxes as "red with a blue ribbon, or red with a red ribbon. Both have a gadget, either a little snowflake or a picture frame." There is an **\$8** charge for the box.

And for the grandnieces and grandnephews, there is complimentary gift-wrapping for in-store purchases at both Zany Brainy and Geppetto's. No limit on the number of items, and both Christmas and Hanukkah papers are available.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

It was a Monday evening in the late fall of 1976, and with three hours to go before the opening kick-off, there were more television technicians than fans in Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium for a nationally broadcast game between the Bengals and the New England Patriots. High above the field, in a special booth reserved for the league's reigning play-by-play triumvirate of Howard Cosell, Frank Gifford, and Don Meredith, a nettled Cosell was loudly berating a member of the ABC sound crew.

Cosell leaped from his chair and screamed in the direction of a nervous technical team, "What the hell is *wrong* with you people? You've had all goddamn day to get this crap ready! What's the matter, don't they *pay* you enough?" A technician entered the booth and attempted to explain the difficulty, but a livid Cosell would hear none of it. "Don't 'Mr. Cosell' me, goddammit! I'm a very busy man and I can't waste my valuable time waiting for you people to do your job. Now, are we quite ready to go?"

— **"READER'S GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS,"**

John D'Agostino, December 14, 1978

Twenty Years Ago

Several weeks ago the *Tribune* published a two-page map of San Diego with more than seventy named residential districts, redefined after nearly three months of research by seventy-five-year-old Howard O. Welty, a former assistant managing editor with the paper and a San Diego resident since 1909. The redrawing of neighborhood boundaries was originally intended for internal use only, Welty says, but a few months after its completion the editorial board decided to publish the results.

The community traditionally referred to as Southeast San Diego has been broken up into nine neighborhoods — Chollas View, Valencia Park, Emerald Hills, Lomita Village, Skyline District, one unnamed blank, and three unconnected patches he still calls Southeast San Diego.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"I'VE GOT THIS REALLY NICE LITTLE PLACE IN LEMON MESA,"** *Thomas K. Arnold, December 15, 1983*

Fifteen Years Ago

San Francisco mayor Art Agnos, state assembly members Lucy Killea and John Vasconcellos, Congressman Jim Bates, and city council members Bob Filner and Gloria McColl were among the politicians who attended last Saturday's memorial service for the late Dr. A. Brad Truax, local physician and gay activist. Missing was Mayor Maureen O'Conner, and her absence was



San Diego Reader, December 14, 1978

very well noticed by Truax's friends.

— **"THE INSIDE STORY,"** *Paul Krueger,*

December 15, 1988

Ten Years Ago

It's a movie you will never see. A smart black youngster excels at baseball and basketball, but in his 20s he becomes a poet. Quincy Troupe's career is full of such surprises. Though he is of the build — 220 pounds, 6 foot 2 — that makes him scary to many whites, he is able to persuade members of the white establishment to back his programs. Though he never viewed himself as a teacher and was, like me, drafted into the profession, he is one of the best teachers ever to set foot into an American classroom.

— **"CAN POETRY'S BIG DADDY DELIVER**

SAN DIEGO?" *Ishmael Reed, December 16, 1993*

Five Years Ago

April, according to T.S. Eliot, is the cruelest month. Not for me. It was April of that same year that I was about to put the down payment down on a co-op loft off University Avenue in New York City. Me, a black man, owner of a piece of the Big Apple! In my daydreams I watched myself lifted in the elevator, cloudlike, from the street to my new home that was laid out (20 by 100 feet) like a bowling alley.

There was only one problem: my hair.

I had an Afro at the time. Angela Davis, the Marxist firebrand, could stop traffic with her do; I liked to think my Afro helped to slow it down some. As a haughty expression of ancestral recall, it was saying many things, but to the co-op members who had yet to meet me for the once-over before voting me in for membership (and thus loft ownership), I'm afraid my hair was saying Think twice.

— **"ROOTS: RACE AND UNWANTED HAIR,"**

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Crasher

BLACKOUT BLUES

by Josh Board

my friend Steve had his birthday party at Dizzy's downtown. His birthday falls on the same day as Neil Young's, and that night Dizzy's was having lots of local musicians perform Neil Young tunes. Each performer did a three-song set at the sold-out show. The musicians included Berkley Hart, Lisa Sanders, Dave Howard and the Blackout Blues Band, Chuck Schiele, Sven-Erik Seaholm, Marcia Staub, Cindy Lee Berryhill, Gregory Page, and Peter Bolland, who put the whole thing together. Gregory Page told me, "Peter just called me up to do this. It was planned a few months in advance."

Cindy Lee Berryhill covered "Heart of Gold" and "Cinnamon Girl," and Page played "Albuquerque," "Roll Another Number," and "Harvest." I thought somebody else had done "Harvest" also. I asked Page if the musicians got together to make sure nobody would repeat a song. He said, "You know, I didn't really think about it. They sent an e-mail about the event, but it didn't list



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the songs people would perform. Somebody else did 'Harvest,' but it wasn't a big deal. I think that was the only song that was repeated." When I started to ask a question about the e-mail, Page interrupted to say, "Actually, I got the e-mail wrong. I showed up here thinking it was a birthday tribute for Neil



Top: Stoplight-party partiers; bottom left: Cindy Lee Berryhill; bottom right: Daniel Greenamyre

the free world, and rocking this birthday bash. Although one person at the party wasn't satisfied with

"If you're wearing yellow, it means you're in a relationship, but it's not that serious, and you're still looking."

Sedaka. They said it was Neil Young, and luckily I knew a bunch of his songs."

The Blackout Blues Band capped the night with an electric set — rocking

just the rock. He said, "They don't serve alcohol here. Where can we get drinks and hear music?"

Steve and I knew where. We headed to Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach.

I had gotten a call from Meredith telling me about the party. She didn't seem too thrilled by the whole concept. She said, "It's called a 'stoplight party.' You wear green if you're single and available. If you're wearing yellow, it means you're in a relationship, but it's not that serious, and you're still looking. Red means you're not available."

When I talked to Rollin Ellis, who lives in the apartment and put this thing together, he said, "I just

hope people get creative. It could be a small green item like a bracelet. It doesn't have to be a big green shirt. I'm going to wear a green badge, but with a yellow smiley face on it."

I don't know if that meant he was in the yellow category or green. Another person who overheard the conversation on color asked, "What does it mean if someone is wearing purple? Maybe it means they love Prince, or Barney the dinosaur."

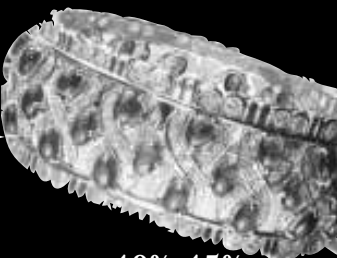
There were a couple of kegs and a box for donations. There were signs on both gates of the apartment saying, "No alcohol beyond this point." The apartments had a courtyard in the middle for mingling, and everyone who lived there seemed to be at the party having a great time. They all had their doors open. One guy said to me, "Do you want to see where I bring the women when things start to heat up?" He walked me over to his garage in the complex and opened the door. Instead of having his car parked in there, or a bunch of tools lying around, he had it car-

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peted. It had a stereo, with speakers on the ceilings, a disco ball, a strobe light, a black light, a leather couch, and — the ace in the hole — a Jacuzzi. They had their surfboards hanging on the walls (and this complex is within convenient walking distance of the beach).

There were string lights hanging across from apartment to apartment. Someone said, "These apartments look just like the ones in *Melrose Place*, but without the pool." Somebody set up a big screen, showing slides of different things, including people at the party, and a photographer was occasionally walking around, snapping new shots.

Within an hour, there were at least two hundred people packed in here. A DJ named Daniel Greenamyre was spinning records on one of the balconies. I went up to talk to him. He had all his gear set up on a surfboard. He told me, "I had to, because it's starting to drizzle. I can just slide the surfboard closer, under the ledge, if it rains." The apartment that the DJ was at was packed with people. A 45-year-old guy was making out with a woman who looked to be 23. I wondered if they lived there or were just using the couch. Jell-O shots and other bottles of alcohol were set up on the table.

There was a drunk guy walking around bug-ging everyone. When I was talking to Meredith and she was putting her hair up, he came over and sniffed her under-arms. Since they were giving out name tags, Meredith would occasionally write something funny on them. She wrote on mine, "Be nice to me, or I'll make you

look like an ass on Thursday." One guy's tag said "Roberto," which wasn't his name. Another said "Lady Killer," and a woman had one that said "Underground Ho." For my photographer, Meredith wrote on his name tag, "I can make you a star on the Internet."

I asked one of the guys who put the party

together if they had permission from everyone in the complex. He said, "I'd rather ask for forgiveness than for permission." He then said, "Yeah, everyone was invited and told about the party." But at around 11, when the band DeaF-red started, a woman from three apartments away came over. She wondered about the noise and asked, "When

do you think the band is going to stop?" She didn't seem too mad, and I noticed she was still at the party an hour later.

Surprisingly, it wasn't until 1:00 a.m. that the police made it over. The band had been playing jazz and rock for almost two hours. The drummer originally didn't show up, thinking the weather would damage his drum kit. The

rest of the band convinced him it wouldn't rain, and he could set up underneath a ledge.

The police arrested four people. One guy had walked outside with his beer. Rollin later told me the guy was pissed and said, "Instead of the cop just giving me a warning, he took me to the drunk tank." Rollin continued, "There were two people

that got arrested, but I don't know what they did. The other guy that got busted, that I know about, walked out and poured his beer on a cop car. He was so hammered I don't think he even knew it was a police vehicle." ■

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Rug People

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The Rug Society of San Diego was founded in 1991. It has grown and dwindled over the years as member interest and frustration levels have risen and diminished. New people join excited about learning from advanced members; knowledgeable members fall away because they don't gain much for the time spent and because the same ground keeps being covered to bring the less experienced up to speed. It's a cycle you can count on in any society of people with a complex interest.

I first call the president and cofounder of the rug society. He can't see me, but he directs me to Val Arbab. I call her, but she is also busy. I call another member of the club, who directs me back to Arbab. I make a fourth call, this time to a retail rug dealer, and am again redirected to Arbab. I decide it's a sign. I will wait until Arbab can see me, and while I'm waiting I'll reread my rug books.

When I finally make the call to set up the interview, I want to let Arbab know she won't be wasting her time talking to a novice. I share with her some of the titles of the books I've been reading.

"Throw them all out," she tells me calmly on the phone.

"What?" I stammer. I ask if there is any reference she recommends. Only George O'Bannen's *Oriental Rugs* makes the grade in Arbab's eyes. Of course it is one I don't have.

* * *

A few weeks later I drive north to La Jolla. Val Arbab answers the door within seconds of the bell. She is slim and delicate but not at all fragile. A dark-haired woman with glasses, approximately mid-50s, she has an intense but gracious manner. As the afternoon wears on I am more and more impressed by her energy.

We walk through a small entryway into a large combined living room and dining room. The house is neat and spare, not fussy. The furnishings are an exotic mix of Middle Eastern accents and antiques with clean Sheraton lines. Heavy window treatments allow only a sliver of natural light.

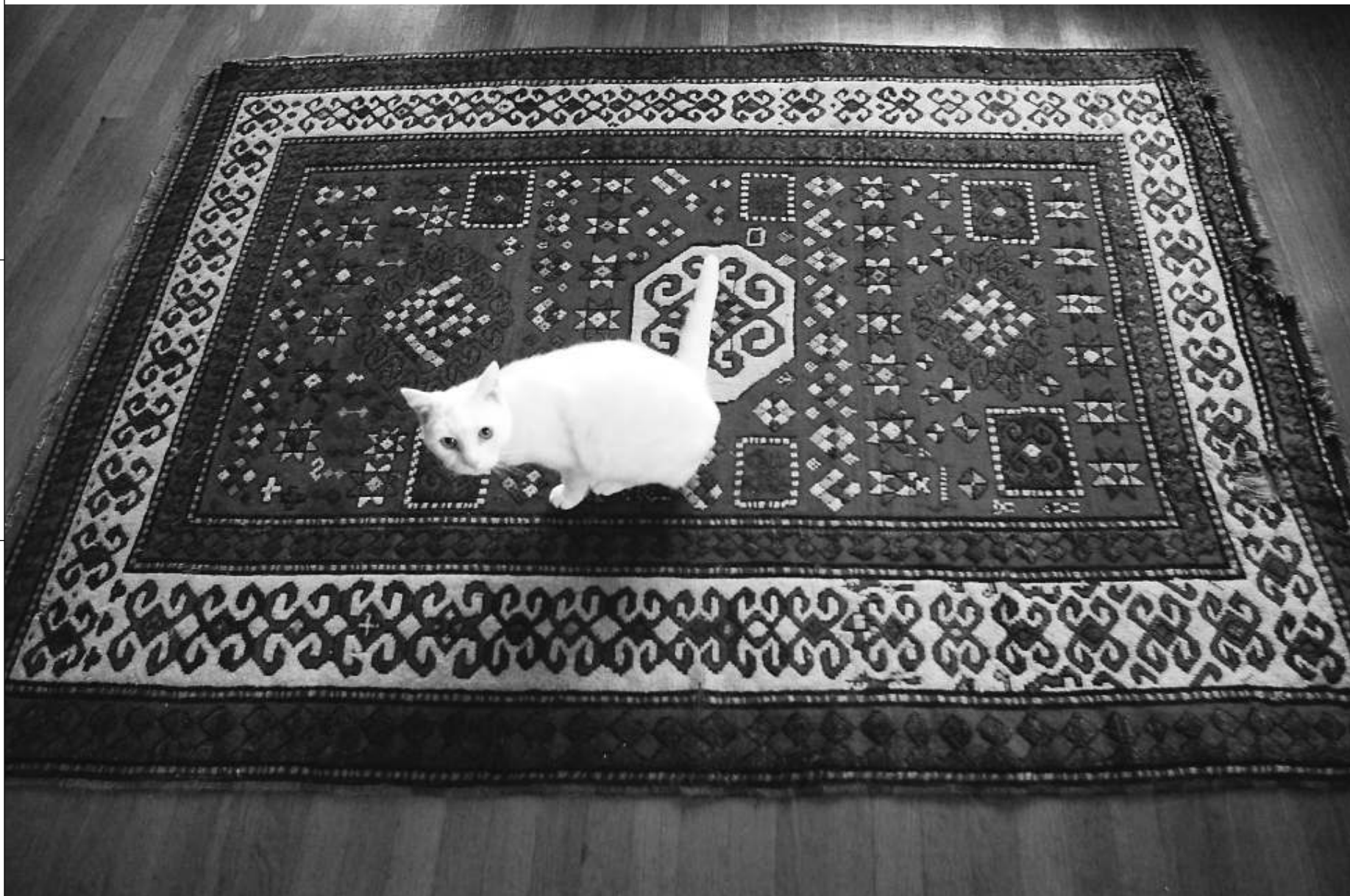
The living room is set up in a U-shape, with two sofas and a settee. The front feet of each piece sit on a beautiful oriental carpet.

Arbab was once a head surgical nurse. Dealing with the details and difficulties of employees helped her decide to change careers. She pursued her interest in old rugs to become an authority on the subject.

"How many people in this country have your level of expertise?" I begin.

"People with my credentials as an appraiser, I think there is only... Well, ASA" — American Society of Appraisers — "there's now only six. And ISA" — International Society of Appraisers — "there's only two of us. I have top credentials from both appraisal societies."

An appraiser is an accredited authority who identifies, evaluates, and then puts a value on a piece. Appraisers are called in to make educated judg-



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“The deal about collecting rugs,” Adams says, “or collecting anything when you have a lot of pets, you have to remember pets have first priority. A lot of stuff has gotten whacked over the years.”

ments for a variety of reasons — divorce, insurance claims, or donation. If I am a probate attorney whose fee is based on the value of an estate, I want the appraisal to mirror replacement costs at full market value. If I am a spouse in a divorce settlement, I may want a low value, because it will affect how much I have to pay my ex-spouse. If I’m the ex to be paid, you can bet I want to know exactly what something is worth.

“There were a lot of smuggled rugs because of the embargo with Iran,” Arbab says, “and I do tons of appraisals for customs. Sometimes I testify in federal trials. I do a lot of work for insurance companies, moving companies that have damage claims, all that stuff all over the country. Things happen, like Hurricane Andrew, and then further down the line people lock horns about the value of a rug. It somehow filters down to me.

“There is fraud of all kinds. I know prices of things in Iran, for example. I know all of the restrictions that are imposed by other countries — when you could or couldn’t have taken a rug out of Iran. So if you tell me you brought it in at such a time from your home in Iran, I’ll know if you did or didn’t. One has to know exactly when the embargo was put in place, when it was modified and stuff.

“But it’s not enough to know what a rug is; you need to know how it compares to all of its brothers and sisters. Is it in the condition that most of

these types of rugs of this vintage are found in? Details are very important toward evaluation. Everyone wants to know how much he or she should pay. Everybody needs to somehow get a handle on market value.”

“When were you bitten by the rug bug?” I ask. “Do you remember?”

She laughs. “Not really. I think I just always liked texture and the textile. In Ukraine, I remember carpets just hanging on the wall, usually by the bed, because the walls are very cold. I remember having scarlet fever one night and throwing up all over my grandmother’s oriental rug that was hanging by the bed.

“I mostly have a visual memory. I remember exactly the colors, the rugs, even rugs that the clients don’t remember having. I will remind them that 15 years ago I was at their house and they had this blue camel-hair Hamadan runner, and so on. And they say, ‘No, no, we never had that.’ And I say, ‘Yes, you did. It ran along the sofa.’ I think, for those reasons, I like textiles in general.”

Becoming an expert requires years of tactile experience. Your senses communicate physical details in a way no book can. To know about great, collectible rugs, you have to see them and feel them over and over. And you need to have people around to put the things you see in perspective.

“There could be some wonderful pieces,” Arbab says, “but they may be

quite plentiful. For that reason their value will be lower. And there are some pieces that are so rare and so unique and so great, but for most people, it just goes right over their heads."

Hamadan, Sarouk, Soumak, Tabriz, Qashqais, Khamseh, kilim: rugs get their names from areas, cultures, tribes, or peoples. The names were given to the patterns, color combinations, and weaves by Westerners, to help them identify and classify the pieces so they could communicate among themselves.

The trick to reading a rug is speaking the language. For me, it is easiest to think of some of the elements as other things: a *boteh* (pronounced BO-teh) looks like a paisley; the quasi-circular design called a *gul* reminds me of a Chinese good-luck symbol; and the way I recognize the Herati element in borders is to think of a cross section of the female reproductive system. Each element of a pattern is a reflection of a culture, an artist, a tribe, a time, a change in the material process, or a change in

fashion.

The way a knot is made, the number of knots per square inch, the materials used for warp and weft, even the size of a rug are clues to solving the mystery of who made it and when. Depending on your expertise, or the way you learned to "speak rug," you may identify a piece by the colors or pattern, the fineness of the weave, the thickness of the pile, or the dyestuff, or mordant, used.

Rug nomenclature can be misleading. When a rug is identified

as "Persian," you know only that Persian is one possibility. Too often that name is used synonymously with "oriental." To be Persian, a rug must come from Persia, now called Iran.

Someone who speaks rug well will be able to classify an oriental rug by the area where it was made — Anatolia, the Caucasus Mountains, China, etc. Someone who is really good can nail down the exact area in the country. But only someone fluent in rug speak can look at all of the elements and pinpoint the

tribe, the time, and even the artist, if the artist is famous.

"I've made several trips to Iran," Arbab says. "I was sort of amazed. Before I went, I thought rug-making was a dead art. Then I went to Iran and saw what different people made in different bazaars, and the different merchandise, and I saw the people that were still at it.

"That greatly contributed to my thinking that it was financially feasible to actually have a rug shop, that the merchandise was avail-

able. But as it turns out, I decided it's really only old rugs that I am interested in. Presently that serves me well too. There are fewer and fewer people who know much about the older rugs.

"Rugs break down into two categories — decorative and collectible," Arbab says. "One can say that all modern production, post-World War II, those are all what I call 'new rugs.' New rugs are decorative, and one doesn't need to concern themselves with any other classification.

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“One really needs to distinguish between the decorative classification and the collectible classification, because if there’s one definition of a decorative rug, it’s what’s hot is hot and what’s not is not. In the most modern times, we in the West, when we are through with something, we are just through with

something.
“For example, between 1924-25 and World War II, we just couldn’t get enough of the burgundy color. We wanted things plush. We wanted lots of velvets around. Couches of that period were covered with burgundy velvets, and so on. We dictated that in rugs. Americans said, ‘We don’t want

thin-pile rugs; we want thick rugs. And we don’t want rugs in these nice peach tones; we want everything to be burgundy.’ So the so-called American Sarouk was born.”

“It was born just for our market?” I ask.

“Yes,” Arbab says.

“Not one went to Europe; not until the 1970s did American

Sarouks go from the U.S. to Germany. They were the most expensive rugs of their time because of all of the changes dictating the design. That’s the whole idea of ‘decorative.’ ”

Arbab’s voice drops scornfully. “We might be into the Southwestern thing for the next lifetime. If we would go into jewel tones and stay

there for a while, there are so many wonderful rugs in those tones.

“Recently, the fashion was these thick Chinese rugs that are embossed and way overtreated chemically. They were so popular; we couldn’t get enough of them. There were rugs that people paid as much as \$30 and \$35 per square foot for,

meaning they paid \$3500 for a 9 by 12.

“Now they can’t get a dime on their dollar, because about six or seven years back, we decided we were through with them. There were way too many of them. They had problems with cleaning; all the sharp embossing was just fuzzed out. Half the pale

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colors would just disappear, and stains... Anything spilled on it would just stain because of the chemicals left in the wool. For all of those reasons, but mostly because of oversupply, we turned off. And when we are finished...

“People call me all the time and ask, ‘Can I consign it to anybody?’ My only suggestion is to donate it and take some kind of tax write-off, because even if you paid \$3000 for it, you can’t sell it for \$300. There isn’t a market. We seem to have lost the medium used-furniture stores that were very nice for that kind of thing.”

I clarify that Arbab is talking about the sculpted Chinese wool rugs with dramatic solid-color fields and pale accents and borders.

“Yes,” she says, “sort of Aubussoni-Frenchie-looking, oval or circular medallion on an open ivory field and the borders that go into the field and the design. It’s mostly pastels: light blue, light green, that sort of thing. You can find them in some place like Home Depot or Expo. At one time, rug stores were loaded to the ceiling with them, and now, unless they have some leftover merchandise, there aren’t any there. That’s what ‘decorative’ means, and once you comprehend what ‘decorative’ means, then everybody should be more or less an expert. If you leaf through *Architectural Digest*, the rugs that you see there are what’s hot. The rest is what’s not.”

I ask Arbab how often she works with people who want to buy a good rug.

“Many people who collect today are very busy and hire people like myself as advisors,” she says. “They’ll send a photo or they’ll send the piece and say, ‘The seller wants a ton for this,’ and

they want to know what I think.”

“If you got a call and someone said, ‘You have got to see this,’ would you get on a plane and go?”

“Well, first of all,” Arbab says, “I have a

hard time imagining any auction house would have a piece of that quality. Skinner’s is a very good auction house for collectors. They struggle very hard to accept pieces only from private parties and

to accept very little from dealers.”

Skinner is a fine art and antique auction house in Boston. One of its specialties is oriental rugs that are new to the marketplace, not out of a dealer’s back room. At

a Skinner auction, you are more likely to see something a collector is letting go of, rather than something that hasn’t sold in someone’s shop.

Butterfields, in San Francisco and Los Angeles, was acquired in

August 2002 by Bonhams of London, one of the oldest firms in art and antique auctions. Bonhams was established in 1793, and the acquisition has given them their first permanent presence in the

United States. The auction house is now called Bonhams and Butterfields.

“But as I’m sure you are aware,” Arbab says, “no auction house can have the 500 or 600 rug pieces lying around without there being a large percentage of dealer’s rugs. That’s what they have to rely on. So I admire Skinner’s for trying to encourage local or private parties to bring their pieces to them.

“At the same time, if someone had an \$80,000 piece, it just

seems foolish that they would take it to Butterfield & Butterfield or Skinner’s. It would have to be Sotheby’s or Christie’s. Then you would have to decide if it should be auctioned in the U.S. or the Continent.

“If I am going to preview the auction anyway, I will take one or two clients with me. I’ll spend an hour or so with each individual explaining and walking through the rugs, getting a feeling for what it is they are looking for. For that kind of service

I charge \$150, maybe \$200 a piece.

“I haven’t gone with someone for years, as far as auctions go. I have gone to dealers and picked something out. But auctions,” she shakes her head, “I haven’t gone because I think most people that need your help to that extent are not mature enough to actually buy a rug and own it.

“This business of people bringing four, five, or six rugs, looking at them, taking them back, and still ‘can’t make up my mind.’ It

just sort of goes on with some people, and those are the kind of people that say, ‘I’ll buy something at auction. These dealers just don’t have what I want.’ But they don’t know what they want. So for them to end up with a rug that they are not going to like seems like a disservice. Because I know they can’t run it back through auction and get their money back out of it.”

“When you say they aren’t mature enough to buy and to own a rug,” I say, “are you talking

about the care required, or the possibility that it might end up in a garage sale?”

“Oh, no,” Arbab says. “I’m saying they might come home, lay it down, and see that it doesn’t go well. But if they bought it at the auction, they bought it. And now, three weeks from the time they saw it for an hour, it’s arrived in their home. It’s theirs.”

“The responsibility comes back on your doorstep,” I say.

“Yes,” Arbab says, “they get it home and

say, ‘I can’t live with this rug. Why didn’t I see these streaks of that color I detest?’ But I didn’t know that they don’t like that color. They chose the rug. I just suggested where the bidding should stop. Then people are unhappy, and they want to know what to do with it.

“So I just don’t do that, really. There are other people who are knowledgeable, who build their homes, who have three stories to cover. People who not only have their own

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strong color and design sense but also delegate a good deal to a decorator. I just went with a decorator and an owner like that to New York. We bought six or seven pieces at two auctions, and another half a dozen in private stores. Now the house is filled, but that's very rare.

"When you preview a lot of auctions," Arbab continues, "you get to be more knowledgeable about whether some-

thing is unique or rare or not. You become familiar with a particular design that may appear in 55 percent of these pieces, but this one is exceptional, and exceptional in a positive way. But these nuances are hardly of interest to the general public. The general public is not into seeking a hobby. Especially a time-consuming, money-consuming hobby that requires a constant

explanation.

"It's very difficult to suggest where people can go if they develop an interest beyond just a floor covering. We have a wonderful network of textile and rug societies. I lecture to a number of them. Arizona has an incredible group called AORTA [Arizona Oriental Rug and Textile Association] out of Tucson. I've never seen so many committed people. There are easily 20

rug groups throughout the country, maybe more."

When your world is limited to what is on hand, you get creative. For instance, the tiny green part of the end of some bush may produce a soft purple dye when you mash it and boil the pulp. At one time, learning what substance would produce what color and the process of producing the color was part of a girl's educa-

tion. Passed down from generation to generation, that knowledge was vital to the well-being of an industry, which in turn might have benefited an entire village or tribe. Natural dyes are made from all kinds of plants, and even from insects.

"At the last AORTA conference in Tucson," Arbab says, "cochineal was demonstrated with cactus, where the cochineal bug lives.

They demonstrated dying fabric with it. Cochineal is a lovely burgundy, very clear pinky-red. It's used in a lot of places, and it's actually used in the food industry because the synthetic reds are not so good. It grows in Arizona on cactus, and it grows in New Mexico."

"What is cochineal?" I ask. Arbab has to correct my pronunciation: coach-a-

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"It's a little bug," she says. "But only the female is used. It's an incredible thing. The male and female are not too different when they are hatched — they both even have some of the cochineal in them — but the male continues to be rather slender as it matures. The female, however, loses her definition. She loses her little legs. And then she is filled with eggs. All the eggs have a lot of cochineal in them. Pretty soon she is just this blob, legless and headless — or you can't tell there's a head. It's

when the female is killed, dried, and ground that you can extract the red dyestuff.

"The natives of the New World were more than happy to share the secret with the Spaniards and continued to produce the dye for the Spaniards. It was the Spaniards who took it to Europe and charged a fortune for it, while keeping the source secret.

"Not until the microscope was invented and they examined it did they see that it was animal, not vegetable. When Europeans found out that

the dried dye was actually little bugs, they attempted to grow their own."

Since we are touching on expensive luxuries, I ask about the values of oriental rugs.

"The rare, collectible rugs can have six-figure or better values," Arbab says. "A type of rug may be one of only 15 to 30 known — that's what I mean by rare. Because of targeted thefts, almost every piece in an exhibition is loaned anonymously. It may be listed as just an example of a size, a region, a type, etcetera, and it won't have an

owner's name attached to it."

"Tell me about targeted thefts," I say.

Arbab sighs, thinking about how to handle a difficult topic. "The more expensive things are, the more there is somebody trying to take what you have. In a way, I think the world is growing smaller, so that if someone came and took the unique pieces which a collector might have, they could only sell them to someone who would keep it in a closet.

"It's like having a stolen Van Gogh. Someone will ask questions.

It can't be altered and retain its value, and each is truly unique, almost like a fingerprint. That's a good part of what makes them valuable. There are international magazines: if it were ever exhibited, it would show up in the photographs. We used to say, 'Well, if you put it in a trunk for five years, people will forget — and then sell it.' That's not true anymore.

"A friend of mine that I gathered a collection for when I still had the shop had her first burglary. They were very selective. The thief

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collectible rugs are the collectors. Jay Adams has a great deal of interest in Caucasian rugs. That is his main interest, and he knows quite a lot about the type of things that he collects. There are a lot of collectors who have a deep enough knowledge in the narrow segment of what they collect to teach or write books."

"Are you going to write a book?"

"No. There are enough books."

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Pulling up outside Jay Adams's Craftsman bungalow in the Midtown district, I can see a large white cat lying on the porch roof. By the time I reach the front door, I can tell the cat is one of several.

Jay Adams (not his real name) answers the door. He is somewhere between 35 and 45. His beard is neatly trimmed. His voice is deep and well modulated, a good broadcast voice, except that he is too long in the mental-editing process to be sound-bite fluent.

Inside Adams's home the proportions are linear and perfect. The artwork, rugs, and furniture look right for the Craftsman-period exterior, and nothing looks fussy or "decorated."

Adams tells me he made some of the furniture himself but that he no longer has the time. While we tour the house, two more cats make appearances. He tells me the dogs are outside but that they too share his bungalow and his collection of rugs. I say something about the nice rugs on the floor and the many potential opportunities for accidents.

"The deal about collecting rugs," Adams says, "or collecting anything when you have a lot of pets, you have to remember pets have first priority. A lot of

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stuff has gotten whacked over the years.”

“Val told me yesterday that you have greater knowledge in your focus of interest...,” I start.

“Yes.”
“...than probably anyone else in the city. Are you comfortable with that?”

“Ummm.” He’s thinking. “Yeah, I’m sort of a different generation of collector than a lot of people. I started early enough, when you could buy rugs as furnishings and put them on the floor. The big run-up in prices was

during the ’70s, until about 1982. A lot of people got interested in this stuff, and then because of high inflation, there was a lot of money being poured into every type of collectible — stamps, silver, rugs, furniture, all that stuff. And when the interest rates dropped and people pulled their money out of it, the prices came back down. So there are a lot of rugs that the definitive value realization was in the early ’80s, and they haven’t come back up.

“There’s been a problem in developing

the next generation of rug collectors,” Adams continues, “because people my age who started had trouble adapting to the incredible rise in prices. Their income didn’t keep up fast enough with the rise in prices. Those who have stayed in the field or who are avid collectors have gotten very specialized and very esoteric. The people who were attracted to Caucasian rugs, like this,” he indicates the rug under the coffee table, “in the beginning have since gone on and are collecting, say, Turk-

ish village rugs that you could only get from the bottom-most level of the compost pile of the mosque, that were smuggled out of Turkey — the 16th- or 17th-century Turkish village rugs.”

“Why is it that they had to be smuggled out?” I ask. “Is it illegal in Turkey to export the rugs produced in that era?” Many countries try to protect and preserve their heritage by making the exportation of artifacts illegal.

“Well, they are a little bit...,” Adams hesitates, looking for the

right word, “loose now. Like, there’s been a lot of interest in this country in pre-Columbian kilims of Peru.”

“Amazing. Are people buying rugs from grave robbers?”

“Yeah.”
“Your interest is in Caucasian rugs?”

“Right,” Adams says. “That refers to the Caucasus Mountains, which are the former Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan. Muslim territory. Next door to that is Armenia, which is an ancient Christian nation. The Armenians look at and believe that

their people wove a lot of these rugs, but the Armenians were more the merchants, the rug dealers.

“When I started collecting, I was going to school in Boston, which has a huge Armenian population, and the Armenians who came here after the Turkish massacre of 1916, a lot of them went into the rug business. So there were lots and lots of rugs in the Boston area. The Armenian rug dealers appreciated Caucasian rugs in particular, but they wouldn’t handle Turk-

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ish rugs, because the Turks were their archenemies.

"When I got interested in rugs in the late '60s, there had been a long, long period when they were out of fashion. People had furnished their new, modern houses with wall-to-wall carpeting. When I was growing up as a teenager, I thought it was strange that my parents' house was full of all these old oriental rugs; we didn't have wall-to-wall carpeting. So in the 1960s there were lots of these old rugs piled in the backs of stores across the country.

"I knew a lady here in San Diego who started the first rug gallery devoted specifically to antique carpets. She would drive around the country back in the late '60s and go to rug stores and just say, 'I want to see the three rugs on the bottom of every pile,' assuming them to be the oldest. Some fabulous, fabulous rugs. And these rugs sold for nothing; these rugs were imported at the turn of the last century, so anybody could afford it. They were coarsely woven and sold for about \$25 to \$30 apiece."

"What would something like that be worth now, providing you could find it?" I ask.

"Six thousand dollars."

"What are my chances of finding something like that?" I ask.

"Finding it for a steal?" Adams says.

"Yes," I say. "Could I stumble onto one at a garage sale?"

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thing about it. But generally in the West there aren't the old, old houses. Estate sales here are not selling off things that have been in a house for 100 years. All of that stuff got sold before they moved out here. So if a house sale here is going to have rugs, they usually aren't very good ones. There are more people chasing them; the demand far exceeds the supply. I've been here since '74, and I never go to estate sales. Never. It's not worth it. On the East Coast 25 years ago, you could go into antique shops, you could go to house sales, and there were a lot of great old rugs.

“Generally, in this country, if they turn up, it's at a country auction or something, and there are dealers from New York who go out and scout those things. The days of stealing a rug for nothing are long gone.

“There was once a huge inventory of these rugs in this country,” Adams says. “Some of them were bought by collectors and kept in American collections. But a lot of them were bought by dealers in New York who would sell them to German dealers. They would then sell them to German collectors.

“The German collectors are more advanced. A book was published in the mid-'60s by a dealer named Ulrich Schürmann about Caucasian rugs, and for the first time names were put on individual patterns, and this was a reference for people to say, ‘Gee, that's what you call this design; this is what you call this design,’ ” he slaps his hands as if putting a label on something. “ ‘This is by this tribe.’ ”

“Until then it didn't exist?” I ask.

“Yeah,” Adams says, “the research was terrible. The research had



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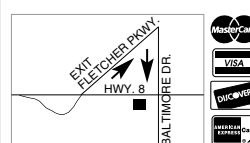
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"At the time that people started getting interested in tribal rugs, we were told a whole bunch of romantic non-sense about 'there's this little town in a mountainous area where each little tribe has its own design. There are certain totemic elements in it' — that these were made to be used in tents and stuff, and somehow they ended up in this country and now we can buy them. Since then, we have discovered that all of these rugs from 1875 to 1900 were commercially made to be sold in Europe or to be sold in this country. And they were made in huge numbers."

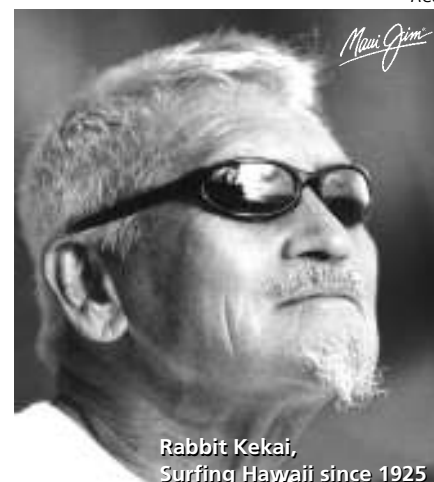
"By commercially made," I say, "you mean the intent in making them was always to sell them?"

"Yes," Adams says. "Certain very primitive things that you find in this country now and then are truly tribal pieces that were made as decorations for the tent or as part of the bridal dowry or something. But the vast majority of the stuff was commercially inspired."

"A rug is considered collectible if it meets two criteria: One, that it be handwoven and that it be colored with vegetable dyes. And two, it has oriental designs, or motifs — that it not be corrupted by Western influences. The idea being, if a weaver used a design or a color palette to suit Western furnishings and to appeal to that taste, the piece is less desirable. Most people — Americans — who see that stuff are not interested. But it

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appeals to us.

“This is where interior decorators have problems with oriental rugs, because the color palette of the really good rugs is very limited. The average decorator that goes out and buys oriental rugs to use as furnishings is liable to buy rugs that collectors consider very ugly and very debased. The colors that the vegetable dyes produce — the true, strong vegetable dyes — are too strong for the sensibilities of most decorators. So they like things that are more washed out, more palatable. And you’re liable to get that from rugs that all collectors despise, rugs made with aniline dyes, or fugitive chromium dyes that bled out and left you with a rug that’s kind of beige or gray or something.

“The thing collectors like about vegetable dyes is that the wool

takes each dye lot in a slightly different way. So you get what you see in this rug,” he indicates the rug on his living room floor. “In the red field, you get this variation in the red that is called ‘abrash’ [rhymes with a-WASH]. Chemical dyes don’t do that; they’re always uniform.

“There is a built-in limitation to the colors they could make based on what the dyestuffs were that were available to them. Caucasians had a rich palette, and a rug might have eight to ten colors in it.

“There are certain colors that they couldn’t make. They couldn’t make a strong orange; they couldn’t make a strong purple. When aniline dyes were introduced around 1860, in the beginning they were more expensive, so the weavers would buy only small quantities of dyes and use vivid oranges and purples as high-

lights. What’s happened in the last 20 years is that if someone finds a terrific rug from the 19th Century that has aniline-dye highlights in it but is otherwise a beautiful rug, they will pay someone to pluck them all out and replace them with something else.”

“Really?” I am genuinely surprised.

“Oh, yeah,” Adams says. “A person who is knowledgeable who looks at that just associates chemical dyes with a debasement of a tradition. That will be the one standard that they won’t go beyond. I will not,” he is emphatic, “buy a rug with chemical dyes. The most important thing to most collectors — if you analyze what makes a rug good or desirable — is color.”

“What’s the second most important thing?” I ask.

“The fineness of the

weave,” Adams says. “It’s the drawing of the design. The quality of the wool is much less important. And people who collect tribal rugs are looking for spontaneity. The idea that when a weaver sat down at her loom, she had a design in her mind, an idea of what borders she was going to use and how the field was going to lay out. But every knot wasn’t preprogrammed.

“Oriental rugs are woven in the sense that you take two separate pieces of textile yarn and wrap them around each other in such a way that the union becomes stable,” Adams explains. “Cotton or wool threads are strung up and down on a pole frame or loom to create the rug’s foundation. The side-to-side weft threads cross the long warp threads. It’s through the junction where the warp and the weft threads meet that

the pile yarn is knotted or woven.

“The foundation threads are reflected in the fringe at the ends. It is easy to tell if a rug was woven on wool or cotton just by looking at the fringe. When a weaver finishes a piece, the threads of the foundation are knotted in a way that stabilizes the entire piece. The warp threads continue past the pile yarn for three to six inches, creating the decorative fringe at both ends. Many people get a rug home, discover the fringe makes the rug just a hair too big, and cut it to size. Huge mistake. The fringe is what keeps the whole piece from unraveling.

“Imagine a very tight fisherman’s net and then taking long strands of colored yarn and tying them through every hole. If the net was tight enough, when you finished you could cut all of the long

strands of colored yarn to a uniform length and have a loosely woven rug. If the strands of yarn you used were multicolored, you would have a pattern reflected by the change of color.

“The pile yarn is long when the weaver is knotting it into the foundation. When a weaver finishes, the pile is cut to a uniform length and the pattern is revealed. The clip is determined by the size of the design. A rug is clipped shorter and shorter until the design is very clear. If you make a tiny design but leave the pile long, you just have a shaggy, muddled appearance.

“That gives you an idea of the process,” Adams continues. “The scale is something else again. A rug is limited in its size to the size of the loom on which it was made. One quick way to tell if a rug is a

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city rug or a village rug is the size. Looms used to create city rugs are larger because they are stationary in workshops.

"The great classical carpets, and almost all Persian carpets, are woven from a cartoon — a piece of graph paper where each knot is specified. So in a court factory, where they were making those kinds of rugs, there would be someone who held the cartoon and chanted to the weavers, 'Two blues, two reds.' "

"Chanting?" I say.

"Like somebody in the back of a boat beating a drum so everyone rows together?"

"Yeah," Adams says.

"The weaver wouldn't be looking at a diagram, because these rugs have to be woven row by row by row from the bottom up. You can't draw the figures in there. You have to keep it in your mind and figure out what you're doing as you go along. And the wool is shaggy, so you can't even see the design as you're making it. So the most efficient way to weave a perfect rug is to

have someone diagram it all out and then call out each knot to the weaver, and then she puts it in. And maybe you're weaving a pair of carpets, or maybe five carpets that you are going to sell, so you have a little factory set up of five looms and somebody chanting."

"So you have five weavers?"

"Right."

"All weaving the same rug?"

"Right."

"When you say 'court factory,' you mean what?"

"The great carpets from Iran made before 1600 were woven for the palaces and the court of the shah," Adams says.

"Tribal rugs, which we had long thought of as being ethnic, were made on portable looms that traveled with the nomads from the winter grazing grounds to the summer grazing grounds and back.

Some of them were woven in a workshop, and some of them were made as a cottage industry in which they were woven at home, but they were made for export. Still, what we like about these rugs is the spontaneity; they just had to start in weaving, so borders may not turn the corners properly."

"And you call that 'unreconciled'?" I ask.

"Yeah," Adams says.

"So you get little mistakes like that. A lot of times you'll find a rug in which you'll find a first border that they may have decided didn't work for them — they didn't like — and they'll change the design as they work their way up. You'll see adjustments like this," he points out a jag in the design of the carpet. " 'Oops, I got this too high. I'll stagger over a couple of knots and get back on track.' "

"A lot of times at

the top of a rug when they are finishing it, they'll find that they ran out of room. Here this whole thing is balanced. See, a row of stars and a row of stars. This rug is not the greatest in terms of spontaneity — you see the animals and the little people put in there." He's pointing out each feature. "This is part of the peasant aesthetic. There is a Latin phrase I like — *horror vacui*, the fear of empty spaces."

While listening to Adams, I am distracted by the white cat outside. It jumps down, and only after it comes inside through the cat door do I notice it has three legs, two in front and one in back. Through years of use, the back leg now looks as if it is positioned in the center of her lower back.

"What is this cat's name?" I ask.

"Tripod."

Of course.

Tripod jumps up behind Adams and walks the back of the couch like a balance beam.

"You would almost never know she only has three legs," Adams says.

"She clamors up the bougainvillea and spends most the day on the trellis, and then she'll bound down on the pillar and come into the house. She was much more adventurous when she was younger. She caught a few birds, but now she has recognized her limitations, and she doesn't want to be on the ground anymore. She's 11. She was a wild cat, born in the canyon. She sneaked into someone's garage that had a wire birdcage in it, and she

got her back leg caught in the birdcage. Someone found her and took her to the vet, where they cast the broken leg. But when they took the cast off they found gangrene, so they had to take the leg. She couldn't be returned to the wild, so I brought her here."

Adams has a number of throw pillows made from bag faces. Bag faces are the fronts of bags originally woven to transport bedding, clothes, grain, and other items on pack animals. Exporters cut off the plain back of the bag and sold the fancier front.

"What you will see mostly in this house is Caucasian and some Turkomans," Adams says. "These are a pair of bag faces. These are finely woven, but there are some slight prob-



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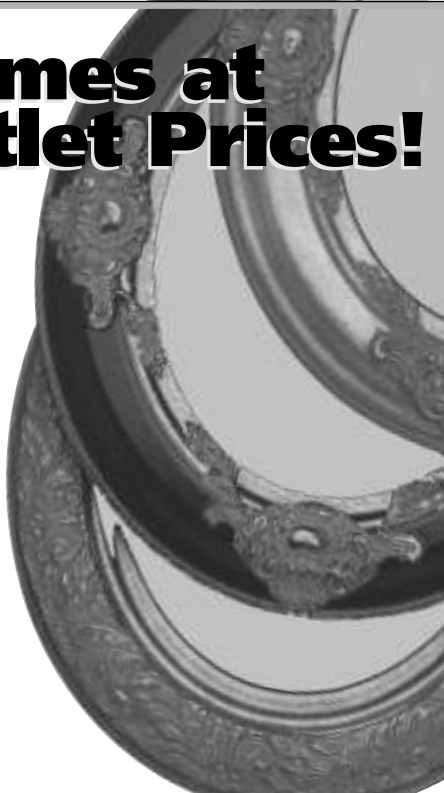
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lems with the dyes. They are not considered the best. I have a couple of very good Turkomans.

"These were made by individual tribes, and each tribe had its own *gul*. This is what you call a '*gul*.' You can identify the tribe by the *gul*. They truly were nomadic tribes. They had a limited palette of dyestuff, so everything is in this sort of brown-red family, with sparing use of blues."

"The brown and the black colors are made with a corrosive substance, right?" I ask.

"Right," Adams says, "except this brown is a natural brown [as opposed to being made with iron ochre]. You can see that there was a silk highlight here that has completely corroded away."

To get the colors brown and black, sometimes the dye is made with iron ochre.

Because iron ochre is a mineral, crystals are present in the dye, and over time and with wear, these crystals literally cut off the wool. You'll know when you see an old or antique oriental rug with strands missing in the black and brown areas of the design that iron ochre was used. That can be a yardstick for determining age.

When Adams and I finish talking, he recommends that I speak with another collector he knows. He gives Ray Rosenberg a call and sets up the interview.

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The first thing I notice inside Ray Rosenberg's condo is that every surface is covered with beautiful weavings and artwork. The strong colors of bag faces, banners, small rugs, and not-so-small rugs radiate wherever the eye lands. Weavings are attached to, draped

over, or placed on almost every surface, from the chair pads to the kitchen soffit.

Rosenberg used to make his living as an elementary-school teacher, but now he is a collector and a dealer of oriental rugs.

"Do you have a store?" I ask.

"No," he says, "the way I came to sell was in order to feed my habit." We laugh. "I bought and sold rugs so I could buy the ones I wanted to collect. A lot of rug people are like that: they become dealers by evolving.

"I've been back a week today from the East Coast," he says. "This week I've been running around every day buying rugs that people have been hanging on to for me. They know that I pay a fair price and they can trust what I say."

"They trust you enough to identify and put a value on what they're holding to sell you?" I ask.

"Yes."

"You must have a very good reputation."

"I think I do," he

says. "I pride myself on that. And these aren't just private people that call me; they are dealers and pickers. If I weren't honest, I would lose them."

Rosenberg also has the reputation of being a good, qualified restorer of rugs.

"I took up restoring for financial reasons," he says. "I took one rug to a restorer when I was just starting to collect. I bought a Caucasian rug in Coronado. It was a beautiful long runner that had long rips along the warps and side cuts. I knew nothing, nothing, nothing about restoring, but I knew it was a good rug. So I asked around. Everyone I took it to that said they did repairing talked about putting tape or glue on the back of it. But I said I wanted it restored. I talked to the people at the art museum, and they agreed to give me the name of a woman in Pasadena who restored rugs. The long and the short of this story is, I paid \$3 for the rug and spent \$2000 restoring it. At the end of that

episode, I thought, 'I cannot afford to do this. She's a human being with two hands — I must be able to do the same thing she does.' "

"I hope the rug was worth all that," I say.

"Oh, yes, it was," Rosenberg says. "I didn't have any place to display it because it was very long, so I eventually sold it and got my money back plus some. It was a worthwhile experience."

I ask Rosenberg about one of the pieces hung on the walls. It is beautiful but rather simple. "Would you call the center decoration a medallion?"

"You could." He is just cautious enough in agreeing that I know that isn't the correct term. He has a better explanation. "It doesn't have a proper name. A lot of times that kind of thing is identified by the number of sides in the figure. That one has one, two..." he counts out loud and we decide it has to be a decagon something.

"That particular rug is one of our oldest and most rare," he says. "It is one of nine known examples of that particular pattern."

"What is that pattern called?" I ask.

"It doesn't have a name," he says, "other than the fact that the arrangement is called a 'two-one-two.' See the two white octagons up in the corner, then the large center one, and two below it? The other things are just kind of

filler. Most people who look at this rug, even rug people, look at this and think it's Caucasian because of the geometry.

"The man that I bought it from is one of the earliest collectors in San Diego. He used to call this his brown Kazak. Kazaks are a type of Caucasian rug that is very desirable, very coarse, large and bold and geometric.

"I fell in love with it the first time he showed it to me, but then I did some research on it and found out it wasn't a Kazak at all — it's Anatolian, east Anatolian, or Turkey. When he finally agreed to part with it, he sent it to Skinner's auction house in Boston with a very high estimate, and it didn't sell there. So when he started to sell off his collection here he gave me first choice. But I did tell him, 'This isn't a brown Kazak, it's Anatolian.' " Rosenberg chuckles.

"How did he take it?"

"Well," Rosenberg says, "he was pretty good about it. Usually he was hard to correct, but at that time he liked me, and he said something like, 'Well, I appreciate your knowledge,' or something like that." Rosenberg laughs. "God knows what he thought."

"What do you estimate its value at?" I ask.

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starting, and the European buyers weren't coming into the rug sales because of the war. And in my mind, that is the reason it didn't sell. It had a \$12,000-to-\$15,000 estimate, and it did not sell. I think that its retail value is somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000."

I am taken with the center of the center medallion and remark

that the motif has a Chinese feel.

"Yes, it's very simple and very striking," he says. "It's early 19th Century."

Some of the elements right around it, on the red field, also have a Chinese feel.

"I collect things that appeal to me," Rosenberg says. "If I had a focus at all, it would be Caucasian, mostly

tribal. I have very few of what we call 'city rugs,' like that little Sarouk there. That one is not part of my collection. I just bought that this weekend. I put it there waiting to be washed."

"So you bought it to sell it?" I ask.

"Yes," he says. "We've been selling things like that on eBay, and I would guess that it would go for about

\$250."

"How do you wash an oriental rug?"

"Well," Rosenberg smiles broadly, "I wash them by hand. That's what I have been doing all day today. I have four new rugs, much bigger, that I have been washing, and after you leave, I'm going to have to go and pull them in if they're dry."

"Oh, they are out-

side?" I ask.

"Yeah," he says, "not here, but, yes, they are outside. I have a studio with a large back yard. That's where I do any business that I do. If I have to meet someone to show them a rug, or to buy a rug, I meet them there. I rarely have anyone come to my house."

Rosenberg tells me about the only targeted

break-in that he knows of. He says the collector was well known to antique dealers because he was buying rugs in the '50s and '60s, when no one else was. This man had some very valuable rugs at one point, and everyone knew where he lived. One evening when he was out and his wife and son were at home, two men came to the

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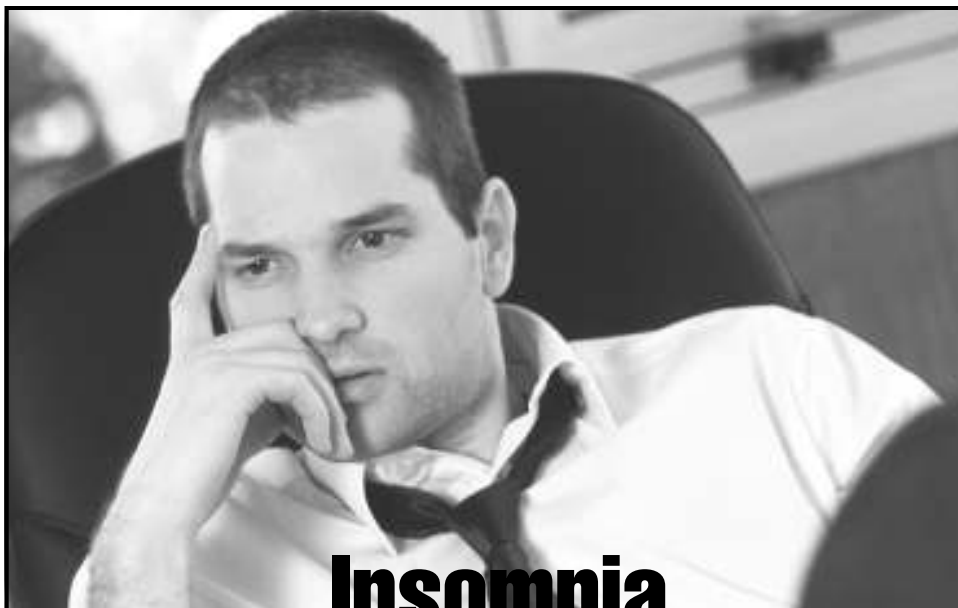
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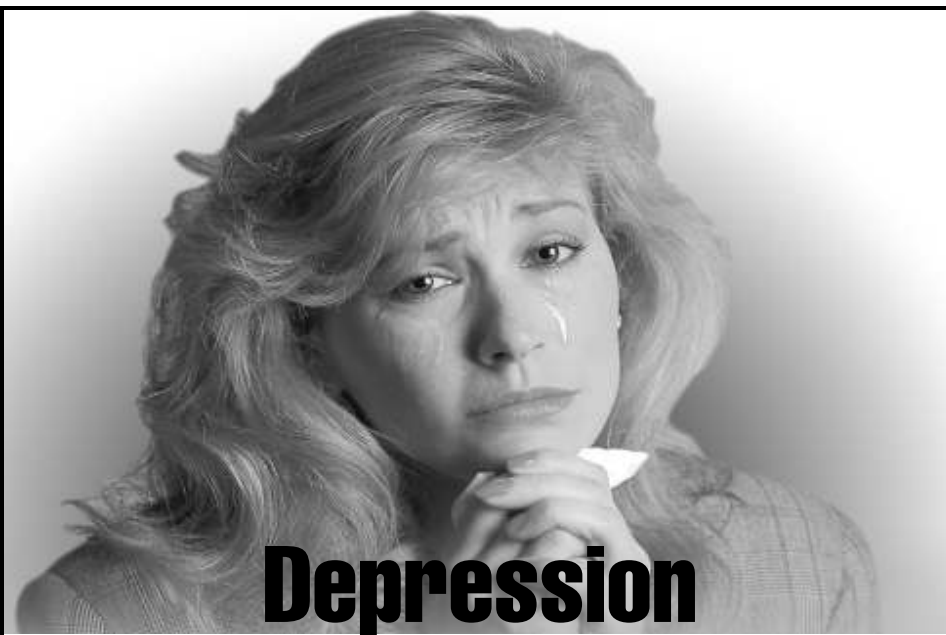
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door and asked to see him. They forced their way in, pistol-whipped the woman and boy, and stole the expensive rugs. "That has always sort of lurked in the back of my mind," Rosenberg says. "I don't bring someone in unless I know them."

"What possessed you to buy your first rug," I ask, "and when was that?"

"In 1976 my partner and I bought a house overlooking the bay," he says. "It turned out that under these

horrible gold shag carpets was a hardwood floor. I had been aware of and had been collecting antiques. I worked with a decorator, but I knew nothing about rugs.

"When I lived in Philadelphia, I used to watch people at Freeman's auction looking at the rug racks and wonder what they were looking for. It was a mystery to me. I knew nothing about them at all. But when we found our wonderful oak floors, I just decided we

were going to have an oriental rug.

"The only word that I knew was 'Bokhara.' " He smiles, remembering. "We went to a little place that used to be on Reynard Way. It has since closed. Two old Armenian men ran it. We told them that we wanted to look at a Bokhara rug. He had a wonderful piece that we fell in love with. I forget the price — maybe \$1900. He said it needed a wash, so we gave him a \$200 deposit. And we were to come back in

two weeks to pick up the rug.

"When we came back he had coated the back with a kind of spray rubber cement to keep it from slipping. We were stunned. I knew enough to know that we didn't want that. So I told him that we didn't expect that, we didn't want that on there, and he got absolutely livid. Livid. He would not give us back the \$200, and," Rosenberg is laughing, "he literally threw us out of the shop."

"He ruined his own rug?" I ask.

"He didn't consider it ruined," Rosenberg says. "Because at that time people were regularly putting rubber on the backs of rugs. It did stop the rug from traveling on a wood floor.

"It was primarily a rug-cleaning establishment, and he was there for years and years. I even offered to buy another one and put the \$200 towards it. He would have none of it. I don't think I have ever been thrown out of an

establishment before. He told us to leave, and he would have nothing to do with us.

"I decided maybe that wasn't such a good idea anyway. I figured I had better learn something about rugs. So I went to the library and checked out books and just started reading about them. I became more knowledgeable, and I got hooked on it, but that was my first rug experience."

"Do you go to garage sales?" I ask.

"I used to go," he

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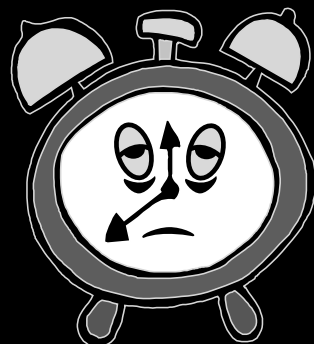
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says. "When I first became interested in rugs; this was 1976. So it's been 23 years that I have been actively buying and selling rugs. I used to do all my running around myself. I was up every day — Friday, Saturday, Sunday — going to swap meets, garage sales, and estate sales. I found a lot of stuff, but I have discovered in the last several years that I have established kind of a network of people — dealers and pickers — that know I will pay a fair price and tell them what it is.

"If I don't buy it, at least I will tell them what it is and what to expect to get for it. So I have gotten to the point now where I don't have to do that sort of thing anymore. I'd rather pay more money and give them their profit than have to get up early in the morning and run around. I've gotten lazy.

But I still get a lot of rugs."

I ask Rosenberg how he decides something is Caucasian.

"Well, it's hard to make a generality," he says. "When I look at rugs, I look at the structure. I guess that goes along with the fact that I restore.

"When you restore," he explains, "you become acutely aware of how a thing is made. I try not to pay too much attention to pattern but more about how the thing is made. There were a lot of copies made: things that sold well would be copied in different parts of the rug world. You can get something that you think must be Turkish because of the pattern, but when you look at the way it's made, it's not. One thing that rarely changed was the tradition of how something was woven. The structure is very

important.

"I've never visited the Middle East," Rosenberg says. "I would assume once the women got their household chores done, they spent the rest of the day weaving, just sitting at the loom and knotting. That's after they have gotten the wool from whatever source they get it from, whether it's their own dyed-and-carded wool or — there are a lot of weavers that have wool supplied to them by the larger firms that farm out the work to the small weavers in the villages."

"Is restoring tedious?" I ask.

"Yes and no," Rosenberg says. "I find it very relaxing. But I don't spend the whole day at it. I may work on one piece for a whole year, but that isn't every day. It's very time-consuming, very slow. That's one reason I won't work for other

people. If you are particular about matching colors — and I think that is one of my skills, because I paint, so I feel like I know how to mix wools to get the color right. If I figured how much I was making an hour, I think I would be making about a quarter an hour." Rosenberg laughs again. "When people ask me if I will do a project for them, I just say, 'I'm sorry, I don't work for other people.'"

I ask Rosenberg about the rug under the

coffee table. It has a large dark field.

"This is a Bijar [pronounced BEE-djar], technically a city rug. Bijars occupy a special niche for rug collectors. People who collect rugs generally don't consider collecting city rugs, because they are too mechanical.

"For some reason, a Bijar rug has always

occupied a special place because of the dyes that were used, because of the designs, because of the way that they are constructed, which is different than the way a lot of city rugs are made.

"Most of my rugs come with wonderful stories," Rosenberg says. "This rug is from an estate sale in La Jolla.

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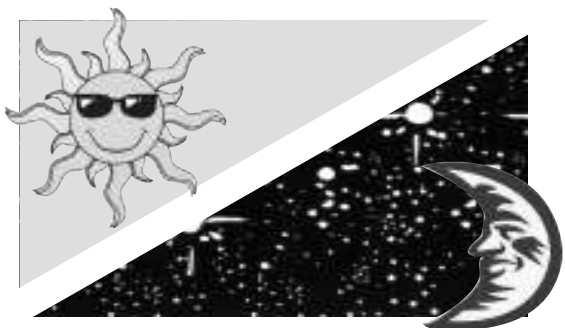
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The people having the sale were moving into a condo. This piece was rolled up in the back of the house. It was not part of the sale. I asked him, 'Are you selling this one?'

"He said, 'No, we are keeping only one, this one.' I told him, 'If you ever decide to sell it, I would make an offer.' And I told him what I would pay for it, hoping to be generous because I really wanted it. Several months later I got a call from him saying they had the rug in the condo, but the condo has deep, plush wall-to-wall carpeting, and the rug keeps moving. How does he keep it in place? It has a large coffee table on it."

"Just feeling the back," I say, picking up the corner of it and looking at both sides, "it would be very hard to tell which is the face of it."

"Yes, it's very, very worn."

"Did it have a short pile to begin with?" I ask.

"It probably had a medium pile," Rosenberg says. "It was closely clipped, as many fine rugs are, but I think that corner that you were just holding is pretty close to what it originally was. It was never a high-pile rug. But as it wears, it gets that feeling like you get with a kilim: which is the front and which is the back?"

Rosenberg mentions the San Diego rug society that he and another rug collector founded. Val Arbab has been a guest speaker at society meetings many times. "Val's strength is the appraisal for valuation and evaluation using the structural method."

"Has the rare-and-collectible rug availability in San Diego dried up?" I ask.

"I think it is much more dried up than it used to be," he says. "A

lot of the pickers will tell you they just don't show up that often."

Rosenberg offers to give me a tour of the house. He points out a rug with a large white field, rather coarsely woven, hanging on a wall.

"This is a rug that I treasure," he says. "There are very few known and published examples, particularly with a white ground. It's Caucasian."

Interpreting the motifs of the various borders and designs can be an amateur's Rorschach test. One element looks like fire demons to me. To Rosenberg, they look like little owls.

"I think it is actually a two-handled urn of some kind," he explains.

The design seems to go up the rug only so far before it changes into another design, as if

another artist finished it.

"Isn't this a big boo-boo?" I ask.

He smiles. "These are the things that people like me love to see. It's an indication that whoever wove this was just weaving the design out of her head. At one point she decided, 'I don't want to continue this.' So she just stopped. I love it when they just stop in the middle of doing something and just change their mind. I think she saw that she was going to run into problems if she wanted to take this design on around, so..."

"She bailed."

"Yes."

"So she did this for her own use?" I ask.

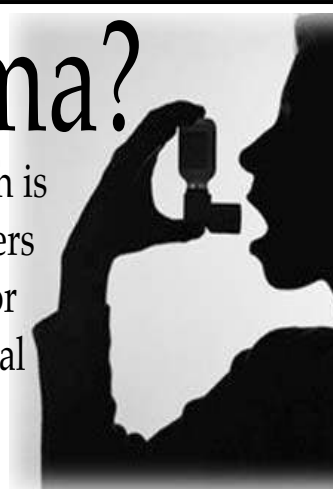
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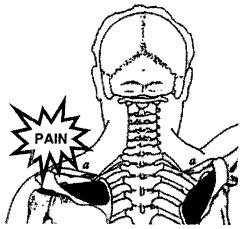
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made for Western export,” he says. “Maybe some of them were made for their own use. But they brought in so many thousands of these Caucasian rugs of this era that the feeling is that they were made because there was a market for them.”

I ask about the leg-end of the color green. Is it symbolic or just difficult to produce?

“It does involve blending two different colors. That makes it more difficult. But that is not to say that green doesn’t have special significance in some Islamic cultures. It is believed to be a sacred color, and a follower of the Muslim faith would not feel comfortable having that color walked upon.”

I move to another rug, also hanging on the wall.

“I waited eight years to get that rug,” Rosenberg says. “The couple that owned that rug was using it in their entry-way. They called me to buy a different rug, and when I saw this piece being used as a door-mat, I was appalled. I made them an offer, but the man kept saying, ‘No, I’m not ready to part with it.’ I put it on my calendar, and every six months I would call and ask them if they were ready to sell it.” He laughs. “It wasn’t until the man passed away that his wife sold it.

“Unfortunately, she didn’t sell it to me.” Rosenberg is grinning. “She sold it to a friend of mine, a dealer, who then put an enormous price on it because he knew that I was waiting for it. So I finally wound up with it.” He chuckles. “I hope you didn’t pay an enormous price,” I say.

“I did, I did,” he says. “But I got what I wanted.”

I run my hand across another rug that has an interesting

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texture.

"This is a rug that I just bought this summer," he says. "That is all moth damage that I will restore. I will put back the wool that should be there. The moths have

done something interesting."

"This is a beautiful little prayer rug," I notice. So-called because it is used by Muslims to kneel on during prayer. A prayer

rug is easy to identify. It's a small rug with a directional motif sometimes described as the outline of a mosque.

"Now, is this *the* orange color?" I ask. "Or is this a faded red?"

"No, that is a typical Baluch coloring," Rosenberg says.

"So this is not the orange that repels collectors?" It's a salmon pink, or soft coral.

"No, no." Rosenberg

is horrified. He bursts out laughing. "I am very happy to say I don't have anything here like that, but if you came to my studio I could show it to you. No, that is very harsh. This is a nice soft

color, and it's the same color front and back, allowing for the difference of knot twist. Yeah, it's a good color, as opposed to the," his voice drops deeper, "synthetic *bad* color."

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I try another term I think I know, “inter-locking motif,” and he corrects me again.

“Well, that would probably be called a ‘ram’s horn’ design.”

He points out a Kazak with a selva edge, as opposed to an overcast edge. Using the structural method, rug identification sometimes comes down to the process of elimination. “Structurally, I think you have got to be flexible,” he says. “And maybe by the process of elimination you say, ‘Well, this can’t be anything else, so it’s got to be...’”

“Who did the lady-bugs?” I ask, focusing on another rug.

“Well, these are butterflies,” he says.

I guess I can’t even identify insects correctly when they are interpreted in wool.

“This is an old Chinese,” he says. “This is before the 1930s-type solid-field-with-a-medallion kind of rug. I found this downtown in an antique mall just rolled up and put into a basket. I find my best rugs just thrown into baskets. I don’t know that it has a lot of value, but I know it is early, and I just think it’s lovely.

“This is a rug that I love to tell the story about,” he says, pointing to another example. “This is a Caucasian rug. It’s called a Lesghi [pronounced LES-chee] because of this motif here.”

“It almost looks Navajo,” I say.

“Yes, well,” Rosenberg says, “people say that a lot, because in the late 19th Century a lot of Caucasian rugs were brought across and given to the Navajo Indians to copy the designs. So, many of the Navajo rugs have this kind of a look, because the motifs were copied from the Caucasian.

“Anyway,” he con-

tinues, “very early in my collecting days there used to be a swap meet out at the stadium. One of the days we were out there, my partner and I saw this rug spread on

the ground with a whole bunch of pots and pans on it that these two young guys were selling. I knew instantly what it was, and I asked them if it

was for sale. One of the guys said, ‘I don’t know if we want to sell it.’ I told my partner what it was and said we should try to get it for a couple of hundred dollars. It

had wonderful colors. So one of the guys said, ‘Okay, if you really want it.’ I asked him what he wanted for it. He says, ‘Two.’ I said two what? He says, ‘Two dollars.’ ”

I start laughing. “What did you say? ‘Can you break a five?’ ”

“After I bought it I asked them where it came from,” Rosenberg says. “The guy said, ‘I

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think it came from the basement.' So we always call it our two-dollar basement rug."

I spot a rug worthy of being the carpet Cleopatra had herself wrapped in for delivery to Marc Anthony.

Rosenberg agrees. "Yes, it's very velvety. This is a Turkoman rug with silk highlights. The wool is so beautiful, and it is very finely woven. It's made by the Tekke

tribe."

I ask him about another rug. "This isn't a Bokhara, is it?"

"Well," he says, " 'Bokhara' is a word that isn't used anymore."

Now I'm wrong *and* passé.

"That was the word most people used, including myself," he explains, "because that was the only word I knew. Actually, Bokhara

was a trading station where rugs were picked up. That name is really obsolete. These rugs are called Turkoman rugs, in general. And then after the specific tribe, the Tekke. There are six or eight very prominent tribal groups that weave rugs. They all have their own distinctive style and structure that you can identify."

I comment on a small piece that seems

to have a variety of borders and fields.

"This is what they call a Vagera, which is a sampler. They would make examples of patterns in different sizes and with different motifs. They would send these to the rug dealers so they could pretty much say, 'Well, I can give you this border with that at each end with the Herati pattern, big or small.' They would give you a choice when you ordered your rug. Now they have become collectors' items."

I see a beautiful but small mat just outside of the bathroom. "How much would something like this cost?"

"I paid \$1000 for it," he says. "It is unusual to find a Bijar mat this finely done with such beautiful dyes. They are one of the longer-lasting rugs. With proper care, one would last a good 100 to 150 years."

"When these rugs were new they were inexpensive. You could get a nice Caucasian rug for about \$50. They were considered almost disposable. You use it for a couple of years and then get rid of it."

"This is a Turkoman. Basically, anything largely red is a

Turkoman."

"And the pattern, is it called an elephant foot?" I ask.

"They have made up a lot of names to explain different patterns," Rosenberg explains. "Those things they call elephant-foot motifs are really *guls*, which is the Turkoman name for flower. They are stylized flower blooms. Particular tribes had an individual way of interpreting them. For instance, the Tekkes had this one that was divided into quarters with a blue line. That is almost a trademark — not the only one, but at least one of them."

"Sometimes you can identify a rug by the colors of the dye used. The dyes in many areas were made right there; the colors are very distinctive to the area or tribe."

"I am not upset too much by condition," Rosenberg continues. "I can enjoy a rug that is a bit tattered, worn, or has a few holes in it. It still may be very desirable to me. Many collectors won't look at something unless it's in perfect condition. I would rather it be perfect, but I won't turn it down because it happens to

have a hole in it. You almost expect some kind of wear if it has any age to it at all. In fact, I get kind of suspicious when a rug is in perfect condition. That can be an indication that it is a new piece."

I ask about what I think is a signature. Wrong again. It is a date.

"According to the Islamic calendar," Rosenberg says, "it corresponds to the year 1860. But you have to remember, most of these weavers were illiterate. They might have been copying something and they didn't get it right. You can never be sure of what an inscription means unless it is done in a city rug, where they knew exactly what they were doing. They may have just had a quirky sense of humor. A lot of them did really funny things."

That human element that crosses all cultures. It is a factor more desirable than technical knowledge. Being able to see the hands behind the creation, across the miles and years — that's the spark that inspires collectors who, figuratively speaking, worship the carpet they walk upon. ■

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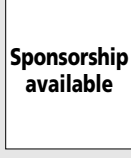
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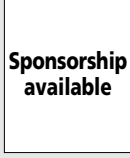
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In the early 1990s, San Diego was dubbed the “meth capital of the world.” East County was often the locale for busts related to production and distribution of the addictive stimulant sometimes called “poor man’s cocaine.” A recent conversation with a 24-year-old coke dealer suggests that cocaine now rivals crystal meth as the county’s illicit powder of choice.

Is cocaine use on the rise? “I don’t know if it’s on the rise. It’s more of a fad thing now with these younger preppy kids getting into it.... It’s always been my drug of choice.”

Isn’t coke more expensive than meth? “It doesn’t cost that much more. A bag goes for anywhere from 5 to 30 bucks. I’ve gotten rock for 10 dollars before. A gram runs \$75 to \$100.”

Do you buy it on your own, or do you buy a large quantity with your friends? “Most of the time I buy it on my own, in a larger quantity, and I resell some of it to people who hit me up to get it. I sell it to them at a higher price than what I paid, of course.... Sometimes me and my friends will buy enough to last for a while, and that can get expensive. An eight ball [1/8 ounce] goes for \$80 to \$200, and a full ounce runs between \$500 and \$800. That’s when we pool our money together.”

Where do you get this cocaine? “All over. It’s who you know. Yeah, some neighborhoods have more drugs in them than others, but it all depends on if that’s your scene. I don’t like getting people started into this shit, but a lot of my friends use, and I didn’t even know until they found out that I did. Now it’s just something we do together.”



When do you use coke? “It depends. I’ll do a few lines before I go out. Most of the parties I go to, there’s some of it, but a lot of people — including myself — just go to parties to get faded. Not everyone is into coke, but almost everyone drinks. A lot of times I use it at home, when I stay in.”

What methods do you use to get high? “With coke, I always snort it. I’ll smoke stuff, too, but I won’t inject anything. That’s just something I won’t do.”

Why not? “If you snort or smoke something, it’s more like a recreational thing. If you’re injecting stuff, that’s hard-core, and I’m not like that.”

Why do you prefer coke over meth? *Isn’t meth cheaper and easier to get?* “Crank [meth] costs \$50 to \$80 per gram, and a gram of coke usually

starts at \$75. For sure [meth is] easier to get, but most of it’s not as pure as the blow around here.”

Compare side effects or behavioral differences between the two powders... “With crank, I don’t like not being able to control my own thoughts. Whenever I did it, I always had hallucinations and shit. Coke’s different. The high lasts longer. You get increased energy and more confidence. You can totally function when you’re high. It sucks when you come down, because you get kind of depressed for no reason; but when a meth high wears off, all you want to do is crash. I slept for two days once after doing a bunch of glass [a smokable form of meth].”

Lisa, 19

During what hours do you typically use coke? “At night. It’s not some-

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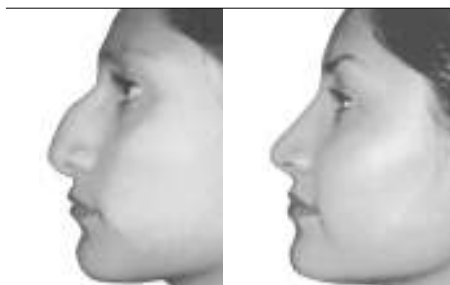
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How often do you stay up all night? "My body takes real well to uppers, so I'm used to staying up all night [and] not feeling it the next day."

What do you typically do the next day? "I go to work [waitressing]. I can function fine; being hungover is a lot worse than coming down."

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Do you ever have any health problems associated with excess use? "No. I get sick a lot, but I don't think it's from that."

Do you think you'll ever want to stop using coke? "Yeah, sure. By the time I'm married with a house and kids and everything, using won't be something I think about.... I see it like something you do when you're young. You can tell that almost everyone partied when they were my age; they just won't 'fess up to it now."

"Matt," 26

During what hours do you typically use coke? "Whenever I feel like it."

How frequently do you use it? "Probably two times a week."

How often do you stay up all night? "I'm usually able to force myself to sleep, but when I can't, I'll just hang out, take it easy by going surfing or something."

Do you drink or smoke while using? "No. I've never been good at multitasking."

Do you ever have any health problems associated with excess use? "No."

Do you think you'll ever want to stop using coke? "Not anytime soon." ■

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"Do you have a peace plan?"

He said he did.

"Come with us."

He came.

The crucifixion, Bronner now says, was front-page

news in the Chicago papers, and the item was picked up by many other papers and wire services. When the reporters crowded into Walcher's hospital room, flashbulbs popping and pens scratching, Bronner was there, too, with plenty of copies of his peace plan. Walcher still declined to name his assailants; the plan, he insisted, was the thing. It was his reluctance to accuse anybody, though, that was news; the peace plan got only passing mention.

That was decades ago. Today, people are still dying for a peace plan, and Dr. Emil Bronner is still making soap and trying to get someone to pay attention to his ideas. Nowadays, though, the people who usually come to him are not cops but more likely are longhaired admirers left over from the '60s.

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This intrigued me, and I decided I would make an effort to meet the man behind all the words and the sweetly scented bubbles. When I finally found Dr. Bronner, it was on a hot Friday night, and he was sitting on the porch of the Escondido Women's Club building. Surrounded by a circle of friends, employees, and admirers, he had just announced virtual completion of the

"final revision" of his soap label for the quart bottle. "This is a statement that's going to shake this earth," he declared in a noticeable German accent. "Now I want you to help me in finalizing a few of these lines. Jenny, read me the part we were talking about."

A woman on his right, a part-time secretary, looked down at a sheet of paper and began to recite. Dr. Bronner leaned in her

direction. He was wearing a white laboratory coat and brown corduroy pants. His skin was dark brown, well-cured by a thousand baths in the North County sun. He is all but blind, and dark glasses covered with pinprick lenses covered his eyes. Square hands, one cupped under a pointed chin, seemed too large for his thin arms.

He raised an angular finger to point out the prob-

lematic phrase. "Should I take 'lightning-like' from where it is and place it farther along?" A few suggestions were offered, but before the issue was resolved, Bronner moved on to another difficult passage: "A human being grants friend and enemy free speech, or that being is not yet human." My pen could not keep up with his ruminations about possible variant readings.

Every Friday night, the All-One-Faith-In-One-God-State-Universal-Life-Church meets at the Escondido Women's Club. This evening there were about ten people on hand, of whom several were employees, and two, a friend and I, reporters. The turnout, we found, was not usually that large. We also learned that the doctor had announced the "final" label revision not

once but many times before.

For two hours Dr. Bronner lectured, speaking nonstop about a jumble of topics: Richard Nixon was the most courageous president we ever had; the riots at the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago were a production of the Communists, in which the rioters provoked the police into retaliation; Watergate was

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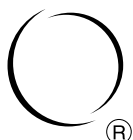
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a frame-up instigated by the Democrats to discredit Nixon; after World War II, Communist assassins murdered 66 of the most prominent Americans who were opposed to their plans of conquest. He also mentioned some new uses for his peppermint soap that had recently been discovered: he put it on a night or two earlier when mosquitoes were bothering him, and they stayed away; someone had also told him it relieved poison ivy and poison oak.

After the meeting he invited us to spend the night at his place, and we followed him home, out a series of winding roads to Panorama Crest, where the street sign was topped with a large plaque directing visitors to the "All-

One-Faith-In-One-God-State, Inc." At the corner, Dr. Bronner hopped out of the station wagon, hung on to the door handle with one hand, and jogged the rest of the way to his house, expertly skimming over the potholes with an assurance that, for a blind man, must have come from long familiarity.

Down the hill from there, in a plant that is a collection of steel storage sheds around an old stucco ranch house, his soap is bottled and shipped out, along with his instant raw vegetable soup, balanced seasoning, mineral salt, and a dozen other health-food products. From his hilltop redoubt, Dr. Bronner concentrates as much effort as he can on his new labels and spreading the

words they contain. And he talks. Incessantly. Thirteen hours' worth during the day and a half I spent with him.

"Let me show you how I bathe with the soap," he insisted when we got

In his sister's view, her brother had dishonored both his religion and his class by marrying a Catholic servant girl.

inside the house. It was almost midnight; everyone else was asleep, but he led us into a small bathroom, peeled off his shirt, and turned on the hot water in the sink. "This saves water as well as giving your body a massage

and cleaning," he said while squirting a dab of soap into the sink and swishing it around. "You just put in about a quarter ounce, not enough to make it sudsy."

He dipped the towel

into the hot, soapy water, wrung it out, then covered his face with the damp, steaming cloth. Then he wet and wrung it again, massaged his hair, arms, and torso, "always moving toward the heart." And always he was talking, talk-

ing. He kept us up for two more hours that night.

It was hard for me to put together what I knew of the different pieces of his life — soapmaker and rabbi, for openers. But he was undismayed by the apparent discontinuity. In fact, the next morning when we sat down in his living room, he insisted there were not merely two Dr. Bronners, but four. He started enumerating and describing them, each sketch fading into a homily that was nearly a duplication of something from one of his labels or leaflets. By the time we had finished late that afternoon, we had talked about not four but eight Dr. Bronners and had only come as far as 1941 in his history, four years before Fred Walcher's

crucifixion.

One of the most recent of these identities is among the most paradoxical: Bronner the counterculture celebrity. His son Jim, who oversees the manufacture of the soap at a plant in Los Angeles, described to me how he and his brother Ralph, who lives in Milwaukee, used to get together in the early '60s when Ralph came to visit during summer vacation. They would try to come up with a new design for the soap label — something snappy and catchy, something that would get the stuff moving.

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The Israel deal fell through. But the new soap label stuck, and soon thereafter the soap began catching on — among, of all people, the hippies of San Francisco. The actual beginnings are lost to history, but no doubt some Haight-Ashbury denizen picked up a bottle, was turned on by the smell and the “No synthetics! None!” declaration on the label. And it’s not unlikely there was an alluring profundity in the “All-One” philosophy of the long lines winding around the plastic container.

Word-of-mouth advertising being the best, one thing led to another. As Dr. Bronner tells it, that summer of flower power he had a bit of trouble with the “socialistic bureaucrats” of the Food and Drug Administration over claims he had made on the label of his mineral salt, and the government had seized some of his inventory. “I had some money in the bank then,” he told me, “and I figure it was time to forget the business and write my books. But then one day these four longhaired gentlemen — I can’t call them hippies — showed up at my house from San Francisco, each with a hundred-dollar bill, wanting to buy a drum of my soap. Then orders kept coming in the mail, and what could I do? Now I work 18 hours a day — 8 running the business and 10 trying to unite the world with the Moral ABC.”

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("Absolute cleanliness is godliness!" insists the quart label. "We raise coward-tax-leech-slave, unless we raise all hard-working, military-trained, united, armed brave!"). But maybe the disparity was only on the surface. The counter-culture was always indulgent of idiosyncrasy, especially if singularity was coupled with something creative. And the soap certainly puts those two elements together.

Whatever the reason, Jim Bronner told me that for a while after the soap sales took off in 1968 (he now makes about 150,000 gallons a year), his father frequently had a house full of footloose pilgrims

from the Love Generation, whom he harangued and plied with samples. That wave has passed now, but the soap is an established artifact of the culture that generation shaped. Probably a million people use it, and the number is growing. Dr. Bronner says he has never advertised it (son Jim is not so sure, saying that perhaps a few tiny ads were placed in health-food publications some years ago). He has no sales force either. So far, his own verve has been sufficient.

But what of the previous identities Dr. Bronner told me about? He started with four:

1. Bronner, the Ger-

man Jewish boy, born there in 1908. His father was a wealthy soapmaker, owner of three factories. Soap had been the family business for 60 years. (That's why the label says, "Guar-

baptism was literal, with a font full of urine, administered by a gang of gentile youths.

2. Bronner the athlete, involved in German and Jewish physical cul-

In Bronner's mind, psychiatrists and their hospitals were one with Nazi and Communist murderers.

anteed since 1848 by Einstein-Heilbronner," which was the family's original name.) He was still a boy when he was baptized into the reality of his homeland's anti-Semitism. This

ture groups, hiking, camping out, worshipping the fully toned body.

3. Bronner the Zionist and student soapmaker. He says he leaped into the campaign for a Jewish

homeland and came into conflict with his domineering father, who wanted no talk of politics in factories.

4. Bronner the Socialist-Idealist-Soapmaker and Master Chemist. "Jewish boys are soft; they can't work with their hands.' That's what they said when I was studying to be a soapmaker," Bronner muttered. As part of the soapmaker's final examination, a candidate had to pour soap into an open wooden barrel, then seal it up by hand before the soap could leak out. They were sure he could never do it, but Bronner showed them. He practiced and practiced, passed the test, and became heir apparent to his father's business.

But there were Nazis among the workers in the

plants, and even some Communists. It seems that Bronner tangled with both of them, and, as a result, with his father. "If you talk about politics or religion in my plant again, you can get out!" he says his father told him. "We are here to make soap, not politics!"

Somewhere during this recitation, Dr. Bronner fetched a tape recorder from his cluttered office, slipped a cassette into it, and continued, pausing frequently to listen to the last few sentences on the tape and often taping over again if a particular anecdote was not recounted in just the right form. It was evident that much of this he had committed to memory.

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began his discourse. But now he went on without pausing. Bronner Number Five was the immigrant to America and a successful soapmaker here. He did not say so, but apparently he had taken up his father's gauntlet. This Bronner also became a husband, marrying a woman who was a maid for a wealthy German family living in Milwaukee. His wife, Laura, was the illegitimate daughter of a nun, who later committed suicide and left her to be adopted. Bronner says Laura was more beautiful than her adopted parents' daughter and was hated for her comeliness. The Bronners had three children.

"That was before Hitler and the hate," he said, "and I could make her happy then." It was during this period, in 1935, that he invented the peppermint oil soap, originally as a deodorizing agent for soiled diapers.

Bronner Number Six was unemployed and desperate. His employers laid him off in 1941, and Bronner believes the reason was anti-Semitism. By this time the world was caving in everywhere. Of his family, only a sister, who had taken his place as head of the soap plant after he emigrated, got out of Germany. Bronner helped her get to America, and she stayed with him for a while. But she didn't approve of his wife. In her view, her brother had dishonored both his religion and his class by marrying a Catholic servant girl. Laura was injured in a fall about this time, shortly after their third child was born, and never fully recovered. Bronner blamed the sister for the fall and threw her out.

Shortly after this incident, he found another job as consultant to a soapmaker who was working for the government war effort. That was Bronner Number Seven. He didn't tell his employer he was Jewish. Bronner Number Eight, who soon there-

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after became research director for a manufacturer in Chicago, turned decidedly anti-rabbinical after watching some bearded rabbis intoning prayers over an empty mixing tank and pretending to make kosher soap.

From here the story became harder to follow, more disrupted by the memorized soliloquies. Eventually, though, several more Bronners were outlined: Bronner the widower, whose wife became suicidal and finally died in a state hospital near Chicago. Bronner the war victim, whose parents were gassed by the Nazis. Before their deaths, his sister sent him telegrams demanding money with which to buy their release. "But I couldn't do it," he said. The last thing he heard from them was a six-word postcard from the concentration camp. It read: "You were right. Your loving father."

Bronner had by this time developed the early versions of his peace plan. It proposed a United States of the World, with a world congress composed of one representative for each million people. He printed up copies and passed them out at meetings and lectures. Presumably, this was how Fred Walcher got hold of it.

After Walcher's crucifixion, Bronner pursued his attempt to publicize the plan at the International Center of the University of Chicago. But he got into trouble when he demanded the chance to address the Center's public meetings. One afternoon in March 1946, he was in the Center Director's office, trying to get permission to speak to a meeting about his plan, when two policemen came in and said his car was illegally parked and asked him to come with them. "I told them to wait half an hour," he recalled. "There I was trying to unite the world with a real peace plan, and they want me to come to the station with them because my car is

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parked wrong. Holy man!
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side I could see that my
car was parked fine. It was
a setup, a trap."

So it seemed. Bron-
ner was jailed and, a week
later, with his sister's sig-
nature on the papers, com-
mitted to a state hospital.
There, he says, he ended up
in solitary confinement,
sleeping at night while tied
to a bare concrete slab and
periodically tortured with
shock treatments.

This was another iden-
tity: Bronner the concen-
tration camp inmate. In
his mind, psychiatrists and
their hospitals were one
with Nazi and Commu-
nist murderers. He has
since bought and given
away 60,000 copies of a
Reader's Digest article about
how innocent people get
put away in mental hos-
pitals for no reason.

He was released once,
but when he subsequently
tried to get his sister's attor-
ney disbarred, he was soon
recommitted. During the
second stretch he escaped
three times and was caught
twice. The third time, in
September of 1947, he
managed to get out of Illi-
nois and ended up in Los
Angeles.

Bronner made the
rounds of soap compa-
nies in L.A. without suc-
cess. "He was known in
the industry as a brilliant
chemist," Jim Bronner told
me, "but his Chicago sto-
ries had preceded him,
and nobody would give
him a job." Dr. Bronner
tells of sleeping on the roof
of the YMCA building for
a while. Eventually he man-
aged to start his own busi-
ness, making and selling his
mineral salt to health-food
stores. He was making his
soap then, too, but it wasn't
moving well. He took over
the bottom two floors of
a cheap hotel for the strug-
gling operation and also
spent many hours at meet-
ings of political conser-
vatives and health-food
devotees, distributing his
religion's pamphlets and
literature.

He stayed in Los Ange-
les until 1963, when his
business had grown

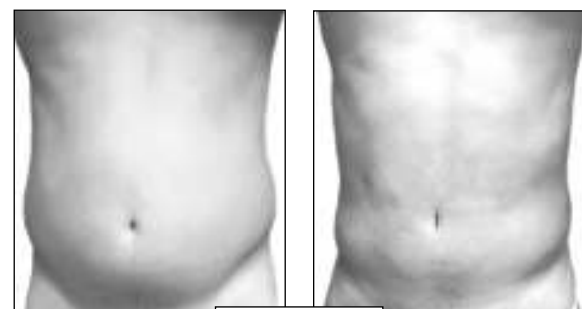
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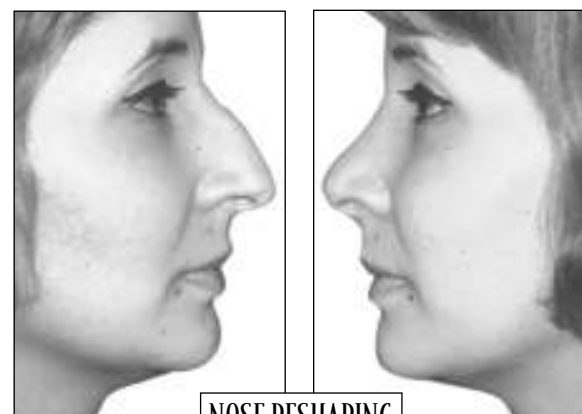
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sell the mineral salt with the avocados right on the supermarket shelves. But they wouldn't do it. I don't know why."

These years accounted for several more of the many Bronner identities. Bronner the anti-fluoridation crusader has been, he insisted, one of the most successful. He claims to have stopped fluoridation in a half-dozen cities and displays printed repro-

ductions of congratulatory telegrams from several of them to back him up.

In 1962 he visited Germany. On the way, he stopped off in New York City and spent a month holed up in a hotel, telephoning every one of that city's 600-plus rabbis to question them about Hillel's Moral ABC and ask for the chance to speak to their congregations. He

got many different versions of Hillel, but only one kind of response to his request for time — more than 600 refusals that varied only in tone and courtesy.

But while in Germany he did manage to speak at a temple, to a group of young people who were training to spend time on a kibbutz. When he finished, he said, more than ten of them stood up and

shouted, "You are our rabbi! You have taught us much!" That is how Emil Bronner became a rabbi.

Today he has become Bronner the boss, with a successful business and troubles with the Internal Revenue Service to prove it. He is also Bronner the increasingly frustrated old man, desperate to gain an audience for his ideas and largely unable to do so outside of his soap labels.

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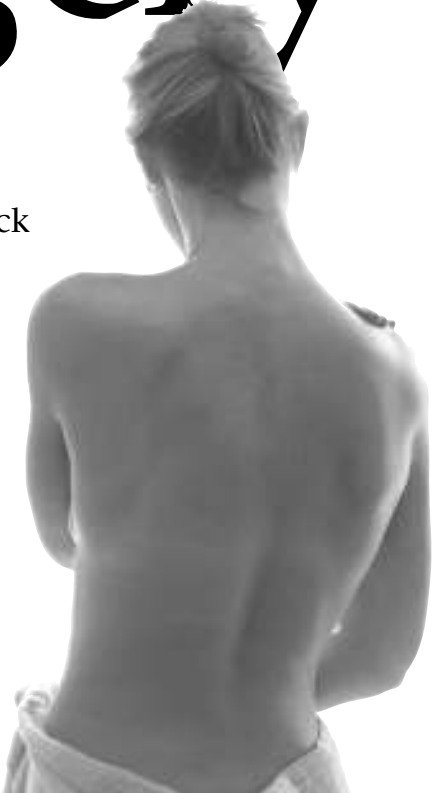
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samples of soap, soup, and salt, along with stacks of literature (one copy was never enough). But that wasn't the end of our encounter. Two days after I got home the phone rang. I picked it up and a woman's voice said, "Stand by for Dr. Bronner." Then he came on, talking as fast as ever. "Chuck, there isn't much time! I want you to go to Modesto. Find Walcher's house there. It's on Hatch Road."

After Walcher's crucifixion, Bronner didn't see him again until after he reached Los Angeles, penniless and with few opportunities. Then (miraculously, he believes) he ran into Walcher one day while crossing the street. Walcher loaned him \$600, just enough to get started with his mineral salt. Walcher later settled in Modesto, east of San Francisco, worked as a mason, and died sometime during the early '60s. Then in January 1976, in a conversation with a woman from Modesto who had once refused Walcher's proposal of marriage, Bronner said he realized in a flash that the Chicago crucifixion was not just a fluke.

"Fred Walcher was the Second Coming of Christ!" he thundered over the telephone wires. "Holy man! The woman I was talking to didn't believe it. She said, 'In my Bible, it says that when Jesus returns it will be as a king, and the earth will shake and the clouds will rise to heaven.' But that was it! When Fred Walcher was crucified, the earth shook and the clouds rose to Heaven!" (By this he meant the atom bomb, which was first detonated in July 1945 in New Mexico. The interval and distance from Chicago was of no consequence to his interpretation.)

"I want to buy that house," he shouted. "I want to buy it and make it a shrine for the All-One-God-Faith. Go to Modesto, Chuck! Find it!"

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other things that should go in your article that are more important than anything about Bronner. I don't have much time. They murdered so many of the real peace-loving American patriots, Forrestal, Stettinius, Liebman, and who knows, maybe next is Bronner. But there are six of my inventions that need patent protection. Help me get it, Chuck. I don't want any money for me from them; it's all for the church, for mankind." There's the Essene birth

controller (a device employing citrus juice in a suppository that would, he said, lower the pH in a woman's vagina to the point where conception would be impossible for 24 hours — or, as he put it, "24 orgasms, whichever comes first"). And the instant carbon dioxide firebombers for stopping forest fires. (His design would adapt fire extinguishers so they could be built into the hundreds of mothballed Air Force bombers and used to stop

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only use six percent of the fuel. Then we can bring peace and unite this world with the Moral ABC!" These other "inventions" weren't really his, except for the mineral salt, which he insists contains the right mineral balance to eliminate tooth decay naturally. And not only does he not have much time, he explained, but the world doesn't either. That's because Halley's comet is due back in 1986. Dr. Bronner is convinced that the comet is a spaceship directed by advanced humane ("that's not 'human,' " he insisted to me, and spelled the word to make sure I had it right) beings from the area of either Sirius or Alpha Centauri who are monitoring our planet's progress toward "fulltruth"; the comet has been coming closer during each pass since 1682. In 1986, or at least in 2062, when it returns again, Bronner is afraid it will collide with

our planet; the resulting "supernova" explosion will be a final sign of God's judgment on us, visible to the whole watching universe. "I drove myself blind working to get this message out," Bronner said. "And maybe I talk too much. But when you know what I know, it's hard to be quiet." In another moment he hung up.

It is hard to get Emil Bronner, rabbi, soapmaker, master chemist, and teacher, out of my mind. So what if most of his political judgments are patently fantastic and his personal style is guaranteed to keep people from taking him seriously? So what if he had to wait for a generation of young people who were determined to explore the irrational before he could even sell his excellent soap? As his son Jim said, "He's a brilliant man. Many of his ideas have been way ahead of their time, and maybe some still are." Moreover,

his life story is like a prism, refracting the dark colors of the past half-century into a bright spectrum of personal experience. If he had been able to communicate better, if he had been listened to, he might have been able to contribute more to the world than an unusual soap with an even more unusual label. Much more. ■ — Chuck Fager

This story first appeared in the November 2, 1978, issue of the *Reader*. Bronner died in 1997, at age 89. His son Jim died a year later, leaving the company's presidency to his 30-year-old Harvard-educated son, David. Brother Michael, 28, is vice president. Mother Trudy is the company's financial officer. According to Logan Jenkins of the *Union-Tribune*, in October of this year, the Escondido-based company ran "a full-page color advertisement touting the 'organic integrity' of Dr. Bronner's soaps..."

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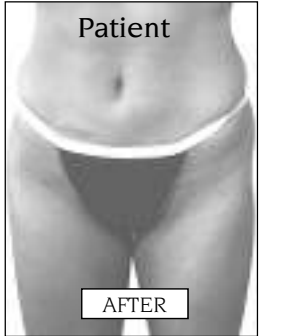
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not actually apply such in practice.

My favorite San Diego team, the now-defunct Spirit, would not even think of taking a begging cup to the C Street Comedy Shop and expect the clown troupe in charge for such payola as ticket guarantees. Despite being the metropolitan area's athletic class act, one cannot help but to wonder if the Spirit were to ask for even a tiny portion of what Alex Spanos and the Stockton Stockade received, how would the chief clowns here in Navy Town react.

The quotation by City Councilor Donna Frye at the end of the article definitely expresses the exasperation that an overwhelming majority of us feel. It would be a miracle if the right thing would be accomplished. In the meantime, we might hope that Alex Spanos and Sons Circus will set up shop here in Navy Town!

David Root

I Take It Back, Kaiser

More proof that no good deed goes unpunished. Two days after your Thanksgiving issue in which I expressed my gratitude for Kaiser Permanente ("100 Grateful San Diegans," November 26), I received notification that my monthly premiums would be increased by \$198 a month beginning January 1. This is a 60 percent increase over last year's 32 percent increase; the co-pay was increased as well, and in-hospital costs rose from 0 to \$200 a day. If I stay with Kaiser I will be paying \$500 a month plus God knows how much if I should happen to need medical care!

I want to retract my gratitude! Kaiser sucks.

Gail Saivar

Be Happy

Concerning the article in the issue of November 26 entitled "Unnecessary Seal Harassment" ("City Lights"), the notion that an increase in harbor-seal presence at Children's Pool beach is attracting more sharks of the man-eating variety is unfounded. Proof of an increase in large sharks such

as great whites in the area does not exist.

Construction of the seawall at Children's Pool has resulted in the elimination of the pool area and the creation of a larger beach with a dangerous surf and rip-tide. The Children's Pool cannot be returned to the children of San Diego because it no longer exists.

The Children's Pool beach is currently open to use by humans, so use it and be happy. The City of San Diego does not have the financial resources to further waste on this issue.

Kent D. Trego

Metabo-Crack

Thank you for your delicious expose of the evils of Metabolife ("A Metabolife Death," "City Lights," November 26). I worked (in the finance department) in 1996 and 1997 and resigned due to ethical differences. It angered me to continually pay \$10,000 or \$20,000 to politicians every other week as "political contributions." I saw these clearly as bribes that continued to help Metabocrack kill people.

After our CFO at the time resigned and suggested things were not totally legitimate, I decided to get out. Over the next couple of years, much of the accounting and finance departments turned over. I think that's a pretty clear sign that trouble was afoot.

Even though Metabocrack has done some good things for the community and there are some good people who work there, the owners are 100 percent pure evil, full of greed and black of heart.

Now when I say that and give a little bit of backstory, people will understand. Thank you again for your risk-taking article.

Name Withheld

Last Drunk

I was reading your question, "When was the last time you were drunk?" ("Off the Cuff," November 26). I noticed that hardly anyone actually answered it directly. I was just sitting here thinking, and my last time getting drunk was March 28, 1988.

Randy Howell

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Against anybody's better judgment, A.R. Valentien tried to paint every plant in the state of California. He didn't succeed. A small percentage of what he did produce is currently on exhibit at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Known as "Val" to friends and artist-colleagues, Valentien was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, before the Civil War.

He came to San Diego with his artist-wife, Anna, in 1908. At the time, both he and she — "Mr. And Mrs. Val," as they were known to friends and their artist-colleagues — were designing Rookwood art pottery back in Cincinnati.

Soon after the couple's arrival here, they met philanthropist Ellen Browning Scripps, who hired Valentien to paint California's wildflowers. It was the artist himself who decided to make an immense project even more immense by including all of the state's grasses, trees, cacti, and ferns.

Traveling throughout the state, he painted large (20" by 12½") watercolors, using fresh plants as models, delivering them to Scripps at intervals. She, in turn, promised to publish the collection eventually. But in 1918, after Valentien had completed ten years of work — and 1094 plant "portraits," as he called them — Scripps said she had changed her mind. Preoccupied with her plans to build her namesake college and perhaps in debt as

a result, she told Valentien that publication would be too expensive. After that news, Valentien never painted another watercolor of a plant again. He died of a heart attack in 1925.

Valentien had been paid a small stipend by Scripps for his work, with promises of real money to come after publication. Obviously, that windfall never arrived. The paintings, meanwhile, belonged to Scripps to do with what she liked. Upon her death in 1932, she bequeathed them to the museum.

Sixty-five years passed. Then, enter Margaret Dykens in 1997, after she was hired as the new director of the research library at the museum. "I pulled out these drawers and saw stack after stack after stack of these incredibly beautiful paintings," Dykens recalled last week. "I was just awestruck. I've seen a lot of botanical illustrations that are exacting, in minute detail, and have everything counted and represented. But in straining to be so accurate, an artist sometimes loses the feel of the plant as a living organism. Valentien didn't."

Dykens helped conceive of the exhibit and became its curator. With assistance from a few others, she chose the 80 paintings in this exhibit. (The same team picked the 325 color plates for the catalog.) Their criteria? "First of all, the piece had to be beautiful." Some weren't? "Let's put it this way, if you pick a little tiny weed that grows in your gravel along your driveway, with tiny little leaves, it's not going to be a very exciting painting. Secondly, I wanted

people to see the variety of things he did. He didn't just do the easy stuff. Grasses were extremely challenging. He also did a wonderful job painting really bold-looking cacti. Thirdly, we wanted to show plants that are endangered."

Thirteen of the paintings in the exhibit represent endangered plants. One is the tree anemone, or *Carpenteria californica*. "It's a beautiful shrub with glossy dark leaves and big white flowers with a yellow stamen. It's known only in seven localities in a very small area, the foothills of the Sierra Nevada."

Some of the cacti that Valentien painted are threatened by development and overcollection. One is the velvet cactus, or *Bergerocactus emoryi*. "Its spines are so dense, the plant has a velvet appearance, even though, of course, it's not velvety to the touch," Dykens said. "It's found only in the extreme south of San Diego County and on two islands, San Clemente and Santa Catalina, as well as in Baja."

Valentien's pictures of several rare Mariposa lilies are in the show. "We're featuring that whole genus, *Calochortus*, because he loved painting them. Some are found only in certain areas of the state. They are very particular about what kind of soil they prefer and what kind of habitat they occur in. And they have also been overcollected."

The more common Matilija poppy, or *Romneya trichocalyx*, was chosen for the exhibit's logo. "People are familiar with them locally. They are the largest native flower we have. The flowers are huge, the size of a small dinner plate."

Like the tree anemone's flowers, the Matilija poppy's flowers are white. "I would say that Valentien excelled at painting all different plants, but white flowers were his specialty. People wonder why he used pale gray-green paper. It's because that paper really sets white flowers off."

Dykens cites evidence in Valentien's correspondence that he thought of his plant subjects in the same way that painters of people think of their sitters. "He did lots of versions of the same plant. When you do a portrait of someone, you don't have them come and sit one time, because people look different on different days, depending what's going on in their lives. Plants are the same way," said Dykens, herself a trained botanical illustrator. "You have to get to know them."

— Jeanne Schinto

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OUTDOORS

Toyon, or "Christmas-berry," one of the more distinctive shrubs of Southern California's native chaparral plant community, has begun to flaunt clusters of red berries. Hollywood (California) derives its name from the hollylike appearance of this plant. Here in coastal San Diego, toyon can usually be found wherever large patches of native vegetation survive, but especially in the thick chaparral covering some north-facing slopes. Toyon branches may look inviting to cut as a Christmas wreath — but they're protected by California state law.

Ripening Palm Fruit, hanging in great clusters on California's native fan palms (*Washingtonia filifera*), can be seen (and tasted) this month. The black, pea-sized fruit consists of a deliciously sweet but almost paper-thin skin surrounding a hard seed. (These are not "California dates" — the fruit of cultivated palms introduced into California's deserts from northern Africa.) Our native fan palms can be seen in their natural habitat in about two dozen canyons within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. They have also been planted widely elsewhere in California, including along the main streets of Palm Springs.

Venus and Mars are clearly visible in the evening sky this month. Brilliant Venus is gradually assuming a more dominant position in the sky, while Mars continues to fade following its spectacular close approach last August. As darkness is falling, look for silvery Venus low in the west and reddish Mars high in the southern sky.

The Geminid Meteor Shower, one of the year's two most regularly active showers, peaks this year on Friday and Saturday evenings, December 12 and 13. The rising of the waxing gibbous moon, however, will hamper observations starting at 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 p.m. on Saturday. The earliest Geminids start streaking across the sky at about 6:30 p.m. For best results, lie flat under an open sky and look straight up to capture as much of the sky as possible using your peripheral vision. Some 20

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meteors may be seen per hour — assuming you are far from any city lights.

Gathering Around Sunset on east side of Mission Trails Regional Park, members of San Diego Astronomy Association host public viewing with telescopes, Friday, December 12. Equipment remains set up until around 10 p.m. Meet in Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on the second Saturday of each month, including December 13. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Dove Canyon Makeover, help clean up Dove Canyon, Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. to noon. Join group in parking lot at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Free. 619-284-9399. (HILLCREST)

Andromeda Galaxy and Pleides will be well positioned for viewing when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumeyaay Campground, Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail), Saturday, December 13, 5 to 7:30 p.m. 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

“Hodgee” the Monster of Lake Hodges will be discussed when Ron leads hike and talks about history of the Lake Hodges monster — sightings go back to early 1900s — Saturday, December 13, 9 to 11:30 a.m., in San Die-



Hypnotist Kevin Stone at 4th & B, December 12 (see In Person)

guito River Park. Native American lore, local plants. Required reservations: 858-674-2275. (ESCONDIDO)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk, Saturday, December 13, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, December 13 and 14. Saturday: 8 a.m., Sunday: 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Support Your Local Least Terns and snowy plovers during clean up in Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, December 13, 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers clean up nesting sites, remove invasive vegetation. Bring work gloves, weeding tools along with binoculars to this scenic birding site.

Meet group at southern end of Seacoast Drive; meet at observation deck. Free. 619-224-4591 or 619-575-2704. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Monthly Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper and Surfrider, Saturday, December 13, at Beacon’s Beach (meet on beach at end of Leucadia Boule-

vard, at path leading from parking lot to beach). Free. Details: 619-758-7743. (LEUCADIA)

Identify Tracks of San Diego wildlife when San Diego Tracking Team hosts beginning and intermediate tracking walks, Saturday, December 13, 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. One walk for beginners (children welcome), one for intermediates. Wear shoes that are good in mud.

To reach Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs to ranch house. 858-484-3219. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Explore the (Abandoned) Elliot Amethyst Mine and Smuggler’s Cave while hiking a “moonscape of jumbled granitic boulders” sculpted into “weird forms by the elements” with Canyoneers hikers in Valley of the Moon, Sunday, December 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

High-clearance four-wheel-drive vehicles required to reach trailhead. Bring water, sturdy shoes. To reach the trailhead, take I-8 to Inkopah Park Road, make a right turn toward Jacumba. Mark hard left turn at first dirt road. Free. 619-255-0203. (JACUMBA)

Clean Up! Mentor Project and Environmental Trust sponsor clean-up project Sunday, December 14, 9 a.m. to noon, at Carlton Oaks Wetlands Preserve (near corner of Carlton Oaks Drive and Carlton Hills Boulevard, across from entrance to Mast Park). Volunteers help paint over graffiti, eradicate non-native plant species, plant natives. Wear work clothes,

bring gloves, water. 619-562-5607 or 619-449-0417. (SANTEE)

Hike Mount Woodson with guide from Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Sunday, December 14, 9 a.m. The four-hour 7.2-mile hike begins at 9 a.m. at Lake Poway. \$20. Reservations: 858-551-951. (POWAY)

Outdoor Enthusiasts are invited to enjoy San Diego Audubon Society’s Silverwood Sanctuary, September through July. Ten miles of hiking trails, self-guided nature walk, observation area filled with bird feeders, and many resident birds and wildlife to observe.

Free. Silverwood is open Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., guided nature walks 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. 619-443-2998. The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from the Ashwood-Mapleview turn). (LAKESIDE)

Go Birding, docent-led bird walks are offered at Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve every Sunday, including December 14,

3 p.m., at visitors’ center (301 Caspian Way). 619-575-3613. Free. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Holiday Glitter, Sparkle, Twinkle, listen to music and watch dioramas on rooftops and lawns in neighborhood of north Clairemont during Walkabout jaunt on Wednesday, December 17. Moderate walk starts at 6:30 p.m. at corner of Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and Limerick. Free. 619-231-7463. (CLAIREMONT)

Ever Hiked to the Kumeyaay Solstice Observatory on Cowles Mountain? The Kumeyaay used this site and similar sites to mark winter solstice. The Canyoneers lead a solstice hike up Cowles (pronounced “coals” by those in the know), Monday, December 22, 6 to 7:30 a.m. Strenuous hike starts at northeast corner of Golfcrest Drive and Navajo Road. Dress warmly. 619-232-3821 x203. (SAN CARLOS)

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LOCAL EVENTS

DANCE

"Central Station: San Diego," this festival of dance/theater/improvisation from Eastern and Central Europe continues through December 14. The Croatian company Badco presents *Solo Me*, and United Dancers of ZUGA from Estonia perform *Walking Home Solo*, Thursday, December 11, 8 p.m., at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue). 619-235-8466. \$15.

Cosmin Manolescu from Romania presents *Private Show*, described as "a dance for one spectator," Friday, December 12, 6 to 11 p.m. and Saturday, December 13, 4 to 6 p.m. (every 15 minutes), also at Sushi. Fee negotiated after performance; \$5 minimum reservation fee. 619-235-8466. (DOWNTOWN)

Irma Omerza (Croatia) presents *Mi-Nous*, Annika Uprus (Estonia) dances in *Open* on Saturday, December 13, 8 p.m., in Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Studio Theater 3 at UCSD. Free. 858-822-3152. (LA JOLLA)

The festival concludes with site-specific improvisation performance with *Memory*, a light installation

by Peter Terezakis, by Central Station Festival artists, local dancers and musicians, Sunday, December 14, 4:30 p.m., at Torrey Pines State Beach. Parking: \$4 per car. (LA JOLLA)

Club Cleopatra, dancers Meleah, Hanna, Mariela, Lucia present bellydance "gala" Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m., Nagi's Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5. 619-405-2308. (DOWNTOWN)

Contradance, Cobblestone makes the music, Steve Barlow calls, Friday, December 12, at 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)

"Dance Soup," a mix of contemporary modern, jazz, hip-hop, tap, and dance theater served up by San Diego City College dance students, December 12-13 in Saville Theater at San Diego City College Theater (1450 C Street, at 14th Street). Performances at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. \$10 general. 619-388-3676. (DOWNTOWN)

Nuts to You! The Moscow Classical Ballet's lavish production of the *Nutcracker* is presented December 12-14 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Directors Natalia Kasatkina and Vladimir Vasilyov have drawn heavily from the original story by E.T.A. Hoff-



The Year of Living Dangerously at Saint Paul's Cathedral, December 13 (see Film)

man for their production. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and at 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$35 to \$55. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

City Ballet of San Diego, under direction of Steven and Elizabeth

Wistrich, has performances December 12-14, at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). The production follows choreography by Russian choreographer Lev Ivanov. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday. Final performance, beginning at 5 p.m. on Sunday, is the *Nutty Nutcracker*. Tickets range from \$19 to \$35, available by calling 858-272-8663 or Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Don't miss Clara's magical dream when the California Ballet Company performs with live orchestra Thursday through Sunday, December 18-21, at San Diego Civic

Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets: \$35 to \$75. Performances at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 2:30 p.m. matinees Friday and Saturday, 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. 858-560-6741. The company presents *The Nutcracker* December 27 and 28 at Poway Center for Performing Arts. (DOWNTOWN)

Bellydance Dinner Show on Friday, December 12, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

Zydeco Dance Party, with music by Leroy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners, hosted by Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, December 13. Dance instruction at 6:20 p.m., followed by dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Recital Hall is located on Presidents Way off Park Boulevard. \$12 for adults, kids free. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Israeli Dance Workshop followed by international request dancing, Saturday, December 13, 8 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Workshop and dance party, \$8; dance party only, \$5. 858-638-1810. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Floorcraft, Phrasing, technique covered by instructors Pierre and Susan Tinel during Viennese Waltz workshop for intermediates, Saturday, December 13, noon to 2 p.m., at Starlight Dance Studio (6506-H El Cajon Boulevard).

Learn to dance in time for Night in Vienna (on January 1). Advanced class on December 20. \$20 per class. Registration: 619-988-5198. (COLLEGE AREA)

Square Up! New dancers invited to join Palomar Square Dance Association during 2nd Sunday dance, December 14, 7 p.m., in Azalea Room at Brengle Terrace Park (1400 Vale Terrace Drive). \$5. 619-443-4653. (VISTA)

FILM

El Alamein — La Linea di Fuoco, Enzo Monteleone's film set in northern Egypt in 1942, screens for film night hosted by Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street), Friday, December 12, 7 p.m. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. \$2. (LITTLE ITALY)

Get the Story Behind the Film when Director's Chair convenes Saturday, December 13, presented by Independent Film Society and Cultural Arts Office of Carlsbad. Programs include film screening, formal interview with director, au-

dience exchange session with film's director.

Series continues with *Healer's Son* and writer/producer/director Paula Patterson on Saturday, December 13, 7 p.m., at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$7. 760-434-2094. (LA COSTA)

The Year of Living Dangerously, starring Mel Gibson, Linda Hunt, Sigourney Weave, screens Saturday, December 13, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue), reflecting themes of the Gospel reading for next day at services. Discussion of insights and implications of film and Gospel themes follows. 619-298-7261. Free. (MIDTOWN)

Up for Some "Giddy Antiwar Whimsy"? See Andrei Konchalovsky's *House of Fools* when the 2002 movie screens for Film Forum, Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In Russian with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Les Films du Ballet," Carlsbad Library film series concludes with *Center Stage* (2000), Wednesday, December 17, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Australia: Land Beyond Time*, *Coral Reef Adventure*, *Bugs!* Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Classic Surf Stories, series continues with Scott Dittrich's *Fluid Drive*, capturing action of early '70s. "Barry Kanaiaupuni drawing heavy lines at Sunset, Rory Russell at Pipe, Aussies Ian Cairns and Peter Townsend, 25-foot Waimea wipeouts, as well as plenty of remote island travel." Thursday, December 18, 7 and 9 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). \$7. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

LECTURES

"Sculpture in Silk: Costumes from Japan's Noh Theater" discussed by Asian art curator Caron Smith for Insight Gallery series, Thursday, December 11 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, December 14 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"American Petroleum Anxiety and Effect on American Foreign Policy" examined by Irv Pinkel for North County chapter of World

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Hamsa Lila at La Paloma Theatre, December 13 (see In Person)

Affairs Council, Thursday, December 11. Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham discusses "President Bush's Iraq Policies" on Thursday, December 18. Talks start at 10 a.m. at Remington Club phase 2 (16916 Hierba Place). Free. 858-487-1776. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Remote Areas of Tibet and Bhutan" revealed when Lowell and April Blankfort present slide-illustrated lecture for Sierra Club, Friday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). 619-299-1744 x1040. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Working Methods and approaches to making art discussed by Lita Albuquerque, whose work is on view in "Of Earth and Sky: Elements in Abstraction," for docent guest lecture series, Friday, December 12, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

Create an Origami Ornament when Hisae Batchelder leads class, Saturday, December 13, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Nonmember fee: \$15. Registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"How to Choose Your Favorite Bubbly" is the subject on Saturday, December 13, 2 p.m., at Belle Marie Winery (26312 Mesa Rock Road). \$25 fee includes samples. Required reservations: 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

Homemade Garden Ornaments created Saturday, December 13, 10:30 a.m., during class at San Diego Natural History Museum. Four types of ornament will be made during workshop. Fee: \$48 per adult/child pair. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pinhole Magic — Pinhole Photography" by Peggy Ann Jones and Louise Russell is on exhibit through Saturday, January 24, 2004, at North County Camera's Photographer's Gallery (945 West Valley Parkway). Artists talk, Saturday, December 13, 11 a.m. Free. 760-737-6002. (ESCONDIDO)

"Under a Perfect Sun: Firestorms of Class and Power" presented by co-authors Mike Davis and Kelly Mayhew (*Under the Perfect Sun: The San Diego Tourists Never See*) for Socialist Unity Network. Davis and Mayhew will use the book as a context for recent fire disasters. Suggested donation: \$3 to \$5. Sunday, December 14, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). 858-534-2524. (HILLCREST)

Distinguished Author Series concludes when Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism expert Daniel C. Matt speaks on Monday, Decem-

ber 15, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$13. Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

"The 2003 San Diego Fires: A California Native Plant Society Panel" convenes Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. Panelists include landscape designer, botanist, wildlife biologist, erosion control specialist, others. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

"Anyone Can Channel," according to Barbara Mark, author of *Angelspeak: How to Talk to Your Angels*. Mark divulges how to "receive messages from the other side," Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m., Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). \$45 in advance, \$50 at door. Registration: 619-279-1951. (MISSION VALLEY)

Lunchtime Conversation hosted by League of Women Voters, Tuesday, December 16, 11:45 a.m., at SANDAG (401 B Street, 7th floor). Irene Stillings, executive director of San Diego Regional Energy Office, focuses on how new federal and state regulations will affect our area — could there be another "energy crisis" in our future? RSVP by December 15 at 619-595-5320. (DOWNTOWN)

Ikebana Holiday Floral Arrangements showcased when Ikebana International meets Wednesday, December 17, 10 a.m., room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-232-5762. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Mideast and U.S. Policy — Doomed to Disaster?" Discuss on Wednesday, December 17, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"The Science Behind the Star of Bethlehem" discussed at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Wednesday, December 17, 7 p.m. Astronomer Arthur Young recounts known historical facts combined with celestial phenomena that occurred in that time to unravel the ancient mystery of the star — was it a strange new comet, exploding supernova, or peculiar conjunction of familiar planets? 619-238-1233. General admission: \$6.75. (BALBOA PARK)

Focus on Farber, curator Stephanie Hanor leads gallery walk-through and talks about development of Manny Farber's painting career on Thursday, December 18, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular museum admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Pet Emergency," learn what dangers to protect pets from during holidays during Happy Hour Lecture on Thursday, December 18, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). Pet first-aid kits, CPR demonstration. \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x251. (LINDA VISTA)

Protect Yourself from Fraud after the "Subject Internet and Technology Class" planned Thursday, December 18, 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Online sources for scam alerts and protection discussed. Free. Registration: 619-238-6621. (DOWNTOWN)

"Four Hands Fantastique," piano duetists Barbara and Gerhardt Suhrstedt perform music by composers Bizet, Debussy, Fauré, and Ravel along with slides of paintings by Degas, Gauguin, Monet, and Renoir in performances on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at San Diego Museum of Art.

These "Meet the Masters" lecture/concerts begin at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$38 with lunch) and 6 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

"Arsenic and Old Lace" being presented by Saints Players at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, December 11-13, at Academy of Our Lady Peace (4860 Oregon Street). \$7. 619-282-2184. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

The Musical Footloose opens Thursday, December 11, and continues through December 20 in Florence Johnson Grand Theater at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (2425 Dusk Drive). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets: \$8 general. 619-470-0555 x232. (PARADISE HILLS)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Brooks Brown signs and discusses *No Easy Answers: The Truth Behind Death at Columbine* with co-author Rob Meritt, Friday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Brown was a close friend of Dylan Klebold, one of the shooters on that day in 1999. Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

"A 1940s Christmas Homecoming," described as a dramatic musical for Christmas, is presented December 12-14 at Hope United Methodist Church (16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway). Shows at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Offering. Call 858-485-5840 for tickets. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Christmas at Grace, these "musical extravaganzas featuring over 100 adults and children celebrating Christmas in Broadway-style events" presented December 12-14 at Grace Community Church (13617 Midland Road). Shows begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$5. 858-748-2327. (POWAY)

One-Act Plays Based on Stories collected from Door of Hope residents presented Friday, December 12, 7 p.m., at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Plays written, directed, acted by USD and SDSU students. Free. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," adapted from Barbara Robinson's book, presented by San Diego Junior Theatre, December 12-21, at Theatre on Third (250 Third Avenue). Shows begin at 7 p.m. Fridays, 2 p.m. Saturdays

and Sundays. \$5. 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

Lederer — Early and Late, author, radio host, punster Richard Lederer speaks for University Club's Distinguished Speakers Series, Friday, December 12, 7:30 a.m., at Symphony Towers (750 B Street). \$20. Reservations: 619-234-5200. (DOWNTOWN)

Lederer returns to beckon you to "Have Yourself a Punny Little Christmas" when he speaks Sunday, December 14, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Nearer My Dog to Thee will be discussed and signed by author Graham Mackintosh (*Into a Desert Place, Journey with a Baja Burro*) during slide-illustrated lecture on Friday, December 12, 7 p.m., at First Spiritualist Church (3777 42nd Street). 619-284-4646. Donation: \$5. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Musical Holidays (Around the World) celebrated when San Diego Choraleers and Serranaders adult choruses, the Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, and Radar and the Blips appear in concert, Friday, December 12, 8 p.m., in auditorium of Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 for children 2 to 12, under 2 free. Refreshments are provided. Santa Claus has been invited. 619-460-2472. (SAN CARLOS)

"Sing for Joy" featuring a variety of holiday music is presented by North Coast Singers Youth Chorus, Friday, December 12, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$10. 760-944-1840. (ENCINITAS)

Hollywood Hypnotist Kevin Stone — with Sean Kelly and guest comedian — perform Friday, December 12, at 4th & B (345 B



Sandy Claws Holiday Beach Fair at Dog Beach, December 14 (see Special)

Street). Doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. \$10 general, \$15 priority seating. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

Holiday Music will be sung by USD University Choir, December 12 and 14, in Founders Hall at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Performances start at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$8 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Songwriters' Concert on Friday, December 12, showcases students performing songs they composed in songwriting class. Instrumental and vocal renditions

of music from various eras and in various styles presented. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). \$8. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

"Reel Tunes: Channeling the Holiday Spirit" presented by Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13, in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Program includes mix of film, television, holiday music favorites. Tickets: \$25. 619-275-ARTS. (LA JOLLA)

Rack of Bones trombone choir performs Saturday, December 13, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). The Barbershoppers take stage on Sunday, December 14, 1:30 p.m. Both concerts free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

The San Francisco Band Hamsa Lila presents "acoustic trance groove world music," Saturday, December 13, 8 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). \$15. 760-753-2345. (ENCINITAS)

Where the Birds Never Sing: The True Story of the 92nd Signal Battalion and the Liberation of Dachau" documents author Jack Sacco's father's World War II combat experiences. Sacco signs and discusses the book on Saturday, December 13, 2 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Season for Peace," annual holiday concerts by San Diego Men's Chorus on December 13 and 14 at University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. \$20. 619-296-7664. (HILLCREST)

Infamous Hollywood Madam Heidi Fleiss discusses and signs her memoir, *Pandering*, Saturday, December 13, 3 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue; 619-795-9899). Free. (NORTH PARK)

Encinitas School of Music Holiday Concert, Sunday, December 14, 6 p.m., at Star Theater (402 North Coast Highway). Requested donation: \$10 adults, \$5 for those 3-12. 760-943-9480 x201. (OCEANSIDE)

Music at Lee, Lemon Grove Historical Society's music series continues with holiday concert by

50-member children's choir of Church of Saint John of the Cross, Sunday, December 14, 2 p.m., at Lee House (3205 Olive Street). \$12. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Poetry Are Us, open mike for poetry and spoken word for all readers, Sunday, December 14, 4 to 5 p.m., at French Cafe (1005 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-729-55216. (CARLSBAD)

San Luis Rey Chorale presents 27th annual Christmas concert, Sunday, December 14, 7 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Traditional and contemporary carols, premiere of new carol by choir director David Lewis. Orchestra accompaniment. Donation: \$10. 760-724-8781. Repeats December 21 at Lighthouse Church. (OCEANSIDE)

"Songs and Carols — Traditional and Contemporary" promised during holiday concert by San Rafael's combined choirs, Sunday, December 14, 4 p.m. Concert concludes with sing-along. Free. San Rafael Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive. 858-487-4314. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

The Double Quartet of Male Singers known as Voce presents free holiday concert, Sunday, December 14, 7 p.m., at Pioneer United Church of Christ (2550 Fairfield Street). 858-361-7668. (CLAIREMONT)

"Harmony for Christmas" presented by the 60-member Palomar Pacific Music Men, Baker's Dozen, and chapter quartets on Sunday, December 14, 4 p.m., at Hearth Theater in San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Tickets: \$10 general, \$12 reserved. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Poetry Night, Monday, December 15, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Go Tell It on the Mountain," the Blind Boys of Alabama, with guests Mavis Staples and John Medeski, perform holiday favorites in concert, Tuesday, December 16, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$34 to \$44. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

George W. Bush: Mastering the Politics of Deception signed by author David Corn, Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Corn is senior editor at *The Nation*, contributor to many television news programs. Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

Nutty Family Funtime, Music Box Storytellers present *The Nutcracker*, Tuesday, December 16, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. For all ages. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Featured Reading Is The Love Letters to Clarinda when Robert Burns Club meets Tuesday, December 16, 7 p.m., at Imperial House Restaurant (505 Kalmia Street). Scottish folk songs, tunes, recitations. Free. 619-234-1315. (HILLCREST)

Magee Park Poets host 2004 anthology publication party with readings, Wednesday, December 17, 7 p.m., in community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-434-2881. Free. (CARLSBAD)

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and Pentagon defense analyst Williamson Murray discuss *The Iraq War: A Military History*, Wednesday, December 17, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

The Annual Toy Piano Holiday Concert offered by Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series is Wednesday, December 17, 12:30 p.m., among music stacks on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Program includes "condensed version of the *Nutcracker* Suite performed on various toy instruments" and little surprises. Concert is free, parking is not (bring change for the meters). 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Holiday Havoc Comedy Show, featuring Joe Charles, Brandon Shaw, Guam Felix, Matt Agosta, and up-and-coming comics, Thursday, December 18, 8 p.m., at Comedy Store (858-454-9176). Cover: \$5 (two-drink minimum). For those 21 and older. 858-454-9176. (LA JOLLA)

Cultural Creatives Converge, Zevin X. Cruz leads "strategic planning meeting for cultural change," Thursday, December 18, 7 p.m., at Springfield College (5348 University Avenue, suite 110). Free. Reservations: 619-397-7028. (CITY HEIGHTS)

San Diego Author Carl Nelson discusses *Secret Players*, Thursday, December 18, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

Fantasy Author Michael Stackpole signs *The Grand Crusade*, the third installment in the *DragonCrown War Cycle*, Thursday, December 18, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Winter Dreams, Palomar College Concert Band presents concert, Thursday, December 18, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck The-



Heidi Fleiss at Current Affairs Bookstore, December 13 (see In Person)

atre, Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Program includes seasonal, classical, and contemporary music. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Songs of the Season: A December of Jazz," Vicki Norman performs jazz piano arrangements and reinterpretations of winter and holiday songs December 18 and 20, in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Hawaiian Slack-Key Christmas presented by slack-key guitarist

Patrick Landeza and friends, Friday, December 19, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights Community Center (4649 Hawley Boulevard). Program includes hula, traditional and contemporary Christmas songs, nonholiday fare. \$15 general, \$10 for those 17 and younger. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Vienna's Famed New Year's Concert is recreated in "Salute to Vienna," Thursday, January 1, 2004. Cast of over 75 professional musicians, singers, dancers. Performers include Austrian soprano Elisabeth Lang, Viennese tenor Alois Haselbacher, members of Hungarian National Ballet, Strauss Symphony of America led by Gerhard Track.

Events begin at 2:30 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets range from \$35 to \$75, available by calling 619-235-0804 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Gulls vs. Steelheads, San Diego Gulls host Idaho Steelheads at San Diego Sports Arena, Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13, 7:35 and 7:05 p.m., respectively. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis, the 5K walk/run benefiting Arthritis Foundation is Saturday, December 13, west end of Presidents Way. The 5k starts at 8 a.m., one-mile "Paws for a Cause" Rudolph Run/Walk at 9:15 a.m. 858-492-1090. (BALBOA PARK)

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Daley Ranch Mountain Bike Ride led by Sierra Club riders, Saturday, December 13. Ride over steep grade at social pace starts at 9 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Single track trails, dual track dirt roads. Bring water and snack. Rain or deep mud cancels. 858-483-5877. (ESCONDIDO)

Kayak in Search of Sea Turtles and to birdwatch during event hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, December 13, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon. \$50. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (SOUTH BAY)

Bolts vs. Packers, San Diego Chargers host Green Bay Packers in Qualcomm Stadium, Sunday, December 14, 1:15 p.m. (broadcast on Fox). Tickets: 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

The San Diego Sockers host St. Louis Steamers, Sunday, December 14, 5 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)

Ice Skating Outdoors! The ice rink is open for skating daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Monday, January 19, 2004, at Horton Plaza (225 Broadway). Admission: \$6, skate rentals: \$2. 619-234-1031. (DOWNTOWN)

Holiday Bowl, the Washington State University Cougars take on the Texas Longhorns for 2003 Pacific Life Holiday Bowl, Tuesday, December 30, 5 p.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. Pregame show: 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50 to \$56, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

SPECIAL

Community Drum Circle led by Frank Lazzaro for all levels and ages, Thursday, December 11, 7 p.m., at 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street). Donation. 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

Roam-O-Rama

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The Highland Valley Trail, in northernmost Rancho Bernardo, runs along a hillside just above Highland Valley Road, with good views of the currently dry upper arm of Lake Hodges and the broad, agriculture-dotted San Pasqual Valley upstream from there. You can spend an easygoing couple of hours covering the round-trip distance of four miles on this trail, rambling amid tangled patches of chaparral and picturesque coast live oak trees — all thankfully unburned in recent years.

From the time of the first soaking rains this season and until early spring, Highland Valley Trail should appear at its freshest, with radiant greenery covering all but the thick brown leaf litter dropped by the oaks. Trailside wildflowers will probably peak in

April — somewhat later in the year than in most places because of the north-facing aspect of the trail's location.

The trail (for hikers, horses, and leashed dogs only) originates at a small dirt parking lot on Highland Valley Road, just east of Pomerado Road. The initial one-half-mile segment is an interpretive trail named the Ruth Merrill Children's Walk. After two miles, the trail comes to an end at Sycamore Canyon Road, near the northern edge of Poway.

Just one-third mile into your initial eastbound trek, you come to a bridged passage over a deep, densely wooded ravine — an impressive destination for small kids first testing their hiking legs. Near the midpoint of the trail, look for the *morteros*, or grinding holes, on a sloping slab of granitic rock to the left. Here, Kumeyaay women rhythmically pounded acorns into meal using heavy *manos*, or hand stones — a scene repeated here and at many hundreds of other sites around the county two or more centuries ago.

The Highland Valley Trail is one of several lateral or auxiliary trails built so far in the San Dieguito River



Early-morning spider

Park, the 55-mile linear, open-space park slowly taking form between the mouth of the San Dieguito River at Del Mar and Volcan Mountain near Julian. The main "trunk" of the trail system, the Coast to Crest Trail, travels along the north shore of Lake Hodges and into the San Pasqual Valley.

Call the San Dieguito River Park office, 858-674-2270, for information about regularly scheduled guided hikes on this trail and several others throughout the park.



Old-Fashioned Christmas Village, with outdoor market, music, caroling, food, horse-drawn carriage rides featured on La Mesa Boulevard between Fourth Street and Date Avenue. Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13, 5 to 9 p.m. Free. 619-462-3000. (LA MESA)

Festival of Lights, December 12-23, December 26-30, at San Diego Wild Animal Park (15500 San Pasqual Valley Road). Snow hill for sliding, holiday crafts, face painting, caroling, more than 100,000 lights twinkling. Festival activities begin at 4 p.m., close at 8 p.m. Included with admission. 760-747-8702. (ESCONDIDO)

LuOrana Tahiti Dance and Music Competition, December 12 and 13, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hours: 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday.

day. Tickets: \$10. 760-231-9122. (DEL MAR)

International Gem and Jewelry Show, December 12-14, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. \$6. Hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. 301-294-1640. (DEL MAR)

Holiday in the Park celebrations, 6 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13, in Old Town State Historic Park. The event focuses on how San Diegans celebrated holidays in the 1850s. Park will be adorned with luminarias and other historical holiday decorations. Holiday singing, musical entertainment, night walking tours by lantern light of Old Town (\$5). 619-220-5422. Free. (OLD TOWN)

All You'll Need Is Gift Wrap when Athenaeum Music and Arts Library hosts holiday book and craft

sale, Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sheet music, books on a variety of subjects, CDs and LPs, and art periodicals on offer. The Athenaeum is located at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Historic Tours, Magee House and gardens are decorated in Victorian tradition for tours on Saturdays, December 13 and 20, noon to 4 p.m. Find the house in Magee Park, at 258 Beech Street. 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

We Love a Parade (Wet Version), Oceanside Yacht Club hosts 27th annual Christmas Boat Parade of Lights, Saturday, December 13. More than 30 light-adorned boats circle harbor for viewing pleasure beginning at 6 p.m. Watch the parade from anywhere within the harbor. 760-435-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

The 31st Mission Bay Christmas

Boat Parade of Lights is Saturday, December 13, 7 until around 9 p.m.). There should be 130 lighted, decorated craft. Five-mile route begins at Quivira Basin and covers the Mission Bay shoreline to south Ingraham Street Bridge. Sea World fireworks show. Best viewing points are Ski Beach, Riviera Drive, Crown Point Drive, and the west side of Fiesta Island. 858-488-0501 or 858-280-0840. (MISSION BAY)

"Fanta-Sea Christmas" is theme for 32nd annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights, Sunday, December 14. Parades begin at 5:30 p.m. at Shelter Island, passing Harbor Island, cruising parallel to Embarcadero, Seaport Village, Marina Park, across bay to Coronado, ending near Navy carrier turning basin. Free. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Marching Papers, Calexico Christmas parade on Saturday,

December 13, starting at 10 a.m. on 2nd Street in downtown area. Organizers expect over 100 entries and floats from U.S. and Mexico. 760-357-1166. (CALEXICO)

"Red, White, and Blue" is theme for 53rd annual Escondido Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 13. The parade steps off at 9:30 a.m. at Escondido High School and proceeds south along Broadway to Grape Day Park. 760-743-0717. (ESCONDIDO)

Pacific Beach's 22nd annual holiday parade is Saturday, December 13, noon. Marching at Garnet Avenue and Ingraham Street. 619-641-5823. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Sandy Claws Are Coming to Town, dress your pooch in costume for contest during annual Dog Beach holiday beach fair, Sunday, December 14, noon to 3 p.m. Surfing Santa and Surf Dog water demos, "State of Dog Beach Address," "land mine game" (a.k.a. the poop-pickup contest), more. Free. To reach the beach, take I-8 west to end, bear right onto Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, turn right on Voltaire Street, and proceed into parking lot. 619-316-6151. (OCEAN BEACH)

"From Ashes to Art," fundraiser for artists impacted by recent fires, Sunday, December 14, 1 to 5 p.m., at San Diego Fire House Museum (1572 Columbia Street). Song, dance, readings, music by local artists; silent auction, live auction (3 p.m.). Admission: \$5. 858-509-1155. (SOLANA BEACH)

San Diego Stamp Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, December 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

Graduate Portfolio Show, creative talents from class of 2003 at Art Institute of California — San Diego showcased in advertising, multimedia, design industries on Wednesday, December 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Marriott Mission Valley (8757 Rio San Diego Drive). Free. 866-275-2422. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Presentation of Refugee Youth Art, the culmination of the AjA Project's "Journey" program, offered Thursday, December 18, 5:30 p.m., at Scripps City Heights Wellness Center (4440 Wightman Street). Two photo/poetry multimedia presentations, lesson on documentary photography taught by students, open discussion about life and challenges in City Heights. Free. 619-223-7001. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Garden of Lights, eighth annual event at Quail Botanical Gardens boasts gardens decorated with thousands of sparkling lights on plants and trees. Holiday Garden of Lights can be enjoyed December 11-14, December 18-23, December 26 p.m-28. Horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday music, children's activities, and food for sale. Live reindeer on hand on Saturday, December 13, 3 to 9 p.m.; Santa visits at 5:30 p.m. The gardens are located at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Admission: \$5 for nonmembers, free for those 5 and under; additional fees apply to some activities. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Wiener Wonderland San Diego Dachshund Club hosts dachshund walk in the park, Sunday, December 21, starting at noon in front of San Diego Natural History Museum. You're encouraged to dress your doxie in holiday attire for the promenade; bring a picnic if you like. Free. 858-505-1638. (BALBOA PARK)

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Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village, though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.
My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.



The woods are lovely,
dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before
I sleep,
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I sleep
— Robert Frost

The Swing

How do you like to go up in a swing,
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Down on the roof so brown —
Up in the air I go flying again,



Up in the air and
down!
— Robert Louis
Stevenson

ember 30. Floats, marching bands, and enormous balloons. Parade begins at 10 a.m. on Harbor Drive (along the Embarcadero), proceeds to Seaport Village. Free. 619-283-5808. (DOWNTOWN)

"Book Arts" are described as works of art involving structure, graphics, and/or text in a limited edition. Members of San Diego Book Arts exhibit work through Monday, December 29, at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Featured artist is Sara Rosenbluth, "whose intriguing artworks are based on idioms, random

numbers, and nature." 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

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

The Light Time of Year, organizers of Holiday of Lights at Del Mar Fairgrounds boast of "the

largest...display of seasonal festive lights in San Diego," with holiday-themed displays on view through Sunday, January 4, 2004.

Hours are 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$11 per vehicle (up to five people), \$16 per vehicle with six or more people. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Information: 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

The 1915 Wood Lath Botanical Building is site for 17th annual poinsettia display through Wednesday, January 7, 2004. Nearly 300

poinsettia plants decorate the historic building, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays through Wednesdays. Free. 619-239-0512 or 619-235-1100. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"A Very Merry Christmas Show" presented by Puppet Express through Sunday, December 14, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. See *Rumplestiltskin* when Weaver's Tales perform December 17-21.

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

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 25 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

"Holiday Celebration" planned when San Diego Actors Theatre presents "Children's Classics," Saturday, December 13, 11 a.m., L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). Program includes *The Grinch Meets Scrooge*, *12 Days of Christmas*, *Festival of Lights*, holiday poetry, songs. 858-268-4494. \$4. (DEL MAR)

Make a Clay Pinch Pot with park ranger Jane (if you're 4 through 12 years old), on Satur-

day, December 13, 2 p.m., at Felicitia Park (742 Clarence Lane). Learn American Indian skills and pottery design. Reservations: 760-271-8640. Day-use: \$2. (ESCONDIDO)

Nels and the Peanut Butter Cookies Band entertain Saturday, December 13, 2 p.m., at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 children. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

Santa Trains, Miller Creek train trips in 1927 Pullman observation car with visit by Santa Claus, hosted by Campo Railroad Museum, Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14 (and December 20 and 21). Trains leave Campo depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Fees, directions: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Make Wright Flyer Replicas when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday, December 13, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Teddy Bear Teas, bring your family and teddy bear to teddy bear teas, December 13-25, 2:30 p.m. each day. Storytelling, food and beverages, visit from Santa Claus. Fees: \$22 for adults, \$17 for children. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. Reservations: 619-557-3655. (DOWNTOWN)

All Aboard for Holiday Fun, San Diego Model Railroad Museum is decked out for holidays and offering a "toy train workshop family day," Sunday, December 14, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities

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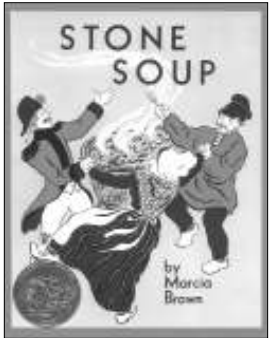
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READING

Tell Me a Story



Any parent with young children knows that kids like to read the same books over and over and over again. When my oldest daughter Rebecca was a toddler, Jack and I read *Goodnight Moon* and a long book of fairy tales and nursery rhymes to her every night. She fell asleep to the sound of Jack’s or my voice reading, “Tom, Tom, the piper’s son, stole a pig and away did run,” or “Mistress Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?”

Rebecca moved on a long time ago to Nancy Drew and Madeleine L’Engle. Now 11, she amuses herself by reading the Tolkien trilogy every few months. Our middle girls, Angela and Lucy, read to themselves now too. Angela likes Beverly Cleary and the *American Girl* series. Lucy, in first grade, works her way through *Amelia Bedelia* and the *Frog and Toad* books.

Luckily, Jack and I still have two little guys who like to be read to. Every night after Johnny and Ben have bathed and brushed their teeth, they settle on the king-sized bed in our room for a story or two. Their bodies still warm from the bath water

and smelling of baby wash and gentle shampoo, they snuggle in on either side of Jack or me and listen to their favorite books.

Lately, we’ve been reading a lot of *Kitty’s New Doll*, by Dorothy M. Kunhardt. You wouldn’t think that two boys who like to play rescue heroes all day would be interested in such a girly book. One of the Little Golden Books series, *Kitty’s New Doll* tells the story of Kitty’s trip to the toy store with her mother. “You may choose your very own doll,” Mother tells Kitty. “Choose the one you like best.”

Kitty looks at lots of dolls. At this point in the story, Ben always tells me, “I like the soldier doll.”

Johnny says, “I like the Boy Scout doll.”

Then Kitty spots the doll she wants, a rag doll. “The rag doll was made of cloth stuffed with cotton. Her face was painted on. Her fur was painted on. Her clothes were painted on. She couldn’t do a single thing, not even sleep.” Kitty’s mom tries to talk her out of the rag doll. “Do you really want a plain old rag doll that can’t do anything at all?”

Kitty tells her mother that she loves the rag doll because she can do anything Kitty wants her to do and say anything she wants her to say. At the end, Kitty and her mother walk home together, and Kitty pretends the rag doll says, “I love you, Mother.”

With such a sweet ending, how could I complain about reading this book every night for the past six months? Anything that ends with the words, “I love you, Mother,” must be good, right? Another book the boys want to read almost every night is a little less sweet but a lot more interesting. *Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown is a book Jack read when he was a child. Jack’s sister got the book for Rebecca for Christmas in 1997. Written in 1947, *Stone Soup* tells of three soldiers on their way home from the war. They haven’t eaten for two days. When the soldiers come upon a village, the peasants hide all their food and tell the soldiers they have nothing to share.

After talking together, the soldiers tell the villagers they’ll have to make stone soup. “Stone soup?” the peasants think. “That would be something to know about.”

The soldiers get the villagers to bring a large pot and fill it with water and place it over a fire in the village square. Then the villagers gather three large stones and place them in the pot. “Any soup needs salt and pepper,” say the soldiers. Children run to fetch the salt and pepper. The soldiers suggest the soup might be tastier with some carrots. Intrigued, the peasants remember their hidden stores of food.

“Why, I think I have a carrot or two,” one of the peasant women says. She comes back with “her apron full of carrots from the bin beneath the red quilt.” The soldiers suggest more and more elaborate ingredients to add to the soup —cabbages, beef, barley, milk. The villagers provide the same. In the end, the villagers and the soldiers enjoy a great feast. “They ate and drank and ate and drank. And after that they danced. They danced and sang far into the night.” The soldiers, who had hoped to find a loft somewhere to sleep, end up staying in the finest homes in town — the priest’s, the baker’s, and the mayor’s.

Johnny and Ben like to point to each house and tell me who lives where.

“That’s the baker’s house,” Johnny says.

“And that’s the priest’s house,” Ben adds.

The next day, the peasants give the soldiers a great send-off. “Many thanks for what you have taught us,” the peasants tell the soldiers. “We shall never go hungry, now that we know how to make soup from stones.” I don’t know if Johnny and Ben get the irony, but they sure love the story.

Three other books often make their way into the nightly rotation. *A Bargain for Frances*, by Russell Hoban; *When I Was Little, A Four-Year-Old’s Memoir of Her Youth*, by Jamie Lee Curtis; and *When Sophie Gets Angry — Really, Really Angry...*, by

include making railroad ornaments, holiday cards, face painting, refreshments, reading of *The Polar Express*. Admission is free for those under 15, \$5 for everyone else. The museum is located downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

Handmade Paper Play, play with pulp to make handmade paper for cards, decorations, gifts at the Magic Wand (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle), Tuesday through Thursday, December 16-18. Kids three to five years old, 10 to 11 a.m.; kindergartners through third graders, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. \$18 per class. Registration: 858-755-9263. (DEL MAR)

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” ex-

hibit. 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)

Computer Museum of America, “Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology” explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare “millionaire calculator,” and a Hectotron, described as “a 1970s vacuum-tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope.” Find the

museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

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 Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this mu-

seum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway’s past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 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 status of the wearer). O n g o i n g .

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 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 locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa

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Molly Bang. The Frances book is one in a series about a little badger. In *A Bargain for Frances*, she learns an important lesson about deciding which friends you can trust. Jamie Lee Curtis's *When I Was Little* always makes the kids laugh because they recognize themselves. "When I was little, I ate goo and yucky stuff. Now I eat pizza and noodles and fruit and Chee-tos."

When Sophie Gets Angry also makes the kids laugh. Sophie's sister takes a toy from Sophie. "She kicks, she screams, she wants to smash the world to smithereens. And when Sophie gets angry — really,

really angry...she runs!" Sophie runs out the door and has a good cry. When she calms down, she comes back home. Without being too heavyhanded, the book lets kids know that other kids get mad and that there are constructive ways to deal with anger. Sophie shows children that anger passes, and things can be put back together again. There are days when my children aren't the only ones in my house who need to remember that lesson.

With the holidays approaching, I decided to head out and see what new preschool books I might add to our reading list. With a little help from the woman who leads story hour at the Escondido Barnes & Noble, I found five books I really liked. On the shelf labeled "Celebrity Authors," I spotted *The Remarkable Farkle McBride*, by John Lithgow. Farkle is a musical child prodigy who masters the violin at three, the flute at five, the trombone at seven, and percussion at nine. Problem is, Farkle grows tired of each instrument he masters. "But at eight he declared, to his

parents' despair (and as everyone else might have guessed), 'I can't stand the trombone, with its *bla*at and its blare! That racket is more than my eardrums can bear! So return it or throw it away! I don't care! I despise it, just like all the rest!' "

How to solve Farkle's problem? He becomes a conductor, of course. "Since that sparkling night, Maestro Farkle McBride conducts all the instruments he ever tried. His happy heart sings to brass, drums, winds, and strings, and remarkable Farkle's at last satisfied."

A much simpler book, *Who Says Woof?* by John Butler, would be appropriate for even the youngest toddler. With lovely, pastel paintings of puppies and piglets and kittens and an assortment of other barnyard babies, *Who Says Woof?* will help really little guys learn their animal sounds. Ben and Johnny already know all their animal sounds. They make them frequently and loudly. But I still got the book because I liked the pictures so much. When I showed the books I had chosen to Rebecca, she liked *Who Says Woof?* best.

A combination of exquisite wildlife photography and whimsical prose, *Stranger in the Woods* by Carl R. Sams II & Jean Stotick tells the story of a snowman visited by a family of deer. In his biographical notes, author Sams explains how the book came about. "It was 1982 when I shook an apple out of a tree and befriended my first white-tailed doe. That October the first trusting chickadee landed on my hand to take a sunflower seed. The small bird's feet lightly touched my hand and left an unforgettable impression.

"Since that time my wife, Jeannie, and I have photographed the same family of white-tailed deer and generations of birds. We carry seeds in our pockets for the chickadees, tufted titmice, nuthatches, and downy woodpeckers who seek us out. In *Stranger in the Woods*, we share some of these special moments."

Stranger in the Woods perfectly captures those cold, quiet

moments in a snow-covered forest when the birds and deer steal out of their hiding places. I hope that even my children, raised in sunny, dry Southern California, will feel themselves drawn into the winter woods.

Most parents of small children have read *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*. This holiday, author Laura Numeroff and artist Felicia Bond have produced *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies*. This book follows the same sort of silly circular story the first book did. "If you take a mouse to the movies, he'll ask you for some popcorn. When you give him the

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as an incredible array of more-beautiful-than-life animals take their turns drinking. The water hole shrinks and dries up only to be replenished when the rains return. Parents can discuss things as simple as the different kinds of animals or the numbers, "One rhino, two tigers," or as complex as the life cycle, death and birth, or world ecology. This is the sort of book that Johnny or Ben might still be reading in three or four years. That's if Ben doesn't tear out all the pages. He always destroys the books he likes best. "You only hurt the ones you love," Jack always tells me.

— Anne Albright

Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Museum of History and Art,

art quilts with Coronado themes are showcased in "The Fiber of Coronado," continuing through Saturday, January 31, 2004. Quilt San Diego/Quilt Visions members were invited to submit quilts for the show. Many of the quilts feature hand-dyed fabrics and are embellished by hand, with others quilted by sewing machine.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an inter-

active stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum

is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum,

the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

"P-51 *Mustang*," celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the

Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum,

the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts arti-

facts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum,

what's more fun than model trains? How about Legos and model trains? The "Lego City Exhibit" features skyscrapers, bridges, people, parks, and operating model trains created by the Southern California Lego Train Club. Through January 2004.

The museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on

railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum,

"The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition," on view through Tuesday, January 6, 2004, documents the epic story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914 *Endurance* expedition. Includes more than 150 awe-inspiring photographs of the expedition's ordeal taken by ship photographer Frank Hurley, video, sextants, and replica of the *James Caird*, the lifeboat used to rescue the crew.

"Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien," opening on Friday, December 12, features 80 watercolors of native California plants painted in early 1900s. Valentien was commis-

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sioned by Ellen Browning Scripps to paint "all the wildflowers and plants of California" and traveled the state for next ten years collecting specimens. The exhibit — continuing through Tuesday, September 7, 2004 — includes examples of Valentien's Rookwood pottery, landscapes in oil, historical photographs, personal artifacts.

"Images of Nature: The Photography of Thomas D. Mangelsen," includes 30 images on exhibit through Sunday, January 4, 2004. Mangelsen spends up to nine months each year in the field documenting wild lands and creatures.

Also on view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present" (ongoing). Current "giant-screen films" include *Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure* (through Tuesday, January 6, 2004), *Wolves*, *Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication



Blind Boys of Alabama at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, December 16 (see In Person)

of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the

Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the

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Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks. The aquarium is located at

2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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Still Terrific

These Schubert compositions are overly repetitive and overly long.

I heard the Miró Quartet for the first time two years ago, when they played at the Neurosciences Institute in the UCSD Chamber Music Series. Now they have returned, under the auspices of the La Jolla Music Society (at Sherwood Auditorium), and to characterize them I can do nothing better than quote from my earlier review. I remarked then that these young musicians (violinists Daniel Ching and Sandy Yamamoto, violist John Largess, cellist Joshua Gindele) “have developed a preternatural sensitivity to each other’s playing, responding to the needs of the moment with total empathy, and to the common interpretive approach with total unanimity. That approach is brisk, intense, highly focused, with a strong sense of drama, and an unsentimental objectivity that is nevertheless full of passion. They are also exquisitely matched in terms of sound, with each instrument vividly distinctive (the luminous silkiness of the first violin, the burnished darkness of the viola...), yet with an overall coordination of bowing and vibrato that fuse the four players into a single, lucid, robust, eloquent voice. They are, simply, terrific.”

Nothing has changed; they are still terrific. All that was new at the Sherwood concert was the program. Instead of Beethoven, Shostakovich, and Grieg, we heard quartets by Haydn, Prokofiev, and Schubert (with a bit of Beethoven — the scurrying little presto from his Opus 130 Quartet — thrown in as an encore). But, just as was the case in 2001, each of the Miró’s performances took its place with the best of its kind. First, there was Haydn’s Opus 33, No. 2, played with the utmost 18th-century verve and grace, and with a special perfection of poker-faced drollery in the typically Haydn-esque “joke” at the end that gives this work its nickname (is the music over? — seems so — no, not yet — well, now it’s starting up again — oops, that’s all!).

Next, the Miró showed off their 20th-century credentials, with Prokofiev’s Quartet No. 2, Opus 92. As so often, Prokofiev here combines diverse styles to achieve his own unmistakable

language. The themes of the quartet are based on Kabardinian folk music, which the composer encountered when he was evacuated to the Caucasus in 1941, at the time of the German invasion. He enjoyed the colorful tunes, as well

as the rustic manner of their performance. But, being Prokofiev, he assembled these borrowings in a string quartet of substantially classical form, with the

spirit of Beethoven hovering over it (Beethoven had similarly used exotic ethnic tunes in his “Razumovsky” Quartets). And, still being Prokofiev, he dealt with the Kabardinian material through a fusion of his own lyrical bent with his aggressive modernism, which — at this fruitful moment in his career — made the lyricism modernist and the modernism lyrical. (It is a considerably more interesting and attractive composition than his First Quartet.)

The Miró Quartet is not one for melodramatic exaggerations or superfluous underlinings. On the other hand, its members readily jump into any type of musical discourse presented to them, and revel in it. The force of their performance of the Prokofiev Quartet derived from the intensity with which they communicated all the composer’s divergent manners. When the music required rusticism, they sounded thoroughly folksy. When it was modernist, they brought out its thorniness and its dissonances with unconcealed savagery. When it was lyrical, they played the song-like melodies with heartbreaking loveliness. And, throughout, they shaped the music so that its rigorous structure would be perfectly clear to any audience paying attention (which the mesmerized audience at Sherwood was certainly doing). In their hands, the Second Quartet was so totally and vibrantly itself that it was irresistible.

The second half of the program consisted of Schubert’s last string quartet, the G Major, D. 887. Prefacing the Miró’s performance, Joshua Gindele, the group’s cellist (and founder) anticipated the criticism often directed at Schubert’s late works (including the last three piano sonatas, the String Quintet, and

the C Major Symphony) that these compositions are overly repetitive and overly long. He rightly pointed out that in the G Major Quartet the tunes are subject to a considerable amount of repetition, but he advised the listeners to consider the different surroundings in which these repetitions take place, in particular the subtly changing harmonies and textures of the accompanying instruments.

Such a comment might have seemed gratuitous, considering the sophistication of the La Jolla Music Society audience. Yet even music lovers as experienced and open-minded as these can legitimately feel puzzled by the “heavenly lengths” of late Schubert, and any hint that may help them to overcome their reservations ought to be welcome. The beauty of this music and its profound emotional resonance have a tendency to lull the mind, which after a while remarks to itself: “This really has been going on a long time, hasn’t it?” What is needed is the same kind of alertness one automatically gives to a Haydn quartet — especially to a Haydn movement where one knows there is going to be a “joke” of some sort. What is also needed is a performance of the quality that commands this sort of attention.

Which is exactly what the Miró Quartet gave to the Schubert score. Let me cite an example. The Andante movement of D. 887 consists of one of those great Schubertian melodies, first announced in E minor by the cello (exquisitely played by Gindele in this performance), and returning, with changes, throughout the movement; and of a thrice-repeated dramatic interruption of the most searing anguish. The turbulent interruption seems to make its point (the uncontrollable terror that lies behind and within a sad but poised acceptance of mortality) the first time we hear it. Why does Schubert repeat it, and not merely once but twice more?

The apparent reason, as Gindele’s general remarks had suggested, is the changing harmonic context of the three statements of this passage. It is all a matter of key. The first statement is in G minor (an unexpected key in an E minor movement, and one which Schubert

arrives at by a modulation of sly but brutal boldness); the second, immediately following, is in F-sharp minor (after another such modulation); and the third, coming later in the movement, is in D minor. The assault thus seems to be coming from all directions, and the

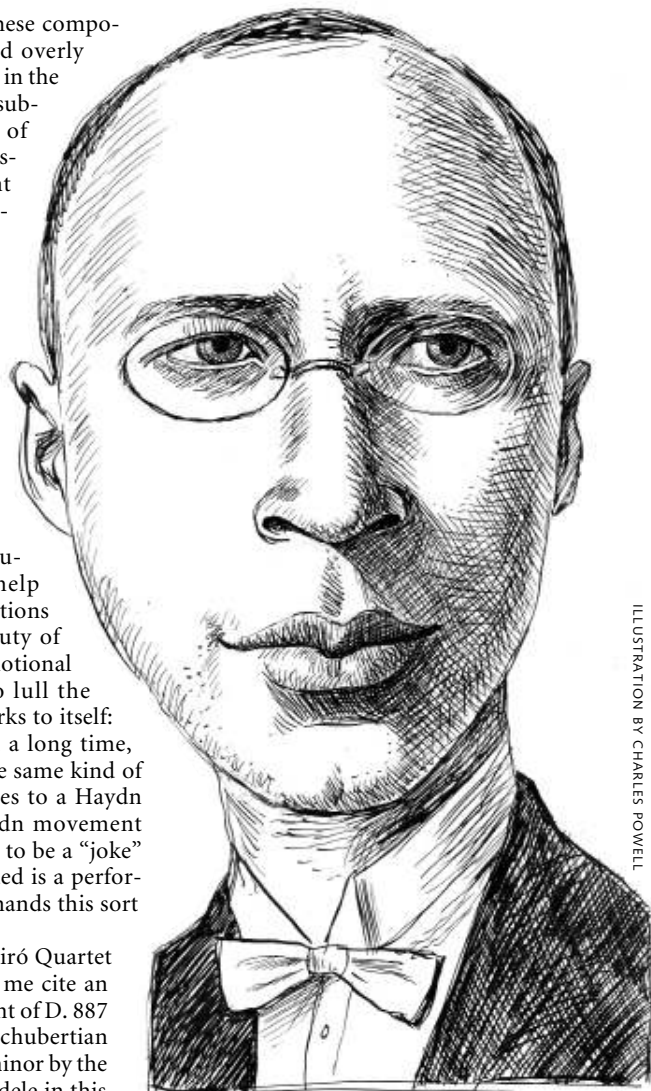


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Prokofiev

The Miró Quartet
Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Music Society)
Haydn, String Quartet in E-flat, Opus 33, No. 2 “Joke”;
Prokofiev, String Quartet No. 2 in F, Opus 92; Schubert,
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CLASSICAL MUSIC

harmonic framework, which normally offers the mind an intelligible stability, is repeatedly dislocated in unpredictable ways.

The question is whether listeners who are not gifted with perfect pitch, and who do not have the score in front of them, will perceive the fact that these repetitions (which otherwise sound close to identical) are in one respect — their key — so radically different. Perhaps so: the abrupt modulations are unmistakable, and the change of key also subtly changes the color of the instrumentation. But perhaps not quite enough

to obviate the impression of the same thing being said too often.

Here, however, is where the performers come in. The Miró Quartet could not alter the hearing apparatus of any listener incapable of recognizing G minor or F-sharp minor off the bat (which means most listeners who are not musicians). Nor could they induce Schubert to vary and transform the repeated episode in the way Beethoven or Brahms would have done. But since they themselves were so acutely aware of the key changes — and, above all, of the dramatic implications of those changes — they could, through their own interpretive nuances, give the audience some sense of variety in what is (let's admit it) a characteristic lack of struc-

tural inventiveness on the composer's part. And that is just what they did.

It's not an easy thing to do in this Andante (and things are even more problematic in the opening movement, with its tedious repetitions of the far less interesting second theme). Nevertheless, the Miró made the listener forget — almost — the sensation of bloat in these movements. As I said before, they are simply terrific. ■

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Navidad, seasonal music from Renaissance and Middle Ages — including chant, carols, and motets from around the world with special emphasis on Spanish composer Thomas Luis da Victoria — promised when 18-voice Pacific Camerata performs Thursday, December 11, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Hallelujah! Handel's *Messiah* has "transcended religion and cultures to become the single most performed oratorio in history." The San Diego Symphony presents the piece December 12-14. Julian Wachner conducts orchestra, joined by soprano Christine Brandes, alto Beth Clayton, tenor John Tessier, bass Christopher Feigum, and San Diego Master Chorale.

Performances: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets range from \$10 to \$55. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Handel and Jongen for the Holidays," the 80-voice North Coast Chorale presents concerts of "the rarely heard mass" by 20th Century Belgian composer Joseph Jongen on December 13 and 14. Also on tap: choruses from Handel's *Messiah*, traditional and contemporary carols performed by Chamber Chorale.

Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, at First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside (2001 El Camino Real). \$8. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Joyful Season, the Palomar Chorale and Youth Chorale join forces for concerts December 13 and 14 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Concerts feature Pinkham's "Gloria in Excelsis" and John Rutter's "Gloria" with live brass. Carol-sing closes program.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Classics, Christmas, and Chanukah" presented by North Coast Symphony Orchestra December 13 and 14 in MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). Orchestra will perform variety of orchestral works for holiday season, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$8. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Saturday Night Concert Series continues with selections by Bach-Busoni, Scarlatti, Brahms, Liszt, and Scriabin when pianist Pavel Petrov performs December 13, 8 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Donation: \$12 adults, \$10 students. Reservations: 858-259-2503. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Classical Christmas Music performed by Sarah Agler (past winner of Metropolitan Opera Auditions) and other area opera singers during Christmas concert and tea, Saturday, December 13, 7 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church (1418 Bear Valley Parkway). Free. 760-743-4440. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Light Shines in Darkness," the 35-voice chancel choir with soloists Kim Allison, Donna Buckner, Ava Baker Liss sing Vivaldi's "Gloria" accompanied by chamber orchestra, plus seasonal anthems and carol arrangements, Sunday, December 14. Concert begins at 4 p.m. at Christ Lutheran

Church (4781 Cass Street). Offering. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Christmas Feast of Lights, Westminster Choir and soloists perform the "Christmas Oratorio" by Saint-Saëns on December 14 and 15, at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue). New Dawn Singers present "Carols of Christmas."

Concerts at 7 p.m. on Sunday, 7:30 p.m. on Monday. Offering. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Bring on Handel's "Messiah"! The San Diego Chamber Orchestra and San Diego Master Chorale perform the 70-minute Christmas portion of this holiday favorite Sunday, December 14, at 3 p.m., at Church of the Nativity (6309 El Apajo). Soloists include soprano Sylvia Wen, alto Patricia McAfee, tenor Robert MacNeil, and bass-baritone Philip Larson.


Tickets range from \$15 to \$80. Reservations: 858-350-0290 x7. Future concerts at St. Joseph's Cathedral, St. James by-the-Sea, California Center for the Arts, Escondido. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"Noël, Noël!" Chancel choir, soloists, orchestra, present concert directed by Keith Pedersen, Sunday, December 14, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). 858-729-5531. Offering. (LA JOLLA)


More "Messiah," celebrate holidays by joining La Jolla Symphony and Chorus in its annual "Messiah-Sing," Sunday, December 14, 2 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street). Members of chorus are seated throughout audience for this event. Soloists include soprano Mary Jaeb, mezzo-soprano Martha Jane Weaver, tenor Max Chodos, and baritone Joe Pechota.

Tickets are \$12 general; *Messiah* rental scores are \$3 at door. Reservations: 858-534-4637. (LA COSTA)

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Seagate Sundays, Odeum Guitar Duo performs for series, Sunday, December 14, 2 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Duo members are classical guitarists Robert Wetzel and Fred Benedetti. Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors and military, \$10 for children, free for those five and younger. Reservations: 866-436-8744. (LA JOLLA)

Festival of Lessons and Carols, the Early Music Consort — arrayed in medieval costumes and using Renaissance instruments — performs on Sunday, December 14, 7 p.m., at St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (2775 Carlsbad Boulevard). Following

the consort, St. Michael's adult and children's choir with handbells presents readings, anthems, carols. 760-729-8901. Offering. (CARLSBAD)

Inspirational Christmas Music performed by 50-voice San Diego Vocal Arts Chorale, Sunday, December 14, 7 p.m., at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (12701 Torrey Bluff Drive). Selections include Beethoven's "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Mount of Olives," more. Free. 760-436-6340. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Organ Concert presented by civic organist Carol Williams, Sunday, December 14, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Season's Greetings, Westwind Brass presents holiday music "from many countries and every era," including traditional Christmas carols, Hanukkah music, selections from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," Handel's *Messiah*, and more.

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Monday, December 15, at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive) and Monday, December 22, at St. John of the Cross (8086 Broadway). \$15. 619-337-2848. (LA JOLLA, LEMON GROVE)

Winter Concert of Classical Music from Renaissance and baroque periods, along with flamenco selections and works by Leonard Bernstein, on tap when Mesa College Guitar Ensemble performs Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m., at Clairemont Library (2920 Burgener Boulevard). Free. 858-581-9935. (CLAIREMONT)

The Annual Toy Piano Holiday Concert offered by Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series is Wednesday, December 17, 12:30 p.m., among music stacks on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Program includes "condensed version of the *Nutcracker* Suite performed on various toy instruments" and little surprises. Concert is free, parking is not

(bring change for the meters). 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Medieval and Renaissance Christmas, Early Music Ensemble of San Diego sings a cappella favorites and "rarities" from the 9th through 17th Centuries, Wednesday, December 17, 8 p.m., at La Jolla Congregational Church (1216 Cave Street). Tickets: \$10, \$5. 858-459-5045. (LA JOLLA)

Winter Dreams, Palomar College Concert Band presents concert, Thursday, December 18, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre, Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Program includes seasonal, classical, and contemporary music. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Vienna's Famed New Year's Concert is recreated in "Salute to Vienna," Thursday, January 1, 2004. Cast of over 75 professional musicians, singers, dancers. Performers include Austrian soprano Elisabeth Lang, Viennese tenor Alois Haselbacher, members of Hungarian National Ballet, Strauss Symphony of America led by Gerhard Track.

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Violin Virtuoso Itzhak Perlman in concert, Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Perlman's latest release is *Classic Perlman: Rhapsody*, with chamber and symphonic music, as well as film themes. Tickets: \$60 to \$75. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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“Body or Soul: Nudes and Others in Pastels” are exhibited by K.D. Benton at San Diego Art

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“Four New Paintings” by Gary Lang go on exhibit with reception on Saturday, December 13, 3 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Drury Lane, between Kline and Silverado). 858-454-3409. Show closes Saturday, January 17, 2004. (LA JOLLA)

“The 2003 Juried Biennial” hosted by William D. Cannon Art Gallery opens with awards reception, Saturday, December 13, 5 p.m. Jurors were Stephanie Hanor and Mike McGee. Gallery is at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane; 760-602-2021. See the exhibition through Friday, January 23, 2004. (LA COSTA)

“Aakar” — Hindi for shape/form — is an exhibit and sale of tribal art work from India and Africa, opening with reception, Saturday, December 13, 6 p.m., at 4 Design Gallery (3813 Ray Street), in conjunction with Ray at Night. Through Wednesday, January 7, 2004. 619-501-0879. (NORTH PARK)

“Sensual Bliss” — described as “a celebration of freedom, the female body, and the bliss of life” by Alan Taback — opens with reception Saturday, December 13, 6 p.m., at Gallery 504 North (3041 University Avenue). 310-392-8990. (NORTH PARK)

“Kaleidoscope of Expression III,” exhibition of “unbound work” of artists, musicians, and poets opens with reception, Saturday, De-

cember 13, 6 p.m., at Gallery DX in Caffè Calabria (3933 30th Street). Closes Monday, January 12, 2004. 619-757-8680. (NORTH PARK)

“Small Works” by many artists are on view through Saturday, January 3, 2004, at Muse Gallery (2911 University Avenue). Reception on Saturday, December 13, 7 p.m. 619-296-8539. (NORTH PARK)

“Twelve Days of Christmas,” an exhibit of small works by 12 local artists in a variety of media, opens with reception Saturday, December 13, 6 p.m., at Ordover Gallery (Studio 172, 444 South Cedros Avenue). See the art through Saturday, January 3, 2004. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Starry Nights” reception and fundraiser, Sunday, December 14, 5 p.m., at Del Mar Art Center (1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street). Work on display through January 2004 by county artists. 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, useful and beautiful wooden objects — chairs, tables, benches, cabinets — are on view in “George Nakashima, Woodworker — A Retrospective.” The objects are exhibited along with paintings and drawings by Nakashima’s friend Ben Shahn. Closes Sunday, May 30, 2004.

“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 objects 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, Los Angeles artist Wendell Gladstone’s “Cerca Series” exhibit — through Sunday, January 18, 2004 — explores the interaction between abstract sculpture and figurative painting. His canvases hang behind stark minimalist sculptures, bringing the narrative content of the paintings into three dimensions, with an intentionally humorous approach.

“Recent Acquisitions for the Permanent Collection,” on display Sunday, December 14, through Sunday, January 25, 2004, showcases new additions to the museum’s collection, acquired through “generosity and support of museum members during the last five years.”

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, “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 Sun-

day, January 4, 2004.

“Self-Help Graphics and Art: Building Community Through Art,” on display through Tuesday, January 6, 2004, includes a group of monoprints exploring a wide range of imagery. The works explore “the limitations of print media and techniques.”

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, 33 original artworks by 20 artists in a variety of media are showcased in “OMA Regional 3,” the third juried exhibition of regional artists hosted by the museum. Jury included Mark Quint, Reese Shaw, Tina Yapelli. Show closes Sunday, January 4, 2004. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, “Sculpture in Silk: Costumes from Japan’s Noh Theater,” offers opportunity to examine elegant designs and exquisite workmanship of layered costumes. Display includes more than 40 robes and accessories created during Edo period (1601-1868), as well as 100 modern examples of Noh costumes created using Edo-period designs and techniques. Continues through Sunday, January 25, 2004.

“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.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, “Portraiture in Paris Around 1800: Cooper Penrose by Jacques-Louis David” explores “the profound influence” of the French painter (1748-1825). The exhibit features works on loan from L.A. and New York, along with paintings from Paris-based collections “that have never before been seen in the United States.” Through Sunday, February 15, 2004.

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We don’t need no edge-u-kay-shun” —Pink Floyd claimed we’re just bricks in a wall. Okay, but what if they tear the wall down?

Charles L. Mee, one of America’s most intrepid playwrights, sets *Full Circle* in Germany, 1989. As the Berlin Wall crumbles, an aperture opens for the citizenry: they are free — maybe momentarily, maybe not — to choose new ways. There might even be a third way between capitalism, fast filling the vacuum created by the fall, and communism. Could it be possible, a character asks, to get rich, “like in the west,” and to share, “like in the east”?

Is this just a blip, or a new radar screen? Cynics, pointing to logos infesting the wall with corporate graffiti, say the world will choose. Others, thinking these thoughts for the first time in a generation, claim that change, personal and governmental, can happen. But what would be a wrong choice?

Mee loves a big canvas. (*Full Circle* recalls one of the biggest. In Thomas Pynchon’s *Gravity’s Rainbow*, Tyrone Slothrop trundles through zoned-out Europe after WWII.) Mee also loves dramatic situations like 1989 Germany — his *Wintertime*, at the La Jolla Playhouse, is another example — where boundaries break down, uncertainty reigns, and transformation can occur. Victor Turner, an anthropologist, calls such a space “liminoid,” a

kind of King’s X, on the margin between controlling systems. Gayatri Spivak said this site for questions and rethinking can lead to “productive bafflement.” Mee might argue that all theater should be “liminoid.”

The play’s form mirrors its subject. How, for example, do you classify *Full Circle*? It’s got sweeping themes, a lecture — actually a lecture too far. It combines historical figures with keystone comedy, plus it keeps breaking into dance numbers based on heavy hits of the ’80s.

Pamela Dalrymple, Park Avenue socialite, just wanted to see the Berliner Ensemble, if only to tell friends. When we first meet her, Pamela’s provisionally alert, at best (she misplaced her son at the *Gare du Nord* railway station). Somehow — don’t ask — she’s carrying Karl Marx Honecker, son of East Germany’s deposed head of state. She’s aided by Dulle Griet, a woman from 16th-century paintings by Brueghel. And she pins her hopes on Warren, an entrepreneur based on Warren Buffett, major Coca-Cola investor and Nebraska’s first billionaire.

Pamela goes not through a looking glass but a window in the historical process. Regimes change overnight. Soldiers police out of habit. Like Shakespeare’s liminoid wood in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, Pamela finds herself carrying the child through surreal terrain, amid such extremes of hope and danger that the boy next door could be both savior and blithering idiot.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Makela Spielman in *Full Circle*

Full Circle, by Charles L. Mee

UCSD Theatre & Dance, Mandell Weiss Forum

Directed by Meredith McDonough; cast: David Ari, Corey Brill, Carmen Gill, Simone Vicari Moore, Garrett Neergaard, Adam Smith, Andrew Smith, Mark Smith, Makela Spielman, Amy Stewart, Samuel Stricklen, Quonta Beasley, Jennifer Chang, Genevieve Hardison, Teri Kretz, Ryan McCarthy, Abdul-Khaliq Murtadha; scenic design, Mina Kinukawa; costumes, Ivy Chou; lighting, Jason Thompson; original music, Corey Brill; music director, Rachel Axler

Run concluded.

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Also caught in the vortex is Heiner Mueller, East German-sponsored author of *Hamletmachine*. Mueller railed against capitalism and its “depoliticization of culture.” When the Eastern Bloc fell — and theater ticket prices rose — Mueller’s status declined. In a 1990 interview he said “the third way (not communism, not capitalism, but something else — nobody knows what)” will appear only after there’s a “national vomiting” of money and possessions. “And that will take a long time.”

Although he critiqued both sides of the Wall (GDR officials thought him too pessimistic), in *Full Circle*, the emerging consensus says Mueller made the wrong choice. He becomes a pariah, shunned by rebelling students, Village People songfests, and proliferating Big Macs.

UCSD’s MFA students had a lark with this material. Director Meredith McDonough created such a spontaneous atmosphere that at any point the chipped and pocked rear wall might burst like a dam and singers, dancers, cars would flood through. Individual performances also had this quality: Amy Stewart’s Pamela, a vulnerable cartoon,



Kerry Meads and Paul Eggington in “It’s Christmas and It’s Live!”

caught in a maelstrom where personal growth might, or might not, happen; and Corey Brill and Garrett Neergaard, as Werner and Hermann, state police played as hilarious klutzes and sadistic swine.

The production couldn’t do much with a second-act sag, in which, under a solitary light bulb, Mueller does a long confessional about art, his choices, the world — Mee nods when the college professor in him turns a speech into a lecture into a sermon. But the evening’s memorable in many ways, among them Pamela and Dulle Griet cross-

ing a rickety rope bridge, and Mina Kinukawa’s scenic design: the Berlin Wall in the rear, and the stage floor — the white lines of a highway on a diagonal through a circle — suggesting both closures and openings and raising the question: to what does Mee’s title refer?

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Coronado’s Christmas’d Up! Orange Avenue’s center divider sports a living row of Christmas trees. Lamb’s Players annual yuletide Festival’s another popular Coronado tradition. And this year’s script ranks among its best.

orchestra, dancers, camera-men, sponsor, even the “Songbird of the South.” Can the show go on with just Steve and the Harmonaires? Wait. Steve just threw his back out. Can the show...Wait. New York just blacked out.

Kerry Meads, who wrote “It’s Christmas and It’s Live,” heads an engaging cast as Lacy, a manger of wisdom amid the glitz and panic. The show’s other star is Vanda Eggington, whose musical direction combines familiar tunes — “Let It Snow,” “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” — with her own compositions: among them the moving “Lord, How Shall I Meet You?” and the hip “Luke Doo-Wop,” a street-sung version of the gospel. The long-ish script could use tightening, but it entertains throughout, and its message comes from an unexpected event. ■

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.

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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 so-

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los: 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.

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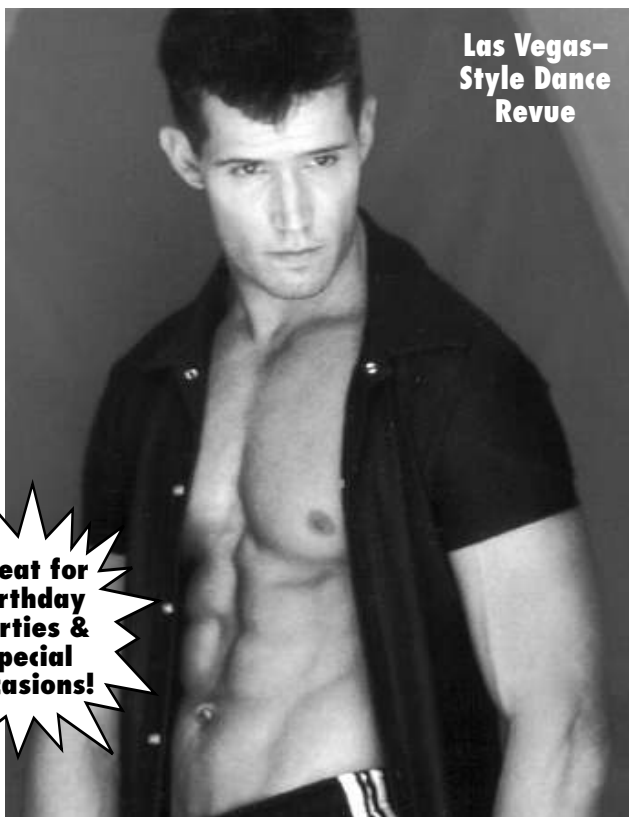
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Lamb's Players Festival of Christmas

Reviewed this issue. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH DECEMBER 28; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT

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La Pastorela de Felicidad

Teatro Mascara Magica presents its 13th annual Christmas pageant, featuring the Archangel Michael, Lucifer, shepherds going to Bethlehem, the Terminator, Wayne's World, Shrek, and Tom Ridge. William Virchis directed. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL STAGE, OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, THROUGH DECEMBER 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-234-5623.

La Posada Magica

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages its annual holiday production, in which Joseph and Mary search for lodging in a makeshift procession. Diane Rodriguez directed. JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 11:30 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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. (Note: the Laguna Playhouse has extended the show's run four times.)

Worth a try.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH JANUARY 26; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on 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

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failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. *Worth a try.*

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San Diego Theatresports
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit"

(other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."
Worth a try.
SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. 619-465-7469.

The School for Scandal
Grossmont College Theatre presents Richard Brinsley Sheridan's

comedy of manners about illicit affairs, disguise, rumor, and intrigue; in other words, about fashionable society. Barry Bosworth directed. STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, GROSSMONT COLLEGE, THROUGH DECEMBER 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-644-7267.

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Story Theatre
In the '60s, Paul Sills made improvisational theater out of his mother's — Viola Spolin — theories. His *Story Theater*, a collection of Grimm Brothers and Aesop's fairy tales, played on Broadway in 1970. Once it settles in, which takes at least a half an hour performed at wall-cracking decibel levels, the North Coast Rep's re-telling captures some of the inventive flavor of the original (though it's doubtful Sills' version was so insistently ingratiating to its audience; the NCRT show re-



How The Grinch Stole Christmas

ally wants you to like it!!). David Ellenstein's stagings prefer the cute to the grim(m), but the performers — especially Fred Harlow as a host of harried males, the ad-libbing Randall Dodge (who does a good Governor Ah-nolt), and multi-talented Laura Bozanich (her mime of a randy dog's *the highlight*) — all communicate relish for the playful, free-lance style of the piece. *Story Theatre's* billed as a Christmas alternative. The woman sitting next to me said, "It's so dumb it's funny."
Worth a try.
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Striking 12
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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.

A View From The Bridge
Longshoreman Eddie Carbone raised his niece Catherine in Brooklyn’s tough Red Hook district. Now she’s 18. He’s 40 and still considers her his “baby.” Calling him protective commits grave understatement. “Sometimes there’s too much love,” a lawyer warns Eddie, but in Arthur Miller’s stormy 1956 drama, Eddie pushes his obsession across the border. *View* resonates as a period piece about betrayal. Director George Flint and the Renaissance Theatre Company honor the style with Method-actor intensities and a headlong sprint into the operatic (in many ways, *View*’s a Yankee

imitation of Tennessee Williams). RTC productions always showcase top local talent. And the males do capable work (although often a one-note fumer, Jessie Mackinnon’s best moments as Eddie come when he glimpses beyond the taboos that drive him). But the women shine. Jessica John isn’t 18 years old. But her Catherine is: a bright-eyed teenager on a collision course with love’s extremities. And Susan Denaker does one of the year’s best support jobs. On paper, Eddie’s wife Beatrice is another of Arthur Miller’s explanatory ciphers (“you kept her a baby,” she yells at Eddie). With gentle insistence, Denaker builds a multidimensional, long-suffering ’50s housewife — who knows her place but has to leave it — from next to nothing.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH DECEMBER 14; THURSDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 877-597-7258.

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"I hand-glued real crystal rhinestones to a glove for hours to get that look," admits Devra Gregory, a San Diego-based

of joking, teasing, that kind of thing.... I'd just say, 'That's my evil twin' or do something to distract them.... Calling Michael evil is not my first choice, because I adore him," says Gregory, adding that she was not a fan before assuming the character. "It was a professional decision."

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the inside track

Michael Jackson impersonator. Gregory dons "Jacko" drag at Lips in Hillcrest every Thursday night. She has also appeared on *E! TV's True Hollywood Story*.

"If you see them segue into any concert footage, it's not really him; it's me.... He wouldn't release them any concert footage."

Gregory has performed at Lips only once since the allegations against Michael Jackson have surfaced. She says she was the butt of "a lot

Gregory says her look is from the "Dangerous" era of Jacko's career — 2001. "He was already a bit whiter and [had had] one more nose job.... It was easier for me. I had to wait till he was a white girl too."

Asked if she has any feelings about whether or not Jackson is guilty, Gregory says, "I try not to even go there, because the thought of him being guilty nauseates me and would really destroy all the work that I've done.... You know, I don't know if we

can look back on him being an entertainer and go, 'Oh, well, we still love him as an entertainer,' even knowing that he's done these horrible



GREGORY FACES THE DRAG OF BEING JACKSON

things.

"But even if he did do those horrible things," adds Gregory, "I think from his perspective that they weren't horrible, because he has such a child's mind. I think it would be like playing doctor for him."

Gregory admits, "That's my rationale."

Asked if sales of Jackson CDs have been affected by the molestation charges, John Salcido, the assistant manager at Lou's Records in Encinitas,

says they had only sold three copies of Jackson's new *Number Ones* CD. Billy Sprague, the assistant manager at Off the Record in Hillcrest, says sales have not risen.

"The last time that he was in the headlines and he had dangled his baby...that did generate some more interest. We definitely were having some problems keeping a lot of that stuff in stock.... This time around, I think people aren't really digging on it too much."

— Pat Sherman

"It really bugs me that some bands complain about having to sell a few tickets."

Being both a musician (bassist in the Drapes) and a promoter (Blue Agave, Longshot Saloon, Boomerangs, Poway Bowl), Willie Carter has faced presale ticketing from both sides. His conclusion? "If a band can't get 20 people to pay \$5 to come see them, maybe they should stay in the garage."

Some venues, like Scolari's Office in North Park or Cherry Bomb on Banker's Hill, are thriving with a free-admission policy. But others, like Dream Street in Ocean

Beach or Brick by Brick in Bay Park, have moved toward a payment system that rewards bands that draw.

"We provide professional sound and lighting," said Dream Street talent buyer Jon Simon. "Scolari's doesn't even have a stage. They give you a tiny little closet in a little back area. We provide a more focused rock show."

Simon said Man Minus

band is advised to sell the tickets for \$7 and keep the \$4-per-ticket profit for themselves.

Simon said he asks that bands put "two or three weeks" between a gig at Dream Street and a show at a different venue. "If they play Dream Street one week and Scolari's the next week, neither show will do well."

Simon says a band that



SIMON & CARTER WEIGH PAY-FOR-PLAY

Label, the Abuse, and Moonshine Junkie are three local groups who prove that hardworking bands with big followings can flourish at a venue that uses presale tickets. He said those bands are given 50 tickets for a weekend show, which they must buy for \$3 each. The

plays Dream Street for the first time may not be asked to buy presale tickets. "But if they say they can draw, say, 30 fans, and they draw 5, we might not ask them back or [we might] require them to buy tickets next time."

Carter, who has played the Whiskey-a-Go-Go and

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the Hard Rock Café in Beverly Hills with his band the Drapes, said they are next appearing December 20 at the all-age Iceoplex in Escondido. Admission is \$7.

— Ken Leighton

"My son was brought up here," says Lou

Curtiss, owner of Folk Arts Rare Records in Normal Heights. "I'm going to do everything I can to stay in this location."

Curtiss's store opened in Mission Hills in 1967. The 1930s craftsman-style building — which has housed Folk Arts for the past 26 years — was put on the market over four months ago. Curtiss, who lives in the back of the store with wife Virginia, says he was only made aware of the sale when

a sign was posted on the lawn last month. Though the building has changed hands in the past, Curtiss hasn't had to move before.

"This area is continuing to upgrade," said Curtiss. "You just never know what's going to happen." The building, which includes two more apartments in the back, is currently on the market at \$749,900 — more than Curtiss can afford. Were his \$1075-a-month rent to be increased, he says, he would also be forced to move.

"My first priority, if I had to relocate, would be to relocate somewhere here on Adams Avenue," he says, "but



WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO LOU'S ARCHIVE?

I don't know any place where I could live and have my business at the same time."

Recordings from Curtiss's collection have been reproduced on CD by Arhoolie Records, Rounder Records, and Interstate Music. Curtiss has also done

consulting work for the Smithsonian and the Library of Congress. Joe Hickerson, the Library of Congress' former head of acquisitions, visited the store a few years ago.

"[Curtiss has] supplied us some wonderful material in the past," says Dan Del Fiorentino, curator of the Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad. "He has surfaced some things that have been lost for years and years. Unfortunately, we do not have a record collection as part of our collection policy. We just don't have the room for it. But it ought to be in an institution that would make it available for people."

Though the San Diego Historical Society has an oral history of Curtiss on file, John Panter, the museum's assistant executive director, says they would have a difficult time storing Curtiss's collection without a sizeable endowment.

"We want to make sure that we can adequately service the collection; that we can store it correctly, and it can also be accessed by researchers properly," says Panter. "That would also mean getting copyright clearance to make that available.... From everything I know about it, it sounds like a Smithsonian kind of a project."

— Pat Sherman

"My choice was to change our name to 'Sued by Seuss.' "

Green Eggs and Sam drummer Rob Higgins is crying uncle: his band fought the law firm and the law firm won.

"We could have pooled our money from one night of playing and that maybe would have paid for one hour of legal fees. We didn't have the resources to fight it."

The two-year-old five-man cover band admitted they had met their match in Gray Cary LLP. The high-powered La Jolla law firm that represents the estate of Ted Geisel demanded the band change its name.

"If they're going to insist we change the name, there is nothing we can do. They didn't back off. We figured we were a fun weekend have-a-good-time band, and to get involved in a legal struggle over something as stupid as our name would kind of contradict what we are about."

Higgins groaned when he disclosed what name the democratically controlled band came up with.

"It's Stepping Feet.

Majority rules."

Stepping Feet (www.thebestcoverband.com)

appears 8 p.m. every Thursday at Typhoon Saloon in Pacific Beach, 10 p.m. this Saturday at Longboard's in



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GREEN EGGS SWAPPED FOR STEPPING FEET

Pacific Beach, and 9 p.m. Friday, December 19, at Surf & Saddle in Solana Beach. All shows are 21 and up and free admission.

— Ken Leighton

"Hold on, I have to park,"

Frances Charlotte tells me. I'm calling her because she is going to perform at the "From Ashes to Art" auction this Sunday at the Firehouse Museum in Little Italy.

"Should I call you back?"

"No, I have to go to work."

"Charlotte, that's your last name?"

"My name is Charlotte Austin, but my stage name is Frances Charlotte. I write my own songs, and I play the acoustic guitar. I have a song called 'Emerald.' "

She speaks me the lyrics.

"It's like a hot-air balloon ride / He is going, but I won't be coming / Sometimes it's hard to know where it's going / but I'll never know."

"The chorus is: So say what you feel before it's too late, before you die, but I don't know if that's too heavy..."

She's thinking about it being too somber for the art auction.

"I have another song that's called 'Silver.' "

"Wait, why's the other one called 'Emerald'?"

"Gosh, that's a good question. That's really hard to answer."

"Okay, why's the song called 'Silver'?"

"I don't know why they're called that, they just come to me.... I think I'm only going to play one song —

'Feathers,' like a bird, it's a symbol of freedom for me."

"From Ashes to Art" is from 1 to 3 p.m. this Sunday at the Firehouse Museum, 1572 Columbia Street, \$5 admission, with proceeds going to artists impacted by the fires. Those donating artwork to be auctioned off include Bill Wechter, T.J. Dixon, Ken Goldman, and James Hubbell. There will also be Gypsy dance music,

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— Jennifer Ball

"I had two weeks to find a way to get a digital record of all my Web pages and files from the [MP3.com] site, and I also had to get a hold of all the stuff I sent them that hadn't been posted yet and was waiting for approval — stuff I couldn't just pull down from the site itself....

They [CNET] just sent everyone a generic e-mail saying [to] get your stuff back in two weeks or we junk it all."

Folk guitarist Sam Slade, who co-owned Rocky Records in North Park until 1997, says his only

Internet exposure was at MP3.com. He also doesn't know if the site will pay the money it owes him.

A notice e-mailed to subscribing artists November 17 reads, "MP3.com will perform a final artist accounting and check distribution on or around December 1, 2003. Any artist account with a balance of at least \$25 will qualify to receive a payment.... If you anticipate a payment, please verify and update your artist account and contact information no later than November 20, 2003."

"I've been owed about \$100 that I just never got around to closing out. I thought there's no rush," says Slade. "I didn't read the e-mail about royalties until a few days after, and now I can't get any kind of answer



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FREE BACH THIS SUNDAY

about how or if I can still collect. I've sent at least five, maybe six e-mails, and all I

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: LOU'S RECORDS

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



get back is a blank form they want me to fill out, so they can send me information about their new services."

Contacted via phone, a CNET representative referred all questions to the website itself.

Musicians looking for alternate music-posting websites can check out soundclicks.com. Unsigned bands have also been proliferating at iuma.com, whose "underground music archive" is already said to access over 10,000 songs.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Day before Thanksgiving, I was at a Hatchet Brothers show at the Ould Sod. They pulled Steve Poltz out of the crowd, and he sang about seven songs.

The crowd picked Poltz up from the stage after his first song, and he hit the ceiling fan and had to hold onto it as he continued singing, his head between the blades. Joe, of Java Joe's, was at the side of the stage dancing.

Gregory Page, who was playing guitar, had a gigantic set of headphones. He told me, "I ruptured my eardrum on my left side. It's going to take a few months to heal, hopefully. For two years I've had tinnitus, but now it's painful. It was ringing at first, now it's causing headaches, dizziness, and even the sensation of water in the ear.... These Wednesday nights with the Hatchet Brothers are the only shows I do with a loud band."

If you want to blow out

your eardrum too, the Hatchet Brothers are at the Ould Sod on Adams Avenue every Wednesday at 9 p.m., \$3 cover. Steve Poltz and the Rugburns play New Year's Eve at the Belly Up Tavern, \$35. Both shows are 21 and up.

— Josh Board

Free classical music can be found this Sunday at 4 p.m. Gallery Eclipse is having a flute, violin, cello, and harpsichord quartet concert with refreshments afterward. The program includes Bach and Mysliwecek. The gallery can be found at 162 S. Rancho Santa Fe Road (near Marie Callender's at the intersection of Encinitas Boulevard and Manchester Avenue in Olivenhain). For

more information, please call 760-634-3265.

— Jennifer Ball

Hopefully Shania Twain will make it to Cox Arena December 17 for her show. When asked for her earliest memory of performing in San Diego, she asked, "Uh, where is San Diego exactly? Is that by Sacramento?" Then said she didn't think she could help me and terminated the interview.

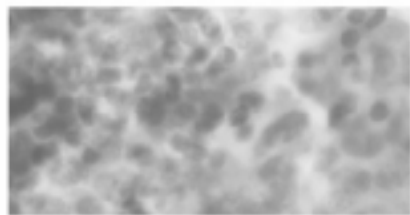
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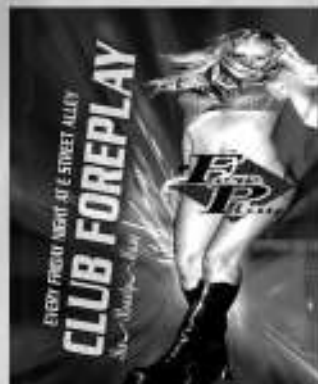
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Summer could be a cheerleader — a cheerleader at, say, Gothic High, in the head-to-toe black she's wearing.

I went from being a Beatles hangout to being a metalhead place. I don't know the heritage line of that. But I remember coming here years ago and buying cool Beatles stuff, and you could still get cool invasion [British Invasion] stuff. Then all of a sudden, there's this death metal thing going on. Like overnight."

Joel Kmak and I have spent most of the evening listening to records from his massive collection. A substantial part of that collection had at one time belonged to the late Country Dick, the former Beat Farmer whom Kmak has been chosen to replace when the band does reunion gigs. A drummer, Kmak also plays in Powerthud and the Flying Putos.

Tonight Kmak wants to prowl the vinyl and sample some valley culture at Blue Meannie Records in the heart of El Cajon and maybe do a drive-by of the late rock writer Lester Bangs's childhood apartment on First and Madison.

At Blue Meannie, it's obvious that more has changed than just the venerable store's address (it was moved a few blocks west between 1983 and 1984; no one I asked could remember exactly when). Far removed from its beginnings as a Fab Four memorabilia headquarters, Blue Meannie is now a home away from home for headbangers. One walks through the front door and is immediately battered by speed metal quaking from the store's speakers.

"It's the new owner," Kmak says in explanation (that would be Norm Leggio, who bought the store in August of 1995). "He likes death metal. And face it," he says. "We're in East County."

Kmak wanders to the bins in back. "Oh see, there's still some..." he says as he leafs through a few dusty stacks containing Herman's Hermits, Stones, and Dave Clark Five albums wrapped in clear plastic protective sleeves. "Probably stuff from [Blue Meannie founder] Gary Shrum's old personal collection," he half mutters to himself.

"They're...charging so much for these records," Kmak says. "Some skateboard kid's not gonna want to spend 50 bucks for the Beatles' first record. He just wants Black Sabbath."

A young woman materializes from the dusky store's interior. She says her name is Summer. She looks like a Summer. With her red-blond hair, perfect smile, and perfect teeth, Summer could be a cheerleader — a cheerleader at, say, Gothic High, in the head-to-toe black she's wearing. Summer works at Blue Meannie, and she's curious about why I'm following Joel Kmak around the shop with a tape recorder. I explain that my assignment is to go record shopping with a local musician, and I point at Joel.

"Who's that playing?" Kmak asks of the metal band pummeling away at the house speakers. But before she can answer he says, "I saw White Zombie once, and now everything sounds like White Zombie."

"It's Behemoth," Summer says curtly. "Who started that growling thing?" "Chris Barnes started that," she claims. "Chris Barnes?" says Kmak. "He started the death metal growling?"

"He used to be in Cannibal Corpse," says Summer.

I ask if this is Summer's favorite music for real.

"Yeah, I like death metal," she smiles back, white teeth gleaming.

"But your first love is the Beatles," says Kmak, peering at her over the tops of his reading glasses. "Right?"

"Ummmm, actually not," she smiles.

I ask Summer to put on her favorite death metal record while Kmak and I shop.

"Sure," she says. "If I can find it."

I feel as if I've asked her to clean up her room.

"What do you like most about death metal?"

Kmak asks her.

"Double bass is my favorite.... I like the growling too."



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Joel Kmak in front of Lester Bangs's childhood apartment

"The growling?"

"Uh-huh."

"That's why Powerthud is not hip," Kmak says to me. "We don't have the growling. You'd think from the name, though, that people would think Powerthud was a death metal band."

The name "Powerthud" was taken from a mythical act mentioned in Country Dick's *Beat Farmers' Almanac*, a comic book the band created.

"Oh, you know what?" says Kmak, turning back to the bins while Summer goes to fetch her album. "This is probably my friggin' record." He holds up a sleeve that I can't see in the darkness. "This is one that I sold him [Shrum] for, like, 25 cents like an idiot when it was brand new. I got it from friggin' Tower Records when they used to have vinyl."

I look closer and see it's a Dave Clark Five album. There are a slew of Ricky Nelson records on the back wall. I don't ask if those are his too.

"I do have *Smell the Glove* [from *This Is Spinal Tap*] at home, and that to me is about as close as I come to death metal."

A Moody Blues album finds its way into Kmak's hands. He points out that they did not write their own hit "Go Now."

At about this point, the owner, Norm Leggio, joins us. He is wearing black baggies, socks, and sneakers; a short-sleeved black shirt is open over

a black T-shirt. His long hair is jet black, and he has dark tattoos scrolling up both forearms. Next to Leggio, Kmak and I, in jeans and polo shirts, look like golfers. I ask Leggio when he changed the store over to metal.

"It's always been metal," he says.

Hmm.

"I was walkin' home from school when I was ten, and I bought my first record from them," he offers. "Kiss *Destroyer*. Matter of fact, I have it up on the wall, and it's autographed by the band. Very first record I ever bought, for four bucks. That's what made me want to be in a band." That record ultimately made him want to sell records for a living as well, although he couldn't have known it at the time. "I started hangin' out there every day, and when I was 19 years old and recording with Psychotic Waltz [he is also a drummer], they hired me." Leggio has been there ever since.

"I eventually went on to buy the place." He plans to move Blue Meannie back to its original location a few blocks east one day soon. "They've always specialized in metal and punk. You could find all the classic rock stuff and all the Beatles stuff, but there was the underground metal that the chain stores wouldn't carry. Early Metallica, Venom, Slayer."

"Pretty good English punk section too," recalls Kmak.

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"Gary, Allen, and Mitch [Blue Meannie's original crew] definitely gave me a very good education in music," says Leggio. "It carried over into my drum playing. It was better than going to college."

We're back on the move, leaving Leggio to attend to a customer, and we migrate to the Meannie's poster section.

and Grossmont High Schools for the short time his parents lived here and playing a single gig — as a drummer.

"I'll take your word for that," he says. "Let's see, Roger Miller, for Christ's sake." We laugh.

"Rammstein. Now there's a band I can get into." Kmak turns more of the big pages.

"There you go — there's Lars," Kmak says, spotting the Metallica drummer on an early band album poster, then a Ringo Starr Allstars tour poster.

"Look," he says. "Joe

"Chris Barnes... started the death metal growling?"

There are jumbo reproductions of album covers hanging in those old-fashioned metal and plastic holders that are hinged on one end so you can turn the posters like pages in a giant book — old-fashioned, head shop-era stuff.

"Frank — you could have shaved," yells Kmak at a shot of Zappa in hot pants, hairs sprouting over the waistband. "Local boy. From San Diego, right?"

He did pass through here, I say.

"No. He's from here," insists Kmak.

Not exactly, I tell him. In his autobiography Zappa admits to attending Mission Bay

Walsh, Rick Danko, Levon Helm [the late Danko and Helm are both alumni of the Band]. Did I tell you I kissed Levon Helm at Croce's?"

No.

"We walk in, he's got friggin' Bobby Keyes [Rolling Stones] playing sax for him. Drunk as a skunk, and [Keyes is] standing right in front of me. Levon's little daughter came out and sang, cute little thing, but after the show I was so excited about seeing Levon that I went up and hugged him and gave him a big kiss, and [my friend] took a picture."

How did Helm take it?

"He was kind of taken aback." ■



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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

"The Rock That Stole Christmas" featuring **Korn** [104], **Sevendust** [122], and **Accident Experiment**: The Theatre at the San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, December 11, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Cagle: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, December 11, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

FRIDAY

Boney James: Pechanga Showroom, Friday, December 12, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

Pat Green: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 12, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"A Diva Christmas": Civic Theatre, Friday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

The Mavericks [764] and the **West Coast Pin-Ups** [422]: 4th & B, Saturday, December 13, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Radiators [244]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, December 13, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Rancid [163], **F-Minus**, and **Tiger Army**: SOMA, Monday, December 15, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

"Beatles Tribute Performance": Star Theatre, Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., 402 North Coast Highway 101, Oceanside. Recorded information, 858-558-4696.

TUESDAY

The Blind Boys of Alabama: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, December 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Shania Twain [771] and **Emerson Drive**: Cox Arena, Wednesday, December 17, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

For a new series of books about great rock albums, **Joe Pernice** wrote a novel about a teenager whose favorite record is *Meat Is Murder* by the Smiths. That says a lot about Pernice, and not only because his lyrics, like Morrissey's, are populated with doomed romantics. It's also telling because Pernice has a graduate degree in creative writing, is a published poet, and once expected to spend the rest of his days teaching and publishing fiction. Instead, he ended up in an indie-pop band.

He's hardly the only guy to have a promising academic career sidetracked by the devil's music, but Pernice also happens to be a songwriting genius and to

possess one of the most beautiful voices in rock. He first gained attention in a 1990s alt-country act called the Scud Mountain Boys. Late in the decade, the band became the **Pernice Brothers** and began playing orchestrated chamber pop. Somewhere along the way he also released a record as Chap-quiddick Skyline, as well as a solo record. Although signed to famous indie label Sub Pop, he jumped ship to set up his own label, Ashmont, and release his own records.

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Venice [432]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, December 18, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Wayne Newton: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, December 19, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Peter White and **Mindi Abair**: 4th & B, Friday, December 19, 345 B

Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli [228] and **Quetzal** [543]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 19, and Saturday, December 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Malo [600]: Grand Cabaret, Saturday, December 20, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Kinky: 4th & B, Sunday, December 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Pinback [398]: The Casbah, Sunday, December 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner

Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Maxi Priest [604]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 26, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Funk Brothers with **Joan Osborne** and **Darius Rucker**: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, December 27, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Steve Poltz [815] and the **Rugburns** [263]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, December 31, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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The Dragons [115] and **Sin Sin 77**: The Casbah, Wednesday, December 31, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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Reverend Horton Heat [215]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, January 1, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue,

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The Temptations: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, January 14, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Eric Johnson [458] and Tony Furtado: 4th & B, Wednesday, January 14, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Gaelic Storm: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, January 17, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

"Fiftieth Anniversary [181]: Rock Around the Clock" with **Bill Haley's Original Comets** and **Wanda Jackson [773]:** East County Performing Arts Center, Sunday, January 18, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Jordan Knight: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 21, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Jay Farrar and Canyon [145]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 21, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Maceo Parker [673]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, January 22, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Hilary Duff: Cox Arena, Sunday, January 25, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Paco de Lucía: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, January 31, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Travis: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, January 31, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

FEBRUARY

Josh Groban: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, February 2, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

B.B. King [927]: 4th & B, Tuesday, February 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band [707]: East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Erykah Badu [931] and Floetry: 4th & B, Thursday, February 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sting [431]: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, February 13, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Ralph Stanley & the Lonesome River Band [784]: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, February 13, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

"San Diego Brazil Carnival 2004": 4th & B, Saturday, February 14, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Olivia Newton-John: East County Performing Arts Center, Monday, February 16, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Linkin Park, P.O.D., Hoobastank [440], and Story of the Year: Cox Arena, Tuesday, February 17, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Bette Midler: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, February 18, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

George Jones: East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, February 18, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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Sarah Brightman: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 10, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

The Alley Catz: Epicentre
Backseat Love Affair: 'Canes
Bartender's Bible: The Casbah, Belly Up Tavern
The Biddy Bums: Lestat's Coffeehouse
The Big Wu: Winstons
Molly Blake: The Casbah
Buckfast Superbee [119]: Belly Up Tavern

The Buzzkill Romantics: The Casbah
Callbox: Brick By Brick
Champagne Kiss: The Casbah
Chosen: Epicentre
Crash Kills Four: The Kensington Club
Critical Me: 'Canes
Cursor: Epicentre
Dama: Dream Street
The Deere Johns: The Casbah
The Distillers: Soma
DTB: Epicentre
Earthless: The Kensington Club
The Enchanted [220]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Eyes of Fire: Brick By Brick
The Fever: The Casbah
The Golden Hill Ramblers: Belly Up Tavern
Hot Like a Robot [146]: The Kensington Club
The Incredible Moses Leroy [102]: The Casbah
IU: Dream Street
Jac: Dream Street
Jealous Sound [294]: The Casbah
Kingtone: Squid Joe's
Kissing Tigers: The Casbah
Knowlfish: Squid Joe's
Lacuna Coil: Brick By Brick
Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone Pub
Lighter: Surf N'Saddle
Louis XIV: The Casbah
The Lyndsay Diaries: Epicentre
Anya Marina [118]: Kelly's Pub, Belly Up Tavern
Mental: Club Kadan
Reeve Oliver: Belly Up Tavern
The Parker Theory: Soma, The Casbah
Particle: Belly Up Tavern

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

What became of the fine old tradition of Christmas caroling? Was caroling done in by the spread of the suburbs, the rot of the inner city, the arrival of karaoke? Southern California's lack of snow? Cultural ennui and our desire to celebrate everything television? Whatever the reason, it's no small loss. Aside from family and friends, the holidays are all about lights and music for me.

On that note, **Unsilent Night** enters its second year in San Diego. Composer **Phil Kline** originated the event in New York in 1992. From Kline's website: "It's like a Christmas caroling party except that we don't sing but rather carry boom boxes, each playing a separate tape, which is part of the

piece. In effect, we become a city-block-long stereo system." Unsilent Night will also be staged in Tallahassee, Vancouver, Berlin, and Philadelphia, all featuring the same Phil Kline composition — earthy, loopy, out-of-phase stuff from the Brian Eno/Steve Reich songbook.

Here, Unsilent Night embarks from the Gaslamp Trolley Station at Fifth and Harbor Drive on Saturday at 6:40 p.m. It's organized by Marcos Fernandes and the Trummerflora Collective. Fernandes suggests you arrive by trolley, as parking is expensive. The group will then walk to Horton Plaza (which takes about 40 minutes) carrying boom boxes blaring Kline's music for all in the Gaslamp to hear. Bring a portable tape player and fresh batteries; Trummerflora will provide copies of Kline's tape. Spectators without tape players are also welcome, says Fernandes, and the out-



UNSILENT NIGHT

ing is kid-friendly. "Phil Kline's ambient soundscapes become more magical and unpredictable with more tapes being played," Fernandes e-mails, "filling the air and seeming to come from all directions at once."

UNSILENT NIGHT, Begins at Gaslamp Trolley Station, Saturday, December 13, 6:40 p.m. Information, 619-299-5371.

The Pernice Brothers: The Casbah
Piece of Mind: Dream Street
Pocket Sized Planet: Winstons
Preezy: Epicentre
Prize Fight: The Kensington Club
Quarter Down: Dream Street
The Radiators [244]: 'Canes
Rancid [163]: Soma
Red Llama Dog: Winstons
The Red West: Soma
The Return of Mr. Black Shirt: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Rocket Summer: Epicentre
Saturn's Day: Dream Street

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Spell Toronto: Soma
The Sure Shot: Club Kadan
Tall: Brick By Brick

Tapwater: Winstons
Thicker Than Thieves [200]: Brick By Brick
This Holiday Life: Soma
Transit War: The Kensington Club
Trix: Club Kadan
Two Loons for Tea: Winstons
Underworld: Club Kadan
VIII Fraud: Brick By Brick
A Vital Few vs. the Trivial Many: Soma
Vue: The Casbah
Watashi Wa: Epicentre
Wither: Brick By Brick

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

AC/DSHE: 'Canes
The Atomic Punks: 'Canes
Beston in the Kitchen: Winstons
Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill
Brain Bucket: Tiki House, Winstons
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The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub

New Monsoon: Winstons

Pat Green: Belly Up Tavern

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Jackson 3: Surf N' Saddle

The CeeCee James Band: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Jiggawatt: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

The Late Late Show: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Ledesma Brothers: The Latin Room

George Lynch: Brick By Brick

Billy Midnight [414]: The Ould Sod, Belly Up Tavern

The Millionaires [416]: The Casbah

Nadro John: Dick's Last Resort

The Noise Boys: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

Red Handed: The Kraken

Reflex: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)

The Rock Trio: Kelly's Pub

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The Stiletto's: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Tall Dudes: El Cajon Grand Cocktail Lounge

Triple X: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

Trophy Wife [555]: Kelly's Pub

Tubby: Brick By Brick

Valley Area: California Club

The West Coast Pin-Ups [422]: Kelly's Pub, 4th & B

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Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel
Paradise: Squid Joe's
Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Peter Robberecht/Pianoman /622/: Dakota Grill and Spirits

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce /711/: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
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The Aubrey Fay Band: Red Fields Lounge
Hollis Gentry /644/: Coyote Bar and Grill
Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Bayou Bar & Grill
Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado
Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado
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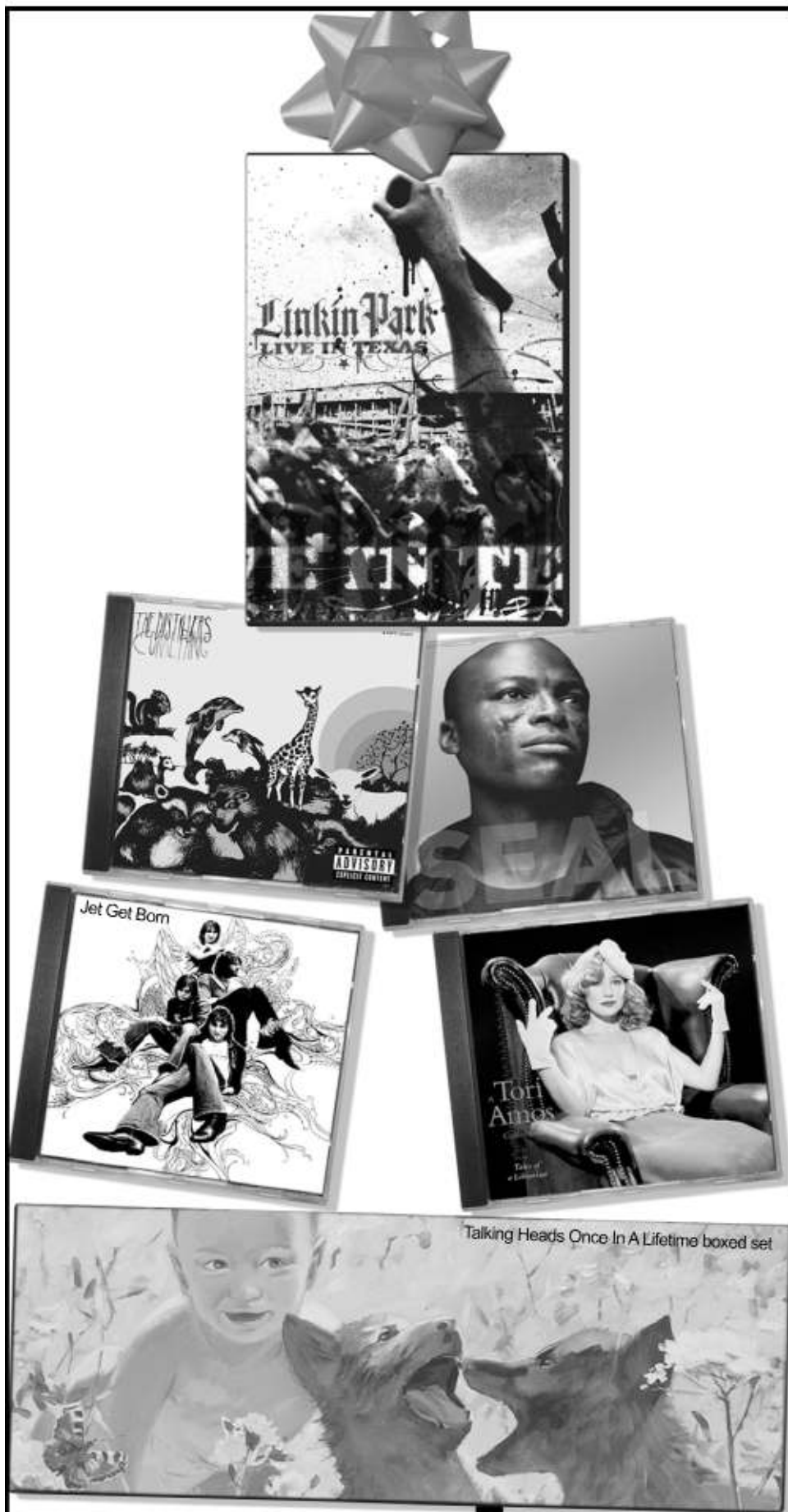


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David Negrete: Dizzy's
Nostalgia: Kalahari Cafe
Orquesta Guarare: Sevilla
Pacific Brass & Electric: Viejas Casino
Sue Palmer [641]: Caffè Calabria
Primo: Belly Up Tavern, Croce's Jazz Bar
Rick Ross: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Melanie Sacalamitao: Dizzy's

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
Dylan Savage: Dizzy's
Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Ron Siegrist Trio: The Doubletree Hotel (Del Mar)
Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's
Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza
Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

The Third Coast Jazz Band: Lestat's Coffeehouse
3rd Track: Jimmy Love's
The Barry Allen Trio: Pasquale on Prospect
The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Marriott Hotel
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NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
The Shocks of Mighty: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash [761]: Belly Up Tavern
The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club
Hill Country: Renegade Inn
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Steve Pulver: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
Ron's Garage: Island Sports & Spirits, Dick's Last Resort
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BLUES / SOUL

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Patrick's II
The Backwater Blues Band: Patrick's II
Blue 44: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Blue Four [943]: Patrick's II
The Blues Brokers: The Kraken
The Blues Invaders: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
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Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Shooters Bar and Grill, Chateau Orleans, Bayou Bar & Grill
Fairfield Fats: Tiki House

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Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
Robin Henkel [914]: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Int'l Silver Strings Submarine Band: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: The Kraken, Patrick's II
Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise
The Rockin' Blues Hounds: Don's Cocktail Lounge
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Bottoms Up: Fridays, good vibes, house, breaks, drum 'n' bass, hip-hop. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tivolis, corner of Sixth Avenue and Island Street, Gaslamp. 619-232-6754.

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Cask 'N' Cleaver: Sundays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., DJ Doctor Swing spins the best dance music from the '40s, '50s, and '60s. 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-451-8805.

Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan P, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.

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Dub Dynamite: Mondays, reggae in a dub style — roots, stepper, and UK with Kid Natty and Lionel Judah. No cover. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop and R&B; DJ battles feature underground hip-hop and B-boy showdown on the patio. High school and college

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Heaven: Sundays, DJs Infinity, Golden Boy Mike, Garrett S., and more spin house, progressive, and trance. 9 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.

Locals Only: Tuesdays, '70s, '80s, and dance music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Local, 1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-4447.

MixLab: Sundays, DJ Dex's eclectic "listening session": jazz 'n' abstract, alt hip-hop, downtempo sonics, future soul, and ultraglobal vibes. Starts at 8 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover.

Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies: Fridays, *The Red Room*, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 with DJs D-Skwiz and Enigma. Saturdays, *Saturday Night Mix*, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma, Nick, and Big Dude. No cover. 909 Prospect Street, Suite 290 (upstairs), La Jolla. 858-454-9664.

Plush Fridays: Room 1: Top 40, hip-hop, and R&B. Room 2: dancehall. Room 3: house, hard house, and progressive. Fridays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aubergine, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins dirty South, hip-hop, and reggae. Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, retro, and Latin dance with Boy Toy Jesse. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, disco, alternative, and classic hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

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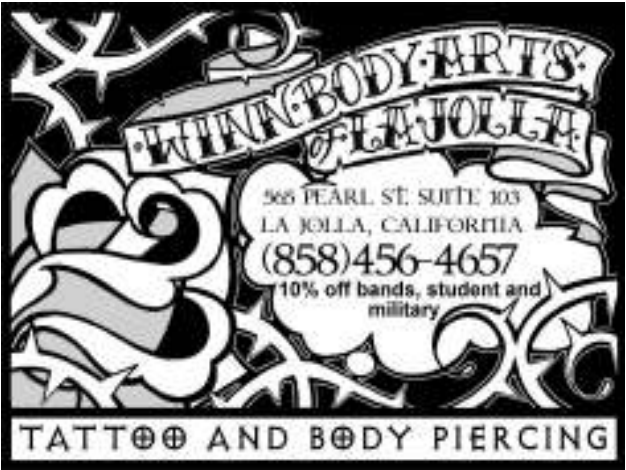
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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Brain Bucket*, rock. Friday, *Fairfield Fats*, blues. Saturday, *the Fremonts*, blues. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open acoustic night.

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California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Friday, *Skydiver*, *Sloe*, and *Valley Area*, rock/alternative.

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The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Boogiemens*, R&B.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Soul Persuaders*, funk, soul. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, dance/disco. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, live jazz. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Friday and Saturday, *Reflex*, rock.

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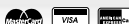
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"This is the only Korean restaurant that I know of around here where they use wood charcoal for barbecue," said my friend Sang, speaking of Boo Cho. "All the other Korean places have gas grills," he added. "It just doesn't taste the same." Sang is a Korean-American foodie who eats out frequently, so I take his word for it.

Boo Cho is located a block east of Convoy on Engineer Road, in an industrial area that goes dark at night. You can't miss it — its mini-mall is the only bright spot on the block. You enter through a pleasantly austere anteroom with a standing ashtray, a couch, a scattering of Korean leaflets, and adjacent restrooms (large and clean). The restaurant itself is plain and bright, furnished with booths sized to seat four without elbow wars. Each table has a large grill pit smack in the center, with huge vent hoods looming high above them. The vents kick on automatically when they sense smoke and can make quite a roar when the room is full of grillers.

The flavors of Korean cooking are big and bold. Korea (whose language, oddly enough, is closely related to Finnish and Hungarian), is a hilly-to-mountainous peninsula jutting from northern China into the chilly Sea of Japan. The number of foodstuffs that will grow in that environment is limited, similar to Northern Europe. (Think root vegetables, cabbages, and grains.) But unlike, say, the Finns, Koreans lend excitement to their meals with powerful jolts of garlic, hot pepper, scallions (green onions), soy sauce, rice wine, and fermented soybeans (which taste something like blue cheese). With ocean on three sides, seafood is the mainstay of home cooking, but most Korean restaurants emphasize barbecued meat.

This hearty, up-front cuisine should be more familiar to Western eaters who hanker for teriyaki or Thai. But few Americans have even tried it — mainly because the U.S. allowed very little Korean immigration until 1965. Since then, about 20,000 Koreans have arrived each year, settling mainly in L.A., with additional colonies in New York, San Francisco, and Chicago (where Sang arrived as a toddler). But Korea has historically been a relatively isolated culture so, unlike Thai and Vietnamese immigrants, only a few of the newcomers opened restaurants. Aside from a handful of deluxe eateries in L.A., their restaurants have catered primarily to Koreans and Korean-Amer-



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icans. Generally, they use a milder mixture of red peppers than restaurants in Seoul. Rich Lang, writing about Korean food in *Saveur*, learned from the president of the L.A.-based Korean Restaurant Coalition that this toning down isn't aimed at attracting Anglos but at pleasing long-time immigrant and second-generation palates that have lost their taste for hellfire.

Every Korean meal starts with numerous little plates of side dishes and relishes (called *pan chan*, a.k.a. *pan chen* or *banchan*). These make a Korean dinner seem like a celebration. The best-known relish is *kim chee*, spicy pickled cabbage, but that's only one of a multitude. The number of *pan chan* served at the start of a dinner is a mark of esteem. Ordinary family meals often include just three dishes (or *chops*). When there's an especially honored guest present (or in the more deluxe Korean restaurants), there may be a dozen side dishes — but who's counting? Well, Korean diners do. The specialness of the meal is rated by the *chops*. My boyfriend and I, arriving first, received five dishes to go

with our drinks, but when Sang and Lynne arrived, the servers brought more, bringing us up to a nine-*chop* dinner.

Our favorite was zucchini tempura topped with sesame seeds. There were also ginger-pickled radishes, and scallion pancakes, and delicious rolled miniature omelets filled with scallion tops. Pickled kelp looked like string beans but had a texture like jellyfish and the flavor of seaweed. There were dark brown *agar-agar* gelatin cubes that looked and tasted like eggplant, not to mention zucchini in hot sauce, a clear miso soup with scallion greens, plus a sort of Waldorf East salad of broccoli, apple, and mayo. There was also a green salad with sesame dressing and a touch of hot pepper. "This is a westernized dish," said Sang. "It's not just westernized for Americans but also for Korean-Americans who've gotten used to having lettuce salads in restaurants."

Boo Cho's main raison d'être is its barbecue. In its previous incarnation as a karaoke joint, the restaurant used the same gas grills as other

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue

★★½ (good to very good)

7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585.

HOURS: Monday–Friday, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m., 5:00–10:00 p.m., Saturday, 11:30 a.m.–10:00 p.m., Sunday 5:00–10:00 p.m.

PRICES: Barbecue dishes, \$14–\$21; other menu items, \$9–\$17. Numerous side dishes included in entrée price.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Korean tabletop barbecue over charcoal, plus hearty soups, stews, rice dishes. Korean beer, rice wine, and rice liquor (*Yip Se Joo*) available.

PICK HITS: Marinated barbecued short ribs (*galbi*) or other barbecued meat; pancakes.

NEED TO KNOW: Free parking. Signs from a previous incarnation say "Cocktails" and "Karaoke"; neither remains accurate. Korean meals are served all at once, but once the barbecue grill starts, there's no table room for anything else. If you want an appetizer or soup course, order it first, and partway through eating it, order the next course.

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Korean restaurants. Two years ago, Hae Young, who moved here from Arizona three years ago, bought the place and changed its name. One of her first acts was to turn off the gas jets and switch to ropy hunks of charcoal, inserted into the same tabletop grills. The advantage, besides flavor, is that the temperature is more predictable, bringing less danger of overcooking the meat. The cooktop is slightly domed, so that the grease drips to the sides, not onto the wood. This arrangement keeps the grill from becoming overwhelmingly

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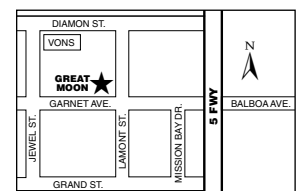
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smoky (and keeps the exhaust fan at bay). The kitchen offers a wide range of choices — from beef to pork to organ meats to duck. Of course, they serve up Korea’s most famous grilled meats: *bulgogi* (lean beef strips) and *galbi* (short ribs, the meat surgically sliced into long thin strips). For steak fans there’s also “Agnus [*sic*] prime sirloin” (*seng dung shim gui*), and daring deli lovers can choose beef tongue. Yet more adventurous sounding is *sam gyup sal*, described as “Barbequed Berkshire pork skinless valley from Canada named black line sliced as bacon style” [*sic*]. What they mean by “valley” is pork belly — uncured fresh bacon. (Perhaps “Black Lion” is the name of the brand they use.) If you’re fond of the twice-cooked pork served at Sichuan restaurants, this is that same flavorful, fat-streaked cut.

We began with duck breast and shouldn’t have, because (like many mountain folks) Koreans value fowl more for their eggs than their flesh. “My aunt says, ‘Never eat chicken in a Korean restaurant. You want chicken, go to a Chinese place,’ ” said Sang. A female

chef (in Korea many restaurant chefs are women) emerged from the kitchen and chopped up an unmarinated skin-on duck breast into small pieces, placing the tidbits on the grill. The first pieces, when the charcoal was hottest, came out best, but in later pieces the fatty skin never crisped up. We decided that this expensive item isn’t worth the price.

For our order of *galbi*, the same cook reemerged from the kitchen with a plate of short rib bones wrapped in long, thin strips of their marinated meat. Expert slicing at an angle to the grain (like Chinese stir-fry) made the beef tender, and the marinade was a fine balance of rice wine, sugar, garlic, and a sparing touch of soy sauce — the best and subtlest Korean marinade I’ve yet encountered. The cook placed some of the meat on the grill, handed us a pair of tongs, and went back to the kitchen, leaving us to turn it and cook it to the doneness we wanted. The charcoal heat was now low enough that the task was easy.

Barbecue dishes come with a plate of raw peeled garlic cloves and jalapeño peppers. Koreans in the homeland may use them raw, but most of us find them easier to enjoy after they’ve spent a minute or two on the grill. You also get a heap of leaf lettuce and a bowl of rice for each diner. The way to eat Korean

“Q” is to lay out a lettuce leaf and top it with a little rice. Place your meat over that, and dress it with garlic and/or jalapeño if you like, and with one or more of the sauces: a paste of fermented soy beans, a bland light sesame broth, and a slightly sweet, mild dark sauce also based on soybeans. Roll up the lettuce, chomp, and enjoy.

You probably didn’t notice, but I didn’t mention putting the lettuce on a plate. Our waiter, a young man with a teenager’s tormented complexion, didn’t bring us any plates, and even the rice bowls didn’t arrive until well after the first round of barbecue was cooked. I’d guess he is someone’s nephew, and I’m sure he has a bright future ahead of him if he studies engineering, computer technology, or actually anything but restaurant craft.

We further disturbed his tranquility by expressing interest in entrées other than barbecue, which seemed to violate our lad’s programming. “What kind of fish eggs are in the fish roe soup?” we asked. He looked around helplessly for a moment, but the owner had stepped out. Finding no other staffer in asking distance, he answered, “I don’t know anything about Korean food; don’t ask me.”

Another thing he didn’t tell us is that you don’t want to

order barbecue and any other entrée at the same time. If you do, you’re going to end up like we did — with more plates, tureens, bowls, and saucers than can fit on the table, especially with the grill running. The menu at Boo Cho is not in Western order. The dishes aren’t grouped by courses but by cooking technique. That should have warned us. Although there are three family-style combination dinners on the menu (from \$49 to \$69), they’re written in Korean, alas. (I later learned that they include soup, an assortment of barbecue meats, and drinks.) When we placed our à la carte order (for six dishes), the young man asked, “Is that all?”

“Isn’t that enough?” asked Lynne.

“Oh yeah, that’s a lot,” he said.

As the food was delivered, it dawned on us that Koreans don’t eat in courses, but serve the whole meal simultaneously — and that at Boo Cho, all dishes are sized as “hungry man” entrées. With our nine little *pan chan* dishes and the hot grill occupying most of the tabletop real estate, once our complete order arrived, getting a taste of anything — much less everything — became a frantic exercise in plate-and-tureen choreography.

Sang often lunches at the restaurant, and he wanted to

introduce us to *hae mui pa jun*, a pancake filled with scallions and a mixture of seafood. “That’s hard to find on Korean restaurant menus,” he said. Korean pancakes are quite different from the Western version, with a texture more like an egg-white omelet — light, moist, a little gooey. They’re made with little or no egg but feature Korean wheat flour that’s milled extra fine to readily absorb moisture. They’re rapidly cooked in layers of batter, filling, and more batter, and are browned only on the second side, so they stay soft inside. I found this version a delight, with its stuffing of tender octopus, squid, shrimp, and scallion greens.

There are two types of fish on the menu, black cod (a.k.a. sable) and yellow corvina (sea bass), both prepared the same two ways. Since those are among my favorite species, I chose one cooked by each method. Spicy steamed black cod and vegetables (*eundaegu jorim*) arrived in a large bowl with tongs for serving the solids. It had slices of flaky fish — but watch out for all the tiny bones! — intermingled with thin triangular slabs of tofu, plus sliced gobo turnips and cooked scallion greens in a moderately spicy, coral-colored sauce. (Whether or not the fish was steamed, the rest was a braise.) Sang thought the sauce had been tamed in its

spiciness for the American palate, but it seemed plenty zesty to the rest of us. We chose the spicy soup, *jogi chim*, for the corvina. The flavor was similar to the braise, but considerably hotter. This dish, too, included slices of tofu, but the fish here was distinctly fishy tasting (bespeaking some fridge age), and the pieces were masses of prickly bones — probably fish heads. Incidentally, although your place is set with chopsticks, the implement Koreans use for eating rice and casseroles like these is a soup spoon.

I asked Sang how he’d compare Boo Cho to the better-known Convoy Street restaurants, Seoul and Korea House. “They’ve all made some adaptations for American taste,” he said, “but this one is the least compromised.”

The waiter, bringing the check, tried for the last word. “People who come here don’t order barbecue and soup in the same meal,” he scolded. “One or the other.”

“But we wanted it all!” said Lynne, passionately.

Know what? Teenage service or no, there’s going to be a next time. We’ll start with the mysterious fish-egg soup, and when we’ve tasted it, we’ll call the waiter back over and order up some “barbequed Berkshire skinless valley.” Inquiring palates need to know. ■



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Guess I said it out loud.

Guy looks around. "Huh?"

"Nothing, man," I say. "Just an old poem I know."

What sets me waxing lyrical with Coleridge's ode to opium 'n' sex is a big sign. "GREAT KHAN's Mongolian Festival." It's at the far end of the food hall and the ice-skating area of this Westfield mall. Oh, man. Mongolian food. Ever since I had to learn that poem at 14, I've had this Mongolian fantasy of riding hell-bent for leather across the steppes with the Great Khans, grabbing up beautiful female prisoners into the saddle, slaughtering yaks for wild nights of wine, women, song...

Yeah, right. Truth is, I have half an hour till my steed, the 34 bus, takes off, heading south. And I'm hungry. Been checking out other mall-rat eateries, like Saigon Noodles, Star of India, Backyard Grill, Steak Escape, Aladdin's Mediterranean, before I came to the Great Khan's, with its big curvy counter ending in a circular cooking area. Here's the interesting part about the Mongol deal: a huge round grill plate to cook things on, maybe three feet in diameter, fills most of the circle. A chef is somewhere there in the smoke, throwing scads of meat and veggies

onto the giant griddle, tossing in liquids, and swishing them around with yard-long chopsticks.

Instructions on the wall tell you what to do:

1. Pay the cashier

2. Grab a bowl

3. Pile on meats and veggies

4. Add noodles

5. Take it to the grill

6. Your entrée's ready!!

The wall also says you have a choice of two deals. For \$5.95 you get the basic "Mongolian BBQ." For \$6.95 you get "The

Works," the barbecue plus miso soup and a bowl of rice. I come up to the cashier, Claudia (Mexican-American, not Mongolian), and ask for the Works.

I pay my money, Claudia gives me a bowl, and I fall in line behind this kid. Jerry. Oh, boy, can I learn from him. "There's a science to this," he says. First we come to four cold chafing dishes filled with frozen meats. Shaved slices. Stiff curved tubes of them. Beef, chicken, turkey, pork. "They say the Mongols used to slice meat like this with their razor-sharp sword blades when they were eating in the field," Jerry says. "Learned that in history." So he picks out maybe half a dozen curls of meat and lays them up vertically around the bowl. He gets four more and props them out higher, between the first lot. That's just doubled the capacity of the bowl.

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Now he moves on to the veggies, grabs tongs, and starts hauling in cabbage, pineapple, celery, broccoli, cucumber, sprouts, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, green onions, tomatoes, cilantro, tofu, hot pepper slices, and water-chestnut slices. He takes his monster pile to Claudia, who's raced down here to help out. She doesn't even blink. He asks her to add some garlic sauce, some "Great Khan's sauce" (ginger, barbecue sauce, and vinegar, says Claudia), and half a spoon of "screaming" hot sauce (they have medium too).

Claudia hands the plate to Mario, the chef. Mario upends it onto his maxo griddle table, and while the veggies hiss, he fills Jerry's bowl with big wheat noodles and throws them on too. He splots gallons of teriyaki sauce over the top of it all and *clack-clacks* the mess around the hot plate with his big sticks. Then he grabs a polystyrene box and, in one masterful sweep, slides the lot into the box. Doesn't spill a thing.

So, wow. Basically I try and pull the same stacking trick as Jerry did, except my engineering isn't as good. A collapse occurs. Still, I get a lot, and by the time Mario hands me the cooked result, I've got me one heavy boxload.

A couple at the next table are splitting their one box. "Believe me," says the guy, Bob, "Carol

and I fill up on one box. It's enough."

I find out Bob's right. The noodly, meaty, saucy mess is filling as heck. It's also hot. Spicy hot. I had a full spoon of the "screaming" hot sauce. But it kick-starts the old imagination. I'm back in the saddle. This is the way Kublai and his granddad Genghis Khan cooked, back in, say, 1221 A.D.: big griddle, lots of shaved meat and all. The food must have worked. Those Mongols ended up creating the greatest land empire ever seen, before or since. I mean, they conquered everything from Manchuria to Poland. From Moscow to Iran. Asia was theirs. And they kept the whole thing together with no phones, no trains, just ponies.

It's time to leave the pleasure dome. This thing has me beat anyway. I didn't even need the rice and soup. Plus I've still got half the box left, with plenty of juices. Carla's gonna love me for this. So that'll be like two \$3.00 meals. Not bad. I mean, yes, it's a mall rat's joint. But I like the idea of a one-dish restaurant. No decisions, and for sure everything is fresh and fresh-cooked.

Uh-oh. Now I see they are a franchise. Outlets stretch all over, from here to L.A. to Vegas. Makes you wonder: Are the Mongols about to conquer the Americas now? ■

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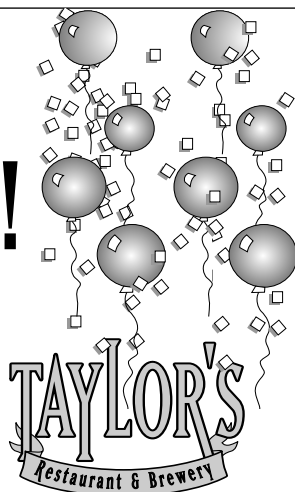
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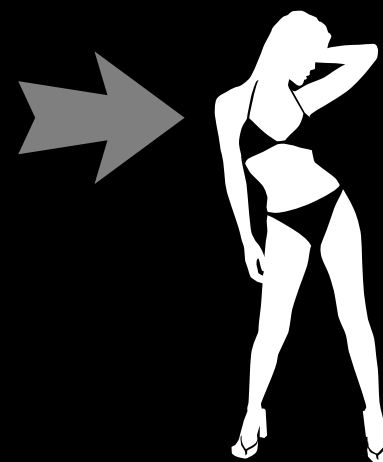
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John McDonnell and his wife Gail moved to Rancho Santa Fe from the East Coast in 1998, bringing with them a formidable collection of wine that included stars from the constellations of Bordeaux, Burgundy, the Rhone, Italy, and California — to name a few. They bought a home that was still under construction and saw to it that the finished product included a proper cellar, one big enough to hold around 12,000 of John's favorite bottles (the rest were stored professionally offsite).

Over the next five years, McDonnell continued to collect, deepening the cellar he had begun five years earlier. "When you start off, you tend to buy mid-price product and build into new releases. Over time, you're constantly adding to that, because there's a new vintage every year. Every year, as a matter of course, I would buy all of the first-growth Bordeaux. I would generally buy x number of cases of magnums, and then I would always buy three six-liter bottles of each of them." (The highly touted 2000 vintage from Bordeaux proved an exception; in that case, he bought over 100 cases.) Once that pattern was in place, however, "Acquiring a lot of the very old, special bottles became more of the chase."

McDonnell is not a speculative collector — he has never bought wine intending to sit on it and sell, though he always knew he wouldn't ever get around to drinking every drop he bought. He ad-

mits to enjoying the simple ownership of "conversation pieces" but notes that he's had some "that moved from the conversation stage to the consumption stage. At the right time, we'll open them. At the turn of the century, we were drink-

ing 1900 Bordeaux and 1900 Port, things like that." He is fairly certain that he has actually tasted an example of every wine in his collection and is happy to pull corks for his friends. "At least twice a month we do a dinner party with generally between 10 and 20 people." For his 50th, "We flew in 80

people from all around the world and held a five-day event" at which many large-format bottles were drained. And even when it's a quiet night at home, "I'll generally open a bottle of either Cabernet or Pinot Noir and drink a couple of glasses, half the bottle. Then I'll cork it and have the other half the next night."

Still, the pleasure of collecting was not simply anticipatory, a prelude to the pleasure of consuming. Collecting involved "the thrill of the chase, trying to find those elusive bottles. Trying to build a theme, or a vertical, or a particular region. That's really the thrill of it. I talk to between four and six wine brokers a day. There are always some gems around, and there's a little high that goes along with being able to get those gems." Getting brokers to offer him those gems before they called anybody else was the fruit of years

spent building relationships, acting as "a volume buyer in dollar terms" and never chasing price over provenance.

When you are dealing with older wine, storage history is crucial. If the storage facility was too warm, too dry, too light, or subject to too much temperature variation or too much vibration, the wine may be damaged or even spoiled. McDonnell found brokers who could verify the history of a bottle's storage, who physically inspected wines before purchase, and who often as not sourced wine directly from the chateau or winery that produced it. There is still some measure of risk — "when you're buying a wine that's from 1890-something, there's only so far back you can go. But I feel very good about the pedigree of all the wines I have."

When the time came for McDonnell to retire, he had to ask himself, "When you live in Rancho Santa Fe, where do you go?" The answer seemed to be Hawaii, but he discovered that that meant the loss of his wine collection. "The logistics of moving almost 18,000 bottles of wine is just a nightmare," he says, "particularly to Hawaii." Add to that Hawaii's lack of professional storage facilities, the unsuitableness of his prospective home for building a wine cellar, and the taxes involved in importing wine into the 50th state, and you have good reason to let go, however painful the separation.

After some consideration, he decided to go with an auction. "It was a difficult play for him," says Zachys auctioneer and senior adviser Ursula Hermacinski. "He could have made the cellar available to his friends. Many people had said to him over the years, 'If you ever want to sell anything...'" Auction was chosen "just to make it a lot more fair across the board."

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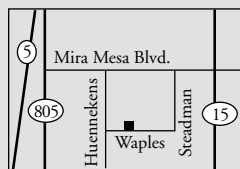
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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast
Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252.
This "Calypso" has nothing to do with
Caribbean music (or food), despite its
tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is
French, ranging from old warhorses
like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-
fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim
hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière*
(seared tuna pizza). The traditional
dishes are generally the most success-
ful. Mussels are the house specialty, and
their rapid turnover here ensures fresh-
ness. Although there's nothing revolu-
tionary coming from this kitchen, the
cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner
nightly, reservations advised. Upper
moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Del Mar Pizza 211 15th Street, Del
Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard
about, dreamed about, or were merely
curious about New York pizza, the best
local practitioner is now in Del Mar,
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hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza
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the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant
also available, as well as cannoli for
dessert. Open daily, lunch to early din-
ner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast
Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800.
An enduring hit in Encinitas (where
there's no shortage of Italian restau-
rants), I Trulli serves modern Italian
food with fashionable new ingredients.
The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian
Cuisine," resembles the somewhat am-
bitious, generically "northern Italian"
bills of fare that you encounter all over
Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact,
a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Ar-
riverderci.) The signifiers of serious-
ness are the pink peppercorns, goat
cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light
cream sauces that coexist with the more
traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce
arrays. Best bets are the daily specials,
which offer the greatest chance for fresh
ingredients and creativity. Busy,
cramped, painfully loud inside. Street
patio next to highway is also noisy. Re-
serve for dinner on weekends or expect
an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and
dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad
Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's
New York pizza only here. "People
back East are more traditional," says
owner James, the ex-boxer, an old spar-
ring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in
Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick
crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't
do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,'
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crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and “whitestone” (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the “Bronx Special,” an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker’n one of James’s right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Paul’s Place 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald’s or Wendy’s (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it’s no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

St. Tropez 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (salade niçoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there’s a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. “Eat Healthy, Feel Good” is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat “Maui chicken” skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher’s shop. It’s a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the “*Es ist Wunderbar!*” sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John’s all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Vigilucci’s 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant’s motto, “a little piece of Italy,” is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that’s Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with

What the Chef Eats

LAMB CHOPS WITH PISTACHIO-MUSTARD CRUST AND MUSHROOM BREAD PUDDING

BY BERNARD GUILLAS

Executive Chef, Marine Room, La Jolla

This recipe has been a signature dish of mine since I was working at the U.S. Grant Hotel. It was one of the staples. I could not change it. They said, “Don’t touch that dish!” The addition that we have been playing with for the past three years is to do a bread pudding because puddings are great and this bread pudding is done with wild mushrooms, which really caters to the fall and winter times. It is also very easy to put together.

The good thing about the pudding is that you can prepare it in advance. You can do it the day before and reheat it, no trouble. Actually the mushrooms will continue to infuse into the pudding. As a substitution, if you don’t

have brioche you can use Hawaiian bread. The chanterelle mushrooms you should be able find at Whole Foods, and sometimes you can even find them at Vons or Ralphs, depending where you are. You don’t need to use chanterelles. You could delete the chanterelles and substitute with button mushrooms or cremini mushrooms that you find very easily.

Regarding the porcini powder, you can find dry porcini pretty much in all the fine grocery stores. You put the dry porcini into a spice grinder and grind it and that’s it. You’ve got the powder. It doesn’t have to be perfect powder. It can be rough.

Black Muscat should be easy to find at Beverages

& More. If you have trouble locating black Muscat, substitute a ruby Port. Not an expensive ruby Port, just any ruby Port wine. As soon as you start cooking the alcohol you will lose quite a bit of the flavor. You keep the essence, but not all the wine. When we do any sauces we will finish it with a little dash of the alcohol so it doesn’t evaporate and it stays right there. You really can taste it. It’s a good trick.

White asparagus, I’ve got to tell you, I’ve found it at Vons, I’ve found it at Ralphs. Fresh. I was surprised. I also found it at Stater Brothers. Otherwise you can substitute with fresh green asparagus. Get the nice big ones.

I did this recipe for



my girlfriend’s birthday, and it was the first time many of the guests had really tasted the warm mushroom bread pudding, and it was gone. Everybody ate the whole thing.

Wines I would recommend to serve with this dish, I would say, a really nice Pinot Noir, like a Rocchioli. It’s very good. Or I would go for a Shiraz from Australia, maybe the Grant Burge Shiraz. Actually, Custodian Grenache from D’Arenberg in Australia is a well-balanced, pretty, and big Grenache. It’s not a wine that’s very well



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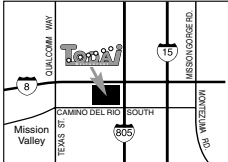
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HOW TO DO IT
Mushroom bread pudding: Preheat oven to 350°. Butter a 9-by-12 baking dish. Heat olive oil in a heavy skillet over high heat. Sauté mushrooms for two minutes, until liquid evaporates. Season with salt and pepper. Remove mushrooms from skillet with a slotted spoon and combine them with brioche cubes in the buttered baking dish. Place the shallots in the skillet. Cook over medium heat without browning. Deglaze pan with white Port, and reduce the liquid by half. Pour in the cream. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat. In a separate mixing bowl, beat eggs until well combined. Gradually pour the cream, herbs, and porcini powder into the eggs, stirring. Season with sea salt and

pepper. Pour egg mixture over the top of mushroom-brioche mixture. It is very important to be sure that all of the bread is saturated with the custard. Cover tightly with foil. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until set.
Honey stone-ground mustard pistachio crust: In a mixing bowl blend stone-ground mustard and honey. Set aside. In another mixing bowl toss almonds and pistachios together. Set aside.
Lamb: Preheat oven to 450°. Season chops on both sides with salt and pepper. Heat olive oil in a heavy skillet. Sear chops until medium rare. Remove chops (save the pan for the next preparation) and place on baking sheets. Spread top of chops with honey mustard. Sprinkle with pistachio/ almond mix. Set aside while making the sauce. Once the sauce (see

following) is prepared, place the chops in a hot 450° oven for one to two minutes to obtain a golden pistachio/ almond crust.
Black Muscat preserved fig sauce: Remove excess oil from the pan used for searing the lamb. Sauté the shallots until translucent. Pour in the black Muscat and sherry vinegar. Continue cooking until reduced by half. Add beef stock and preserved figs. Cook and reduce by half again. Incorporate sweet butter and thyme and season to taste with salt and pepper.
Garnish: Heat a small pot of water to a boil. Blanch chives by submerging in boiling water for a few seconds, just until they soften. Remove immediately to a colander and drain under cold running water. Tie two white asparagus, two green asparagus, and four baby

carrot halves with two blanched chives to form a bundle. Repeat to make six bundles. One by one, place each vegetable bundle in boiling water for 15 seconds. Remove from water. Drain.
To serve, on a warm serving plate, place wedge of mushroom bread pudding at 2 o'clock, then place two lamb chops leaning on the left side of the wedge. Ladle sauce around the chops. Lean a vegetable bundle against lamb chops on right side of plate. Garnish with thyme sprig.
This recipe serves six. Bon appetit!

INGREDIENTS
Bread pudding:
1 tablespoon butter
¼ cup olive oil
½ pound shiitake mushrooms, sliced
½ pound oyster mushrooms, sliced
½ pound portobello mushrooms,

sliced
½ pound chanterelle mushrooms, sliced
1-pound loaf brioche, crust removed, cut into 1-inch cubes (can substitute Hawaiian bread)
¼ cup shallots, finely chopped
½ cup white Port
3 cups heavy cream
5 eggs
1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
1 tablespoon chervil, chopped
1 teaspoon thyme, chopped
2 tablespoons porcini powder (see discussion above)
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Honey stone-ground mustard pistachio crust:
3 tablespoons stone-ground mustard
2 tablespoons honey
½ cup pistachios, chopped
¼ cup almonds, toasted and chopped
Lamb:
2 racks of lamb, cut into 12 chops, trimmed and frenched

sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons olive oil
Black Muscat preserved fig sauce:
1 teaspoon shallots, minced
¼ cup black Muscat
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
1 cup beef stock
¼ cup preserved figs (sun-dried figs), quartered (if unavailable, substitute regular dried figs)
1 teaspoon sweet (unsalted) butter
½ teaspoon fresh thyme, finely chopped
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Garnish:
12 sprigs chives
12 spears white asparagus, steamed
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12 baby carrots, steamed, cut in half
6 sprigs fresh thyme

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honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W. (10/01)*

The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommy-burgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only “extra lean” meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, 858-693-3663. “The name ‘Bolsa’ isn’t Vietnamese,” says Kim Trang. “It’s Spanish for ‘bag.’” She’s playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam’s most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We’re talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Delicias 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

Miiki Japanese Restaurant And Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You’ll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can’t watch the chef. If you’re in the area, don’t miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Faire, Escondido, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Hide Away Cafe 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach café. You have to look

carefully down the tiny tree-shaded street to spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It’s a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. The sidewalk is under reconstruction right now, so it’s doubly hidden away — you’ll have to reach it through the back side. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and Jack cheese. Or the delicious “Kaleidoscope”: scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin-nut bread. Breakfast and lunch only, open daily to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Tony’s Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales’s wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the “La Colonia” combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And “Jacal”? It means “shack.” Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

LA JOLLA

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. “The cheese trade is dead,” says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its “overstuffed” meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you’re into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Daily’s Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that’s low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego’s first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast à l’orange, with “early bird” bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

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Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich “Hot Creamy Oatmeal” with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

India Palace 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — *N.W.* (6/01)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the “in” spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbng crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and “pannwiches” such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Sushi On The Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of “rock and rolls” —

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huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with

deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brick, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to

walk there, be ready for lack of side-walks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 848-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

The Good Egg 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy Street), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several

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New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

THE BEACHES

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crabcakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous

service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

Jared's 880 East Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-5030. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First-rate bread and bread pudding. Dinner only, Wednesday through Sunday. Reservations required. Expensive. — E.W.

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 825 Garnet Street (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full

of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a “Peace Blossom,” or boarding his Italian “*Treno della Pace*.” Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped “Neatloaf” bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, “Infinite Blue” (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Mama's Bakery And Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not “fast food,” but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajj*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (1/99)

Vesuvio Gourmet 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade.



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Aswan 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell), La Mesa, 619-464-7100. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant “where the Mississippi meets the Nile.” Most dishes are made to order, so don’t expect to eat and run. Start with a sampling of Maryam Suliman’s Somali *sambussas* (of chicken, beef, spinach, potato, lentils, shrimp, cheese, fruit) — each savory filling is differently seasoned. Then dive into a bowl of co-owner Vernon Sukumu’s exemplary seafood gumbo. You can choose dishes from the Big Easy or opt for African specialties such as *tibs*, *zigni*, Somali spaghetti, or a vegetarian sampler. “All you can eat” weekend brunches offer items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats *halla* (butchered following Islamic sanitary rules). Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch and dinner weekends. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

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)*

Tyler’s Taste Of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse

the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that’s sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

FAR EAST

Badlands Market/Cafe The Mall, 561 Palm Canyon Drive (south side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-4058. This is an epicure’s oasis in the desert, a combination of gourmet deli and serious café where you can find a lively breakfast, scrumptious picnic lunch, or (on weekends) a light, savory dinner from an imaginative, daily changing menu. Great cheeses, pâtés, extra-virgin oils, artisan breads, delicate pastries and full-bodied French Roast coffee are among the delights that make this the Garden of Eatin’ in a town where both grocery stores are pretty dire. Open Sunday to Thursday for breakfast to late lunch; Friday and Saturday until 7 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Old Oak Inn 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don’t blink, or you might miss this hub of the way-out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. The food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef “piled high” on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open daily, lunch and dinner; kitchen closed from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Pablito’s of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito’s claims “Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas.” Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the

cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the “Specialties” section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Ramon’s Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We’re talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south’s mouth-scalding heat. At least in their daily buffet, Bombay’s a lot less spicy (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakor*as (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leathermouths, “*tikhi*.” For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India’s real unexplored treasure. Open lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings. Moderate. — *E.B. (4/03)*

California Cuisine 1027 University Avenue (between 10th and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This 20-year-old neighborhood favorite underwent an exciting total remake in February, 2003. The hard-edged, mirrored

decor’s the same, but a new chef, Justin Hoehn (coming from Laurel), has replaced the lengthy grazing menu with fewer but better-honed choices that the small kitchen can execute without a hitch. And the guy has a flawless palate. Most appetizers are simple but devilishly clever, literally living up to their name, while entrées exhibit fresh, sophisticated combinations of exquisitely balanced, global flavors, with garnishes smartly chosen to complement the primary ingredient. But save room for a sweet: Dessert Chef Laurel Huffnagle produces the bold, thrilling endings that these meals deserve. The restaurant is very noisy when busy. Private garden-patio dining available in good weather. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The chef has cooked for the Siamese royal family, but more importantly, she hasn’t made too many compromises in the cuisine on this side of the Pacific. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and very carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the “Chef’s Specialty” items on the menu to find the best and rarest dishes. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don’t miss *choo chee* duck or the Queen of Thailand’s favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — *N.W. (5/02)*

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner spe-

cials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Cottage Cafe & Garden Grill 2321 Fifth Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker’s Hill, 619-696-0071. The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpable. The owners vacation in Poland yearly to update the family recipes. But you can eat American if you want, with smidgeons of Russian, Italian, and Greek, too. The “Farmer’s Breakfast” is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sandwich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. A full range of Polish specialties shows up on the weekend all-you-can-eat buffet, with stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, “Okocim, 1845,” but be careful — it’s 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf’s faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you’re deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don’t look for pure authenticity — you’ll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po’ boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every

dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that’s what “*ichi-ban*” means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Jack and Giulio’s Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. This long-running, old-fashioned Italian favorite (formerly Giulio’s in Pacific Beach) is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual fare. The best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Outdoor patio is a plus. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service on weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott’s culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chilpotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered “jerk” chicken or the signature “Skirts On Fire,” a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegetarian-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad) featuring a tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce “Crazy Duck” salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) “three-flavor” whole fried fish accompanied by a garlic-chile-frit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and too many dishes are oddly bland (even when they’re spicy). The flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they’ve been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you’re best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

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here. Why? Because François, the owner, is Belgian. The man knows waffles. But the thing is how cheap this is for a sophisticated eatery, with its linen tablecloths, waiters in long aprons, and bread baskets. (The bread’s incredible. It’ll fill you before you spend a dime.) Dishes like Thai chicken or shrimp salad over shredded jicama, cucumber, and carrots are usually rich folks’ territory. Ditto the “Pear Cambozola” salad, with strawberries, pecans, and a Camembert/Gorgonzola-style cheese, or “François’s Famous Vegetarian Lasagna.” And check out François’s art on the wall — he always cooks one part in his oven, like the baked bread horses stuck on his piece called “Sea Biscuits.” Daily, three meals. Inexpensive by day; more expensive at night, but reasonable. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Trattoria Mamma Anna and Ristorante 228 Washington Street (at Albatross Street), Mission Hills, 619-220-7070. The food is Sicilian and the ambience is “neighborhood.” “Mamma Anna” herself appears on and off at the eponymic restaurant, a popular Gaslamp spot before she retired and then, months later, revived the restaurant two miles north. The cooking, too, is somewhat on-and-off, but the best dishes can be marvelous. Look for dishes with the fresh, clean marinara sauce and the homemade sausages, and save room for cheesecake. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. The best Persian food in the city is prepared here. It’s sensuous, low fat, and a blessing to the sight

as well as the palate. Try stuffed grape leaves, yogurt, eggplant, charbroiled filet mignon, lamb, or chicken. Order all three kinds of rice. Enchanting interior, wonderful service. Not to be missed. Open daily, same menu lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you’re hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely “have it your way” — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Eating’s an adventure at this coolly minimalist urban bistro where chef A.J. Voytko does his magic with a seasonally changing menu of inventive “modern cuisine.” Dishes alternate between high-risk global fusion and stringently simple combinations that place outstanding ingredients (including free-range chicken and veal) at center stage, accompanied by a revelatory repertory of exotic vegetables. The worldwide wine list offers over 50 choices by the glass. Reserve for weekend dinners, when a chic young crowd pours in. Full bar. No cell phone use inside. Dinner

nightly, with weekend service to 11:30 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*
DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you’ll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter’s recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening’s best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Downtown Fish Joint 407 C Street (at Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you’ve found one of downtown’s least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if “8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces” is too much, ask for the children’s half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Open weekdays, lunch Monday through Thursday, plus early dinner Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Gargoyle Gallery & Cafe 1845 India Street (at Fir Street), Littly Italy,

619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there’s nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows, exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit courtyard all combine to turn a meal here — even though it’s mostly modest *panini* (“small bread”) sandwiches — into a really sexy feast. Lots of kalamata olives, feta cheese, mozzarella, ham, and tomatoes. Try “The Moroccan” with grilled eggplant, zucchini, roasted red peppers, raisins, spicy garlic chili oil, and mixed greens. Or “The Spanish” with grilled chicken, manchego cheese, sliced olives, mixed greens, and aioli. The breakfast menu includes two-egg *panini* with grilled zucchini, marinated peppers, feta cheese, and orange slices. A must-have: French pressed coffee, a two-cup glass pot with a steel plunger. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Belly dancing, first Saturday of the month. — *E.B. (5/02)*
Grand Central Cafe YMCA, 500 West Broadway (at India Street), downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who’d expect the “Y” to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Morton's Of Chicago 285 J Street, Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton’s for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You

can also get good fish at Morton’s. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center’s bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there’s nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic’s in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Nutters 428 C Street, Suite 101, downtown, 619-239-7075. They say the kid in you never dies. Find out here, where they have invented a zillion varieties of peanut butter applications to turn into lunch. Peanut butter sandwiches, peanut butter salads... First, decide which peanut butter: creamy, crunchy, or “natural style”? Then, what flavor? Super honey crunch? White chocolate? Carob? German chocolate? Cinnamon raisin? Super honey infused with M&Ms? Then, which bread? (My favorite: *challah*, a big egg bread.) Then (sigh) the sandwich itself. “Dad’s Way” — peanut butter with crushed Oreos? “Mom’s Way” — peanut butter and bananas? Or the “An Elvis Sighting” — *grilled* peanut butter topped with bananas, honey, and bacon. Lunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you’re here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you’re here because Rainwater’s is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain’t filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M. (6/03)*

Spice House Cafe 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your “head feels like an old potato” and your “tongue like a button hook” (to quote Kipling), Spice House’s answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don’t know if it’s the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Original branch at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028, also serves dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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RESTAURANTS

St. Tropez Bakery and Bistro 926 Broadway Circle (at Second and Broadway), downtown, 619-696-8695. (Also in Encinitas; see North Coastal listings.) Bright is the word. Bright yellow-and-blue murals of St. Tropez’s life and bright sidewalk seating outside. A true sidewalk café. Sitting on the sidewalk here is almost as nice as Nice. Plus, you can eat, drink, or just nurse a coffee for hours. No pressure. But then you’d miss the delish *croque monsieur* (toasted creamy sauce-topped cheese sandwich, French-style) or *croque madame* (same plus fried egg) or *salade niçoise*. It’s a bakery too, so the morning croissants are to die for. Must-tries: the “Marseille” (ratatouille on roasted bread) and the salmon salad. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burgery is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it’s that they’ve got the burger basics right. The bun’s crisp, the meat’s lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie’s always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with “sport peppers” is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let’s face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you’ll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It’s only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you’re-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib,

dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain’t. It’s either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn’t great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Da Kine’s Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You’ll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, “Aloha Maid” Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn’t cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; open Mondays in summer only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado’s world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Lydia’s Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until

midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

McP’s Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP’s patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This stand-out in Coronado’s culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera’s accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — *M.N. (11/98)*

Tomatoes Plus: A California Bistro 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-8494. If you blink between the Baskin-Robbins and the market in the Bonita Center, you could miss this place. A mistake. Tomatoes charms you with an atmosphere somewhere between mumsy and whimsy. And it bulges with dishes that are healthy but not preachy. This is not thinly disguised rabbit food — not with dishes like chicken and eggplant salad, which comes with delicious roast eggplant and chicken strips bathed in tingling chipotle (mesquite-smoked jalapeño) vinaigrette. Or chicken Florentine (breaded chicken breast with tomatoes — of course — plus spinach, cheese, and sautéed mushrooms. To use up more tomatoes, they have lotsa pasta dishes too. And if you’re feeling broke, the chili or clam chowder in an edible bread bowl will definitely fill you. Sunday champagne brunch usually has a surprise or two, and the everyday apple sausage omelet breakfast is a sweet-savory treat. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (4/02)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant’s seven-digit number.

Big Boy Restaurant 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja’s heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo

food’s no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won’t — you’ll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho “royal” hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Café la Especial 718 Avenida Revolución (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana’s bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila’s aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That’s still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Cien Anos Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262, altacocina@cien-a.com. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual “destination restaurant” serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they’re in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you’re also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations (phone or e-mail) are strongly advised; ask for directions. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

La Baguette Blvd. Lazaro Cardenas 1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn’s between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Espadana 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer,

soup or salad, and entrée are available in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (*brocheta de filete*), baby back ribs (*costillar de puerco*), and leg of lamb (*pierna de borrego*). The portions are mammoth and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed in Spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.*

La Fonda Km. 59, Baja Highway 1 (Alisio exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It’s hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambience, than at La Fonda (“The Inn”), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Vuelta 8210 Avenida Revolución (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at “the turn” (*“la vuelta”*) where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/03)*

Malecon de Puerto Nuevo Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized “lobster village” before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it’s owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine “daily catch” with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that’s all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it’s simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open

brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony’s Fish Grotto For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony’s still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368; 11666 Avena Place (off Bernardo Center Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-2070. — *E.W.*

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit “the premium pizza segment.” Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain’s first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you’ve got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order “Hawaiian” pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Joe’s Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry’s) based in southern Louisiana wouldn’t survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe’s is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food’s not bad. One tasty starter is “crabioli,” fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese (“crab Rangoon” by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownuts may prefer the patio to the rockin’, raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

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MOVIE LISTINGS

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Bad Santa — Sick and twisted (and goddam proud of it) Christmas comedy by Terry Zwigoff, whose *Ghost World* instantaneously takes on the appearance of a fluke. It was the characters, even more clearly now than before, who “made” *Ghost World* — them, and their literary or quasi-literary creator, the graphic novelist Daniel Clowes. And although the director maintains his allegiance to misfits and marginals, it’s the characters who unmake *Bad Santa*. One of them is more than enough: a guzzling, cussing, lusting department-store Santa (Billy Bob Thornton) who puts up with the parade of grasping brats only so that he can crack the office safe on Christmas Eve, with the help of his dwarfish elf (Tony Cox), the brains of the operation. The wonder of it is that, whether wetting himself in the Santa chair or stumbling over the papier-mâché reindeer in an alcoholic fog, he can hold on to his job long enough to pull off the bigger job. A dose of half-apologetic pathos seeps into it in the form of a self-described “dipshit loser,” a bullied, runny-nosed fat boy (Brett Kelly) by the name of Thurman Merman, whose devotion to Saint Nick, either the Platonic ideal or this grotesquely flawed facsimile, brands him a borderline imbecile. The tenuous bond between the two (“It made me feel good about myself,”

glows Santa after beating the boy’s teenage tormentor to a pulp) raises the emotional temperature only a degree or two: not enough to alter the one-joke monotony. Bernie Mac, Lauren Graham, John Ritter, Cloris Leachman. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Bolivar Soy Yo — Colombian political comedy starring Robinson Diaz and directed by Jorge Ali Triana. (HAZARD CENTER 7, 12/12 THROUGH 18)

Brother Bear — Pagan pietism, from the Disney animation studio, to do with a Northwest Indian lad who, in his anxiety to become a man, kills a bear and gets magically transformed into a bear himself, to see how the other half lives: blissed out on nature (the moose practice yoga) and communality and oneness — unless you’re unlucky enough to be a salmon, who count

only as calories. More than merely transformed, the Indian gets *converted*. (Gimme that New Age religion.) The agenda rather throttles the creativity. Songs by Phil Collins. Directed by Aaron Blaise and Robert Walker. 2003.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

The Cat in the Hat — The untested director Bo Welch, trained as a production designer, tries out the tested formula of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*: a sententious Dr. Seuss book, a sampling of voice-over

recitations from the actual text (“Then something went bump. How that bump made them jump!”), and a major comedy star so impenetrably disguised in the title role that he might as well be doing nothing but dubbing. The major star in this instance is identified as Mike Myers, but if you were told that behind the cat suit, and behind the New Yawk accent, the camping, the burlesquing, was Nathan Lane, you’d be obliged to accept it without a murmur. Myers has occasion to do other accents as well, and the Scottish and Canadian are more recognizably him. The two-note falsetto laugh, on the other hand, might put you more in mind of Pee-wee Herman, helped along by the surrounding dollhouse townscape. Were it to put you in mind specifically of *Pee-wee’s Big Adventure*, you would then have a useful guideline to gauge what’s missing: originality, humanity, charm, modesty, innocence, things like that. With Alec Baldwin, Kelly Preston, Dakota Fanning, Spencer Breslin, and Sean Hayes. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Die, Mommie, Die — One type of queen portrays another type of queen: Charles Busch, who adapted his own stage play, dolls himself up in drag to impersonate a faded Hollywood diva, in this salute to, or spoof of, the women’s pictures of old. (The diva’s husband, for contrast, is a Stanley Kramer-ish producer of problem pictures.) This might sound like a legitimate outlet for a camp sensibility, but the movie offers us little in the way of illusion: Busch looks like what he is, a middle-aged man in a wig and pancake makeup, and the flatness of the writing and directing (Mark Rucker) summons up none of the gloss and gleam of the treasured antiques. With Natasha



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Lyonne, Philip Baker Hall, Jason Priestley. 2003.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/12)

Elf — Will Ferrell as a human raised by elves, leaving the womb of Santa’s Workshop in full adulthood to track down his biological father, a bottom-line publisher of Kiddie Lit (“He’s on the naughty list”). Directed by Jon Favreau, the film wants to play both sides of the street — to be a True-Spirit-of-Christmas sermon and at the same time be hip, cool, sardonic, and smarty-pants — and it ends up outstaying its welcome. We do, however, get some nicely worked-out detail, a better than average bumpkin-in-Manhattan montage, and a couple of well-played secondary characters: a harried and unwhimsical toy-department manager at Gimbel’s (the hefty Faizon Love) and a self-important top-selling author of children’s books (the pint-sized Peter Dinklage, of *The Station Agent*). With James Caan, Zooey Deschanel, Mary Steenburgen, Bob Newhart, Edward Asner. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Gloomy Sunday — Schmaltzy Sunday, even more. In an image the consistency of overcooked goulash, a Budapest waitress juggles three suitors and inspires a lethally melancholy melody (lethally, literally) by the house pianist, reprised *ad nauseam*. The much-recorded title tune (Billie Holiday, most famously) indeed dates from pre-WWII Hungary: that much is true. Erika Marozsán, Joachim Król, Stefano Dionisi,



Bolivar Soy Yo

Ben Becker; directed by Rolf Schübel. 2002.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/12)

Gothika — A whydunit, rather than whodunit, to do with a beautiful prison psychologist (Halle Berry) who is flabbergasted to wake up in a cell herself, with no memory of having chopped up her beefy husband three days earlier, and only a fragmentary memory of having swerved into a ditch on the way home in order to avoid a bloody young blonde standing in the middle of the road and the midst of a downpour, and then bursting into flame at the touch of

a hand. The blonde, if she is in any sense “real,” can only be a ghost, and the psychologist and her colleagues do not believe in ghosts. But then: who fogged up the glass in her cell and finger-wrote the words “NOT ALONE” in the frost? And who carved that same message into her forearm in the shower room? (As unpriorient a women-in-prison shower scene, incidentally, as you could ever wish to see, despite the participation in it of Halle Berry and Penelope Cruz.) The mounting sense of dread in the movie has little to do with any terrors that may await, and much

to do with the perceived unlikelihood of a satisfactory wrap-up. (“I wouldn’t look for a real-world explanation,” we are warned. “It’s a dream. It’s a delusion.”) The sunglasses-indoors style of photography fosters no confidence in the filmmaker’s — Mathieu Kassovitz’s — interest in elucidation, and indeed the predictable climax falls far short of satisfactory, being both over-obvious as far as it goes and incurious to go any farther. The appearances of the ghost, however, greatly enliven a grind-it-out plot in which the ghost proves to be all but gratuitous. Savor her for herself. With Robert Downey, Jr., Charles S. Dutton, John Carroll Lynch. 2003.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Haunted Mansion — Mere months after *Pirates of the Caribbean*, the Disney studio guides us across New Orleans Square (seceded from Frontierland) for another Disneyland ride-turned-movie: a slender thread of storyline — “We have to break the curse!” — on which to hang the special-

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effects baubles. (When do we make our way to It’s a Small, Small World?) Eddie Murphy, as a type-A real-estate agent in partnership with his wife, comes as close to a pop-eyed Mantan Moreland impersonation as contemporary sensibilities will allow. And as we learned from *The Human Stain*, the use of the word “spook” or “spooky” in any connection is here precluded. Too bad, because it would well suit Terence Stamp as the cadaverous butler with the cavernous eyes and the somnambulist gait. He alone alleviates some of the boredom between the CG effects, but none of the boredom of the effects themselves. With Marsha Thomason, Nathaniel Parker, Jennifer Tilly; directed by Rob Minkoff. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Honey — No, not a dramatization of the Bobby Goldsboro tune. Rather, the big-screen coming-out party for TV’s Dark Angel, Jessica Abs — oops, Jessica Alba — as a nightclub bartender, record-store clerk, and hip-hop instructor who dreams of making it in music videos. First-time director Bille Woodruff, who has already made it in music videos, has not really raised his sights. Mekhi Phifer, Lil’ Romeo, Joy Bryant, David Moscow, Missy Elliott. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Human Stain — Robert Benton’s adaptation of a Philip Roth novel feels incontrovertibly bookish: the Big Themes (American race relations, moral hypocrisy, political correctness), the vast historical canvas (Vietnam, World War II), the contextual co-ordinates from current affairs (Viagra, Clinton-Lewinsky), the academic setting (mythical Athena College in rural Massachusetts), the self-analytical literary allusions (the Greek Tragedy device of “peripeteia,” the amorous dilemma of Achilles: “Give up the girl!”), the talk of writers and writing, and, to top it all off, the writerly first-person narration by a professional writer who, it turns out, has indeed written a book about the events in the movie. To be sure, the Dutch Master half-light that Benton favors in cinematography is painterly, not bookish, but still not quite movie-ish: his fussed-over, pinked-up images approach petrification. The expository scenes play pretty well, as the professorial protagonist steps on tender toes with his use of the word “spooks” in reference to two absent students whom he has never seen, and who happen to be black. And along the way there are some nice little throwaway moments, such as the voyeuristic, through-the-window views of two certifiably heterosexual men dancing to “Cheek to Cheek.” But Benton is not to be content with nice little throwaway moments. The irony of ironies — the almost Sophoclean irony, if you must — is that this professor, “one of the first Jews to teach in a Classics department in any college anywhere,” is himself black, unbeknownst to anyone in his present life. This racial revelation might work better on the page, which is to say in the mind’s eye. It might even have worked all right on screen with someone in the role besides Sir Anthony Hopkins (whose American accent continues to sound a bit betwixt and between). The problem with Hopkins is not just that he cannot pass for black. Nor is the problem merely the usual one, in decades-spanning movies, that we know too well what the actor looked like when he was young, and that he does not remotely match the young man in the flashbacks (Wentworth Miller). The problem, additionally, is that the young man in the flashbacks is so perfectly cast for the part, so plausible as either a Jew or a black, that he spotlights the imperfection and implausibility of Hopkins. With Nicole



Die, Mommie, Die

Kidman, Gary Sinise, Ed Harris. 2003.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

In America — Jim Sheridan’s semi-autobiographical chronicle of an Irish immigrant family in New York City; with Paddy Considine and Samantha Morton. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/12)

In My Skin — French self-mutilation film written and directed by Marina de Van, who also stars. (KEN, 12/12 THROUGH 12/18)

Kill Bill, Vol. 1 — After a sizable step forward in his third film, *Jackie Brown*, and after a lengthy interval of six years since then, Quentin Tarantino takes several steps backwards in his fourth. An odd blend of pretension and triviality, it posits a comic-book world in which there can exist a Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, whose mostly female members have code names such as Cottonmouth, Copperhead, and Black Mamba (the black woman on the team envies that name, the way Mr. Pink in *Reservoir Dogs* envied everybody’s name), and are trained in the gravity-defying martial arts of Hong Kong kung-fu fantasies and the blood-gushing swordplay of

Japanese samurai epics. In such a world, the heroine (the long, lean, though not particularly lithe and athletic Uma Thurman) can have her hands full in a catfight with one of her sister Vipers (“C’mon, bitch! Bring it on!”), and then, as the need arises, can mow down scores of similarly trained assassins in quick succession, showing no ill effects in either instance of having gotten herself shot in the head and lying for four years in a coma, the sexual plaything of a night-shift hospital orderly (“My name is Buck, and I came here to fuck!”). It should already be apparent that the number of prospective moviegoers who will find this material interesting in itself, or as an *hommage* to a deserving genre or genres, will be severely restricted. In the words of one character, apropos of something roughly related: “If you was a moron, you could almost admire it.” Split into parts, not by original design but purely as a practical matter (or in other words, an economic matter), after its dimensions grew unwieldy, it delivers a first installment of average length and unambitious scope, with no shape, no pace, no proper end, just a pause in the action. Lucy Liu, Vivica A. Fox, Daryl Hannah. 2003.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Last Samurai — Tom Cruise as “one of the most decorated warriors this nation has ever known,” circa 1876, a tormented Civil War vet and Indian fighter who is hired as a mercenary to train the troops of the Japanese emperor to combat a renegade samurai, and who is then taken captive by his new enemy, learns their strange ways, masters in a few lessons their martial arts, and joins them in their hopeless fight against the forces of progress. In short, a sort of *Dances with Akitas*. This glossy, glamorizing, vulgar, overblown, pompous, and presumptuous epic is, in addition to all that, intermittently stimulating. The cornerstone Japanese theme of trampled tradition in the onrush of Westernization is knowledgeably handled. And Ken Watanabe cuts a fine figure as the hidebound samurai. In the last analysis, though, the sprawling, transpacific, two-and-a-half-hour war story is all about Tom. Even as he gives himself up to his fascination with the enemy (who allow him to live only because of their fascination with *him*), it is the fascination itself, and not the objects of it, that rivets the camera: never mind what’s so fascinating, let’s fix our sights on who’s so fascinated. (Cruise’s head looks about to burst from the effort.) And despite his embrace of Bushido — his spiritual growth, his embodiment of the lost concept of “honor” — he remains a bit of a dilettante and a poseur. (Where does his humility, his subservience, come into it?) In the larger view, despite the lip service paid to an alien and ancient culture, despite the stacking of the deck in that culture’s favor, the horning-in hero remains a sterling representative of the American imperialist, similar to the interlopers and appropriators in such cultural hybrids (highbrow and low) as *The Challenge*, *The Karate Kid*, *Ghost Dog*, *Bulletproof Monk*, and *Kill Bill*. The quest is ultimately not so much for his peace of

mind as for his piece of the action. Timothy Spall, Tony Goldwyn, Billy Connolly; directed by Edward Zwick. 2003.
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Looney Tunes: Back in Action — Seamy as distinct from seamless blend of live action and animation, following in the footsteps (or the cattle trail) of *Who Framed*

Roger Rabbit, *Space Jam*, *The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle*, et al. Under the direction of Joe Dante, a dependable maker of messes, it pays homage to the old Warners cartoons with such profligacy as to show a complete lack of appreciation for the lightly weighted, delicately balanced, finely tuned mechanisms they were. The wisenheimer attitude comes close enough to the originals, and the premise is serviceable: Daffy Duck envies Bugs Bunny his top-dog status at the studio. What we get in place of comic timing, however, is something more like comic cramming: instead of a modus operandi of hit-and-run, a forty-car pileup in a fog and then gridlock for miles. Some of the gags might be all right in another

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context (a car plummeting nose-first toward the ground and screeching to a halt five feet before impact: “Out of gas”), and there are in-jokes to butter up film scholars of various schools and classes: Bond films, Fifties sci-fi, *Psycho*, Scooby-Doo, not to mention the *oeuvre* of Joe Dante (the obligatory Dick Miller cameo). But the relentless onslaught is such as to hammer you into submission, sooner rather than later. Steve Martin has no good idea for the villain of the piece, and a number of bad ideas: an overgrown English schoolboy with a lisping accent, a torturously arched back, short pants, bow tie, owlsh Harry Potter specs. Brendan Fraser and Jenna Elfman merely take up space alongside the cartoon critters. 2003. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring — Dr. Tolkien’s home-cooked myth. First course only. All manner of visual invention, photographic trickery, computer magic, etc., cannot alter what is in essence an overblown bedtime story. They can only blow it up bigger. And the burden of it is more or less tripled by the knowledge that these three hours are just a third of it. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Ian Holm, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett; directed by Peter Jackson. 2001. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 20, THROUGH 12/11)

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers — Another three hours on the journey of a thousand miles, with pretty

much the entire third hour given over to a single indecisive battle. (And now: “The battle for Middle-earth is about to begin.”) The viewer who did not scrounge up the video of Part One for a refresher, or who has not committed the Tolkien books to memory, might have some difficulty getting his bearings. More simply, the storytelling is terrible. (Yeah, sure, the technology is terrific.) Every now and then someone, usually Viggo Mortensen or Orlando Bloom, will give a decent impression of being a legendary hero in a timeless landscape, but the point and purpose remain vague generalities. And the subhead of Part Two notwithstanding, it will be futile to search for 9/11 prophecy beyond (once again) the vaguest generality: “So much death! What can men do against such reckless hate?” With Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Bernard Hill; written and directed by Peter Jackson. 2002. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 20, 12/12 THROUGH 15)

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



Gloomy Sunday

choose from, couldn’t a better fit have been found for this role than the robust Anna Faris?), the tutti-frutti television host misleadingly labelled “the Johnny Carson of Japan,” the S&M call girl (“Lip my stocking!”), and the imported guitar-and-vocal lounge act billed as “Sausalito.” Truly on the lighter side, however, there are large numbers of points scored, even if easy ones, with the advertising campaign (“For relaxing times, make it Suntori time”), the language difficulties, the faxes and FedExes and phone calls from the all-business wife in 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. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

Love Actually — A five-week countdown to Christmas Eve, plenty of time and the proper occasion to show how love makes the world go round, or anyhow makes Jolly Old England go round. The writing and directing debut of Richard Curtis, writer only on *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (he herein reminds us by staging, in short order, one wedding and a funeral), it boasts a good-looking image as long as you like your people to look like dolls, a soundtrack

chockablock with popular love songs, and a host of rolling-off-a-log performances by such smoothies as Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Colin Firth, Liam Neeson, Martine McCutcheon, Keira Knightley, Laura Linney, Bill Nighy, and, in a cameo as an exasperatingly punctilious store clerk, Rowan Atkinson. Grant stands out, not as a performance but as a figure of fantasy and even of fairy tale, an informal, unstuffy, lighter-than-Blair Prime Minister who falls for an overweight commoner (at any rate the script says she’s overweight), and who dances solo to a Pointer Sisters toe-tapper when he thinks he’s alone (surefire laugh: he’s alone but for a prim, middle-aged secretary), and who stands up to the bullying United States President (a sanded and shellacked Billy Bob Thornton) at a televised press conference. There’s a fantasy there for almost everyone. But Curtis,

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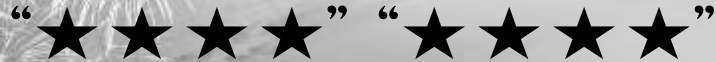
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upping the ante on the multi-character *Four Weddings*, is juggling too many balls this time. Or more to the point, dropping too many. The particular balls of a couple of porn actors (pun intended) tend to exclude the kiddies from this Christmas party. And possibly their grannies and grampies as well. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Love Don't Cost a Thing — African-American twist on the teen comedy, *Can't Buy Me Love*, with Nick Cannon, Christina Milian, and Steve Harvey, directed by Troy Beyer. (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World — The first screen incarnation of Lucky Jack Aubrey, hero of Patrick O'Brian's loved and admired series of historical adventure novels, captain of the British man-of-war, the HMS Surprise. This is preeminently a boys' story, and as pure and innocent a specimen as you are apt to find anymore, uncorrupted by concerns with democracy or demographics. (The closest you could find to it in the *oeuvre* of its director, Peter Weir, is the curdled Conradism of *The Mosquito Coast*.) There is an actual boy on view, a cherubic curly-topped towhead, but of course boys of all ages want to choose their role models and hero figures from among grown men (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a copper-skinned native on whom Lucky Jack allows his gaze to linger — gateway to another world — before he gets back to business. That business would encompass, among other things, the pursuit of a bigger and faster French privateer, the amputation, the flogging, the flagons of rum, the parrot on the shoulder, the typhoon, the man overboard, the seamen's superstitions (is there a "Jonah" among the crew? is the enemy a "phantom"?), the military stratagems (a makeshift raft, festooned with lanterns, cut adrift as a decoy to throw off the trailing French ship in the dark), the naturalist interlude on the Galápagos (the flightless bird, the amphibian iguana), the Churchillian if not Shakespearean address to the troops on the eve of battle ("Though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home. This ship is England"), and most importantly, at the core of it all, the masculine camaraderie, especially that between the Captain and the ship's surgeon, Dr. Stephen Maturin, whose harmonious friendship, as well as harmonious violin-and-cello duets, sometimes must give way to the traditional testiness between the soldier and the scientist, the man of action and the man of intellect. Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany. 2003. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Matrix Revolutions — "Everything that has a beginning has an end" — so speaks the Oracle. And surely that's the most encouraging word, the most energizing word, the most fortifying word, in the third and final installment of the Wachowski Brothers' man-versus-machine trilogy. (Or "tril," as you may prefer to call it, taking your cue from "Trin," Neo's sweet-talk diminutive for the lovely Trinity.) An end, at long last, to the cluttery computer animation and congested digital composing, an end to opacity and obfuscation, an end to double-talk and



Master and Commander

gobbledegook, an end to befuddlement and boredom. The script, whether with a grin or a grimace, has been booby-trapped with lines that seem to give voice to the viewers' or the filmmakers' innermost thoughts: "I wish there was an easy way to get through this, but there ain't." Or: "I know it's difficult to understand." Or: "I don't know what he can do to save us." The "he" is of course our uniquely gifted hero — the anagrammatic Neo — the One — and there's no good reason to doubt him if, in this make-it-up-as-we-go-along narrative, he will be able to see more clearly and deeply into the nature of things after his eyeballs have been burned off his face with a sparking power line. How can we be expected to know what such a man, if that's what he is, can do for us? We could only wish that, whatever it is, he would just hurry up and do it. It's much too late to wish he had quit after the first installment. Or before it. Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne, Hugo Weaving. 2003. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Missing — Women's Western,

concerned with a frontier healer (Cate Blanchett) and her relationship issues, her maternal instincts, her sexual urges. One day her estranged and very strange father (Tommy Lee Jones, as "Mr. Jones") turns up on her New Mexico homestead, having long ago gone native and converted himself into a subtitle-speaking Chiricahua; and the next day her teenage daughter (Evan Rachel Wood) gets snatched by white-slaver Apaches. Well: as the nearest lawman can tell her, "It takes an Apache to catch an Apache," but a Chiricahua adoptee will have to do. A classic Western premise, this, and perfectly watchable in its working-out, but any surviving classicist (or simple common-sensist) is apt to be unhappy when the tracker consents to take along not just Mother Courage but her younger daughter Dot, who justifies the unhappiness by getting her foot caught between two rocks in the rush of a flash flood, and later tipping off the Indians to an ambush by bouncing a sunbeam off her binocular lenses. Still, the classicist can take encouragement from the tight focus of the action. Quite simply: "If they make it to Mexico, your child is lost." (No chance, then, that this can balloon into an "epic" in the self-conscious manner of

The Searchers.) Which is not to say that the tightness will fend off inflation and pretension. Director Ron Howard, now an Oscar-winner for *A Beautiful Mind*, has a reputation to keep up. The big innovation here, even if it would not have raised an eyebrow on an old episode of *Wild Wild West*, is the expansion of the weapons arsenal to include colored powders blown up people's noses and a long-distance voodoo ritual performed on a hairbrush. At such points the scarred and pockmarked antagonist (shudder) seems less a blood brother of Geronimo than of Merlin. With

Jenna Boyd, Aaron Eckhart, Val Kilmer, Eric Schweig. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Mystic River — Clint Eastwood's somber meditation on chance, fate, doom; scarred souls and endless repercussions; violence begetting violence. Just as *Unforgiven* was an act of penance for the body counts in his Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns as well as in his self-directed imitation Leones (*High Plains Drifter*, *The Outlaw Josey Wales*, *Pale Rider*), this can be viewed as an act of penance for the lone-wolf vigilantism of his Dirty Harry urban shoot-'em-ups: a kind of cleansed Harry. (There is no room here for Eastwood the actor, standing aside for the "liberal" casting of Sean Penn and Tim Robbins, and their highly emotional, tearful, unstoical, un-Eastwoody histrionics.) Although formulated as a murder mystery, it is not narrowly focussed on the investigation, but divides its time more or less evenly among three main characters, and expands continuously into the specific milieu, the complex personal relationships, the affected and ongoing lives, in fact life in general, life with a capital "L." All throughout, it sustains a tone of lamentation, underscored by the churchy musical theme composed by Eastwood himself (albeit orchestrated by his trusted collaborator, Lennie Niehaus). The retributive anger never supplants the sorrow; the release never comes. Admittedly, the outcome of the case depends upon a fortuitous coincidence that reeks of mystery-making for its own sake: a

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previously unrevealed second murder on the same night as the first. Yet the solution to the original murder is not overly tricky, is perhaps even overly obvious; and the mood of the moment in any case is not one of parlor games and “gotcha.” The honest —

the aggrieved — the penitent — emotionalism of the film makes up for either the fortuitousness or the obviousness, as necessary. Kevin Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney, Marcia Gay Harden. 2003. ★★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Pieces of April — Thanksgiving-from-Hell comedy wherein a rebellious daughter, living in a bad neighborhood in the big city,

tries to prepare her first holiday meal for her barely functional family from the suburbs. Small but broad, cheap but commercial, with a movie-stealing performance by Sean Hayes as the prissy upstairs neighbor in possession of a superior oven. Katie Holmes, Derek Luke, Patricia Clarkson, Oliver Platt; written and directed by Peter Hedges. 2003. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 12/11)

Radio — Sanitary human-interest story of a high-school football coach in mid-Seventies

South Carolina (Ed Harris in a Bear Bryant hat) who takes a retarded black man under his wing as an assistant, sending the team on an immediate losing streak and raising the question of “Why on earth are you doing this?” Racial issues do not really come into it; issues of moral values, proper priorities, do. Nice use of the local barbershop for postgame analyses and town meetings. The real people on whom the characters are based are seen in archival footage at the end. Cuba Gooding, Jr., Debra Winger, Alfre

Woodard; directed by Mike Tollin. 2003. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Scary Movie 3 — What is a spoof of *8 Mile* doing in the middle of a horror spoof? (Well, not in the middle exactly, but in the first fifteen minutes.) *The Ring* and *Signs* are the primary targets of leechery, but director David Zucker (*BASEketball*, *Naked Gun*, *Top Secret*, *Airplane*), rather than infuse fresh blood into the series, infuses tired blood instead. With Anna Faris,

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UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
21 Grams (R) Dolby Stereo First Show Bargain Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **The Barbarians Invasions** (Not Rated) Dolby Stereo Sat. 7:00; **Die Mommie Die!** (R) First Show Bargain Stereo Fri. (4:30) 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 4:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 9:50; **In America** (PG-13) Dolby Stereo First Show Bargain Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55 **The Revolution Will Not Be Televised** (Not Rated) First Show Bargain Stereo Fri. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Mon. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Tue.-Wed. (2:20) 5:00, 10:05; Thu. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; **The Station Agent** (R) Dolby Stereo First Show Bargain Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Sat. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 10:00; Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon. (2:10) 4:50, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00 **Tibet: Cry of the Snow Lion** (Not Rated) First Show Bargain Stereo Fri.-Thu. (1:50) 7:10

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Alice in Wonderland, Friday, 7 p.m.; **The Three Caballeros**, Friday, 8:45 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado (619-238-1233)
Australia: Land Beyond Time (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Mon. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00; Tue. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Wed.-Thu. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Bugs** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00; Sat. 11:00, 3:00; Sun. 3:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sat. 1:00, 5:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00; Mon. 2:00, 4:00; Tue. 3:00; Wed.-Thu. 2:00, 4:00; **To Worlds Beyond** A.M. Sat. 10:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Bad Santa (R) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 9:45; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Digital Fri.-Tue. (12:25, 12:55, 2:40, 3:10, 4:55, 5:25) 7:40, 9:50; **Elf** (PG) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:10, 9:35; **Gothika** (R) Digital Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:35, 9:55 **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 9:30 **Honey** (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **The Last Samurai** (R) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:15; **Looney Tunes: Back In Action** (PG) Digital Fri.-Tue. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Digital No Passes or Super Savers Midnight Tue. 12:01; **Love Actually** (R) Digital Fri.-Tue. 7:30, 10:35; **Love Don't Cost a Thing** (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40; **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Tue. (12:35, 3:50) 7:05, 10:20; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Digital Fri.-Tue. (1:05, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; **The Missing** (R) Digital Fri.-Tue. 7:10, 10:20; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20; **Stuck on You** (PG-13) Digital No Passes or Super Savers Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 11:25, 1:55, 2:15, 4:45, 5:05) 7:35, 7:55, 10:25, 10:45; **Timeline** (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Tue. 7:15, 9:55

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)

Schedule not provided by theater; call theater for movies and times. No Passes Bargain Matinee Fri.-Sat. 11:55, 12:45, 2:40, 3:05, 5:20, 5:30, 8:00, 8:10, 10:30, 10:45, Sun. 11:55, 12:45, 2:40, 3:05, 5:10, 5:20, 7:35, 7:40, 9:50, 10:10, Mon.-Thu. 1:05, 1:30, 4:15, 4:50, 7:20, 7:40, 9:45, 10:10; **Bad Santa** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 4:55, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 4:50, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:45) 7:35, 9:40; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:00, 7:25, 9:30; Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:00, 7:10, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:05, 9:10; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 4:05) 7:15, 9:15; **Honey** (PG-13) Bargain Matinee Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:50, 10:05; Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:35, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:50, 9:55; **The Last Samurai** (R) No Passes Bargain Matinee On 2 Screens Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 1:00, 3:50) 4:30, 7:15, 7:50, 10:40, 11:05; Sun. (12:20, 1:00, 3:50) 4:30, 7:00, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 1:15, 3:50, 4:35) 7:00, 7:55, 10:05; **The Missing** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 3:00) 7:05, 9:50; Sun. (12:10, 3:00) 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) No Passes Bargain Matinee Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 3:10) 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (12:05, 3:10) 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:25, 10:00

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
The Cat in the Hat (PG) Digital Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:55, 3:50) 7:05, 9:05; Sun. (11:00, 1:55, 3:50) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:00, 3:50, 5:55) 7:55; **Elf** (PG) Digital Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:35, 3:40) 7:20, 9:35; Sun. (11:30, 1:35, 3:40) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:35, 4:40) 7:20; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:05) 4:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (11:55, 2:05) 4:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:00, 5:05) 7:30; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Digital Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:00, 3:55) 7:15, 9:25; Sun. (11:50, 2:00, 3:55) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:50, 4:50) 7:15; **Looney Tunes: Back In Action** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:30); Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:30, 4:30); **Love Actually** (R) Digital Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:15) 5:05, 8:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 3:10, 5:00) 8:30; **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 2:10) 5:20, 8:40; Sun. (10:55, 2:10) 5:20, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:55, 5:45) 8:35; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:00, 9:50; Sun.-Thu. 7:00 **Timeline** (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 8:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:10) 7:45

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Call theater for program information

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
The Last Samurai; **Love Don't Cost a Thing**; **The Cat in the Hat**; **Elf**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Tue. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:45; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Tue. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Honey** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Tue. 10:15, 1:45, 5:15, 8:30; **Love Don't Cost a Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15; **Stuck on You** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Denvery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Something's Gotta Give; **Stuck on You**; **Love Don't Cost a Thing**; **The Last Samurai**; **Honey**; **The Missing**; **Bad Santa**; **The Haunted Mansion**; **Timeline**; **The Cat in the**

Hat; **Gothika**; **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World**; **Looney Tunes: Back in Action**; **Love Actually**; **The Matrix Revolutions**; **Brother Bear**; **Elf**; **Scary Movie 3**; **Radio**

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Bad Santa (R) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 1:45, 4:20) 7:05, 9:30; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Digital Fri.-Tue. (10:45, 11:35, 1:55, 3:50, 4:25) 7:15, 9:45

Charlie Sheen, Simon Rex, Anthony Anderson, and scads of cameo players. 2003.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

School of Rock — An imposter substitute teacher, and local laughingstock rocker, instructs a class of grade-schoolers in What He Knows: rock-and-roll, history and 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 unblemished, 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. With Joan Cusack. 2003.

★ (VOGUE)

Something's Gotta Give — Nancy

Meyers's romantic comedy with Diane Keaton, Jack Nicholson, Keanu Reeves, and Amanda Peet.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/12)

The Station Agent — The rare feature film to be built around a dwarf — a taciturn loner who moves into an abandoned train depot in a remote corner of New Jersey to get away from other people (“Hey, buddy, where’s Snow White?”), and who instead falls into a web of new relationships with an insatiably gregarious hot-dog vendor, a tormented female artist, an unmarried pregnant librarian, and a black schoolgirl. Modest, offbeat, a bit stiff and clunky, with a restrained and dignified central performance

(12:35, 2:40) 4:55, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Tue.
(12:35, 2:40, 4:55) 7:05, 9:45
Honey (PG-13) Bargain Matinee Digital
Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:25) 5:35, 7:55, 10:05;
Mon.-Tue. (1:05, 3:25, 5:35) 7:55, 10:05
The Last Samurai (R) No Passes Bargain
Matinee Digital Fri. 12:30, 1:30, 3:45, 4:45,
7:00, 8:10, 10:15; Sat. 12:00, 12:55, 3:20, 4:45,
7:00, 8:10, 10:15; Sun. 12:30, 12:55, 3:20, 4:15,
6:35, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. 12:30, 1:30, 3:35,
4:45, 6:40, 8:10, 9:45; **Love Actually** (R) Digital
Fri. (12:50, 3:40) 7:15, 10:05; Sat.-Tue.
(12:40, 3:40) 7:15, 10:05; **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** (PG-13)
Fri. (12:55, 3:50) 7:10, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:50,
3:50) 7:10, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (12:55, 3:50) 7:10,
10:10; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) No
Passes Bargain Matinee Fri. (12:30, 3:10) 7:40,
10:25; Sat. (12:20, 3:10) 7:40, 10:25; Sun.
(12:20, 3:10) 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (12:30,
3:10) 7:40, 10:15; **Stuck on You** (PG-13) No
Passes Bargain Matinee Fri. (1:10, 3:55) 7:50,
10:30; Sat. (12:05, 3:55) 7:50, 10:30; Sun.
(12:05, 3:55) 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Tue. (1:10,
3:55) 7:50, 10:20; **Timeline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.
(1:00, 3:30) 7:25, 10:20; Sun.-Tue. (1:00, 3:30)
7:25, 10:15

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
The Cat in the Hat (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00
The Last Samurai (R) On 2 Screens Fri.-Tue. 10:15, 12:45, 1:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30; **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 7:15; **Love Don't Cost a Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **The Missing** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 7:00, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 1:15, 7:00; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15; **Stuck on You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00; **Timeline** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:30

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)

Bad Santa (R) Digital Fri.-Mon. (12:00, 2:25, 5:05) 8:00, 10:35; Tue. (12:00, 2:25, 5:05) 8:00

Brother Bear (G) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:10)

The Cat in the Hat (PG) Digital Fri.-Tue. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **Elf** (PG) Digital Fri.-Mon. (11:05, 1:35, 4:15) 7:35, 10:05; Tue. (11:05, 1:35, 4:15) 7:35; **Gothika** (R) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:35, 5:10) 8:05, 10:45; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Digital Fri.-Tue. (12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:00; **Honey** (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30

The Last Samurai (R) Digital Fri.-Mon. (11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:30; Tue. (11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00

Looney Tunes: Back In Action (PG) Digital Fri.-Tue. (10:40, 1:30, 3:55); **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Digital No Passes or Super Savers Tue. 11:59, 11:59

Love Actually (R) Digital Fri.-Tue. (12:55) 6:55; **Love Don't Cost a Thing** (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:10, 9:55

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 3:45) 7:15, 10:30; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Digital Fri.-Mon. 7:10, 10:20; Tue. 7:10

The Missing (R) Digital Fri.-Tue. (12:25, 3:40) 6:55, 10:10; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Mon. (10:00, 12:30, 1:05, 3:35, 4:10) 7:00, 7:20, 10:05, 10:25; Tue. (10:00, 12:30, 1:05, 3:35, 4:10) 7:00, 7:20, 10:05; **Stuck on You** (PG-13) Digital No Passes or Super Savers Fri.-Mon. (10:45, 11:05, 1:40, 2:05, 4:35) 7:30, 7:50, 10:40, 10:45; Tue. (10:45, 11:05, 1:40, 2:05, 4:35) 7:30, 7:50, 10:40

Timeline (PG-13) Digital Fri.-Tue. (10:05, 4:10) 10:10

VISTA

Vista Village 15

**Hwy. 78 at Vista Village Drive, Vista
(760-945-7469)**

**Something's Gotta Give; Stuck on You;
Love Don't Cost a Thing; The Last Samurai;
Honey; The Haunted Mansion; The Cat in
the Hat; Timeline; The Missing; Bad Santa;
Master and Commander: The Far Side of
the World; Elf; Gothika; Love Actually**

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
The Cat in the Hat (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:40,

12:30, 2:25; Wed.-Thu. (10:30, 12:20, 2:05);
The Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:00,
 1:05, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30; **The Last Samurai** (R)
 Fri. (12:10, 3:15) 6:20, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:10,
 3:15) 6:20; Mon. (12:10, 3:15) 6:20, 9:25; Tue.
 (1:15, 4:25) 7:30; Wed.-Thu. (11:00, 2:00) 5:05,
 8:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of
 the King** (PG-13) Wed. (9:00, 12:55, 4:45)
 8:30; Thu. (12:55, 4:45) 8:30; **Love Actually**
 (R) Fri. (4:15) 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (4:15) 7:00;
 Mon.-Tue. (4:15) 7:00, 9:40; Wed.-Thu. (4:00)
 6:40, 9:20; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13)
 (R) (11:15, 1:45, 4:15) 6:45, 9:15; Sat.-Sun.
 (11:15, 1:45, 4:15) 6:45; Mon.-Tue. (11:15,
 1:45, 4:15) 6:45, 9:15; Wed.-Thu. (11:10, 1:45,
 4:20) 7:00, 9:30

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road
(858-646-9420)

Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Sat. 3:30, 8:15, 10:30;
Sun.-Tue. 3:30, 8:15; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG)
Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00,
10:15; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00,
8:00; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:30, 1:00, 5:45; **The
Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30;
3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15, 12:30,
3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Honey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15,
1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 1:15,
1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30; **Love Don't Cost a
Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30,
4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30,
4:45, 7:15; **The Missing** (R) Fri.-Tue. 10:15,
12:45, 5:30; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13)
Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00;
Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Stuck on
You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45,
10:30; Sun.-Tue. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
The Last Samurai (R) On 2 Screens Fri.-Tue.

10:15, 12:45, 1:45, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30; **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45; **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Mon. 2:50, 5:45, 8:10; Tue.
 2:40, 5:45, 8:10; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG)
 Fri.-Tue. 2:25, 5:50, 7:45; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Mon.
 2:45, 5:25, 7:45; Tue. 2:30, 5:25, 7:45; **The**
Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri.-Mon. 2:35, 5:15,
 7:40; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Tue. 1:45,
 5:00, 8:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return**
of the King (PG-13) Wed.-Thu. 12:00,
 4:00, 8:00; **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Tue. 2:00,
 5:30, 8:30; **Master and Commander: The Far**
Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 1:50,
 5:10, 8:25; Tue. 1:50, 5:15, 8:25; **The Missing**
 (R) Fri.-Mon. 2:10, 5:05, 8:05; **Something's**
Gotta Give (PG-13) Tue. 2:10, 5:05, 8:05;
Stuck on You (PG-13) Tue. 2:20, 5:35, 8:20

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101
(760-436-SHOW)
Lost in Translation (R) Fri.-Mon. 6:40, 9:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 *El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)*
(760-599-8221)

Elf (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00,
10:15; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00;
The Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00,
12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:00,
12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **The Last Samurai** (R)
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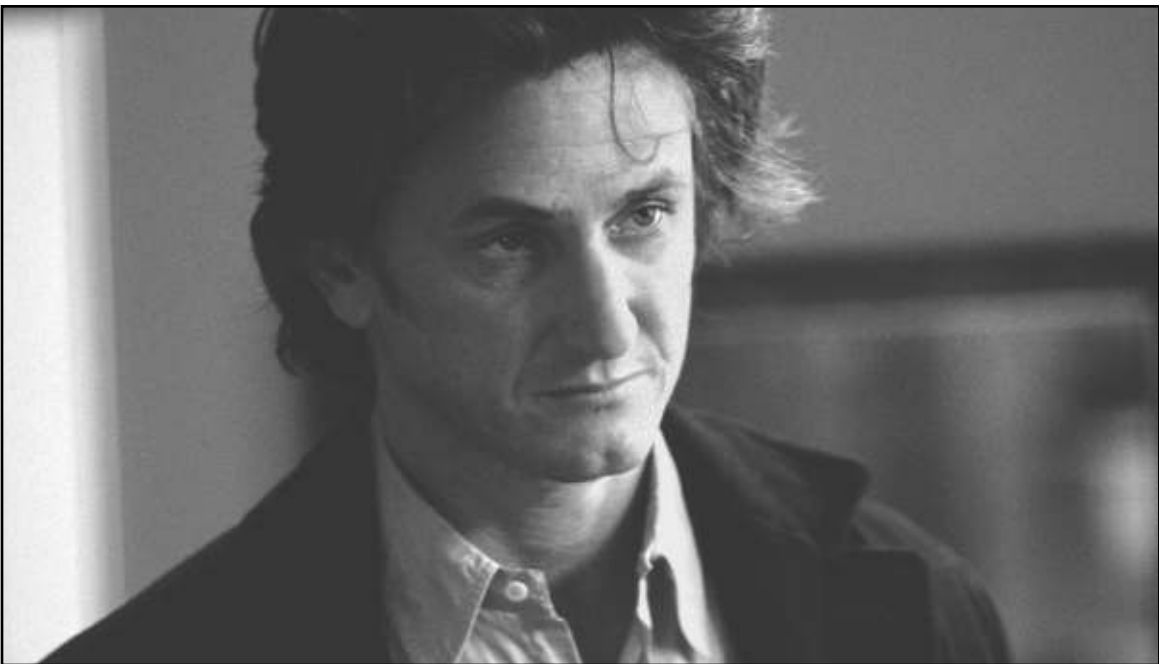
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MOVIES

from Peter Dinklage, and a smattering of railroad knowledge. Patricia Clarkson, Bobby Cannavale, Michelle Williams, Raven Goodwin; written and directed by Tom McCarthy. 2003.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Stuck on You — Siamese-twin comedy by Peter and Bobby Farrelly, with Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear as the conjoined brothers. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; LA COSTA 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre — The remake by Marcus Nispel (who?) is a testament to the demands of 21st-century moviegoers to have their horrors (or their anything else) in a style to which they are accustomed: desaturated color, shafts of light, a hammering monotony of closeups, fashion-model damsels in distress, a pair of softball boobs under stretchy white fabric, and so on. Thus a cheap, crude, cruddy,



21 Grams

culty hit from 1974 becomes a flush, flashy, cruddy, mainstreamy hit in 2003.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Timeline — Time-travel tomfoolery, from a novel by Michael Crichton, wherein a

team of archaeologists, together with three ex-Marines for security, are sent back to the 14th-century site they are currently excavating in the French countryside. What a treat for them! — if only they were not on a desperate rescue mission to bring back the head of the team (after finding one of his bifocal lenses in a sealed chamber unbreached for 650 years), and the “wormhole” through which they have squirmed were not going to close up in five and a half hours, and they were not caught between the crossed swords of the French and the English on the very day in history when Castle La Roque is slated to fall. The standard question — is history destined to repeat itself, or can it be rewritten? — is asked and answered, and the standard quota

of mind-bogglers and brain-twisters is met and surpassed, and the dialogue delivers the standard snickers: “The past is where it’s at,” and “Trust me, we’re in 1357 France,” and “The only thing worse than dying here is living here,” and so forth. The slapdash direction (Richard Donner), the lightweight cast (Paul Walker, Gerard Butler, Frances O’Connor, Neal McDonough, Billy Connolly), and the heavy-handed music (Brian Tyler) cannot detract from the silliness, and can sometimes augment it. Only the exchange of fireballs and flaming arrows across the night sky lifts the movie to a loftier level, and only momentarily. 2003.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

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★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

21 Grams — The first English-language feature from Mexican filmmaker Alejandro González Iñárritu brings together disparate characters by the same matchmaking method of his *Amores Perros*: by car accident. Benicio Del Toro, a born-again ex-con, runs over the husband and two daughters of Naomi Watts, and the husband’s heart is transplanted anonymously into Sean Penn, a teacher of mathematics and probability, and therefore a deep appreciator of his good fortune, who tracks down and begins to court the widow without, so to speak, baring his chest. (The widow’s reaction, when finally told, will echo that of the crap-detecting spectator: “How dare you!”) It takes a while for all of this to come clear, inasmuch as the information is doled out in nonsequential fragments that leave it to the audience to arrange in order: a participatory form of storytelling. You eventually get your bearings, and the jumps between lifelines and time zones seem to diminish in distance, closing in toward a climax. Out of the jumble, a unifying point can be perceived: a shattered narrative for shattered lives, a kind of cinematic cubism which enables us to see the before and the after, side by side. To put every puzzle-piece into its proper place is not the principal task. Simply to observe that they belong to the same picture will suffice. The total experience might have been more satisfying if the picture *per se* were better to look at. Great pains have been taken to achieve a feeling of reality in the people and the places, yet the bloodless, bleached-out color and the shaky, earthy camera are but fashionable affectations. Charlotte Gainsbourg, Melissa Leo, Clea DuVall. 2003.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 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.
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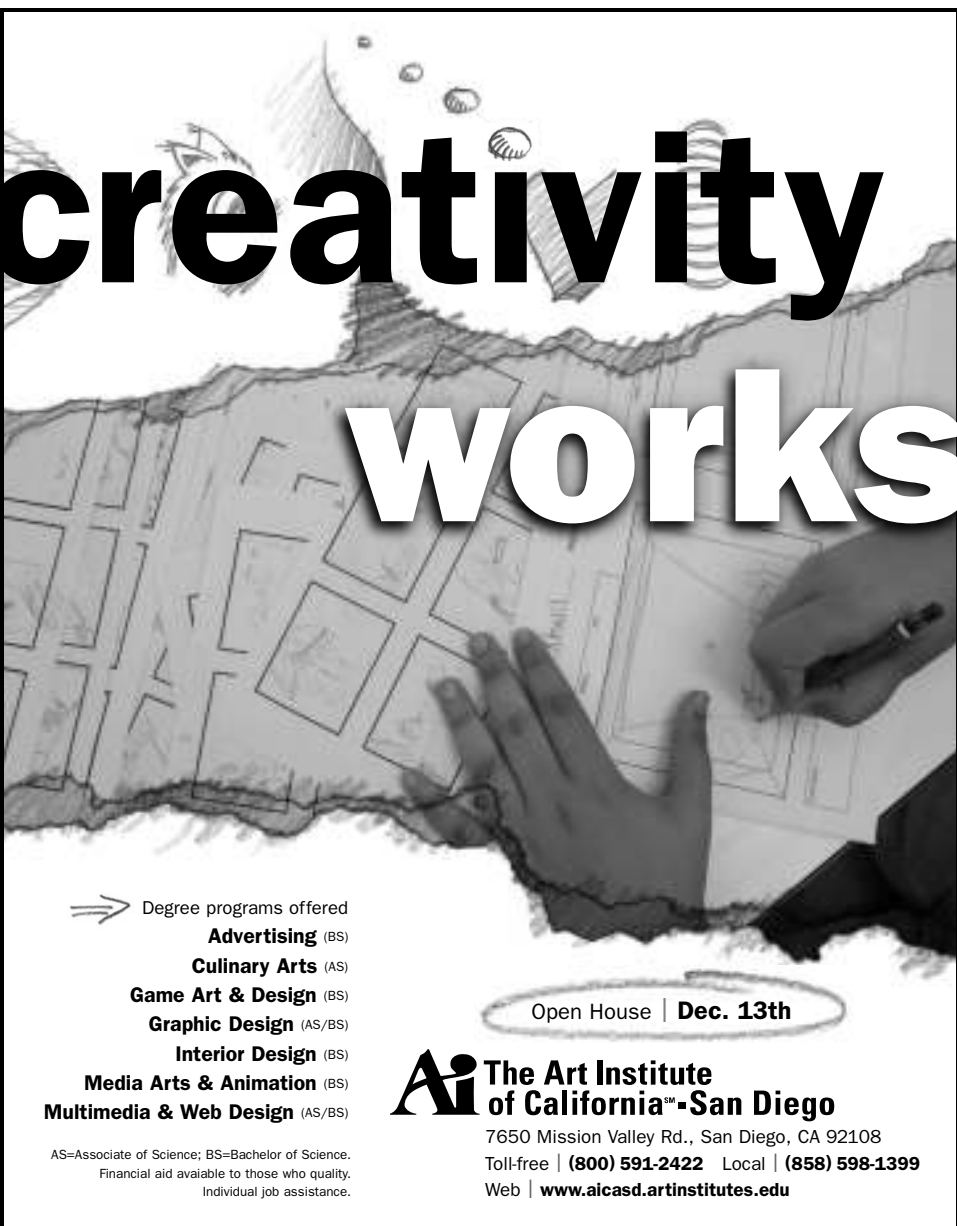


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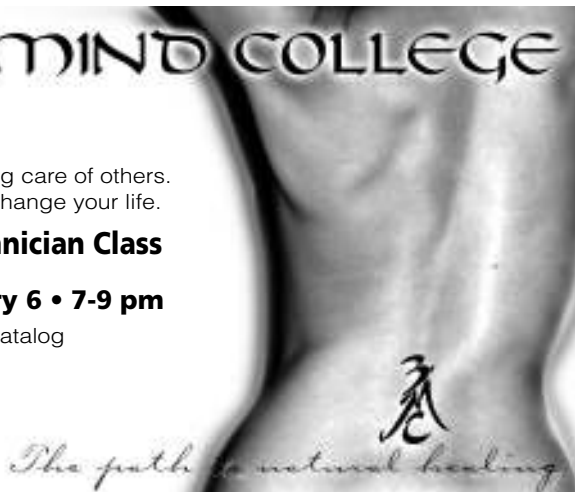
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Jennifer Wood

Student

College Area

At my wedding, I imagine about 80 people. It will be a small location, so that I can talk to everybody. Ideally, I would have a hundred people at my wedding, but because of the space limitations of where I want to have it, I would have to stop with 80 people. I will wear a big, white dress that will have long sleeves. I like bells at the end of the sleeves, but a dress like that is hard to find. The colors of the wedding will be dark purple and silver. The church will be the one in Poway that I went to when I was a little girl. Ideally I would get married in a European cathedral and have the reception in a castle in either Germany or Spain.



Christopher Mittino

Financial Advisor

Pacific Beach

I really wouldn't care what my wedding would be like for the most part. If I got married anytime soon, I would hope to have a nice party, but I wouldn't care where it was. I would not care if it was in Chula Vista or Coronado or Clairemont Mesa, even El Cajon. Okay, maybe not in El Cajon. My best man is gonna have to surprise me with the bachelor party, and I'm sure it will be something good. I really work and think too much about work to plan anything.



Clarisa Grayson

Student

El Cajon

An ideal husband for me would be a Christian who lives by the same morals that I do. When I was younger, I was really into mixing cultures. I find it a little bit easier when you're equally matched with a person as far as race and cultures go. Race can be whatever, but as long as you have the same morals, that's important. It's hard to mix Christian and non-Christians when it comes to morals. Cultures can mix, but it doesn't work when there are different moral standards. I used to date a Chinese guy, and I would have mixed a wedding ceremony with his culture, but as of now, I've changed my ideas. I hear that you change the most between the ages of 18 and 28, so I'm gonna try and wait until I'm older. It's hard because women have that clock ticking in the back of their heads.



Bree Hoerner

Hostess

Mission Valley

I want my wedding to be big. There will be six bridesmaids. It will be in a field on my mom's farm in Montana. I want to have big white outdoor tents, where the reception will be. The colors will be white and green because I want to have ferns for decorations. My husband won't have a choice for how he wants to decorate. I have a lot of family in Montana, so it would be best to have it there. If his family weren't from Montana, I hope they would fly down. If they couldn't do that, I'd like to have a smaller wedding somewhere like Hawaii, overlooking some cliffs. I don't know who I want to marry. I once thought I did, but now I'm not sure. My age won't matter when I marry, just as long as I don't have to depend on my fiancé.



Leah Marts

Restaurant Server, Manager

Allied Gardens

I want a nice wedding with lilies, so the colors can be white and blue. I'd like to have the ceremony outside. There's this place called Rio Bend that's real nice and has a golf course and nice pond that would be a good location. It's out towards the desert. I guess I would want a desert wedding. Afterwards I could be out on the sand dunes, riding my motorcycle. Right now, I've been in a relationship for four years, but I think that I'd be thinking more about it and ready when I'm, like, 23 to 25.



Casey

Guitar Teacher

Illinois

It would have to be on the beach, so I'd have to come back to San Diego. All my friends will be drunk, just trying to stand up. There would be an open bar before and after the wedding. There would be no real color scheme, except hallucinogenic colors, maybe a tie-dyed dress. My best man would have to set up the bachelor party, but I'd want to have it somewhere like Vegas. The bachelor party would stretch for a long weekend; it couldn't just be one night. I'm still looking for that special someone. Preferably, I'd get married later on. I think 30 would be a good age.

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GENUINE, SINCERE, SPIRITUAL, single, professional woman, 46, strawberry/blue, intense, affectionate, intuitive, enjoy movies, music, books. Seeking kind, affectionate, mature man for long-term relationship (12/17) ☎90142

BLACK FEMALE, 27, romantic, educated, natural, considerate, honest, childless. Seeking single male for marriage. Enjoy arts, music, books, outdoors, theater, laughter. Race, and age unimportant. (12/17) ☎90137

WARM, INTELLIGENT, SINCERE, humorous and energetic, 35, caucasian female seeks warm, affectionate, tall, talkative, and humorous male. I would love to hear from you! (12/17) ☎90643

SIMPLE, AND QUIET, white man, employed, many interests, 200lbs, 5'10". We like nature, animals, etc. You: attractive, with dark hair, age 40-50, race open. Oceanside. (12/24) ☎90676

AFFECTIONATE, CARING, educated, 50, 5'3", 114lbs., fit, healthy, attractive, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys music,

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UNFORGETTABLE BEAUTY, 51, blonde, 5'8", seeks emotionally/physically available, stable, financially secure, fantastic guy, 5'11"-6'4", 45-55, for a long-term monogamous relationship. Nonsmoker/game player. (12/24) ☎90660

TALL, LONG-HAIRED, plus-sized, intelligent, independent, 53-year old, slightly handicapped, happy woman seeks easygoing, patient, and interesting guy for the real thing. (12/17) ☎90136

BRIGHT, CUTE, FUN, voluptuous Christian lady, 49, seeking witty, charming, handsome, successful Christian, nonsmoking, drug-free gentleman, 45-54. Friends first, committed relationship first. (12/17) ☎90131

ATTRACTIVE, FUNNY, TALENTED, 60's, Caucasian, nonsmoker, genuine nice guy, honest, young at heart, sincere. Here I am! Spiritual, long relationship, rare integrity. Let's be friends. (12/24) ☎90653

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BEAUTIFUL, GREEN-EYED, redhead, 53, widow, intelligent, humorous, funny, caring, adventurous, playful. Seeking easygoing, romantic, tall, adventurous, witty, sensitive, honest, real gentleman, 36-62, nonsmoker. (12/17) ☎90644

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PRETTY BLONDE, 34, outgoing, college educated, never wants kids, seeking same type: 30-38, above average face, muscular, Latino looking, homeowner, into personal growth, spirituality. (12/17) ☎90132

CAUCASIAN FEMALE, 34, seeks tall male for romance, fun, adventure. Long-term relationship preferred. No drinking/smoking/drugs. Me: midwestern, cute, healthy, smart, athletic, natural. (12/17) ☎90139

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ASIAN, SWEET, SEXY, great smile, nice legs/figure, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, nonsmoker, financially stable, caucasian professional, 35-56. Let's explore. (12/17) ☎90140

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, sexy, 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"+. (12/17) ☎90648

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE to spend time with? Tired of being alone? I'm 52, blonde/blue. You're 42-55. Call. Let's see what we have in common. (12/17) ☎90645

CUTE, FUN, FIT BLONDE, with perpetual smile, 40's, seeking confident, attractive, outdoor oriented, grounded, financially secure man for monogamous relationship. (12/24) ☎90129

EASY TO KNOW REDHEAD. Loves gardening, cooking, reading, travel. A people person, happy with life, seeking man, 50-65, spontaneous, humor, integrity, nonsmoker, enjoy laughing, sunshine. (12/24) ☎90659

CAPTIVATING, SPIRITED, balanced, white, 44. It would be wonderful to find that special someone that balances out my life and speaks to my soul. Romance! (12/24) ☎90661

PETITE, HONEST, WARM, affectionate lady, would like to share some fun times. Seeking 50+, easygoing guy who enjoys life. I enjoy travel, dancing, cooking. (12/24) ☎90666

47, SERENE, ATHLETIC, feisty woman, seeks nonsmoking man, 47-60, creative, healthy, active, tall, engaging, emotionally strong, exciting, who is ready for a relationship. (12/24) ☎90674

PLAYMATE OR SOUL MATE, 5'2", eyes of blue, looking for you. Athletic and aesthetic for a start, but romance can steal my heart. (12/17) ☎90133

DEAR SANTA, PLEASE SEND me my wish. Man, 40-50's, honest, humorous, huggable, lovable and available. He's wishing for a full-figured blonde with passion. (12/17) ☎90119

ANIMAL LOVER NEEDS LIVE, two-legged male animal. Slender, 62, pretty, active, financially and emotionally secure. Beach, bridge, good cook, love to cuddle. (12/17) ☎90138

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WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE seeks man of depth, who's 47-57, I'm 51, 5'2, slim, youthful. We're monogamous, holistic, healthy, spiritual, easygoing. Seeking long-term partner. (12/17) ☎90126

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CAPTIVATING, GERMAN BORN blonde, green eyes, 5'6", professional, outgoing, passionate. Seeking tall, educated, loving, sportive, adventurous male, easygoing, yet motivated, zest for life, 40-50. (12/17) ☎90125

STOPI SMOKER WIDOW, 58, honest, loving, alone. Looking for country guy. 58+, sense of humor, relaxed, gentle, patient, kind, teddy bear, coffee, for great lady. (12/17) ☎90122

GOOD GIRL, SINGLE, 45, seeking friends all ages; also, marriage minded for one special, warm, kind, single male, nonsmoker, 50's-60 something. Happy holidays! (12/24) ☎90652

EXTRAORDINARY FIND, attractive Scottish redhead, 48, (mild herpes, otherwise healthy), fit, cute personality, stylish. Seeking tall, attractive, fit, independent, black, 45-50ish. Friendship, dating, possible romance. (12/24) ☎90662

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GREAT CATCH, down-to-earth Jewish male, 33, enjoy movies, hiking, cats, 80s music. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (12/17) ☎90618

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, very affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 39, 6'1", 218lbs., German-Irish Catholic, clean-cut, conservative appearance. Seeking intelligent, warmhearted, unencumbered, white female, 24-32, possessing inner and outer beauty. (12/24) ☎20203

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ATTRACTIVE, WHITE MALE, 52, semi-retired, 5'11", 170lbs., humorous, kind, responsible. Dancing, conversation, friends, and family, plays, movies, reading. You: slim-medium, 45-55. (12/17) ☎90639

LIKE TO HIKE? Easygoing, nice guy, 40, 6', 200lbs. Desert, beach, mountains, motorcycling, adventuring. Seeking kind, intelligent, warm, liberal, animal lover, best friend. (12/17) ☎20146

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ARTS AND CRAFTS. If you "live" at Michael's and like long walks or jogging, I want to meet you. I'm 39, 5'10", 170lbs., Caucasian. Mike. (12/24) 20186

SURFER, BLUE EYED, athletic male, outgoing, down to earth, seeking attractive, athletic female for fun in the sun, maybe more. Age 24-36, any race. (12/24) 20182

SEEKING ASIAN LADY. I am new in town. Caucasian, professional male. Looking for friendship, dating, possibly more. I am secure, and have no baggage. (12/17) 20161

YOUNGER, VERY ATTRACTIVE, race open female wanted. Age 25-45, kind, caring, values, to be my sweetheart. I'm 53, successful executive, 6'3", good looking, kind, romantic, funny, personality plus, great dresser, monogamous, sensual, spoiler, wants to be provider, protector, friend, partner, and committed. Dating first, hopefully long-term relationship. You must listen to my message! (12/17) 20150

LET'S LAUGH, LIVE, LOVE. Young 57, La Costa professional, 5'9", sensitive, honest, successful, great sense humor, sensual, passionate, enjoys travel, sunsets, and appreciation for life. (12/24) 20201

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FATHER FIRST. Tall, handsome, caring, trim, divorced, healthy, spiritual. Kids are priority. Seeking kind, sweet, pretty woman for occasional dinners, movies, music, fun. Forty something. (12/24) 20183

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SURF, BLADES, BIKES, jogs, guitarist, restaurants, theater, movies, 37, 5'11", athletic build, spontaneous, North County coastal. You: athletic, quiet evenings at home, time to date. (12/17) 20147

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. (12/17) 90624

BOLD AS LOVE. Handsome, white male, 57. Seeking sexy, cute, Asian, white or Mexican woman, to age 55, for warm relationship. Respond for details. (12/24) 20175

RUGGEDLY HANDSOME, FIT, latino, 49 years young. Seeking communicative, affectionate woman with eyes to mesmerize me. You: 35-50. Let's do lunch! Let's talk. Warm hugs! (12/24) 20200

IS THE YEAR ENDING and we haven't met? I'm 6', blue/brown, good looking, honest, funny, kind. You: sexy, kind, honest, kissable, ready to smile. (12/24) 20173

HANDSOME HUNK! Looks like a million, 38, 6', 190lbs., with golden personality, gracious values and comical humor, with body by Arnold. A package to please you, slim beauty, 30-40. Serious relationship only. (12/24) 20209

HORSES, COUNTRY LIFE, 53, handsome, homeowner, emotionally/financially secure. Seeking attractive counterpart for monogamous relationship. (12/17) 20162

GENTLE, DEPENDABLE, HONEST, homeowner, handyman, 59, nonsmoker. Not gorgeous, but OK. Not rich, but comfortable, willing to get to know me, share life's simple pleasures. (12/24) 20190

TALL, FIT, HANDSOME, confident, personable, fun loving, 45. Looking for that special lady who wants to share a committed relationship. Slim, pretty, healthy, affectionate. Nonsmoker. (12/24) 20204

ATHLETIC, EDUCATED, MODEST, divorced, white, local man seeks funny, unassuming mate. Loving, active, simple, outdoors, dinner, movies, workout, 5'8",

160lbs. Let's be friends. Older son. (12/17) 90641

YOU ARE 5'-5'6", 49-50's, slender, medium build, nonsmoker, nondrinker, sensuous, affectionate, cuddly. Me: same, plus beaches, homeowner, humorous, lovable, educated, music, retired teacher, coach. (12/24) 20198

FINE GENTLEMAN, good natured, outgoing, slim, 5'8". Seeking mature senior woman, 69 plus, joyful in spirit, aging gracefully. (12/17) 90632

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. (12/24) 20168

TALL, DEPENDABLE, SLIM, 55, seeking educated nonsmoker, 25-38 female for long-term relationship. Looks/weight unimportant. Enjoy hiking, travel, home improvement, cooking, whatever. No dependents. (12/24) 20185

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HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 59, trim, 5'10", blonde, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seek pretty lady, 40s+ for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (12/17) 90622

HIP, 50ISH, PROFESSIONAL, seeks trim, cuddly, sensuous, attractive, non-smoking female, for relationship, dancing, walking on beach. I'm open-minded, energetic, and not bad looking. (12/24) 20196

TALL, DARK, AND VERY handsome. North coastal homeowner, 48, successful entrepreneur. No children. Easygoing, happy, kind, intelligent, and monogamous. Enjoys home, outdoors, entertainment, and travel. (12/17) 20144

CLASSY, TALL, HANDSOME, white. Very, very young 60, divorced father, seeking younger woman for marriage. Someone stylish, slim, smart, sexy, romantic. Loves kissing, cuddling, relaxing. (12/17) 90631

SIMPLE MAN. 46, loving father. Seeks soul mate. No vices. Strong values. Fit in mind/body. Best friends, laughs. A bit of passion. New beginning! (12/17) 90628

EBONY LADY, love of my dreams, please respond. Me: attractive, 6'3", 245lbs., nice shape. You: attractive, 35-45, proportionate, nonmaterialistic, compassionate, love children, quiet time, romance. (12/24) 20195

SEEKING SERIOUS-MINDED woman, lovely, long-term relationship. You: petite, cute, serious about meeting someone honest, loyal. 45, 145lbs., artist, steady income, college. I'm yours. (12/24) 20170

Us For The Holidays! Very handsome, 43, 160lbs., 5'7", enjoys concerts, beaches, holding hands, cuddling, fine dining, good conversation. I'm honest, loyal, and very affectionate. You are 34-40, white, attractive, slender, and also very affectionate. No children or have grown children. Come open me this Christmas! (12/17) 90629

TALL, SLIM, 51, PROFESSIONAL, fun, sincere, humorous, father, mannered, tender hearted, seeks 40-50, bright, trim, sensual, attractive, nonsmoking, inland North County, outdoors, dance, romance, commitment. (12/17) 90633

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YOU: ATHLETIC, EXCEPTIONAL female! Me: Sean Connery, look-alike, college graduate, communicator, yoga practitioner, liberal, vegetarian, NPR fan, ex-Jerseyite, 70. Seeking passionate, emotional intimacy. (12/17) 20152

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HANDSOME, 52-YEAR OLD, Christian, hardworking man seeks slim to medium, Christian lady to enjoy fellowship, and mountain view. (12/17) ☎20145

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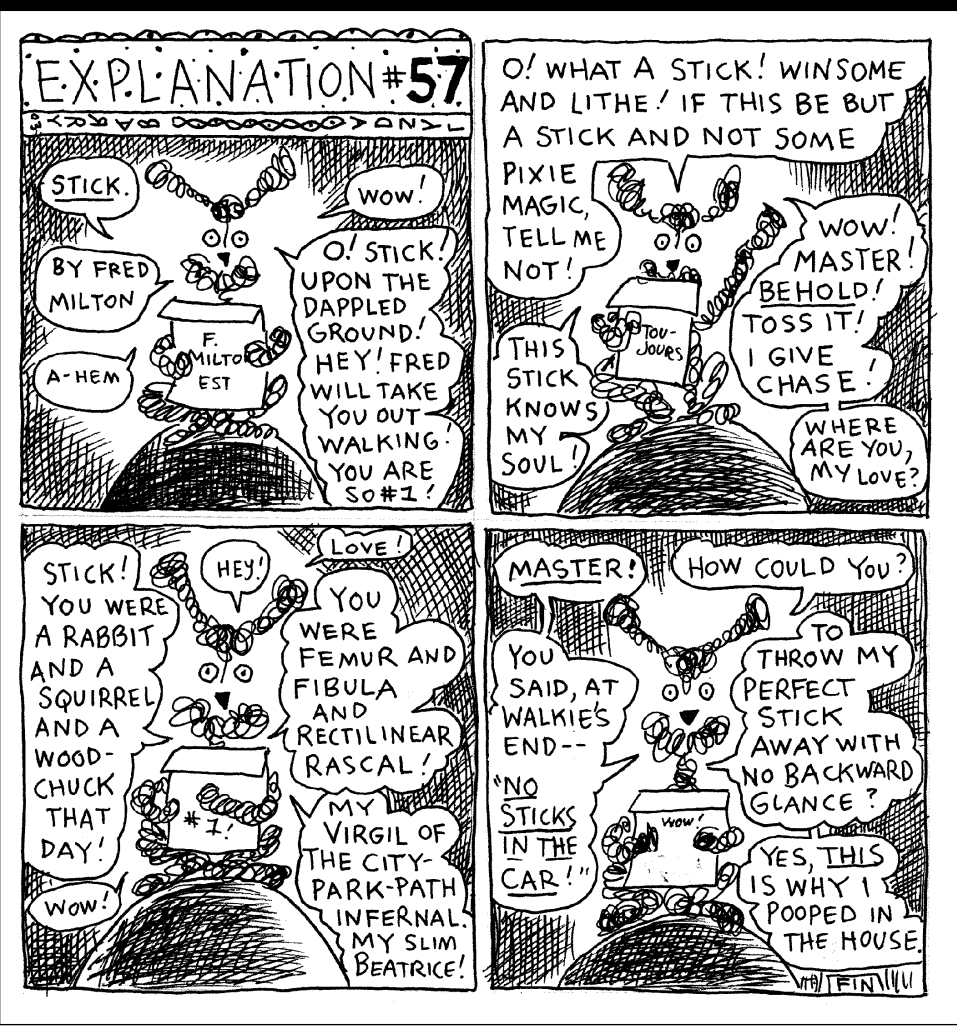
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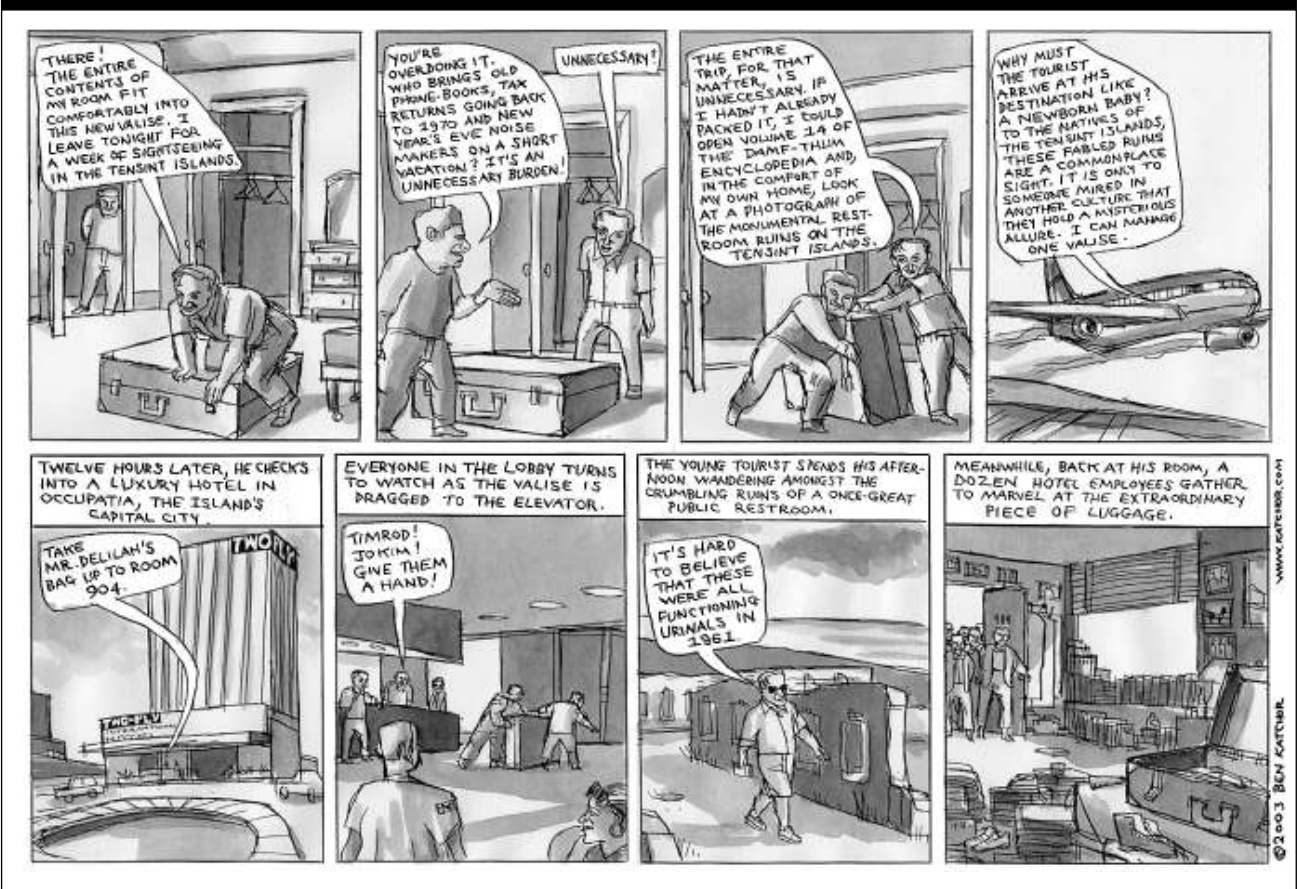
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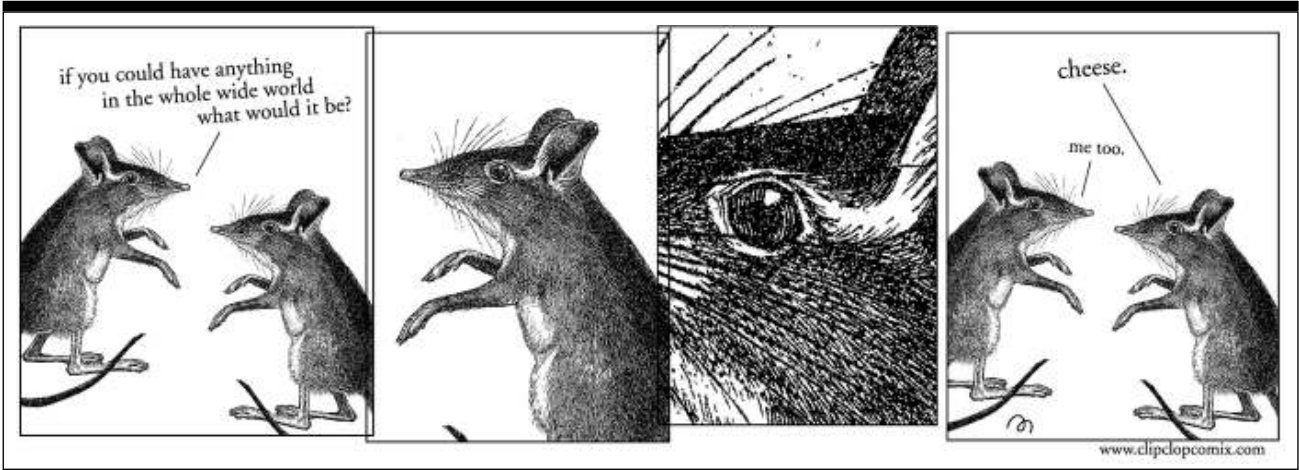
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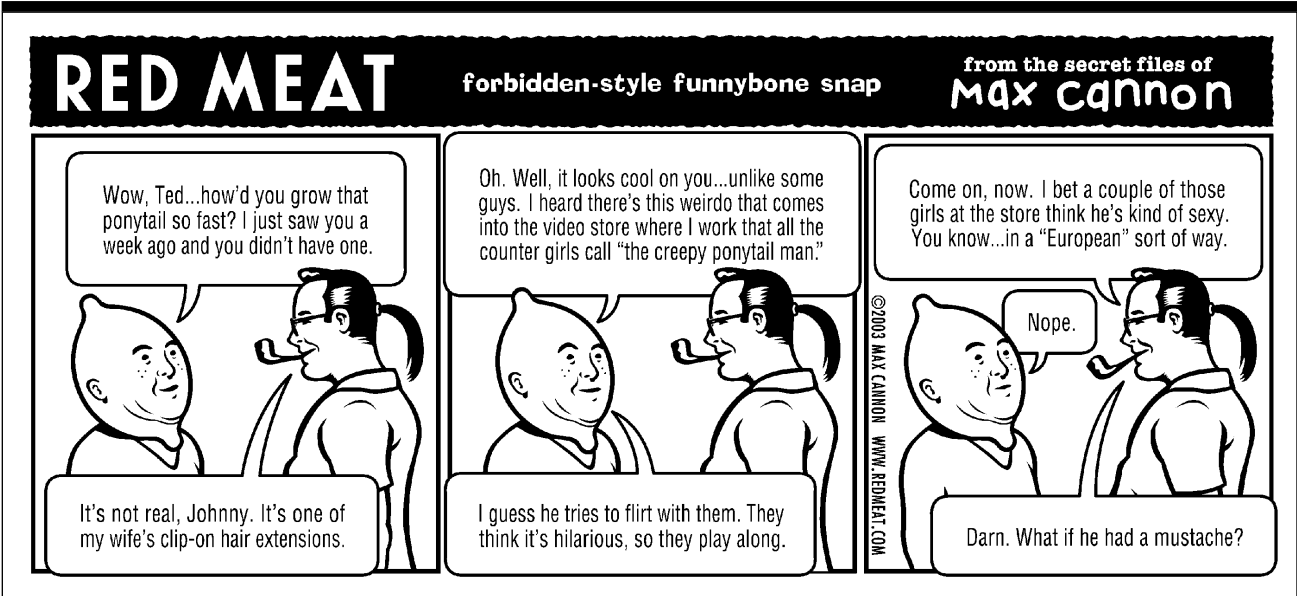
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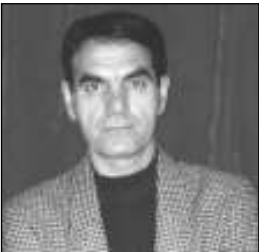
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THE READER PUZZLE

Across

- 1950 noir classic
- Simile phrase
- "See? ____ you so!"
- West end?
- Response to "Who's there?"
- Cab dispatcher on "Taxi"
- Swing on the diamond
- Supplication starter
- Football star's title
- Spam, ham or lamb
- Martinique et Guadeloupe
- 1995 Disney movie
- Disinfectant brand
- Breathe hard
- Builder at Cuzco
- Thomas Carlyle called it "The speech of angels"
- Bank, to a credit card
- Egyptian headdress symbol
- First part of the nickname given to Larry Bird, who was "from French Lick"
- Year Helsinki was founded
- It's a living
- "Y'know what ____?"
- 1988 World Series M.V.P. Hershiser
- School in New Rochelle, N.Y.
- When procrastinators don't do things
- "Take no prisoners!"
- San ____, Italy
- Stove or washer: Abbr.
- Hobo
- Rice-____
- Even, in a way
- Kind of committee
- Yemeni's neighbor
- "Top of ____ morning!"
- They may be split
- Jeweler's measure
- Poet's "eternally"

Down

- Micromanager's concern
- How some papers are presented
- Bobbysocks reach them
- Bluffer
- "Some Like ____"
- Sportage maker
- PC "oops" key
- 1993 Super Bowl M.V.P.
- Trojan War epic
- Storyteller's challenge
- Word before Father or Lady
- Debussy's "Air de ____"
- Susan of "The Partridge Family"
- Kind of salts
- Woo

- Andy Taylor's TV son
- Part of A.T.M.
- Coined word?
- Let another know, as via email
- First name in Communism
- Pear-shaped instrument
- Pipsqueak
- It requires 32 cards
- Slip ____ (err)
- Bombay wear
- Before: Abbr.
- Apple on a desk, maybe
- 1972 White House biography subtitled "The Years Alone"
- "Don't Know Why" singer Jones
- "You have to see this!"
- Drop down
- "Cocoon" co-star
- New ____ (Empire State resident)
- Really big shows
- Swedish money
- "Think nothing ____"
- "That feels divine!"
- Nutritional stat
- "____ get it!" ("Aha!")
- "Kill Bill" star Thurman
- Hull sealant

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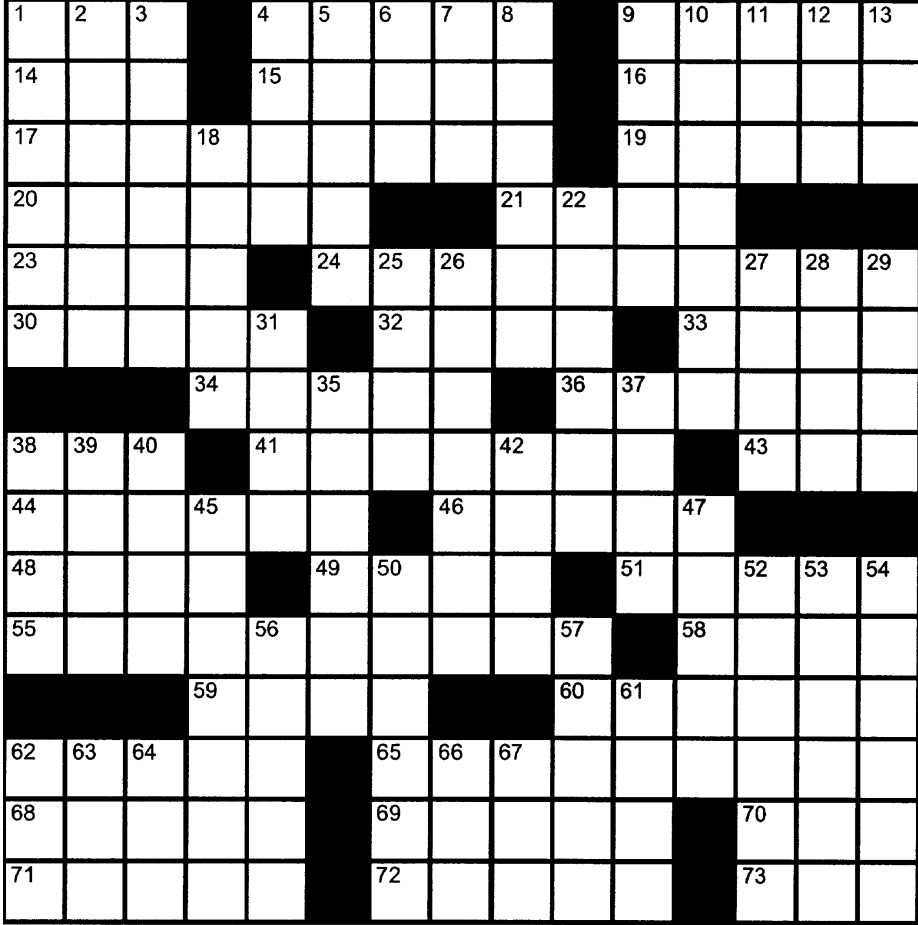
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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 1-car garage. Large fenced in patio. Laundry hookups. Gas fireplace. Pets negotiable. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

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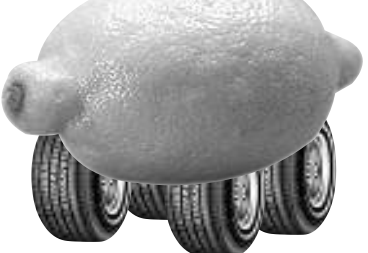
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OCEAN BEACH. \$990. \$990 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Shared patio. Barbecue. Laundry. No pets/smoking. 4631A West Point Loma. By appointment only. Available 1/1. 619-221-9283.

OCEAN BEACH. Oceanfront apartments. \$1450/month, cute 1 bedroom, huge patio on ocean bluff. Available now. \$1500, furnished, 1 bedroom. Available first week of January. Pets allowed. Parking. Laundry facility. Jacuzzi. 619-223-7977.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1295. Deposit \$1295. Spanish-style large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors. On-site laundry. Completely relandscaped. Courtyard. 1725 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Available 12/5. No pets. Call for appointment, 619-224-3443.

OCEAN BEACH. \$800. 1 block to ocean! Studio. Stove, refrigerator, laundry on premises, carpet. 2104 Bacon #10. 619-224-0009.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse with a beautiful view and a nice kitchen. Washer/dryer hookups. 619-987-5323.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA, WEST. \$1200 and up. Newer 2 bedroom, 2 bath with views to Sea World and La Jolla. Controlled access, covered parking, laundry. 4457 Temecula Street at corner of West Point Loma. Agent, 619-795-8490.

OCEAN BEACH. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in controlled access building near beach. Excellent location. Coin laundry. No pets. 4960 Santa Monica. Resident manager, 619-224-2110.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1400. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$975. Newly remodeled. Ceramic tile. Laundry, off-street parking, gated community. Walk to beach. No dogs. 619-226-3171.

OCEAN BEACH. 1 bedroom, 1 bath starting at \$1025. Newly remodeled. Ceramic tile. Laundry, off-street parking, gated community. Walk to beach. No dogs. 619-226-3171.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1025/\$1100/\$1125 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments, one with view. Off-street parking, on park, laundry, beach close. Pet? Available now and 1/1/04. 619-221-9047, 619-445-5398.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 1 block to beach. Hardwood floors, garage, basement, gardener. 4976 Santa Cruz. No pets. Agent, 619-295-6005.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath remodeled house. Washer/dryer, yard, off-street parking. New kitchen with dishwasher, microwave. 2 blocks to beach. 619-221-0325.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$1329. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Available January. Great location! Mile to beach, near bay, I-8, I-5. Pool, tennis, cats ok, covered parking. Credit check required. 619-757-3856.

OCEANSIDE. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath cottage. One block beach/transportation center. Fenced yard, pets ok. Fully furnished, washer/dryer, dishwasher, garage. Water paid. Until 6/1. 760-745-1072.

OCEANSIDE. \$1,550. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath new condo. Hardwood floors, master bedroom, walk-in closet. Washer/dryer, garage, pool. Walk to shops. \$500 deposit. 619-549-2300.

OCEANSIDE. \$845-\$975. Spacious 1 and 2 bedrooms. Private yards/balconies. Great location. Pool. Laundry. Barbecue. Free garage, gas utilities, heat. Large closets. 760-757-4641.

OCEANSIDE. \$825-\$925. 1 and 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Beautiful garden-style community. Swimming pool. Laundry rooms. Carparks. Security gates. Balconies/backyards, more. Call 760-433-9510.

OCEANSIDE. Now renting! Beautiful, quiet senior community in Oceanside, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$740. Recreation room with many scheduled activities. On site maintenance. Intercom entry. Close to shopping/freeways. 960 Vine Street. 760-967-0999.

OCEANSIDE. Condo, \$1000. Second floor, 1 bedroom with study. Everything newly remodeled. Courtyard view, gated community. 619-917-1255.

OCEANSIDE. \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled upstairs apartment, on-

site laundry. Garage while available is \$75. 858-598-1111 x191. www.utiopiamanagement.com.

OCEANSIDE. Open House Saturday 10am-12pm. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath remodeled beach cottage. Large yard. 1711 Alvarado. First and security deposit required. 562-593-3566 or 949-770-6656.

OCEANSIDE. \$595. Trailer near beach. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, yard, patio, shed. Parking, laundry. Morse Street and Pacific Coast Highway 101. Small pets OK. 858-350-9268.

OCEANSIDE. \$1900. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage, 2 story. Available now. 760-758-9971.

OCEANSIDE. \$1975. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2 years new, nicely landscaped, all new appliances, tiled floor, dining room, family room, fireplace. Gardener included. 619-741-4378.

OCEANSIDE. Quiet, immaculate. Studio, \$715. 1 bedroom, \$795/\$815. Large closets. Pool, laundry, gated, covered parking. Beautifully landscaped. Close to shops, beach, freeways. 760-722-6421.

OCEANSIDE. Dual master with view, \$1195. Fireplace, lots of counters/closets. Pool, spa, barbecue, laundry, gated, carports/storage. Great location. 760-439-5728.

OCEANSIDE. \$1250. 3 bedroom, 2 bath attached home. One upper end unit, no one below. New indoor washer, dryer, refrigerator. Remodeled, neutral. Granite/slate in kitchen. Berber, tile flooring, faux wood blinds. Pool, clubhouse, tot lots! Pictures at www.ilovedelmar.com. Alison Blake, 858-755-8580 x9.

OCEANSIDE/RANCHO DEL ORO. \$1695/month. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car, gated, 2 floors, 20' ceilings, fireplace, air conditioning, appliances. Bright. Great neighborhood. 619-962-5660.

OLD TOWN. \$1500. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 3000-square-foot fenced yard. Parking, washer/dryer. Light and bright. Charming Old Town decor. Pets OK. 2650 Juan Street. Norm, 619-295-0742.

OLD TOWN. \$750. Studio with separate kitchen. Excellent neighborhood. Off-street parking, laundry. Recently remodeled. Secured building. 2340 Jefferson Street. Norm, 619-295-0742.

OLD TOWN. \$1100. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. City view, garage, patio. Pet on approval, on bus line. 2034 San Diego Avenue. 619-299-6622.

OLD TOWN. \$650-\$675. Low \$150 deposit. Fully furnished studios-alcoves on excellent hillside location. Free basic cable. 1616 Guy Street. 619-298-6242.

PACIFIC BEACH. Ask about our Manager's Special! Gated. Lush tropical courtyard, 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$1050. Pool. Spa. Sauna. Fitness center. Barbecues. Clubhouse. Covered, garage parking. Bike trail. Near bay, beach, freeway and La Jolla. Cat friendly! Pacific at Mission Bay, 2636 Grand Ave. 858-272-7464. www.pacificliving.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/1049.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1050. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Coded entry, underground parking, balcony, exercise room, 830 square feet. 858-270-6380 bahiajewell@yahoo.com

PACIFIC BEACH. Crown Point. \$925. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Parking. Laundry. Pool. 4205 Lamont. 858-274-9124.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1150. 2 bedroom upstairs end unit. Quiet. Gated building. Laundry. Near bay/bike trail. 2618 Figueroa Boulevard. No dogs. Lease. 858-454-3841.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath spacious townhome near bay. Fireplace. French doors. Breakfast room. Patio. Balcony. Laundry hookups. 1961 Reed. No pets. 858-539-0044.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage, plus 1. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, oven, dishwasher. 3 blocks to bay. Available 1/1/04. \$1650/month, includes water/trash. Alan, 858-717-0446; albcoble@deltyme.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT \$995. Immaculate 1 bedroom apartment near bay. Brand new interior. Hardwood floors in living room, new carpet in bedroom. All appliances, including new dishwasher and range. Large pool, courtyard and laundry room. Off-street parking. Garage included. Will consider cat. Rent plus \$600 moves you in. Crown Management, 858-454-1900.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT \$1395. Immaculate 2 bedroom apartment near bay. Second-story unit has peak view.

Brand new interior. Hardwood floors in living room, new carpet in bedrooms. All appliances, including new dishwasher and range. Large pool, courtyard and laundry room. Off-street parking. Garage included. Will consider cat. Rent plus \$900 moves you in. Crown Management, 858-454-1900.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1995. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Fireplace, washer/dryer, patio, dishwasher, frost-free refrigerator. No pets. 1030 Agate #3. 619-297-5100; 858-488-4919.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Available now! Fireplace, new Pergo flooring and carpet throughout. New vinyl windows throughout. Completely remodeled bathroom. New paint inside and outside. Large kitchen with dishwasher, gas stove, refrigerator. Garage with washer/dryer. Private fenced rear patio. Must see to appreciate! Located in prestigious North Pacific Beach. Walking distance to all including the beach. For more information, contact: 858-270-7833.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1535. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Skylights. Vaulted ceilings. Deck. New paint/carpet. Quiet. clean. 3-unit property. Close to bay. 4050 Haines. 760-944-8816.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Upstairs. Remodeled kitchen. Barbecue. Hardwood floors. Fans. Fireplace. 2 parking spaces. Laundry. pbmike@connectnet.com or Mike, 858-270-7983.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$775. Nice furnished and unfurnished studios. Quiet, friendly complex. Laundry room available. Off street parking. Close to beach. 858-490-0374.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2195. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Quiet neighborhood. Private patio. Wetbar. Washer/dryer. 2 fireplaces. Appliances. 1932 Missouri #5. 619-697-1660.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2150. Luxury 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouses. Garage. Available now. Includes refrigerator, microwave, stove, dishwasher, fireplace, washer/dryer hook-ups. 858-273-5525; 619-223-0254.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 1 bath four-plex. 2 blocks to beach. Large patio. Appliances. Tiled kitchen, bath. 966 Emerald. No pets. Available now. 858-539-0044.

PACIFIC BEACH. Great move-in special! \$750. 6 month lease. All upgraded downstairs studio. Security building. Large kitchen, eating area. New carpet, paint, flooring. Good condition! Full-size refrigerator/stove. Laundry facilities. Gas barbecue. Enclosed courtyard. Near beaches. Off-street parking. No pets. Available 1/1/04. Drive by first, 1415 Grand, then call for appointment, 858-205-2397.

PACIFIC BEACH/LA JOLLA. Ocean/bay views! Studios, one, and two bedrooms from \$875. Low deposits! 2 blocks to beach. Assigned garage parking. Security. Laundries. Balconies. Pool. Spa. Fitness room. Dishwashers. Near shopping, restaurants! La Jolla Pacific Apartments, 840 Turquoise Street. Please call 858-488-4404. www.pacificliving.com, or visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1066.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$2195. House. 3-1/2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Immaculate. Ocean 2 blocks. Newer appliances. Wood, carpet. Porch, patio. Laundry, parking, yard, gardener. No pets. 867 Missouri. 858-273-1948.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1250. Second floor. Off-street parking. No pets. Laundry. Available 12/21. 4021 Lamont Street. Manager, 858-274-8351; 858-967-9966; e-mail: andrew@ohanafinance.com

PACIFIC BEACH. \$685, studio, furnished or unfurnished. No pets. Nonsmoking. Off-street parking. Open house. See at 4160 Ingraham Street. 858-274-4344.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1095. 1 bedroom woody upstairs duplex. Nice carpets, fireplace, balcony with view, laundry. Must see! 4263 Haines Street. 858-272-1993.

PACIFIC BEACH/LA JOLLA. Pets welcome. 1-3 bedrooms. \$850+. 100% pet-friendly rentals. Low fee with money back guarantee. Landlords list free. Listings available online. www.petrent.net.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1095. Move in before 12/03 and receive \$250 off first month's rent! Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Intercom gated access. Block to beach. Walk to dining and shops. Available 11/21. No pets! Playa Thomas Apartments, 853 Thomas

Avenue. 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2,250. Quaint 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Hardwood floors, laundry, spa, garage. Clean. Small pet ok. 1921 Oliver Avenue. 858-488-7848; 858-829-1921.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1950. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, garage, washer/dryer. 1338 Reed Avenue. 3 blocks to beach/bay. 858-273-2637.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, 958 and 962-C Wilbur Avenue. Near beach. Stove, refrigerator, off-street parking. \$950 and \$1250. No pets. 619-275-2858.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Garage and 1 parking space. Laundry, dishwasher. Fireplace. Patio. Carpet, blinds. Cat OK. 858-576-8292.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$780-\$830. Unfurnished, 1 bedroom, completely refurbished, laundry, pool, sun deck, 3 blocks to beach, privacy gate, free cable. No pets. 1027 Felspar Street.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1300, deposit \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice downstairs end unit. Hardwood floors, laundry on site, street parking. 1570 Reed Street. Available now. No pets! Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250-\$1275. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Quiet complex, patios. One with view. Available 12/15-12/22. 1707 Chalcedony. Call 858-270-6404.

PACIFIC BEACH/SAIL BAY. \$1595. Large 2 bedroom townhouse. Redecorated. Private patio. Small complex. Near bay. Parking. Laundry. No pets. Available 12/1. 4073 Gresham. 858-274-7980.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$725. Extra large studio, full size kitchen/bath. Duplex. 3 blocks to ocean, near stores, bus. Parking. No pets. 967 Grand Avenue. 858-274-7980.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1 month only, \$900 for 1 furnished bedroom, December 25-January 24. Garage, balcony, pool. Close to Mission Bay, ocean, bus stop. 858-722-0705.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Patio, parking, laundry. Close to all. Walk to bay. 4111 Ingraham Street. Pacific Crown Villas. 858-270-4674.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2300. Great 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Fireplace. Garage. Patio. Washer/dryer. Close to ocean. Westbourne Realtors. 858-488-4800.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1225. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment near the beach. Sparkling clean, new paint, refurbished, parking, laundry. 1053 Sapphire. 858-454-7691.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright and breezy upstairs apartment. Immaculate, completely refurbished, all new. Very quiet area. Parking. laundry. 1819 Chalcedony. 858-454-7691.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$750, studio apartment. Off-street parking. No pets. 6-month lease on approved credit. Available 1/2/04. 4220 Noyes. 858-274-2723. 714-505-4923.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1180. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, beautiful hardwood floors, exposed beam ceiling, tiled kitchen and bathroom, picture windows. Coin laundry. No pets. 858-792-2610.

PACIFIC BEACH/LA JOLLA. \$2350. Charming spacious 3 bedroom duplex. Fireplace, appliances, laundry hook-ups, parking. Incredible outdoor patio, short stroll to best sandy beaches. 4981-1/2 Crystal. 858-272-9547.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1750. Charming 2 bedroom house. Private garage, laundry hookups. Appliances. Fenced yard. Steps to bay and park. 1733 La Playa. 858-272-9547.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1350. Roomy 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. All appliances. Walk-in closet. Private patio. Parking. Excellent central location. 1827B Missouri Street. 858-272-9547.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$975. Sunny, upstairs 1 bedroom duplex. Private garage. Appliances. Laundry. Close to bay and park. 3722 Ingraham. 858-272-9547.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2050. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Off-street parking, new appliances, rehabbed building. No pets. Available mid-December. 4451 Haines Street. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2450. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage townhome. Fireplace, washer/dryer, patio and deck. No pets. Available January. 1543 Hornblend Street. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2350. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse, 3 car garage. Fireplace, washer/dryer, patio and balcony. New paint. No pets. 1839 Grand. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$850. Large 1 bedroom upstairs. Close to bay. Onsite parking and laundry. 4418 Bond Street. Call 858-273-3073 or 619-226-7368 to see.

PACIFIC BEACH. From \$795. Ask about our free rent! Resort-style living at affordable prices! Studios, 1, 2 bedrooms available. Amenities include: olympic heated pool, 2 jacuzzis, 2 weight rooms, tennis, basketball, barbecue, continental weekend breakfast. Laundry. Cats welcome. Bay Point Apartments. 3666 Ingraham. Toll free, 888-759-7435. www.sdreader.com/rent/2081.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1450. Sunny, quiet, upper 2 bedroom, bathroom. Near beach, garage, immaculate. Large closets, laundry. European kitchen. No pets. Nonsmoking. 1030-C Opal. 619-276-3911.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with deck and on-site laundry. 1 block from bay. 3760 Jewel. Available now. 858-483-8995.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1365. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Spacious. Balcony. No pets. No waterbeds. \$900 deposit. 1 year lease. 3911 Jewell Street. Available now. 858-270-4266.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment plus garage. Ground floor. On-site laundry. Stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, ceiling fan. 2 off-street parking. 858-270-3893.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1395. Free month's rent with lease. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Newly remodeled. 3 blocks to beach. Refrigerator, dishwasher, ceiling fans. Laundry. Street parking. No pets. Nonsmoking building. Available now. 1061 Hornblend. 858-692-3983.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs, quiet. Small complex. Close to beach. No pets. Available now. 2121 Thomas. Call 858-483-5111.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, great location, nice yard. Pet OK. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with garage, \$1200/month, no pets. Agent. 619-846-8754.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$875 plus \$875 deposit. Huge 1 bedroom. Parking, laundry, water/gardener paid. No dogs. 2130 Grand #2. Open house Sunday, 12/14, 9:00am-10:00am. 619-224-7583.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$2600. Townhouse. Beautifully remodeled, trilevel, 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. View, 2-car garage, fireplace. No pets. Lease. 3972 Riviera. 619-421-6202; 619-518-1160.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1295. 2 bedroom near ocean and Tourmaline Surf Beach. Second-story unit, assigned off-street parking, laundry, dishwasher. Will consider cat. Drive by 1028-1/2 Sapphire. Rent plus \$600 moves you in. Crown Management, 858-454-1900.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT \$1295. Garage included! Immaculate 2 bedroom apartment near bay. Second-story unit has peak view. Brand new interior. Hardwood floors in living room, new carpet in bedrooms. All appliances, including new dishwasher and range. Large pool, courtyard and laundry room. Off-street parking. Will consider cat. Rent plus \$900 moves you in. Move-in special: Take occupancy by 12/20 and receive \$200 off first month's rent! 1454 Pacific Beach Drive. Crown Management, 858-454-1900.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT \$995. Garage included! Immaculate 1 bedroom apartment near bay. Brand new interior. Hardwood floors in living room, new carpet in bedroom. All appliances, including new dishwasher and range. Large pool, courtyard and laundry room. Off-street parking. Will consider cat. Rent plus \$600 moves you in. Crown Management, 858-454-1900.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath condo, nicely remodeled, gated 2-parking spaces, pool. No pets. 4651 Pico Street, #210. Available now. 858-272-3419; 858-204-3419.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1300. 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit in security-keyed building on Bay. Pool, 1 parking. No pets. Coldwell Banker Property Management. 858-488-2228.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$2495. Townhouse, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car garage plus large storage area. Fireplace, hardwood floors. Gorgeous! No pets. Coldwell Banker Property Management. 858-488-2228.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1550. 2 bedroom cottage, laundry, electric garage, 4 blocks to beach. Move in January 1. 4534 Dawes Street. Call 858-272-1312.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom. Downstairs. Close to beach. Available 12/20. 4325 Gresham. Call 858-483-5111.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1925. 944 Opal Street, #1. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Off-street parking. Laundry in complex. Blocks to beach. Available 12/27. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 1 block bay, 5 blocks ocean. Storage room/laundry. Private fenced patio. Pets negotiable. 1255 Oliver. 619-294-8737.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$699-\$750. Studio. Utilities included. Newly refurbished, laundry on site, parking. Available now! 3755 Ingraham Street. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1 bedroom apartments plus 2 bedroom house. On the beach between Reed Street and Pacific Beach Drive. Dogs, sharing cosigners OK. Priced by size and location. Year-round rate. 6-month lease, then month-to-month. Shown 8:30 to 5:30pm, Monday through Friday. Beachfront Apartments, 4217 Oliver Court (behind the Promenade). 858-483-7670.

PACIFIC BEACH. The Plaza. \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool. Spa. Underground parking. Secure building. 1775 Diamond Street. 858-675-0200. www.twhmc.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2800. 4 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Off-street parking. Laundry. Balcony. Across from bay. 3945 Gresham. 858-273-4820 or 619-203-6433.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 1 bath and garage! Hardwood floors, near bay/Crown Point. Available now! 3769 Promontory Street. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. 1 bedroom. \$850/month. Off-street parking, first and second floor. No pets. Laundry facility. 1846 Oliver Avenue. Manager, 858-272-5304 or 858-967-9966.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$800. Upstairs studio. Remodeled, lots of light, parking. \$675, remodeled studio. Includes utilities. Parking. 1 block to bay. 858-483-2693.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 3 bath 1400-square-foot townhome, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, fireplace. Walk to bay. 4116 Haines. \$2100. 619-851-0872.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$2000/month. Quiet, near park, great condition, all appliances. Available immediately. slk4j2pla@yahoo.com; 858-775-4884.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$995. 1 bedroom beach cottage. Fenced rear yard. Consider pet. Very clean. 2661 Figueroa Boulevard. Call for appointment. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom upstairs apartment. Very close to beach, quiet, 1-year lease, sunny, very good condition, deck, no pets. 840 Emerald. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Rear house. Private. Near all. 1745 Reed Avenue. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800-\$1375. 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Breakfast bar, large unit, garden setting, quiet building. 2172.5 Felspar Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1475. 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious unit, 1 block to beach, 2-car garage, extra storage. 861 Emerald. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1795. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Dishwasher, private patio, laundry hookups. Excellent condition. 2 parking spaces. No pets. 2114 Oliver Avenue. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1090. 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. 2 patios. Nice courtyard. 4 blocks to ocean. Carport. Coin laundry. Available now. 1180 Grand. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1375. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, garage. 1 of 3 quiet units behind 1852. Available 12/1. 1854 Chalcedony. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1225. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry. Quiet building. Available 12/15. 1768 Thomas Avenue. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Balcony. Coin laundry. Parking. Available 12/20. 2018 Reed Avenue. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1595. Newly remodeled, extra large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher. Patio. Lots of closet space. Coin laundry. Parking. 1 block to bay. Available 1/1/25. 1346 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1175. Large, upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, vaulted ceiling. Coin laundry. Parking. Cat OK with additional deposit. Available 12/24. 2152-1/2 Reed. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$895. Upstairs, large 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Free basic cable TV. No pets. Available 12/20. 1768 Thomas. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1395. Upstairs, large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry. Parking. Balcony. Available 1/15. 1051 Diamond. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$950-\$1350. Large 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Parking. Laundry facilities. Quiet. Close to all. 1650 Emerald. 858-273-1724.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$775. Studio with full kitchen. All utilities paid. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Available 12/24. 5049 Cass. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1100. Large 1 bedroom in fourplex. Stove, refrigerator. Nice lawn area, coin laundry, garage. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Available 1/20. 1019 Hornblend. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1200. 1 bedroom cottage. Stove, refrigerator. Wood floors, carport for 2 cars, small fenced area. Ask about pet. Available 1/17. 909 Law. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

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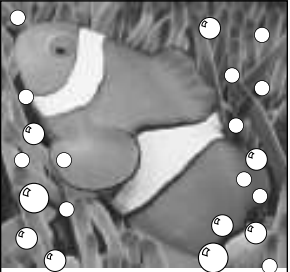
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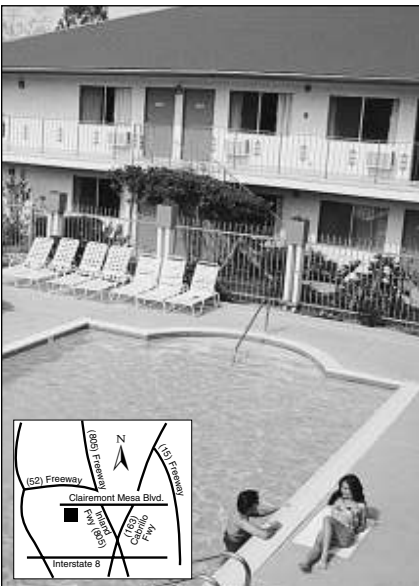


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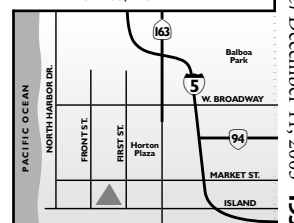
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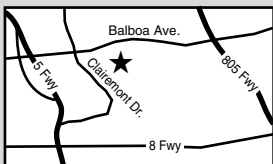
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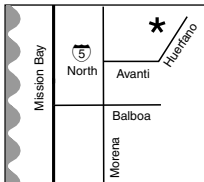
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CANNONDALE, tribike, 48cm Shimano 105 grip shift, 8-speed, 650 wheels, good beginners ride. \$500. Fender acoustic jumbo string spruce top, \$275. 760-521-3475.

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CARDIFF. Garage sale. 8am-2pm Saturday; 1/2 price Sunday, 9am-noon. Kitchen stuff, collectibles, many books, dishes, ethnic clothing, tools, 19th century marble, eastlake table. 2284 Manchester.

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CLAIREMONT. Multifamily sale. 7:30am-12:30pm, Saturday, 12/13. Household goods, electronics, rattan swivel chair, furniture, art, clothes, toys, stroller, crib/mattress. 6554 Tanglewood Road (Auburndale crossroad). 858-243-3378.

COLLEGE AREA. Yard sale. 7am-10am, Saturday. Tires, computer, clothes, sports equipment, other miscellaneous. 4165 33rd Street, between University and El Cajon.

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LA JOLLA. Household/moving garage clean out. 8am-5pm, Saturday, 12/13; Sunday, 12/14. List at www.carx.net. 5925 La Jolla Corona Drive. 858-551-8623.

LA MESA. Garage sale. 8am-2pm, 12/13. New Christmas lights, decorations and gifts. Many more items plus lots of new Avon. 7586 El Paso.

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OCEANSIDE. Garage sale. 8-10am, Saturday, 12/13. Beds, TV, VCR, sofa, armchairs, household goods. 4726 Morning Canyon Road.

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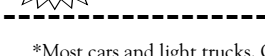
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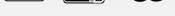
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LEAD STORY

— The man convicted of blowing up the Pan Am flight over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, killing 270 people, lives in relative luxury in a private four-room suite in Glasgow’s Barlinnie prison, according to a November report in Britain’s *News of the World*. Abdelbaset al Megrahi, serving a minimum 27-year sentence, has a color TV, VCR, stereo, personal computer, kitchen, floral curtains, framed art, and unlimited telephone access. A prison official said the man must be isolated because of the nature of his crime but that Barlinnie had a limited choice of such facilities.

Things You Didn’t Know Were Problems

— Britain’s Industrial Christian Fellowship of religious scholars complained in September that people’s prayers go disproportionately for teachers and nurses and said it would distribute a set of prayers for the underblessed financial sector under the heading “When did you last pray for your stock-broker?” ... In November, the Saudi government set new restrictions on the export of sand, fearing that increased needs of its neighbors (in the reconstruction of Iraq and in Bahrain’s reclamation projects into the Persian Gulf) will create a shortage.

Crybabies

— Joseph Tomaino of Neptune, N.J., won \$3 million from a jury because a side effect of penile surgery was an erection that lasted for three days, which an appeals court later found did not interfere with most of his daily activities. The trial judge, who wanted to give Tomaino even more money, had the case taken away from him by the appeals court in November. ... Passenger Ivette Jones, who said she was traumatized in the October Staten Island ferry collision and couldn’t sleep because she was so distraught, filed a \$200 million lawsuit against New York City, \$80 million more than claimed by a woman who lost both legs in the accident.

Can’t Possibly Be True

— The *Oakland Tribune* (Calif.) reported in

November that a City of Oakland building inspector’s employee, fired in February 2002, took a government car (with logo) with her when she left and that no one noticed it was missing for 18 months, until the ex-employee had accumulated \$1500 in traffic tickets. At that point, the owner of the car was called to get the car out of the impound lot. — Angela Bridges filed a lawsuit in June against the Washington County (Ga.) Regional Medical Center and a doctor for failing to clean her wound properly. She fell into some shrubbery in her yard in 2002, cut her leg, and reported to the emergency room for cleaning and suturing. Nine months later, another physician found that a small boxwood twig, with five thriving green leaves, had broken through the sutured skin.

Inexplicable

— In October, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* reported on the heated clash in the Twin Cities suburb of Eden Prairie over how much money to spend on a new historic preservation program, which the *Star Tribune* noted was ironic because the town was nothing more than farms until the 1950s. Said a city-council member, “I think an argument can be made that the word ‘historic’ is being loosely used.” ... An August *Boston Globe* story deglamourized Plymouth Rock, supposedly where the first Pilgrims stepped in 1620 as they disembarked near what is now Plymouth, Mass. It’s just a large rock kept in an open pen (and was named by TV’s Learning Channel as one of America’s ten lamest landmarks). — In October, North Korea’s official news agency reported that Japan had broken a promise to return five people to North Korea. The five are Japanese citizens who were kidnapped by North Korea in 1978 but released to see their families in October 2002. North Korea’s position is that they were released only temporarily and must be returned to North Korea. — In November, the town of Bolinas, Calif., voted 314-152 to adopt the following ballot measure (the official wording): “Vote for Bolinas to

be a socially acknowledged nature-loving town because to like to drink the water out of the lakes to like to eat the blueberries to like the bears is not hatred to hotels and motor boats. Dakar. Temporary and way to save life, skunks and foxes (airplanes to go over the ocean) and to make it beautiful.” A *San Francisco Chronicle* reporter attributed the town’s support for it to the fact that its sponsor, artist Jane “Dakar” Blethen, is a beloved, though eccentric, local character. — Police in Sandwich, Mass., are so far stumped as to why Daniel L. Kelleher, 48, was found covered head-to-toe with roofing tar, lying in a water-filled bathtub in a room at the Sandwich Motor Lodge on Nov. 11. Kelleher, a carpenter, apparently purchased the tar and caulking guns, and he had rented the same room a week earlier and left tar in the bathroom, but he has refused to answer detectives’ questions.

Least Competent Criminals

— Jason Cody Jones, 27, was arrested in Florence, Colo., in November and charged with suspicion of theft in connection with \$110,000 missing this year from J.P. McGill’s casino, where Jones was a security guard. Jones called attention to himself by purchasing a motorcycle with 300 \$20 bills and a pickup truck with a similar array of small bills, and for spending \$35,000 during a six-month period this year while having earned only \$6400. — In October, about \$450,000 worth of marijuana plants were discovered in a downtown Chicago apartment after police noted an overpowering scent that wafted the length of the building’s hallway. They arrested a Navy Pier worker and five students, one of whom voluntarily answered the police knock to inadvertently reveal marijuana plants covering almost every surface in the front room (as well as one room air freshener, which an occupant had optimistically placed near the door).

Update

— In 2000, “News of the Weird” reported that a major plank in the platform of a Montana man

running for the U.S. Senate was to encourage the space program to build and use an “elevator” to lift satellites into orbit, rather than the far more expensive rocket ships. An October 2003 Associated Press report disclosed that a dozen or more scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory so deeply believe in the elevator that they work on their own time studying and promoting its feasibility. The elevator would be a cable shaft about 50,000 miles long, lowered to Earth from a conventional spacecraft and docked to a land station. The shaft would be made of “carbon nanotubes” (many times stronger yet lighter than steel), but the main problem is that, so far, science only knows how to make nanotubes a few feet long.

Readers’ Choice

— Waiting for a rush-hour bus in East St. Louis, Ill., Emanuel Fleming tried to use a pay phone but received a busy signal, then stuck his right middle finger into the coin-return slot but couldn’t get it out. With his free hand, he called 911, and ambulance personnel had to take both Fleming and the telephone to the hospital, where, three hours after he got stuck, doctors numbed the finger and worked it out of the slot.

In the Past Month...

— A sophisticated fake-report-card scheme was busted when several students insisted on boosting their D’s all the way up to A’s, provoking their parents to call the principal to see why their kids weren’t on the honor roll (Salem, N.H.). ... A 43-year-old man said he’d plead guilty in December to his fourth shoplifting conviction in two years, each one involving grocery-store pork products (East St. Louis, Ill.). ... A bank robber who had forgotten to cut eye holes in his mask (and who kept lifting it to peek out) escaped with his loot but not before banging into a steel door frame on his way out (Modesto, Calif.).

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Half a lifetime ago, when I was in college, Brian was a medical student at UCSD. I met him at a party at a friend's house in South Mission Beach. I liked him right away. Brian moved toward me on the dance floor and said he liked my shoes. He had a head full of soft, brown curls, deep-set

brown eyes, and an air of intelligent mischief about him. I remember leaving the party to walk down to the beach with Brian. We talked and kissed. We drove to Denny's and ate breakfast at three in the morning. He drove me back to my friend's house, and we watched the winter sun rise over Mission Bay.

Not long after I met Brian, I found out he had a girlfriend. A real girlfriend named Olivia who was going to law school in Berkeley. They had been college sweethearts. They intended to stay together. I was disappointed, naturally. Brian was Jewish, which at the time seemed exotic and mysterious to me. I grew up in Mammoth, where everyone was a WASP or a redneck. He was as smart as anyone I'd ever met. He treated me like I was smart. We talked about books and music and movies. Brian had money, which I did not. For college graduation, his father, a doctor, had given him a brand-new silver Mazda RX7. I didn't have a car. I rode the bus or walked to school, to my job, to my little apartment in Pacific Beach.

Early on in our relationship, when we had determined that I wasn't willing to sleep with Brian without being his girlfriend, we decided to become friends. For the next two years, we were "friends." We went to movies together. We went skiing together. We went out to eat. We shopped. We hung out together at many, many parties and danced and drank the way you can when you're in your early 20s and you have no real

responsibilities. Underneath our friendship ran a deep, strong current of sexual tension. I knew that Brian was mostly faithful to Olivia. But I couldn't help but hope day after day after day that he would someday dump her and I would move from "auxiliary girlfriend" to "real girlfriend."

The irony of this hope was not lost on me the many times Brian let me drive him to the airport so he could fly to Berkeley to spend the weekend with Olivia. He left the RX7 with me so I could pick him up on Sunday night. I remember driving alone in Brian's car down toward La Jolla Shores late on a winter afternoon. The eucalyptus trees looked black against an orange sky and the deep blue water. I blasted "Missing You" by John Waite on the stereo and breathed deep Brian's smell. I took the corners a little too fast.

Brian and I only slept together once — a drunken, awkward groping late in my senior year. I honestly don't remember exactly what happened that night. We played pool at a bar in Leucadia until the place closed. We went back to Brian's house on the beach in Del Mar. I do remember the horrible silence when he drove me to work the next morning. I knew nothing would change. I knew a single night's indiscretion wouldn't elevate me to real girlfriend status. But when someone told me later in the morning that a man was on the phone for me, my heart leapt. Maybe it was Brian. Maybe he would say he'd had a good time. "Anne," an

unfamiliar voice came over the line. "This is Professor G. The faculty in the history department has voted you the most outstanding student. You'll be getting an award at graduation."

I should have been ecstatic. Instead, I was disappointed.

Brian graduated from med school. He married Olivia. They live in Los Angeles. She's a lawyer. I went to law school. I am happy to stay home with my kids.

At Legoland, Brian smiled his old sardonic smile. Olivia said, "You have *five* children?"

I wanted to say a lot of things. I wanted to tell Olivia, "I'm sorry I was so stupid and selfish. I should have respected your relationship more. I shouldn't have spent so much time and energy trying to take him away from you." I wanted to tell Brian, "I should have respected myself more and not settled for always playing second string."

Instead I said, "This is Angela and Lucy and Johnny. Jack is over on the airplane ride with Rebecca and Ben."

"What's the age range?" Olivia asked.

"My oldest is almost 11, and my baby just turned 3."

"Wow."

A few minutes later after a few more pleasantries, I hugged Brian good-bye. The sun was almost down, and the trees looked black against a pearl blue sky. I gathered Johnny and Lucy and Angela around me and headed off to find Jack.

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