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I Couldn't Believe This Was Happening in America



Just about everyone remembers that moment on September 11 when he or she first heard that hijacked airliners had flown into the World Trade Center. Here, 101 men and women tell how that moment that changed the world changed them.

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Unrepentant?

I read your cover story, "A Tall Steeple Preacher Confronts His Fall" (August 29), and to me the guy comes across as a whiner, unrepentant, no apologies to anybody. His former congregation picks on him, his church picks on him, and nobody understands the poor man. He dumped his wife and children, or maybe she dumped him after the adultery, who the heck knows. The new wife, one of the people he was committing adultery with, has a couple of children; whether she had a husband at the time of the adultery I have no idea, the story does not say, but they both sound like whiners.

Name Withheld

Biorhythm

The Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has compounded a felony in ignorance by restoring McCullough to active ministry ("A Tall Steeple Preacher Confronts His Fall," August 29). You see, according to the now-out-of-print book *Biorhythm*, there are fewer than 3 soul mates per 100 objects of our affection. Just because McCullough had some therapy has no bearing on his or anyone's problem in infidelity. The problem lies in incompatibility. He was evidently not very compatible with the wife he cheated on with two other women, nor was he very compatible with either of them, as he went from one woman to another in his history. Now he is reinstated, but is he sufficiently compatible with his second wife to not stray again? No wonder churches have so many problems! Biorhythm is not widely recognized as valid, but the stupidity of churches

is. And as usual, authority betrays the most faithful.

Don Escondido

Thanks, Pastor

I was delighted to read your article on Don McCullough ("A Tall Steeple Preacher Confronts His Fall," August 29). I think that the distinction he makes about preaching Jesus, not preaching Don, is essential. We need to know that the grace extended by God reaches out to each of us, often to be only understood and apprehended in our darkest times: particularly when the corrupt nature of each and every one of our beings is exposed. Only then is the enormity of God's love offering through Jesus clear. God indeed uses all things for good for those who love Him. And have no doubt, Don loves God.

In the very early '80s, I, an agnostic Jew and UCSD faculty member, was dragged by my wife to hear Don preach — I went as a reluctant favor. He spoke of "the heresy of Church anti-Semitism" and Jesus' Jewish identity and character. He made clear that God's covenant with Israel through Abraham is ongoing and will be fulfilled. This reached deep down into my being, and I began to understand that Judaism and Christianity were not at scriptural odds with each other; that indeed Jesus was the culmination as messiah: first to Israel, then to the gentiles, and finally to Israel again. I later came to know and accept Jesus personally as savior and Lord. I am thus a Jewish believer who came to know Jesus initially through the lovely and true teaching of Don McCullough.

Richard P. Whitehill

Soul-Searcher

Really enjoyed Judith Moore's interview with Rev. McCullough ("A Tall Steeple Preacher Confronts His Fall," August 29). It covered many significant issues regarding religion, including double standards on how issues such as forgiveness are handled within church structures, exploring personal soul searching, and relating to God in your life. It was a bit long but covered everything I was inter-

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Fixed Insiders say last week's carefully orchestrated release of test-score numbers by the San Diego Unified School District shows just how closely district superintendent **Alan Bersin** intends to work with *Union-Tribune* editors in the weeks leading up to this fall's school-board election. Instead of allowing all local media a crack at reporting the scores, Bersin provided the *U-T* with an exclusive advance release of the numbers, and the paper obliged with a glowing page-one article with a lead paragraph boasting that the district's schools had "improved their state test scores in nearly every grade, subject, and ethnic group, the latest results show — offering a clear sign that the district's reforms are taking root." Not until the 11th paragraph did the story acknowledge that scores "are flat or down in some secondary grades — eighth, ninth, and tenth — an indication that more



Michael Casserly

attention is needed in these areas, district officials said." The piece, run under the byline of **Maureen Magee**, also featured the laudatory comments of what it billed as two "education experts," including **Michael Casserly**, who runs the "Council of Great City Schools," a Washington D.C.-based urban schools lobbying group of which the district is a member. Bersin critics, who are many and vocal, were nowhere to be found in the story. The next day, the paper followed up with an editorial featuring its by-now-familiar praise of Bersin and his reform agenda.

Murphy's dilemma Don't look for any immediate help from state Democrats for



Dick Murphy

San Diego mayor **Dick Murphy's** botched application for more than \$20 million in state library grant money. Among the members of the special commission that has final authority over handing out the state cash is none other than San Diego's own Democratic state senator **Dede Alpert**. Murphy's problem is he's a Republican and is doing everything he can to help get fellow GOPer **Kevin Faulconer** elected to the city council in the second district over



Dede Alpert

labor-union favorite **Michael Zucchet**. The mayor is also said to be thinking of running for governor, following in the footsteps of his one-time mentor, ex-San Diego mayor **Pete Wilson**. Thus Sacramento Dems are more than happy to allow Murphy's controversial downtown library plan to twist slowly in the wind.

Do as they say San Diegans for Clean Elections, a citizens group that tried but failed to qualify an election reform and public campaign-financing initiative for the local ballot this year, is having its own disclosure issues, says chief **Cliff McReynolds**. It seems the group's treasurer failed to note the dates of about six contributions and in one case left out the occupation of a donor, who turned out to be retired, says McReynolds. That brought down the wrath of the city's new ethics commission, which is seeking to have the group sign a statement admitting it broke the law and promising not to do it again. Despite the hassle, McReynolds says the group plans to make another stab at the ballot measure. "We failed miserably, but we learned a whole lot. We're going to need money, for one thing, and paid signature gatherers."

Subsidized skating While the San Diego Housing Commission is busy trying to obtain city financing for a plush \$60 million headquarters and condo complex at 12th Avenue and C Street downtown, it has to find a use for some of the space it already owns on Newton Avenue in Barrio Logan. One eager new tenant is Rollerblade champ **Jamie Burton**. "I intend to use the 6000-square-foot warehouse space for the general purpose of training for competitive inline skating," Burton recently wrote the commission. "There will be a ramp that is 29' x 60' long and 6' in height inside the space that will be used by fellow competitive inline skaters and trainers.... Myself or my fellow skaters will not use the outside common area for training. The noise level will be low and will not impact other tenants in the building. I look forward to a favorable relationship with you." Burton is paying \$2500 a month for the space, according to housing commission records ... A news release from Interscope Geffen A&M Records says **Steve Morris**, guitarist from San Diego's Unwritten Law, was injured last week by a homemade bomb placed by a neighbor disaffected by "noise levels." Morris "sustained injuries to his arm and eardrums" and is canceling some concert gigs while he recuperates, his New York publicist confirmed.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*

Contagious Buzz

By Robert Kumpel

As the hysteria over the West Nile virus moves westward, California appears to be the inevitable destination of the mosquitoes

that carry the deadly virus. Even though San Diego has a relatively dry climate and is not known as a mosquito enclave, one local bug expert says that the question is not *if* the virus will get here, but when.

David Faulkner, 51, is a forensic entomologist. A research associate of the Museum of Natural History in Balboa Park, Faulkner's most recent notoriety came as an expert witness in the David Westerfield trial. A bug fanatic since the age of five, Faulkner has been doing forensic research since 1979. "West Nile virus is definitely coming this way, but it's

probably not going to be as intense as in other parts of the U.S. — particularly eastern parts of the U.S., where they have this thing called water! We don't have a lot of that in San Diego County, particularly with the drought, the Santa Ana conditions, and everything else we've had for the last couple of years."

Water is the link between the insect and the spread of the disease. "We have an artificial environment, because we supply our water from outside, and that will restrict the activity of the mosquitoes, which would obviously restrict the spread of the virus. The places where

we traditionally have a lot of problems with biting insects would be more of the coastal areas, like the estuaries, because a lot of these mosquitoes are able to survive in brackish water. Any of the lagoon systems where you have polluted or unpolluted fresh water feeding it, you have a potential for mosquitoes surviving. That's where you're going to have a lot of problems."

Faulkner says that normally the County Department of Environmental Health (formerly known as Vector Control) would be responsible for addressing this kind of problem, although it might not be the agency that tries to control it. "Often the counties do interception, and the state does control. The federal government may also regulate how it is done. In mosquito control, they used to use oil and all these other things that they would put

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David Faulkner



Southeast Asian tiger mosquito

Al Qaeda Effect

By Robert Kumpel

The complete financial impact of the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center will never be accurately calculated, but among those most hurt are travel- and tourism-related businesses. Many of San Diego's travel and tourist businesses are still feeling the pain.

Le Travel Store sells luggage, travel equipment, and books from its Gaslamp Quarter store on Fourth Avenue. Owner Joan Keller believes the 9/11 attack nearly destroyed the travel industry. "It was immediately devastating. When you hear that travel has come back, it really hasn't come back in any sort of adequate way. It's still way down. What I read in industry media is that there are 25 percent fewer airline seats sold, and our business is down 25 percent. I was watching the *Today Show*, and they were discussing the U.S. Airways bankruptcy, and their travel experts said the same thing. He said that the airlines expected business to come back by now, and it hasn't. Right after the attack, our business dropped like a stone. We do Internet business and in our shop here in

the Gaslamp Quarter, and it just ground to a halt. Nothing. It already was not a vigorous travel year, and we were already taking some cost-cutting measures, and it was so dramatic that we had to cut staffing, managers — it was a very difficult and painful time. We're still feeling the effects of it.

"The only thing we've been able to make up in income was when we did some significant discounting and we saw a little bit of a bump. The problem is, you can only do that so much and remain in business. We're actually considering some things — concentrating on things that people buy even when they're not traveling, like back-to-school backpacks and the like. Maybe some domestic travel operations aren't as hard hit as we are. We've always focused on independent international travel, and that's been hit hard. Even apart from September 11, we look at a map of the world and...our customers used to



Joan Keller



Brian Johannsen



Amir Fathie



Michael Akhavan



Joe Harris



Steve Moshki



Dave Davis



Henry Parkins

travel to places like Nepal. The political situation in Nepal is awful. India and Pakistan, you're not going to go there. Israel. Argentina and Brazil. Chile. The financial situation in South America has made that undesirable. The map is a mess right now when it comes to the view of the traveler. The map has really closed up. There are so many things going against

travel right now. There is the fear factor, but I don't think that's the biggest one in not flying. There's the irritation factor of the increased security. The economy — a lot of travel money was lost in the stock market. Travel — especially the kind we sell — requires overcoming inertia to go out and see the world. People are just sitting back. The joy of travel? We're not feeling joyful right now."

Gayla (who refused to give her last name or allow a photo) has managed the Super 8 Motel on Rosecrans Street in Loma Portal for nearly four years. "People are nesting, staying at home. After the attack, not only did consumer travel slow down, but business stays were knocked off. It just dropped. Sales income is down, but I wouldn't just judge it by 9/11, because the economy was going down anyway. Last summer was a really, really bad summer for everyone, even though they don't admit it; 9/11 was just the straw that broke the camel's back. We've managed to make up lost income by getting more business — contractors and things like that. There's a lot of building going on in San Diego, and construction workers from outside companies stay — that's probably 30 to 40 percent of our busi-

ness. This summer has also been better. July was a really good month, and August has become a really good month." She would not disclose any figures about the drop in business.

Across Rosecrans Street at the Loma Lodge, manager Brian Johannsen was willing to discuss figures. "We're down \$35,000 from a year ago. There's been a total change in business since 9/11. Foreigners are not traveling over here. We used to see a lot of French, a lot of Italians, and we're getting none. Immediately after the attack, we lost substantial occupancy and substantial revenue. That's even after upgrading all the rooms. There's been no way to make up the lost income. I have a co-worker next door [at Howard Johnson's Inn] who used to work for me, and she said that during the week, they're running at 50 percent occupancy — in the summer! I hope the economy rebounds and people start traveling! I think it's the economy mixed with the fear. People don't want to get on a plane. In the winter we get a lot of Germans and Italians — everybody. All the foreigners come over here, and last winter, we had nobody. We were less than 80 percent occupied, and normally we're in the high 90s."

Amir Fathie is the assistant manager at West Coast Rent-a-Car, one of the many smaller car-rental shops near the airport. "It affected us greatly last year. I feel like it's starting to pick up for the month of August this year. After 9/11, the airport was closed for a few days and that affected us a lot. People were scared to travel, so there were a lot less tourists in town. People's fear of flying greatly reduced the amount of travel to San Diego. Our sales income is a lot lower than a year ago. I'd say we were down about 30 percent. We're hoping that the economy will pick up and tourism will pick up and people will start traveling. That also affects people traveling from Europe. We normally have a lot of Europeans coming in here during the months of June and July, but there was a great decline in European customers during those months this year. I don't know if their economies are shabby or if people are just afraid to fly with all the terrorist warnings in the U.S. — especially during the Fourth of July. A lot of things have affected it. I think all the businesses — taxis, hotels, shuttles, restaurants — I think they've all been affected. They all rely on the tourists coming into town,

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Richard Abdala



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Contagious buzz

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across water surfaces. Right now, the most common techniques involve using biological control agents. They have

'mosquito fish,' which are very effective in certain situations, and the other thing is a bacillus, or bacteria, that gets into mosquitoes and kills them as well as the larval stages. We don't do a lot of fogging or spraying. Under

certain circumstances, they might try to do that, but you'd have to have a reason for doing it, because fogging and spraying is pretty heavy-duty. We have had malaria here in the past few years, which is also transmitted by

mosquitoes. What usually happens is that people will come in who are infected, and if you already have mosquitoes and water, you have the potential for that occurring. Even though we've had about 40 malaria cases in

San Diego, most of those were brought in. We only know of 2 that originated here, from people who had not been out of the country.

"First, you have the actual vector of the disease, which is

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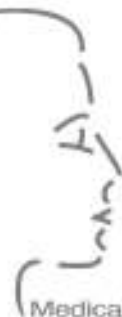
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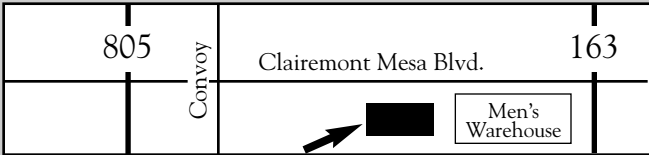


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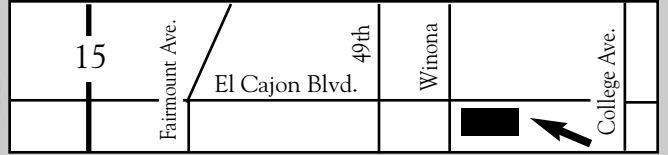
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the mosquito. Then you have the introduction of a causal organism, which in this case is the virus or malaria or en-

cephalitis, or whatever it is. Then you have the habitat that they can survive in, which would be aquatic situations — then you have the potential for having a problem. The thing about West Nile virus is that it is spread

about by birds. They are what we would call the 'reservoir hosts.' I know that in Orange County and throughout the state, they biopsy a lot of dead birds to find out what they died of. If you have a large die-off in one area, then you

have a suspicion that it could be an accidental or potential poisoning, but it could be something else. There's always the potential that it's a disease that's being carried. Chickens are being used, because you can do blood tests


on them while they are alive. And we have a lot of chicken ranches around here, too, which I imagine are tested from time to time as well. So a mosquito that can bite a bird that is infected can then bite a person, and that's how

it gets spread around. The birds are the ones that are moving the disease, but it's only when it affects people that we have a real concern."

Another problem unique to San Diego is the movement of its water supply in a drought season. "The mosquitoes, birds, and everything else are moving more to the urbanized areas, because that's where the water is right now. You can go out in the chaparral where it's dry, and you can't find a lot of these insects, but I can go out in the back yard at dusk, and two or three mosquitoes will come after me, mostly *Aedes*, which is a good biter, and it's because we have water around here. You may not even be aware of the water around. We water our plants and use the sprinklers. There can be small pools of water around that are persistent, and that's enough."

What the small pool of water is "enough" for is the mosquito's life cycle — much of which depends on mosquito "bites," which are not really bites but blood feasts. "The adult mosquitoes will live two, maybe three weeks at the most. It's a tough life: they've got to find a host, a blood meal, a mate, water to deposit eggs in, and then start the cycle over. The host is what they feed on. Many types of insects are pretty specific as far as what kind of animals they can take a blood meal from. The reason for the blood meal in the female mosquito is for egg maturity. The better the egg mass, the better a blood meal the mosquito has had. They pierce the skin, they add an anticoagulant to keep from clogging up their mouth parts and tube, through which they are feeding, and that's what people react to — the anticoagulant," Faulkner explains. "They have to find a mate then, and the population is a lot less dense than it would be in a more optimal environment — say, where there were lots of animals and a water source. But if you take an area that's diverse, that has a lot of dry area — like San Diego — they have to find a mate, and after mating, they have to find a water source where they can lay their eggs.

Faulkner continued, "There's another threat from mosquitoes in California



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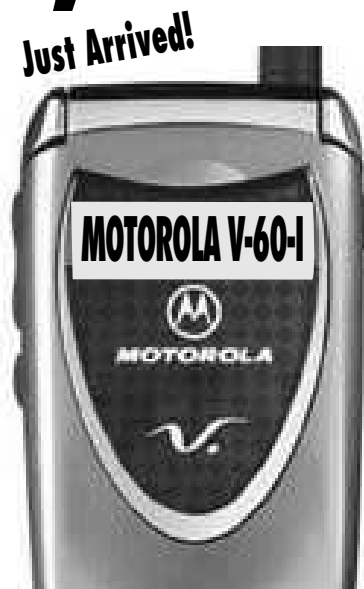
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that's potentially much worse, and that's the Southeast Asian tiger mosquito. It carries encephalitis and a few other things. It's constantly being introduced to the state in these shipments of 'Heavenly Bamboo' — they sell it at the Del Mar fair — where you have these little bamboo stalks. They're shipping it in water in vast amounts, and the mosquitoes are coming with it. They've been intercepted a number of times in the past few years, and they've become established in a couple of places. It's mainly nurseries, but they're trying to get them under control."

A phone call interrupts our conversation. When Faulkner hangs up the other line, he explains its significance to the topic at hand. "That was Jim Lang. He's with County Environmental Health. They've had a big turnover of employees recently, and he's one of their last entomologists. He says that it looks like the state does everything — collects dead birds, sends them to a lab in San Bernardino, and does the necropsies on them there."

Even though Faulkner says the West Nile virus is inevitable for San Diego, he cautions against panic. "At this point I wouldn't be too concerned about it, just because there are so many things we don't know about it yet. We haven't narrowed down which mosquito is actually carrying it. Florida, which faces a potentially big problem with it, has 77 species of mosquitoes down there, and they're not sure which ones will carry it. We do know that a couple of them in this area are definite potential carriers, particularly the genera *Aedes* and *Culex*. But which ones are doing it, we don't know."

"We also don't know which hosts the mosquitoes will prefer. Humans may be a second or third choice. Maybe a bird or smaller mammal will be preferred. They have to bite more than once to transfer the disease. But if you only get one mosquito bite, you'd better make sure that you're the first person that mosquito has bitten. Mosquitoes are very opportunistic. They'll contract

it in their body, then spread it in the next blood meal that they take. And if they don't get a full blood meal, which would expand their abdomen enough to let them know that the eggs will mature, they'll go for another

host. The disease can build up in the body of the mosquito, and that's how they transfer it. There's a term called 'transovarian transmission' of pathogens, which means it goes from the ovaries of the female

mosquito into the eggs, which would mean that the larvae would already be infected when they become adults, but I don't know if that's true for this particular disease. What I know about mosquitoes is probably more

extensive than what I know about the West Nile virus."

One person who does know a lot about the West Nile virus is Dr. Leland Rickman, associate clinical professor of medicine for the infectious diseases division at

UCSD Medical School. "It's a virus that can cause severe clinical symptoms in patients who acquire it. The virus has been around for a long time; however, in the United States, it was just recently recognized

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back in 1999. It's been traveling from the northeastern United States across the country, and so far, in Cali-

fornia we haven't seen any cases. As of now, it's spread over 30 different states."

West Nile virus gets its name from the West Nile region of Uganda, where it was first isolated in 1937. "It was probably around before that,

although we didn't have the technology to detect it. It has a worldwide distribution, but it's most commonly found in Africa, parts of Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. But 1999 was the first time it was recognized in the Western

Hemisphere."

The "severe clinical symptoms" Dr. Rickman spoke of include meningitis and encephalitis. "These are infections of the brain or the lining surrounding the brain and spinal cord. It can cause a

milder form of illness — there's a large spectrum of illness, from asymptomatic infection, i.e., not knowing that you've caught it, to severe encephalitis and, potentially, death."

Fortunately, the odds of

catching encephalitis when bitten by an infected mosquito are long. "Among patients and people who are infected, only about 1 in 150 actually develop severe disease. You have to be bitten by a certain type of mosquito, and that mosquito has to be carrying the virus. So, depending upon how much virus is circulating in that area, the chances of one mosquito actually transmitting the virus to a person can be remarkably low. For example, in California, where no virus has been detected, if you've got a thousand mosquito bites, you wouldn't get the virus, because there's no virus yet. It depends on how many of the vectors — which are birds in this case — are carrying the virus in their bloodstream."

Dr. Rickman is hesitant about saying "It's only a matter of when" about the West Nile virus. "That's a common term used for a lot of emerging infectious diseases. We basically don't know if or when it will arrive. We do have the mosquito vector here, but there is no virus identified so far in California. The birds — who are actually the reservoir for the virus — migrate, and they usually migrate in a north-to-south direction, and some of the migration paths for some of the more important bird reservoirs don't come over California.

"I live in San Diego, and I'm not alarmed at all at this point."

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and there's been a decline of tourists."

Michael Akhavan is the general manager of California Rent-a-Car near the airport. Akhavan's business has dropped so dramatically that one wonders how he keeps the doors open. "Our business is 75 to 80 percent lower than last year. That's because, on top of our regular rentals, we rent to a lot of foreign students, and they're just not coming like they were. They came from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and Europe, but I'm afraid that the parents have taken a position not to send their kids to the U.S. to study English. Actually, right after the attack, we did not feel it as much as we do right now.

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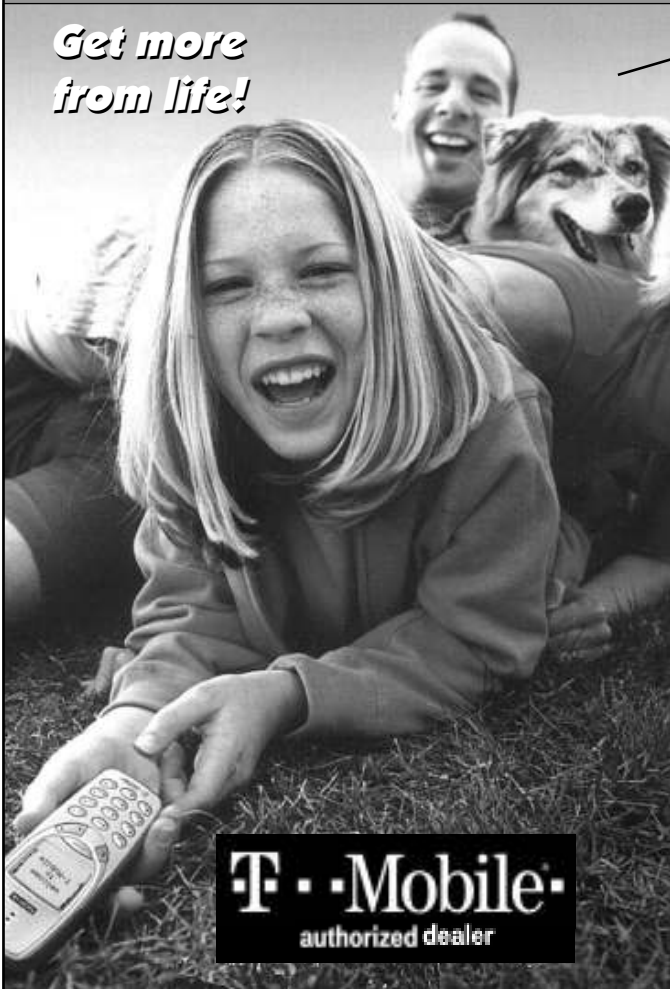
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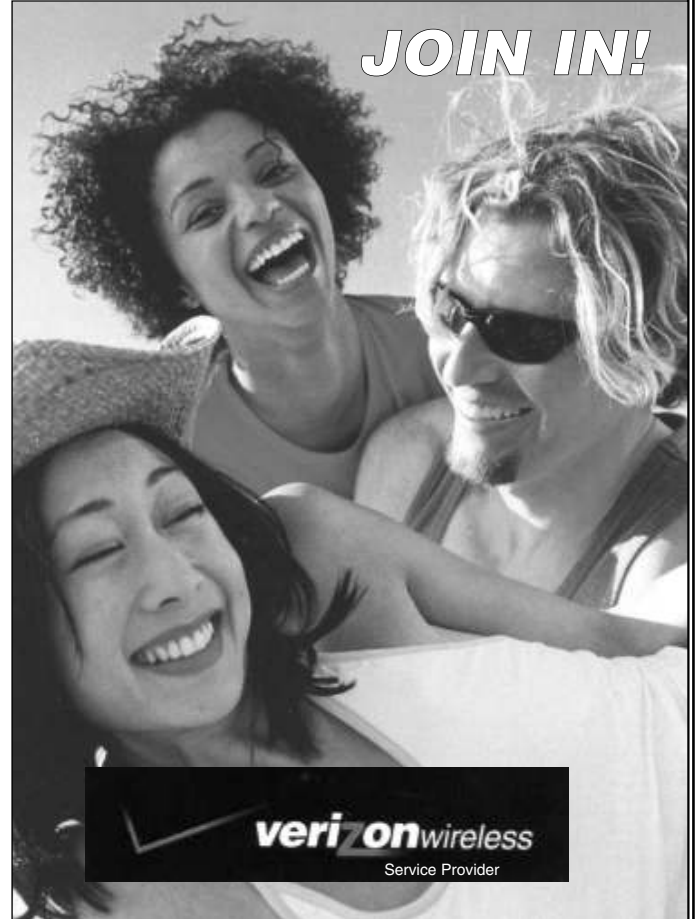
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There was little immediate impact. It's gradually dropped off. June, July, and August are usually our best months, and right now it's been our worst season. I haven't been able to make up for any of the lost income. I'm not just surprised, but disappointed too. UCSD also used to bring business, because they had summer dormitories for foreign students, and they are down big-time. The vacancies are a lot more than last year. I'm hoping things will turn around soon."

At A-Official Passport photos, manager Joe Harris

has seen a decline in business, but it's not all because of the 9/11 crisis. "People are not flying, and those who are flying are going domestic. Travel is still way down. On 9/11, everybody stopped flying. It just came to a standstill. But the reason it stopped was because the postal system went into competition with us, taking passport photos. They do the photos for \$15, which is more than we charge. But the post office doesn't send out customers for passport photos or have them look in the *Yellow Pages* anymore. Any advertising we do has no effect on passport-related services anymore since the post office went into business. They charge more than anyone

else, but most people don't bother to shop. This new thing came down from San Francisco. I've checked around in various states, and it seems that California is the only one doing this at the post offices. They don't do it in Florida or New York. I'm 50 percent down from a year ago. People that deal in domestic travel can't be hurting that bad. It's tough to get a flight!"

Steve Moshki manages A-1 Rent-a-Car on Kettner Boulevard. "I'd say we've dropped about 30 to 35 percent of our business in the last year. Right after the attack, they shut down the airport for a week and there was no business. We haven't been

able to make it up at all. Overall everything in travel business has dropped. We got hurt really bad."

Dave Davis owns Toby's Candle Company at the Sessions Shop in Old Town. He estimates that he relies on tourists for at least 75 percent of his business. "It has been down. We're down maybe about 10 percent from previous years, so we figure it has to do with 9/11. Right after the attack, it was pretty quiet around here, because people just weren't traveling or moving around. We still had business. It didn't drop off completely, but it was still pretty quiet. Of course, that time of the year, September, is when tourism goes down for us. As

of yet, we still haven't been able to make up for the lost business. This year, this summer's been good. July and August and part of September are usually our three biggest months. We're hoping to recoup some of those losses. I think the travel-oriented businesses are probably suffering more than the gift-buying businesses. People are still looking for gifts."

Not everyone in the travel and tourism business is crying doom and gloom, however. Henry Parkins manages 5-Star Parking's Park, Shuttle and Fly on Pacific Highway at Sassafras Street, a large parking lot that offers shuttle service to and from Lindbergh Field. "Business

dropped off at first after 9/11, but now we're right back; in fact, we're above last year's numbers. I think it's because of this particular location and how well it's doing, because I've heard that it's off in other areas. If you go back against last year's numbers, we're above it. I wasn't at this location when the 9/11 attack took place — I was downtown then, but I was with the company, and I remember looking at the numbers and going, 'Wow!' It was a drop off. I can't share the actual numbers, but I can tell you that we're above last year's numbers. I know that government garages had to go to new security, so anyone in-

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involved with that was fired immediately. It was no fault of our own; they were just kicked out for new security. We lost federal parking — and, of course, the Hall of Justice — immediately after 9/11, so that affected us. We lost both those accounts.”

Richard Abdala manages Ampco System Parking's Aladdin Parking Complex at Laurel Street and Kettner Boulevard. “One year later, we find ourselves just a little bit behind where we were a year ago. We've almost fully recuperated. Right after the attack, our business went completely

down, but everyone else's travel business went down too. Our garage didn't get any more customers on the day of the attack. All day long we were just busing people back from the airport. After that, there were just a few people coming back but not on planes. Then, for a few weeks after that, it was very, very slow. We're getting back on track now, but we're a little bit behind, maybe 5 percent. I imagine other tourist businesses in San Diego got hurt worse than we were, because we cater more to people leaving town rather than people coming into town.”

One of the first (or last) restaurants many visitors to San Diego will eat at is

Denny's at Pacific Highway and Hawthorn Street near the airport. Manager Michael Schoonover says that business is just fine. “Things are back to normal. We're actually up about 10 percent. In the summertime, probably 40 percent of our business is visitors, and after 9/11 it dropped! We went from doing \$45,000 to \$50,000 a week down to about \$3000. That's a time of year when our business starts to drop off anyway, the end of September, but it lasted about three months, maybe a little longer. I guess everyone's just not afraid to travel anymore. A lot of people are out and about, taking vacations, but they're driving instead of flying.”

Seaport Village's assortment of shops caters to tourists who are looking for unusual gifts or souvenirs to take home. Karen Carrillo, the manager of Crazy Shirts Seaport Village, estimates that over 95 percent of their business comes from out-of-town visitors. “Our business has increased tremendously. For approximately three months after 9/11, our sales dropped and we had to make adjustments in our stock levels and staffing. We were affected. It was pretty quiet. All of the retail businesses, especially downtown, were affected. There was a feeling that everyone wanted to be more patriotic. We had America shirts that we made, and ev-

eryone wanted to contribute and do something to show their support, whether wearing a shirt with a flag on it or hanging flags from the stores in the village. It was amazing what kind of business Alamo Flags did next door. A lot of the customers just wanted to talk about it. Still it was pretty much just dead. After two weeks of that, we had a tremendous amount of stock left over. But after six months, I think people wanted to get out and shop more. It was more like a relaxing thing. We started to see more people in the village — maybe not buying, but more foot traffic through the store. We've probably seen about an 8 percent increase in sales over

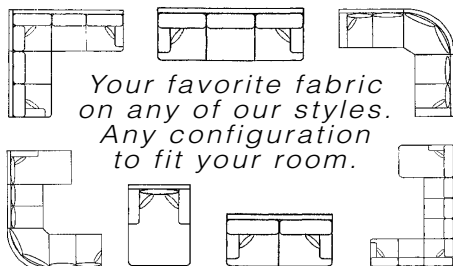
where we projected we would be. We're meeting what we planned. Seaport Village is unique in that the stores are not your normal mall stores. A lot of tourists are looking for things that we can offer that a normal mall can't.”

The Bristol is a boutique hotel located on First Avenue downtown. General manager Gary Petill says that business couldn't be better. “I think we've done very well. People within the 180- to 200-mile radius of San Diego, especially Orange County and L.A. and the desert communities, have given us a lot of support. People are really in the drive market, and it's the drive market that we do re-

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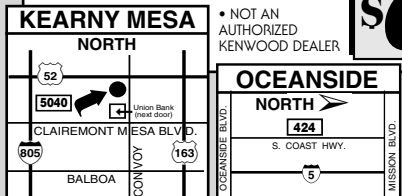
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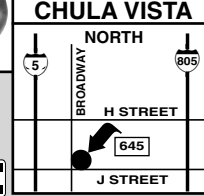
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ally well with. People are jumping in their cars, and they are taking last-minute — and I mean last-minute, even during the week — vacations. We'll have people walk in here on a Tuesday who want to spend four nights who just decided on Monday morning that they weren't going to work but were just going to take some time together. Maybe it's that people realize how important the human aspect of relationships are, and that we need to spend more time together and do things that are more 'outside the box.'

"The first couple of weeks after 9/11, without the air travel, we were as quiet as everybody else was. It was a standstill. I think in a lot of ways that the whole country was so paralyzed by all of this that it was just a reflection. I don't know if anyone even felt like working for the first few days. You just couldn't think about work. People's lives and what had happened, I think, were more important at the time than being busy and going to work. We're a little behind in our room sales, but just a little — maybe about 5 or 6 percent. We have certainly increased in our banquets, catering, and weddings. We have a gorgeous ballroom on the ninth floor. We've seen a lot of celebrations, and that's helped to make it up. We also get a great lunch crowd. It's mostly the driving market now. But those San Francisco people who will fly down and spend a weekend, we really haven't been murdered yet by them. We'll see what happens around September 11. Right now, we have 20 rooms sold for that date out of 102."

Rich Rethwish owns and operates the Sunshine Spot, a souvenir shop in Old Town that specializes in T-shirts, sunglasses, and low-priced novelties. "It still is hurting a little bit, but it's starting to come back. A lot more foreign travelers are coming in. The first few weeks were scary, because there was nobody around. You could walk out in the middle of the street and look up and down the street, and it was a ghost town down here. Right now, I'm actually a little up in income,

because I wasn't doing that great last year. I'm probably up about 10 percent. But for a while, I just lived off my money in savings. The hotels seem to be complaining, but we got more local travelers — the folks from L.A. or Arizona — to make up for the loss of airport traffic."

Pamela Catania owns and operates Captain Fitch's Mercantile, a souvenir shop in Old Town that specializes in memorabilia and gifts. She thinks that San Diego is almost immune to drops in tourism. "For us in San Diego, it's been very upbeat. We count our blessings every day. Every day, we have to say, 'God bless the Brits!' because the whole time from the day 9/11 happened, they just kept on coming in busloads. They are like fearless people. When it happened, for the first two months we sold so much Americana from our store. They could not leave the store without saying, 'We're with you, America,' so they would do it by buying our patriotic towels and linens and other things. Overall, between their continuing to come and some local people — plus people from the bordering states; we've seen a lot of people just driving from Arizona, Nevada, and Utah — that's been real strong. About 50 percent of our business is tourist business. There was very little of a drop for us right after 9/11. Actually, our income is up from a year ago. I don't have the exact numbers, but it would be safe to say it's up at least 10 percent. Here in Old Town, we've all benefited. I know that other states, from what I've heard, are hurting for tourism business. It's interesting to talk to people from back East, because what we're hearing is that they see San Diego as a safe harbor. This is coming from people in New York, Ohio, Florida. They think that because of our military strength and presence here that it's safer. We hear it all the time. I personally went to Disney World in June. As an indication of how they're not doing, they were selling Cokes in Santa Claus bottles in June at one of their premiere resorts. They're still selling Christmas Cokes in June! As a retailer, that really spoke to me. My family didn't get it, but as soon as I saw them holding the bottles, I got it." ■

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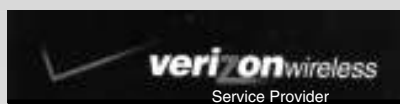


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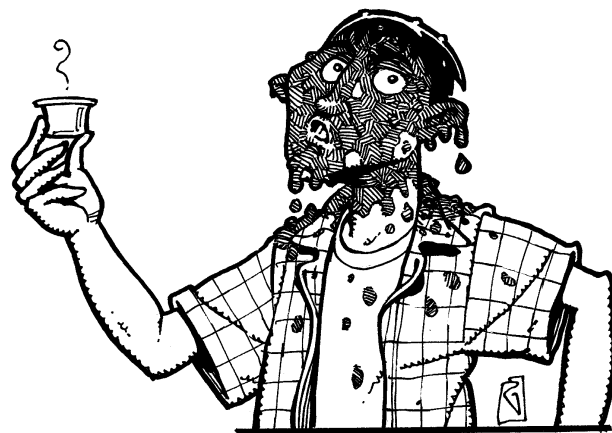


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Hi:

The other morning I woke up and found salsa splattered everywhere, a sort of minor explosion, it appeared. One of those small round plastic containers of salsa had blown the lid and its contents all over my bookshelf and laptop. The container's neighbor was under pressure and about to go. Luckily, I defused that one. What happened?

— Greg Perrin, El Cajon

So you stored the salsa on your bookshelf. And you made room for it by putting your books in the refrigerator, right? You have a real Guy sense of housekeeping. Grandma Alice is appalled. If salsa in the laptop doesn't teach you a lesson, maybe this will. We dialed up Linda Harris, a UC Davis professor of microbes in consumer products. She said yeasts (maybe bacteria, more likely yeasts) in your salsa fermented, gave off their yeasty gasses, which blew up your container. What you bought (in plastic) was the so-called "fresh" salsa. It came from the refrigerated section of the store, over by the hot dogs and cheese. Remember? Guess not. And it says right on the label that you're supposed to store the stuff in your refrigerator. When fresh salsas are processed, they're not heated to temperatures that will destroy all microbes. They have a much shorter shelf life and must be stored in a refrigerator to slow the growth of whatever's in there. Grandma advises that you stick to the bottled stuff, fully pasteurized in vacuum-sealed glass. Much safer for salsa beginners like you. When you've mastered Pace and La Victoria, then you can move on to the fresh stuff. But have a responsible adult with you when you do.

Hey:

What is a shrift, and why do I care if I get a short one?

— Rick Greenburg, San Diego

Shrift: noun; (1) confession of sin; (2) absolution following confession. Short shrift: noun; (1) long ago in merrye olde England, the brief time allowed a condemned prisoner to confess his sins before being hanged. Long on sins, short on shrift? No good, I guess.

Hey, Elf Master:

I have a couple of questions for you about Ping Pong balls: what are they made of and how are they made? I know there are more profound questions I could ask, but I am bored and have already taken the phone apart twice.

— M. Dudley, out there

While you were wantonly destroying household appliances, the elves were in their lederhosen and funny hats, yodeling their way through Germany in search of Joachim Kuhn. He's the physicist in charge of balls for the International Table Tennis Association (called the ITTF, for some reason). Herr Kuhn was happy to answer your questions. I mean, how often does a physicist in charge of Ping Pong balls get interview requests.

Table tennis balls are made of celluloid. Always have been. They've tried other materials, but none is resilient enough to take the punishment of being whapped around by professionals. All the world's table tennis balls (no matter what brand) are made in half a dozen factories in China, Korea, and Japan. Here's the recipe: Soak a flat piece of celluloid in hot alcohol until it's soft, then press it into a hemispherical mold and trim the edges. Once it's hardened, weigh the half-ball, then match it with another of the same weight. Butt them together and cement them with alcohol-based glue. Run each ball through a lot of bounce and flight tests, then grade them. The best ones are ITTF-approved tournament-quality balls; the rest are bought by us slugs who will see how many we can fit in our mouths then lose them behind the couch. Finally, put the balls into a device like a washing machine with small pebbles and sand to smooth their surfaces. Table tennis balls are now 40mm in diameter, up 2mm from a year ago. It's slowed the game but made it more TV friendly, according to the association.

Baby, Let Me (Turn on Your) Heartlight and/or Light Your Fire, Then Lay Down (Candles in the Rain)

As discussed last week: who started the tradition of holding up lighters/matches/burning things at concerts? No way Neil Diamond in 1972. Not even the Doors in 1967, says *Union-Tribune* pop music critic George Varga. "I suggest you look to the fabled mudfest of 1969, otherwise known as Woodstock, and the songbird known as Melanie, whose performance there in a rainstorm was rewarded by appreciative fans who held various lit items up to demonstrate their gratitude. Melanie documented this illuminating incident in her song 'Lay Down (Candles in the Rain).' Being a bit too young for Woodstock — never mind that I was a kid living in Germany at the time — I can't vouch for how many candles were held aloft for Melanie or, more to the point, how said candles happened to be available in plentiful supply at an event that lacked even a hint of infrastructure. But there, I believe, is your answer."

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

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I am here due to an astounding series of miscalculations that has taken me, in the past five days, from the tranquil enjoyment of my home, to Corona, a freeway town rooted in the vast blur between San Bernardino and Long Beach, to South Carlsbad, to Vista, and finally to the house of Robert Mitchell, Prince of Jacumba. This is what a Labor Day weekend will do to those of us with little experience in the ways of American holidays.

You see, I did not realize how many holiday celebrants are ravaged and left to die in Motel 6 parking lots. Others starve while waiting for a table at Denny's. Many otherwise intelligent citizens succumb to sunstroke while seeking a parking spot at Pacific Beach. And still tourists come. And still locals burst forth from their abodes, thence to link-up with visiting friends, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, moms, dads, children, and form one gigantic, cross-generational, throbbing stampede of holiday excitement.

Once I saw the scope of the carnage, realizing that holiday celebrants had formed a traffic blockade around my home, I fled inland to wait out the siege. After several days of adventure, I found myself within the compound walls and under the protection of the aforementioned Prince of Jacumba.

Still, one has needs. And so, I have left safe harbor and come to the Acorn, because it's early Sunday morning and I require coffee and a newspaper.

Upon entering the Acorn, a large sign announces that I am in the "Luckiest Place on Earth." It's 7:30 a.m. I do not feel lucky, nor, among the 40 patrons I count, does anyone else appear to express that emotion, assuming, that is, feeling lucky involves an expression of pleasure, however negligible.

What we have here is what we have in any casino, a plague of senior citizens dressed in Target and Kmart summer-wear. The bodies of these citizens, only charitably, must in truth be described as "nonstandard." These men and women are sitting on bar stools. In one hand each of these men and women

holds a small tub of quarters. The other, or, "free" hand, is at the ready, the eyes are focused on a computer terminal whose screen shows, over and over and over again, the same sequence. Behold, my children, The Slot Machine People.

I get coffee from the Golden Grill (\$1.35). I drift to a blackjack table. A gray-haired man shows a 9 card and the dealer shows a 3 card (all dealers and pit bosses are women). The man turns over his hole card to reveal another 9, splits, and adds to his bet. He draws an 8 on his first 9 card, scowls, and holds. Then, he draws a 7 on his second 9 and holds again as do the other four players in the game. Now, the dealer draws a jack, which, when added to her 3, makes 13. Now, if we were in the movies, here is the part where the swashbuckling guy in a tux would be making sophisticated banter with the gorgeous Brunette in the skin-tight, white satin evening

The Vegas Line

NFL - Week 1
[Home Team in CAPS]

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| <i>Thursday</i> | | | |
| San Francisco | 3 | 41 | N.Y. GIANTS |
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| CINCINNATI | 2 | 38 1/2 | San Diego |
| TENNESSEE | 1 | 37 1/2 | Philadelphia |
| N.Y. Jets | 3 | 38 | BUFFALO |
| WASHINGTON | 7 | 45 | Arizona |
| Baltimore | 2 | 33 | CAROLINA |
| CHICAGO | 4 1/2 | 44 1/2 | Minnesota |
| CLEVELAND | 2 1/2 | 37 1/2 | Kansas City |
| GREEN BAY | 8 | 43 | Atlanta |
| Indianapolis | 3 1/2 | 44 1/2 | JACKSONVILLE |
| MIAMI | 8 | 36 1/2 | Detroit |
| St. Louis | 2 1/2 | 51 | DENVER |
| OAKLAND | 7 | 41 | Seattle |
| TAMPA BAY | 6 1/2 | 37 1/2 | New Orleans |
| Dallas | 7 | 34 1/2 | HOUSTON |
| <i>Monday</i> | | | |
| NEW ENGLAND | Pick 'Em | 38 | Pittsburgh |

gown. But here, there is emptiness. Nothing. No sense of anticipation, no sighs, no nervous comments, apparently everyone is simply passing time. The dealer draws an 8 to make 21 and win the hand. And still...nothing. *They were expecting to lose.*

Although I still don't feel lucky, I am beginning to feel doomed. This is behavior one expects from Slot Machine People, not people who gamble with living human beings. Stepping back, I see that no one at the table is drunk. In fact, I don't believe there is one drunk in the casino. Who are these... *things*...who gather too early on a Sunday morning, in a casino built in the deep outback, who neither laugh nor drink, or, come to think of it, eat or speak? There is something terribly...terribly... wrong here. I should try to get to a phone....

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: United Methodist
Address: 3094 L Street, Logan Heights, 619-232-1054
Year founded: 1944
Senior pastor: Reverend John Greene
Congregation: 150 members
Staff: one full-time, three part-time
Sunday school enrollment: 35
Annual budget: \$150,000
Weekly giving: \$2900
Singles program: no
Diversity: African-American
Dress: dressy-casual to dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 11:00 a.m.

"How do we observe Labor Sunday?" Reverend John Greene last week asked his congregation at St. Paul United Methodist Church. "How do we celebrate this Labor Sunday when the statistics are against so many of the young people in our community?"

Reverend Greene's sermon stood in contrast to his church's joyful liturgy. Of the 50 United Methodist churches in the county, St. Paul is

the only African-American one. Like African Methodist Episcopal congregations, black United Methodists follow a traditional order of worship (from lighting of candles to benediction), leavened with gospel hymns and spontaneous testimony and prayer. While attending St. Paul last Sunday morning, I couldn't help but wonder if the many white Protestants who, hungering for meaningful liturgy, fled to Eastern Orthodoxy and High-Church Anglicanism, mightn't have done well to investigate the worship style of African-American mainline churches.

Sixty-two-year-old Charles Ray Warren is the church's fine pianist. He's worked for 30 years as a musician for Ragsdale Mortuary. He's played at the Hotel del Coronado, the Mission Valley Inn, and at the El Cortez Hotel. He has a limber falsetto that can swoop to a gravelly

shout. He underscores most of the liturgy with hymns played at a slow "anointing rhythm" over which he softly sings and wails.

Before Reverend Greene's sermon, people stood to offer prayer requests and thanks. One man's wife had fallen and broken her knee. A woman's son had just been made manager of a Discount Tire franchise and was concerned about his long commute to Fountain Valley. Another mother had just taken her two daughters back to college in Little Rock and wanted prayer for them. One father's son, "my baby boy," he called him, had just completed 21 years of service in the Marines and had announced his retirement. Everyone who stood to speak referred to St. Paul as "my church family" or "my very dear church family."

Laura Benson, a young white woman representing the Interfaith Committee on Workers Rights, spoke to us after the prayer requests and announcements. Benson described how people working for city government subcontractors earned only minimum wage and received

no medical or retirement benefits. She urged the congregation to pressure the city government to adopt a Living Wage Ordinance.

"We must not allow our tax dollars to subsidize a system that makes its workers live at poverty level."

Reverend Greene was also careful that we not forget the holiday's particular significance. In the church bulletin, and in his sermon, he reminded us that, "In 1980, there were 143,000 young black men in prison, and 463,000 enrolled in colleges and universities. In 2000, there were 603,000 enrolled in colleges and universities, and 791,000 in jails and prisons." He told us that, "in the state of California, between 1984 and 1994, 39,000 African-American men were sent to state prisons while African-American male enrollment in higher education declined by 3800."

The reason Reverend Greene gave for these awful numbers was "the lack of jobs, and the lack of hope for jobs."

"It's difficult to be a Christian," he said. "But no one said it was going to be easy. And being

a Christian means reaching out to your neighbor, to your brother. Reaching out and helping someone get education, helping someone find a job. That's how we as a community, as a church, can observe Labor Sunday."

After the service, Reverend Greene's congregation moved to the social hall for lemonade, coffee, chilled watermelon, and cookies. A very pretty young woman in a big beige hat spotted me.

She whispered, "Are you the fellow who does those church reviews? As you can see, we don't get many white people in our church. After we read your first reviews, whenever a white man would walk through the door, we'd say, 'Oh, my God! Is that him?'"

Reverend Greene came to greet me, his children bouncing about him like excited gremlins. "Write in your article that my momma

locks me in the refrigerator!" one of them squealed. "Yes! And tell your readers that my daddy hits my sister in the face!" blurted another. They all doubled over with laughter.

"Times like this," said Reverend Greene, "I wish I'd had more children."

We talked about the tremendous growth of charismatic churches in the black community. I asked Reverend Greene what role he felt that African-American mainline churches might play in the future.

"The trend I see isn't just growth among charismatic churches, but among the 'stricter' churches in general. The ones with a more literal approach to the bible. The issue is that these churches haven't been so involved in politics and social issues. And I think that's where our role is going to be. Like I said in my sermon, we have to reach out and help others find education and work. We already do a lot in that regard. More work than churches many times our size."

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND JOHN GREENE

St. Paul United Methodist Church Logan Heights ★★★

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| Sermon | |
| content..... | ★★★★ |
| delivery | ★★★★ |
| Liturgy | ★★★★ |
| Music | |
| congregational..... | ★★★★ |
| choir..... | ★★★★ |
| Snacks | ★★★★ |
| Flowers | ★★ |
| Architecture | ★★★★ |
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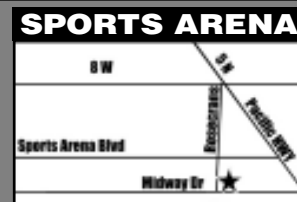


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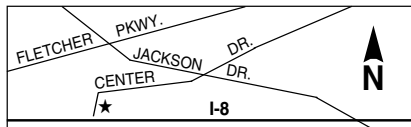


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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I'm a 76-year-old widower/retiree. I enjoy being around kids. They're nonjudgmental, sweet, and pure-hearted, and nicer to me than most 20-, 30-, or 40-year-olds, who seem to just see a decrepit old guy when they glance my way. Lately, though, I'm uncomfortable even around children, because the recent rash of kidnappings and murders has made me worry about sitting around in the park and being friendly to kids as I normally am. My daughter, who has three kids, is wild with fear about these awful incidents and won't let her children talk to any strangers at all now. I assume many other parents are feeling more or less the same. I'm afraid if I'm friendly to small children, as I used to be at the playground when I take my grandchildren there, or if I go to the park by myself to eat lunch, that people will assume I'm some kind of criminal. I hate having to restrain my affection for children, but I guess I have to now that there are so many evil people in the world doing terrible things to helpless youngsters.

SAD GRAMPS IN EL CAJON

Dear Sad Gramps,

Frightening and repugnant as the kinds of crimes you mention are, I don't think their prevalence in the news means you have to give all kids the cold shoulder from now on. How terrible life would be if we all felt compelled to curtail the warmth and spontaneous joy we feel around youngsters because there are sick souls in the world who mean them harm. You are wise to be mindful of the fact that parents are naturally more protective and wary these days. But I would think there are still appropriate, cautious, nonthreatening ways to interact with children you meet. And what would those guidelines be, you may well inquire. Ask parents' permission first; keep in parents' sight and earshot; don't pick up or get physical with kids without parents' approval — how does that sound? Since you are so fond of children, have you considered doing volunteer work at a children's hospital, school, or other institution for kids? That way you could be kind and helpful to children in a supervised setting where no one would be suspicious of you, and where you could do an immense amount of good, giving affection to those who are starved for it.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My best friend is being a dope, and it's bugging me. He's 38 and is a great guy: funny, smart, creative, and nice looking enough for all normal purposes. He's a little shy and gullible, though. He hasn't had many girlfriends, and those he has had — excuse me for saying so — have been pains in the ass. The last one just dumped him after borrowing

a wad of his money. Finally my pal is beginning to realize that he does — in his words — “a lousy job of picking women.” My wife and I have offered to set him up with a few high-quality single women we know. They are dying to meet nice, eligible men. We love this guy and feel we'd be doing both parties a favor. But “Charles,” my friend, finds some excuse not to meet every woman we suggest. He moans endlessly about being alone, but gets a severe case of cold feet when we actually come up with a gal to introduce him to. I'm getting sick of his complaining about wanting love, then refusing to do something about it. This has gone on for months and is stretching my patience. Should I tell Charles to quit bellyaching if he's not willing to do something about the problem?

WOULD-BE NORTH PARK
CUPID

Dear Cupid,

Your arrows may have to remain in their quiver a little longer. Though Charles is whining about craving female companionship, it seems he's not quite ready to meet the babe of his dreams. If he's had a slew of rancid romances, as you describe, he's probably discouraged, depressed, and terrified to meet any one new. He may also be embarrassed about being “fixed up” by you and your wife, despite the fabulousness of your circle of female acquaintances and your generous intentions. How about backing off for a month or two? I have a feeling Charles will come around. You could also consider throwing a party and inviting lots of interesting, scintillating people, including Charles and several of these excellent women. Then stand back and see if any sparks fly, without further intervention from you. Some love matches, like some mixed drinks, only need the essential components poured into the same glass and shouldn't be shaken or stirred, for fear of bruising the ingredients.

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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

A recent road trip through the Arizona desert found me howling in the wee hours of the morning. I marveled at the stately silhouettes of saguaro cacti that must have been 25 feet tall. These saguaros are what used to come to mind when I heard the word cactus. My knowledge of the prickly plants was limited because I grew up in non-cactus areas of the country, and because I've never gardened with them. But my haphazard watering has left my flower garden wilting while the garden of succulent plants my husband Patrick planted continues to thrive. I thought the cure for my brown thumb could be a drought-tolerant garden. So off I went to explore cacti.

"All cacti are succulents, but not all succulents are cacti," explained Nancy Lustig, herb lady at Mission Hills Nursery. "A succulent is any plant that stores water." "Probably the biggest difference between cacti and succulents," explained Lou Diaz, general manager at Mission Hills, "is that most cacti have thorns. A succulent is a fleshy modified leaf." Diaz continued, "Contrary to popular belief, some of the cactus are not recommended for full sun. A lot of people grow the cactus and the succulents for their color, not necessarily the flower color but the plant's color. When they are grown in full sun, the color often will bleach out. The color will look better if the cactus is grown in bright indirect light or diffused light."

Diaz recommends planting a tree to create shade for the cacti during the heat of the day, or hanging shade cloth or building a shade structure over them.

"Most cactus have some type of showy flower, in pink or red or yellow. Depending on the variety, they can flower from the spring through the winter, just about year-round."

"In terms of fertilizer, use very little," he explained. "They need a well-drained soil. Most of the cactus mixes that you purchase have quite a bit of sand and pumice in them. Some unique cactus can be put in a clay pot with gravel. Cacti are all pretty hardy and most are low water users. There are different varieties of cactus and succulents from different parts of the world. We do well with a lot of cactus from Africa and the Mediterranean because of the similar climates to here."

"When planting the cacti," added Diaz, "it is better to try to group them according to their watering requirements. Some come from Africa and prefer regular moisture at a different time of the year than some of the cacti from this side of the earth. You want to try to match up the water requirement needs."

Diaz offered a practical tip on handling

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the cactus. "We have learned to handle cactus with a bunch of newspaper. The thorns can go through gloves, but if you bunch up newspaper and wrap it around the plant, you can get a grip on the plant." One of Diaz's favorite cacti is the Old Man Cactus. "It has this material that grows off of it and it looks like a bearded, woolly old man. I also like the Prickly Pear, *Opuntia* is the botanical name." Some of the Prickly Pear are edible.

The Prickly Pear caught my eye as well so I snatched up the five-inch pot for **\$3.99**.

The Barrel Cactus, **\$2.49** for a three-inch pot, was beginning to bloom hot pink flowers in rings around the diameter of the globular plant. The Fat Rattail cactus, **\$7.99** for a six-inch pot, was also in bloom, with pink crimson flowers decorating the bristly tubular stems.

Up in Encinitas, Cactus King & Succulents offers about 3000 different cacti and succulent plants. Owner Brad Brown points out his favorite, *Euphorbia Injens*, an African Saguaro. "It is actually an African succulent, but everyone calls it a cactus. It is a popular plant that does well indoors and outdoors. The cactus has a buddy feel about it, it looks human

[**\$50–\$100** for the five-foot cactus at Cactus King]."

Cactus King has a wide assortment of smaller cactus. "We charge **\$1.50** for two-inch pots, **\$2.95** for four-inch pots, and **\$6.50** for six-inch pots," explains Brown.

The Old Man cactus, with its white woolly "hair," cost **\$12** for a six-inch pot.

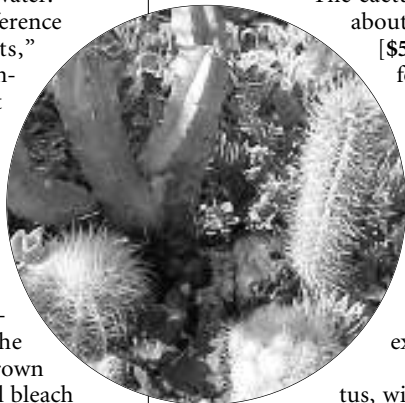
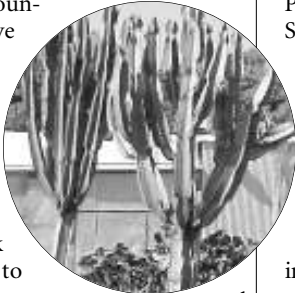
Back south at Walter Andersen's Nursery, they sell an assortment of one-and-a-half-inch pots of cactus for **\$1.99**. Two-inch pots of Grafted Cactus cost **\$4.99**.

Target offers their two-and-a-half-inch pots of cacti for **\$1.69** and their four-inch pots for **\$2.99**. A neon red four-inch grafted Moon cactus for **\$2.99** was eye-catching. Its information card read, "In order to have this intense color, the green chlorophyll has been bred out of this plant. This small colorful cactus on top is grafted to the strong, green upright stock in order for it to grow and thrive."

Decorative turtle and frog pots, filled with assorted cacti are also for sale. I snatched up the eight-inch turtle for **\$14.99**.

Wal-Mart displays an assortment of kid-packaged cacti: "A Gang Of Cactus Critters To Collect," the packaging reads. The Rice Cactus, *Rhipsalis cereuscula*, was a favorite from their collection (one-and-a-half-inch pot for **\$1.97**). A green spindly vine-like plant, it is soft to the touch.

After moving the cacti home, I was stung by a spine from one of the plants. After much itching, I called up the Poison Control Center. They recommend washing with soap and water for all cactus wounds. Depending on the cactus, some may cause burns or blisters; some will get infected. Cactus safety tip: if you give them a specific cactus name, the Poison Control Center can give you specific instructions in case of a pricking.



1. *Euphorbia Injens*
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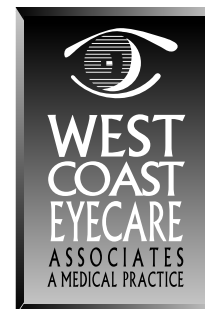
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I Couldn't Believe This Was

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AT RUNSBOLD, 63, is a teacher from Carlsbad. "I was getting up to go to school and my husband called me in to the television and said, 'Look at what's going on!' I couldn't believe my eyes. I saw the second plane hit the tower, and it was just unbelievable. I couldn't believe this was happening in America, but at the same time, I felt the panic for those people there. I was very concerned, because I didn't know how they would ever get out. I prayed to God at that particular moment, because I thought that that was the only way that any of this will ever be

solved or in any way resolved. I spent the day at class, and I told the children that I teach that a very bad thing had happened in America. Most of them were aware of it, but I think because I teach kindergarten, they weren't aware of the depth of the tragedy. It was hard to sleep for a couple of nights. The damage had been done, and I had said all the prayers I could say."

Sheila Sample, 44, is a licensed nurse who lives in Shelter Valley, between Julian and Ranchita. "I was standing in my living room. My husband had the TV news on. It was total horror. All my family's back there. I have a nephew who is a firefighter, a niece who is a police officer, a sister and a niece who both worked in a restaurant at the top of the World Trade Center. They were all safe, but my nephew and niece both worked in the rescue operation. It was a nightmare. I cried and just watched. When the airplane hit the second building, you knew that this wasn't an accident. No words can describe it. I was zoned out all day, glued to the news, trying to get through back East to find out if everybody was okay. A lot of people that I knew back there lost family members and friends. It was a real trying time. I was too horrified to sleep, because I didn't know if parts of the building were going to come down on my family while they were working on the rescue. That lasted about two or three weeks."

Delmy Horman, 26, lives in Tierrasanta and is a lieutenant in the Navy. "I was onboard the USS *Harper's Ferry* and we were almost at Camp Pendleton and we couldn't come to the pier because of the incident. We had to wait a day or so to come down and unload the Marines. It was total disbelief, I just couldn't believe it. I thought it was a fire or something, and I didn't think that the two towers were coming down. There was just total silence on the ship when they announced it. I tried to e-mail my husband to confirm it, but they shut off the e-mail because of Threatcon. The rest of the day I was meditating on what was happening. You think that we're a world force and we're invincible and indestructible, but we're not. It was an eye-opener. I had trouble sleeping. I was thinking a lot, wondering if we were going to make it back to San Diego at all or go back to the Gulf."

Father Louis Solcia, 70, is the associate pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Little Italy. "I was watching TV, and I started to pray for those people, because I knew that a lot of people were killed. That was my first thought, to pray for them. Then I said the Divine Mercy Chaplet for them. For the rest of the day, I heard the news and continued to pray in the church for them. It was a little hard to sleep, because I continued to pray at night before falling asleep. The first night I didn't sleep for at least one hour."

Matthew Warren, 12, lives in Ramona and attends Olive Peirce Middle School. "I was at my mom's. I just woke up and she had turned on the radio and I thought it was some sort of joke. I went and turned on the TV and it was real. It was just crazy. The first thing I did was call my dad. I just watched the TV all day. It was real hard to sleep, because I was thinking about it all night."

Bernard Miller, 51, is a custodian from Sherman Heights. "I was at work and I



Pat Runsbold



Sheila Sample



Casey Matthews



Karen Harris

called my friend that morning and he told me that a couple of planes had crashed into those buildings. Then I found out that it was the terrorists, al Qaeda, what have you, that pulled a suicide mission. I thought it was just a tragedy, all the people that died, all the innocent folks. I just turned on the news after that to confirm everything that had happened. I just kind of grieved and mourned for the rest of the day. It was hard to sleep for the next two or three weeks. I ended up going to a little vigil at St. Paul's Cathedral."

Shiloh Hall, 26, is a mortgage banker from Carlsbad. "I was getting ready for work in the morning. At first, I didn't know if it was a joke, like in 1984, or if it was real — like a radio hoax. I went down to turn on the TV to see if it was a joke or if it was real. Then I went about my day and got on the train to go to work. I work in a high-rise — 550 Corporate Plaza — but they closed it down, so I went back home and watched TV all day. I slept all right that night. I had been watching it all day and it was very surreal."

Casey Matthews, 21, a Carlsbad resident, is a repairman for the City of Escondido. "I was at work, and seeing how I was a city employee, I was sitting on

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my ass. I didn't believe it. I thought it was a joke. I'd heard about it on the radio, on the way to work, but I didn't actually see the footage until I got there. I didn't do much that day. I left work, because a friend of mine had a bunch of relatives out in New York and he was having some trouble. They said that if we wanted to go home, it was all right. But I was able to sleep."

Karen Harris, 42, teaches kindergarten at Walker Elementary School and lives in Scripps Ranch. "I was at home getting ready for school and it was on the TV. I really couldn't believe it. I was away from the TV when I heard, and I turned around to look and was in shock and then disbelief. I sat down and watched the coverage for a while. I had to teach that day and looked at the TV in my room whenever I had a chance. I tried to avoid the topic with my students, because they're only five years old. I thought that would be too much for them and it would be better for their parents to discuss it with them. I stayed up later than normal watching the news. I was just too keyed up by what was going on."

Adi Pourfard, 42, is a business owner from Rancho Santa Fe. "I was in bed, watching the financial news.

The first thing I thought was like a shock. The first plane disrupted the financial news and they said it was an accident. While we were watching it, they noticed the second plane hitting it. When the second one went through 20 minutes later, we were just shocked. We closed the door so the kids wouldn't see it. I didn't even open my store that day. We just stayed home, shocked. We have a lot of family in New York, and we didn't know if they were okay. For the first week, we started listening to the news in our bedroom instead of letting the kids watch it with us, because we didn't want them to be scared. They were showing those scenes of people throwing themselves off the building over and over. We didn't want the kids to be scared of that. They could sleep, but we couldn't."

Phillip Reed, 15, is a high school student in San Diego. "I was at home watching the television. I just thought, 'Wow! What happened?' I just sat there and watched and wondered why it happened. I spent the day talking about it with my friends. I didn't have trouble sleeping because it was so far away. I didn't think they would come over here and attack us."

Joe Fisher, 65, lives in Ocean Beach and works as a



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distributor. "I was in Washington, D.C., on business. My initial reaction was shock. I couldn't believe it. When they came out to tell me, I thought they were joking. It took us a couple of minutes to realize

what was happening. We were right next to the FAA building, so we vacated after that. I had no problem sleeping afterward, not at all." Jamie Hall, 22, lives in Pacific Beach and works as a restaurant

hostess. "I was getting ready for school. At the time, I was going to school at Chico State, up north. I thought that it was like a dream, that it couldn't be real. It was confusing. I went to school and went home

almost immediately, because the school was just deserted. The only people who were there were in the library in front of the big TVs. It was only 8:30, but I decided to go home. After that, I just sat in

front of the TV all day long. I had no trouble sleeping, but it was still on my mind all the time. Even now, still." Harry McClelland, 68, lives in Southcrest and is retired. "I remember precisely where I

was — in my apartment. I heard about it on television. I was shocked, of course, but I wasn't perhaps as surprised as those around me seemed to be. Maybe it's just my philosophical view of the world's situ-

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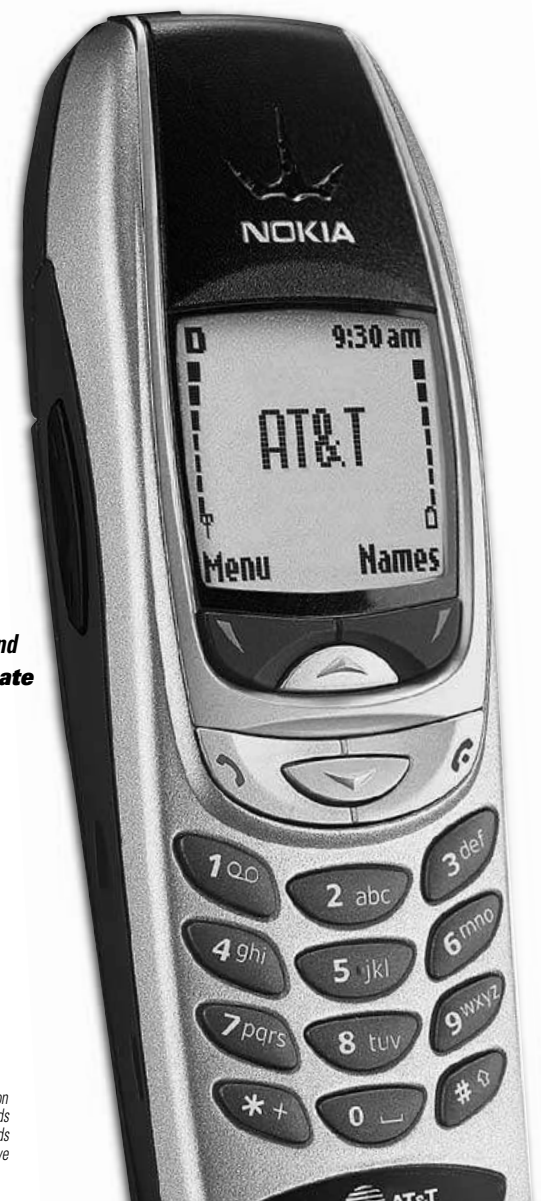
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ation today and the history surrounding our country and the Arab world and the conflicts that heretofore had not reached this pinnacle of violence. I was surprised that this hadn't happened sooner. I started

to pray and called a few relatives and friends in Pittsburgh, which is where I'm from. Some who worked in downtown Pittsburgh said that they were afraid that there might be some more terrorist

activity pending. I had a hard time sleeping after that. But one element — it may sound Hollywood-ish of me to say it — but what really knocked me out more than anything else, the positive element that I

grabbed out of this, was the guy on the plane that was heard saying, 'Let's roll!' That was so American! [His voice chokes with emotion.] That guy is definitely a fixture in history and the group that was with him. We

probably will never know the whole story, but it's so American to go down that way. I was in the Korean War, and a few of my friends are not here anymore." Olivia Perez, 46, is a secretary from South

Bronx in New York City, spending the summer in San Diego. "I was at work and we were watching television. We heard the news, and we all ran to the auditorium to watch it. At first, I

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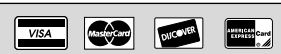
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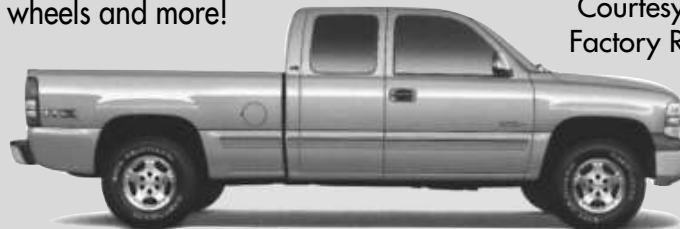


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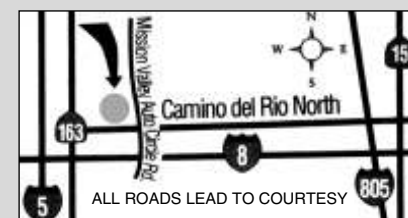
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thought it was just an accident. Then I realized that we were being attacked. I cried. They wouldn't let us out of work, and we had to work very late. Then I went home and sat in front of the television for the rest of the night. It was very hard to sleep after that for months."

Amanda Chapman, 22, lives in Bay Park and is a development assistant for Christian Websites. "I was in Córdoba, Spain, at the time as an exchange student. We were at school until

maybe one o'clock in the afternoon — their time — so that would be right about the time the World Trade Center would be starting to fall. I came home to have lunch with my host family, and they were watching television. I knew minimal Spanish, so I didn't understand what was going on. I saw it on TV and I thought it was a movie, but it just kept playing over and over and it was on the news. My host family was trying to explain to me that it was the United States and I didn't know what

they were talking about or understand what they were trying to tell me, but I surely didn't think it was a terrorist attack. I didn't know what to think when I finally realized the truth, because I was so removed from everything that was going on. When I talked to other people who were here in the U.S., things just seemed so foreign. Everyone was telling me that there were flags on cars and everyone was so patriotic and praying together, and that just seemed so weird to me,

because I was so distant from all that was going on. My group in Spain met up later that day. All of us American students had to buy cell phones to call home because we didn't have phone access. So we met up, and there were some people who were really struck emotionally because they had family in New York. I remember thinking about my cousin who lives in New York. The Americans in Spain all tried to help and support each other, but we had to get on with what we had to do.

After we heard the news, we heard a lot of things. One of them was that since Spain is between America and the Middle East, it might be a place for an attack. Córdoba has the great mosque, so for some reason, they believed that our town would not be bombed because of the mosque. I didn't have too much trouble sleeping after that. But I tried to move up my flight back and it was impossible. I couldn't get ahold of my agent for a long time, and then I ended up having to wait until a

week before I was going to leave and even at that point I had to change some things. Some of us wanted to go home early and some of us wanted to stay. It was a hard thing."

Daryl Williams, 20, studies computer science at Grossmont College and resides in Encanto. "I was at school. When I came home, my mom was talking about it. She had taken it to heart, but I was, like, 'It didn't happen to me,' so I wasn't worried about it. I just thought, 'That's messed up.' I just did what I nor-

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mally did that day, some homework and studying. Then I went to sleep. Later, I watched the news to try to get more details and that's when it hit me. I started getting sad when they started playing it on BET [Black Entertainment Television] and showing what happened. After I heard that song off BET, I had a hard time sleeping."

Kerri Lookabaugh, 25, lives in North Park and is an attorney. "I was at home, watching TV. It was just a shock. My stepbrother worked at

the World Trade Center, so I called home to try to find him! He was late getting to work, and he was in an elevator going up when it happened. But he only worked on the second floor, so he got right out. I couldn't get ahold of him, so I called my parents in North Carolina. I canceled my appointments, stayed home, and called everybody that day. It was hard to sleep after that. I kept thinking about my brother, and living in San Diego, this seems like a logical place for them to try to attack.

That lasted for a while." Devan Ramalingam, 26, of Carlsbad, is a contractor. "At the time, I was a stockbroker, so I was awake and at work. We were watching it on TV while we were doing trades and stuff. Then the exchange closed down. It was just unreal. There were reports that a plane had hit, but I didn't believe it — I thought it was a bomb. Then when the second plane hit, you knew it was all downhill. I just couldn't believe it. The first thing that actually touched me personally

was with my supervisor. He was from New York, and he had had a brain tumor removed a couple of months before and he was so worried about his family that he had an epileptic seizure, so I had to call 911. It was really weird, because on the worldwide scale, you see these buildings falling, but my personal superior at work is having this very personal thing happen to him and it really touched me in both big and small ways. At work, we really didn't have anything to do, so we watched it on the

news. We stayed, then went home. I was actually able to sleep. For some reason, I knew the world would go on somehow."

Betty Waller, 68, is a San Clemente realtor. "We were up because of the time frame, New York to California. It was a horrible situation. We had relatives in New York at one time. We turned on the Fox News Network and it was on. Oh, my God! I couldn't believe that America had finally thrown away the silk sheets and got the cotton out! It was terri-

ble. I called all my kids to make sure they were all right. I was glued for the next 24 hours to that TV. I had trouble sleeping. You know, I still think about it every day. My uncle was in downtown New York, and it's something you'll never get away from forever if you're a good American. I just can't believe that it's happening."

David Rivera, 33, of Scripps Ranch, is a camera salesman. "I was at home getting my daughter ready for school. My first thought was, 'This is not really happening.' I

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just couldn't believe it at first. I actually saw the second plane go into the other tower live, and I realized, 'Hey, that's really happening.' I just held my kids. It was my daughter's first day of school, so I took her. It's funny, I went to pick her up when school was over, but I was 20 minutes early, because I was pretty apprehensive. I spent the rest of the day at work, following the story. I think it would have impacted me more if it had happened on the West Coast. I probably lost more sleep on

the anthrax scares."

Sandy Murphy, 45, is a housewife in Bonita. "We were at home. My husband called, because he had heard the story on the radio on his way home from work. I just thought it was unbelievable. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. The first thing I did was pray. I spent the rest of the day watching coverage, talking to family members across the country, and praying for everybody involved. But I had no trouble sleeping."

Sue Lopez, 46, is a Bay Park housewife and

homeschooling mom. "I was home getting my kids up. I couldn't believe it. It was just sheer shock. The first thing I did was call my husband. Then I watched TV and prayed all day. I didn't have any problem sleeping, because I just figured if I prayed hard and had faith in God, everything will work out okay."

Robert Woltersdorff Jr., 55, grew up in La Jolla and now lives in Cos Cob, near Greenwich, Connecticut. "I was driving back from dropping my son off at

school. I was actually supposed to be down at the twin towers. My first thought was, thank God my wife nagged me into staying home. We immediately went home to turn on the television to see what was happening, because at first they were telling us that a small Piper Cub had hit the towers. We sat with disbelief, watching as the second plane hit the towers. Then we knew it was obviously terrorism. We called family and friends, especially on the West Coast, to warn them, in case anything

was happening out here. We then just sat glued to the television in disbelief. I called several friends I was working with to make sure they got out okay. We lost some friends in there, and I had a very hard time sleeping after that for weeks afterwards. You'd take the railroad to New York and you'd see a car that was still there two weeks later, and we knew it was somebody who didn't make it back that day." His wife Bonnie agrees. "A lot of people in the Greenwich community

worked in that area. We went to church for weeks afterward. It was a lot harder there than here. It was very tough and we're still not over it. It took us about eight months before we'd get on a plane again."

Paul Bicanic, 52, lives in Julian where he works as a real estate broker. "I was sitting in my living room, turned on the TV to watch the news, and saw the building burning. I thought, 'What the heck is this? What's going on?' I figured it might have been an explosion, with a big

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office building burning in New York City, but it became clear within minutes that something else was up. I woke up my teenage son and said, 'History is in the making, turn on the television!' Then I just did what I would do normally, which is go to work. But it was an eerie day, especially in Julian — it's so quiet here that you can hear all the planes and all the jets going over all day long, and it was dead quiet. It was really strange. I slept okay. I realized that it was some

sort of criminal attack that I didn't have any part of, and I'd do anything to stop it, but you get this barrage of negative crap from the media all the time, so it gets harder to make a bigger deal of one thing than the others." Buddy Jobe, 51, is a La Jolla businessman. "I was watching the *Today* show at home. The first thing I thought when they came in and interrupted the show, they said there was a bomb that went off, and I just said, 'Oh man, not again!' Then they said it

was an accident, and a plane crashed into it. That's when I went, 'Uh, this doesn't sound quite right.' It just didn't make a lot of sense. Then, when the second plane came in, it was obvious what was going on. It was so surreal that I was just glued to the TV. I remember watching TV all day. It was such a helpless feeling, watching it unfolding in front of you. It really bothered me. I probably didn't sleep well for a couple of days. We were just inundated with TV, and all we did for probably a

week after that was watch what was going on. It took over our lives for quite a while." Jesus Roche, 31, is a contractor from Bonita. "I was at work, at the UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest, and they had it on the TV. I couldn't believe what was happening. It was kind of shocking to see the first building fall. Then the other one fell right after that. I tried to get more information, because it was so unbelievable. But I had to keep working. I thought about it when I was try-

ing to sleep, but I slept." Gabrielle di Pietro, 30, is a sales clerk who lives in Bonita. "I was living in Valencia at the time and I was getting ready for work. I was scared, because I didn't know what was going to happen, and I wasn't sure if I was going to go to work that day! I took my son and sat on the couch to watch the news. My husband called me on his way to work after he had heard it on the radio, so I turned on the news and saw the second building explode. I went to work,

but they sent us home at 9:00 a.m. I work for Bath and Body Works, and we had stores in the World Trade Center. I didn't really have a hard time sleeping, though. My son wears me out." Jan Carlson, 51, is a financial planner who lived in San Diego from 1979 to 1987, before moving to St. Paul, Minnesota. "I was at home getting ready to go to work. I was turning on *Good Morning America* when I saw the second plane fly into the tower. I was very thankful, because I was supposed

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to be there that day. I was supposed to be there for a meeting, but my husband is a Baptist minister and we were getting ready for a mission to the Ukraine, so I decided I didn't want to go to the meeting. When I heard the news interrupt the show, I knew we were in trouble. I sat down and watched. My daughter called me, and we just watched it until the buildings fell down. It was really a scary time. I just wanted to talk to my kids more than anything else. My daughter called me right away and my son shortly after. I ended up going into work because I had a lot of clients coming in. It was a real unsettling feeling, because you didn't know what was happening. I certainly felt much better when I heard Bush talk and kind of get a little handle on what was happening. I didn't really have trouble sleeping. I'm pretty



Michael Kost



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peaceful normally, but there was a real uneasiness for a few weeks.”

Lawrence Klein, 47, is a La Jolla salesman. “I was home that day. It was my mother's birthday, September 11, and my girlfriend was there



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with her granddaughter, who was six or seven months old at the time. The first thing I thought was that it was just an accident. But when I saw the second one coming, I knew what was going on. The first thing I did



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was call my mom, because it was her birthday. She was pretty much in shock. She's a Holocaust survivor, and when it happened, it really brought a lot of fears up for her and ruined her birthday for-



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ever. I just stayed glued to the television — I was off that day, amazingly enough. Sleeping was definitely a problem after that. There were a lot of sweats and general worries about what's going to happen next.”

Joseph Ogilvie, 55, is a security guard who lives in Encanto. “I was right here at work. I heard about it on the radio. My first thought was, ‘What a terrible, terrible thing.’ I started talking to some other people about it. I stayed here at work and talked about it quite a bit. It wasn't hard to sleep, but I sure thought about it a lot. I get pretty tired, so there's not much problem falling asleep.”

David Stroud, 45, owns a candy store in La Jolla, where he also lives. “A week before that, my wife and I decided to quit watching TV so much. So we didn't have the TV or the radio on and a friend of mine called to tell us what happened, so we immediately turned on the TV. My first thoughts were just shock. I was so much in shock that we were all running around in a daze. I called some friends and family and

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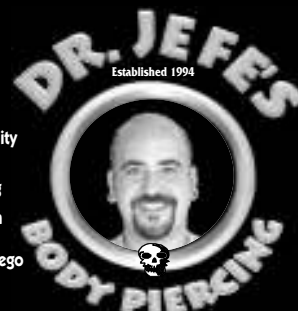
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we talked about what happened. I came to work that day. We're usually open evenings, but we closed early that evening. I had some trouble sleeping. I was disturbed by it."

Dana Pettersen, 49, resides in Julian, where she owns a shop. "I think I had just gotten up and a friend of mine called me and told me to turn on the TV. I started watching it at about 7:30, 8:00. It was something surreal, outside of yourself, like looking at something that's not really happening. It was total disbelief and shock. I started crying. I didn't open my store that day, I just sat in front of the TV set. I was upset, but I wasn't worried about anything happening here on the West Coast, so I slept that night."

Katherine Krell, 52, is a La Jolla business owner. "I was in Los Angeles visiting relatives. I was absolutely

stunned. It was like a horror film. I couldn't believe it was happening. I started crying. I was kind of numb the whole day, shocked, depressed — it's not only that, but just the way so many things are going today in society. I had a very hard time sleeping after that, especially for a week or so. A lot of things bother me about society, so I get depressed about things going on in general. Nine-eleven was just part of it."

Manuel Silva, 50, lives in Clairemont and is a bartender at La Valencia Hotel's Whaling Bar in La Jolla. "I was at home sleeping when one of my coworkers called me and told me to turn on the TV and see what was going on. We had a staff meeting that morning and it was canceled. I was confused, because the television said there were hundreds and hundreds of



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dead people, and I thought, 'This can't be possible. No way. It must be a mistake.' After I found out, I watched the news and I cried. I was by myself when the president came on, and when he started to talk,

tears came out of my eyes. I felt so bad for what was going on in our country. I still have a hard time sleeping. You just don't know what's going to be happening. When you work in a place like this, you never

know when some crazy guy may come in or something. I cross the border a lot, and believe me, it's not a good feeling when you're coming back into the U.S. wondering if someone is planting a bomb down

there as you cross the border. It's just not the same."

Cole Holland, 26, is a parking valet from La Mesa. "I was sleeping when it happened. I woke up and turned on the TV and saw it. I couldn't believe it happened, really. It was a surreal thing. It took me a while to believe it. The first thing I did was call my mom. I just watched TV until it was time to go to work. I didn't have any trouble sleeping. I'm a pretty good sleeper, but it makes you think that life is pretty precious when that kind of stuff hits your own country."

Cassie Mitchell, 21, is a salesperson from Pacific Beach. "It was right when I got out of the shower in the morning. My roommate's mom called to let me know. She said the World Trade Center and the Pentagon had been attacked. I originally

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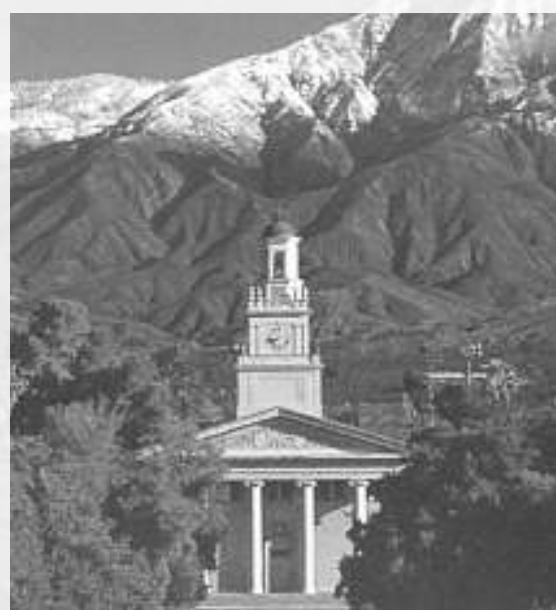
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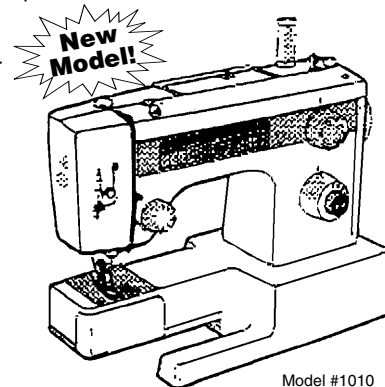
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thought that they just had a gunman go in there and start shooting. When I turned on the TV it was, like, total shock. Very depressing. The first thing I wondered was, 'Who did this? Why? What could possibly be in someone to have the crazy ability to do that?' I called my family to make sure they were okay and told them that I loved them, because I didn't know what was coming next. I had class at State, but I didn't go. It was way too important for me to care what was going on at school. I had a hard time sleeping for about a month. Every once in a while, I still dream about it."

Laura Rogers, 18, attends USD and lives in Clairemont. "I was in the dorms at USD, getting ready for class. My first thought was to call my mom in Connecticut. I come from there, Fairfield County, and my father works in New York. I called her up and turned on the TV. I had

to go to class. Then I called all my friends in Connecticut to make sure their families were okay. It was kind of hard to sleep at first, just wondering about people."

Jane Sadler, 34, is a grocer from Carmel Valley. "It was my day off. I was asleep when one of my brother's friends called. I didn't believe it, because it sounded kind of strange. So I called my sister to make sure it really happened. I don't remember if my TV wasn't working or what, but I was shocked. I had to go to work and they didn't let us go. I can't remember having any trouble sleeping."

Carolina Chioino, 45, is a jeweler who lives in La Jolla. "I was at home on my day off. I was really depressed, scared, and worried about it. I turned on the TV, and while I was watching I just couldn't believe it. I thought it was like a movie, like a nightmare. I listened to the news the whole day,

and I called my family to let them know that we were all right. I had a hard time sleeping for the next month or so."

Reginald Gates, 43, a resident of Paradise Hills, is the pastor of Spring Hill Community Church. "I was on my way to go shopping when one tower was hit, and when the Pentagon was hit, I was at the supermarket. Customers were coming in, giving us a blow-by-blow description. My first thoughts were of fear and apprehension. We didn't know if we were next. The airlines shut down that day and everything. The first thing you do is pray in a situation like this, because the whole world, especially the United States, was gripped with fear of the unexpected and the unknown. We didn't know what was going to happen next. These things were foretold in the prophecies of the Bible. I think it was a wake-up call to this

nation. I remember the unity that everybody had — that was the good thing that came out of it — how close people were. They were praying at parks and beaches, and people came together united. But somehow or other, we hit the proverbial snooze button and went back to sleep, because this thing can happen again. We've got to watch ourselves. This could happen again; in fact, something worse could happen. My eyes were glued to CNN, watching it unfold, pulling out the bodies and all the firemen and policemen that lost their lives through this. I slept okay, but the news was blanketed for the next several months with what happened. I feel a lot can be learned from this, and I think we need to rethink our policy of dealing with the Middle East. Some people think America is finally reaping what we have sown, but I think we can learn something. We need to

be united. You don't see the United We Stand buttons anymore. You don't see flags on every car anymore. We done went back to sleep. What's it going to take to wake us back up again?"

Tom Kendall, 54, is a retired firefighter who lives in Julian. "I was getting ready for work, putting my boots on, when I turned on the TV. At first, it looked like one plane had hit the first tower, and I thought it was a big accident. When I realized what happened, I knew the nation was under attack. It broke my heart. I went to work, and it was pretty routine. I took the crews out to do some project work, but we were glued to the TV after that. I don't think I really lost any sleep."

Nancy Vance, 37, is a nurse's assistant and lives in Clairemont. "I was at home in bed. I turned on the TV, saw it, and I knew right away that it was a terrorist attack. I knew a pilot would not run a plane

through a building like that! The next thing I knew, my girlfriend called me on the telephone and we talked about it. When I turned the TV on, she was calling at the same time. It was on every channel. I was in a daze. I had to go to work that day, crying — everybody was crying. I don't think I had a hard time sleeping, but it stayed with me every day for a long time."

Charles Wilson, 60, manages a federal government agency downtown and lives in Carlsbad. "I was driving to work and heard it on the radio. My first thoughts were panic. I called my wife, got her up, and she turned on the TV. I was leery of going to work myself. I looked up in the sky, because I work at Symphony Towers. I just kept listening to the news all day long and didn't do much of anything else that day. It was hard to sleep for a day or two."

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Wilbert Brewer, 61, resides in Encanto, where he manages a

restaurant with his wife. "I was at home. I saw the plane when it hit the building — the second one. I couldn't really believe it. It was stunning. It was like something out of...my wife, she was looking and we saw it. I went to work after that. I didn't really have any trouble sleeping, but I thought about it. I had a fear of flying afterward, and I still do. I've only flown once since then, to Las Vegas."

Brian Wu, 17, lives in Carmel Valley and attends La Jolla High School. "I was on my way to school and heard the news report on the

radio. I couldn't believe that it happened. I thought the DJs were joking, then it was on every station, so I knew it was pretty serious. When I got to school, everyone was talking about it. We tried to go about school like a normal day, but a lot of classes stopped and we watched news reports for the rest of the day. It wasn't really hard to sleep after that. It was always on my mind, but it was far away so it didn't seem like it could happen to me."

Jeff Harig, 39, is a Carlsbad salesman. "I was in the car, driving to

the office. My initial reaction was amazement. It was hard to believe, especially when they reported that it was a small plane at first. The first thing I did was call my wife. Like everybody else, I just watched the news all day — that, and I logged on to the Internet to see it as it took place. I didn't have any trouble sleeping. I think that here a lot of us weren't as closely attached to it as we would be if we were living closer. Distance has some calming effect on you."

Robert Turner, 65, is a retired aircraft

mechanic who lives in Encanto. "I was sitting on my couch, watching TV. I looked at it and a friend called and asked if I was watching it, and I couldn't believe what I saw happening before my own eyes. I didn't really know what was happening at first. I thought that maybe it was just an accident. I really didn't know what to think. I got up and I and my friend, who's a retired Navy chief, went over to his house and sat around and talked about what was happening. It was just a shock to me. My wife was working at Grossmont Hospital and

I had to do a little cooking to try to ease my mind, but when I saw that building coming down and all that dust that came out of it, I knew there were a lot of people that were in there. I know all those people lost their lives in there, and I couldn't believe it. I didn't lose any sleep over it, but I was watching the news a lot. I just kept thinking about all those innocent people who got hurt."

Michael Leyba, 45, is a planner who lives in Otay Mesa. "I was at work that morning. We started early and we had heard reports that the



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World Trade Center was on fire. We have a TV in the facility, and we went into the conference room to watch the coverage. I couldn't believe it. It was unbelievable. The first thing I did was call my wife. There was very little production that day, as we all just watched the news. A lot of people were coming in and out of the conference room, and we were glued to the TV, radio, and Internet, trying to

get what was actually happening. I had a hard time just trying to go to bed, just trying to catch up on all the coverage they were having."

Peyton Bradford, 34, is a Carlsbad business owner. "I was online and happened to see the pictures come up on the *New York Times* website. I was shocked. Speechless. There was no explanation whatsoever. I just sat there. I tried to call my friends back East,

but you couldn't get through. I just stayed at work, watching TV all day. I had a real hard time sleeping. It was scary. It's hard to get over, to think that someone could do that."

Laura Noble, 47, lives in Julian, where she manages Mom's Pies. "I was in Emerald Isle, North Carolina, at a family reunion. I woke up in a hotel, turned on *Good Morning America*, and the first plane had just hit and we were wondering what had happened. Then we saw the second plane hit. I didn't think it was terrorism until about 15 minutes later, when my dad said that we were being terrorized. At first I just saw the smoke and didn't know about the first plane, so when I saw the second plane go in, I thought it was an accident. We drove to More-

head City to be with my relatives. We spent the whole day by the TV, watching the news. It was very hard to sleep after that because I just wanted to come home. I was very worried about getting back to San Diego. We talked about renting a motor home, renting a car — we looked at every avenue we could. I was happy to get back because I went back there with my mom and dad, and my husband and kids were back here."

Pamela Bradford, 35, is a Carlsbad attorney. "I was sleeping and my best friend, who travels a lot, woke me up with a phone call. She said, 'I'm not traveling today, but don't worry.' Then she told me what happened. I turned on the TV, because I still thought that maybe I was still sleeping or didn't hear her right. As I turned on the TV, they

were playing the whole thing again. I was trying to get through to people there and calling people all day. The courthouse closed for the next two days, so I had to call clients to let them know that their hearings weren't going forward and stuff. It was hard to sleep, because I was up watching TV. I just knew San Diego or Los Angeles was next, so I wanted to know what we needed to do if there was an emergency."

Angie Mason, 39, lives in La Jolla and is an executive assistant. "I was getting breakfast ready and preparing to take my son to school, and I got a call that something had happened, so I turned on the TV. At first, I didn't think it was a terrorist attack but an accident, and I thought, 'What a terrible tragedy.' I cried. So I dropped my son off at school and went to

work and they sent us home at noon. So I watched TV and cried. They kept my son at school and turned on the TV, which is what I was hoping they wouldn't do and that's why I initially didn't pick him up. But he saw it too. I had a hard time sleeping for about the next week. You would wake up off and on, hearing helicopters and planes flying over, and you would wonder if it was another attack."

Bill Washburn, 43, lives in Escondido and works as an operations analyst at Cal State San Marcos. "I had just got up to go to work and put the morning news on and saw it on TV. My first thought was, 'Holy shit!' It was unbelievable. After spending 20 years in the military and seeing something like that, I just couldn't believe it. I just stood there, not believing it. Then I woke

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my wife up to tell her. I spent the rest of the day in a daze. I went to work, but they sent us home at 9:30 — nothing was getting done, everybody was in front of the TV. I don't think it was hard to sleep after that, but it might have been. I don't remember."

Lisa Robertshaw, 40, is a retail clerk who lives and works in Julian. "I was on my way to work in Ramona, and I heard it on K-LOVE. My first impression was that it was an Orson Welles *War of the Worlds*...that somebody was playing a practical joke. When I realized it was real, I called my family in Santee. I stayed at work but got very little accomplished. It wasn't really hard to sleep that night, but that's because my husband and I have a very strong faith. We put it in the Lord's hands that whatever was happening was happening for a reason."

Daniel Moline, 47, is a contractor from City Heights. "I was just waking up and my wife was on the phone, sounding very upset. I saw the television and it looked like a re-enactment of what *could* happen, but the next thing I knew, it was live. It seemed like the world was ending in front of my eyes. I thought, 'This is insane. Crazy. Who are they?' The first thing I did was cry. I went to work and felt sad all day. No one was talking, and no one wanted to talk about it. It was hard to sleep after that and it still is."

Jessica Harris, 17, lives in Valencia Park and attends Lincoln High School. "I was at school when I heard about it, but when it actually happened, I was in my bed asleep. Everybody at school was talking about it and it was all on the news. The first thing I was wondering was how many people were in there and if anybody was going to survive. I just wanted to watch the news. We didn't get sent home early, but in all of our classes we were watching the news and talking about it. It bothered me, but I slept okay. I mean, things happen, but you can't let them stop you from doing what you have to do. If you have a death in the family, you're going to have a hard time getting over it, but eventually you will. You can't stay up all night, you gotta go to sleep."

Tony Hill, 31, is an engineer from Serra Mesa. "I was waking up to the radio and heard about the first plane. My first thought was, 'I should put the TV on to see if it's an accident or what.' I stayed at home, watching until ten, then went to work to watch more. It wasn't a productive day. I don't think I had any trouble sleeping after that."

Kimberly Lockwood, 42, is a YMCA club coordinator from La Costa. "I was out for a walk and when I came home, my husband and daughter were watching the news — it was about

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Scott Michel, 27, is a

Carlsbad salesman. "I was getting ready for work. It was on the radio, and I just thought it was a tragedy, that so many people were dying. I saw the building go down. Then I called my mom, who lives in

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Joan Jackson, 37, is a La Jolla housewife. "I

was sleeping and my husband called me from his job and told me about it, so I turned on the TV and watched it. I thought it was shocking, but it just looked like a big fire until we saw the planes coming in. I was

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I've been in fires, but it was upsetting for everybody."

Michael Ma, 18, lives in Escondido and attends Palomar College. "I was in school, at San Marcos High, first-period genetics. I was, like, 'Whoa,' because everything at school just stopped. Nothing was happening. They made an announcement and my teacher was really sad about it and he just stopped teaching. I remember other kids telling me that the first-period teachers just sat there, listening to the radio. When I saw it on TV, I was just blown away. All we did was just talk about what was going on. Actually, I found out about it on the way to class on the radio, then when we got into class, it really hit me, because I had never seen a teacher that distraught before. I was walking around in a daze all day, going from class to class, but we didn't really do much. The teachers didn't teach because they weren't really there. I didn't find it hard to sleep. I guess it didn't affect me that much."

Kenneth Peterson, 26, is an engineer, originally from Denmark, now living in Rancho Bernardo. "I remember I just got home from a trip to New Orleans a few hours before, and I woke up when my colleague called me. It was amazing. I thought it was a movie. It was unreal. I called my family in Denmark at first. It was like a regular workday, but obviously not like a regular workday. I guess I slept all right."

Rodney Keaton, 29, is a Marine who resides in Oceanside. "I was on my way to work at Camp Pendleton and heard it on the radio. I was mad, angry. I just sort of sat back and thought about it. I couldn't believe what was going on. I spent the

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whole day in a daze. It was kind of hard to sleep after that, on and off. That lasted for two or three days.”

Stacey Anderson, 22, is a financial analyst from La Jolla. “I was at USD at the time, and I was getting ready for school when my mother called to tell me. I was scared because I had just been to the top of the World Trade Center three weeks before. I just wanted to know what had happened and how. I woke up my roommates and let them know after that. I was kind of in a haze, going to school and not doing much. We met in classes and talked to the professors about what was going on. It was hard to sleep, because you just kept thinking about it.”

Deisha Woodmansee, 26, is an administrative assistant who lives downtown. “I was

getting ready for work. I couldn't believe it was happening. I was living with my grandmother at the time, and someone called her, so we turned the TV on. The first thing I thought was, ‘How am I going to get my senior executives back?’ because they were back in New York and at the Pentagon. I called my mother in Washington state and spent the day in a daze, trying to figure out how we were going to get the executives back. We had it all on TV at work. I didn't have a hard time sleeping after that. I like sleep too much.”

Michael Mattern, 26, is an insurance claims adjuster. Although he now resides in Mission Valley, he was living in Baltimore at the time of the 9/11 attack. “I was about 45 minutes from the Pentagon. I was about to walk out the

door to head to work, and I called my dispatcher to get my assignments for the day. She was all upset and asked me if I had turned the TV on or knew what was going on. I turned my TV on, and at that time, the one plane had just hit the World Trade Center, and maybe a minute after I turned it on, the second plane hit. At first, they weren't sure if it was an accident or a terrorist act. But when I saw that second plane hit, I knew it wasn't an accident. Obviously, someone was doing it on purpose. You had no idea what was going on, because then you heard about the Pentagon and then the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. You were afraid to do anything, especially there, because in Baltimore, you're pretty central and close to D.C. We had World Trade Cen-

ters in Baltimore, so we didn't know what was going to happen. I just sat there in awe, shocked to see what was going on. To think that somebody would do that on purpose... I was just glued to the TV and radio all day. I went to work, but we later closed for two days. No one was working, we were just huddled around TVs and radios, trying to figure out what was going on. People in the office knew people that worked in the World Trade Center, so it hit really close to home. It was hard to sleep after that. I wasn't really scared, it was more thinking, ‘How could somebody do that? What's going to be next?’ If somebody could do something like that, you can't help but think about the next worst thing that can happen to your family or neighbor.

It could happen anywhere, anytime. We were fortunate that it didn't happen to us in Baltimore.”

Charles Terry, 50, is a mechanical engineer and lives east of Alpine. “I had just gotten into the office — I'm an early riser — it was about 6:00 a.m. and I turned on the radio and they said something about a building collapsing, and I said, ‘What?’ and turned on the TV in the office. I started watching it on TV, which is what I did all day long. My first thoughts were disbelief, more than anything else. By the time it became apparent that it was a terrorist — it began to dawn on everybody that it was planned when a plane went into the second building — it was just absolute... I don't even know how to describe what I felt. It was just shock, anger,

and disbelief all rolled into one. That night I had a hard time sleeping, but after that, I didn't. I had a lot of important work I had to get done, and none of it happened. It took about two days before I felt back up to doing any reasonable work.”

Sam Magneta, 26, resides in Santee and attends National University. “I saw it on the news right before I left to go to work. Then I listened to it on the radio on the way to work. I just thought that it couldn't be real. I can't really remember doing anything, except trying to do my job — I worked at Cox Communications then. I worked all day, but really watched the news all day. It was hard to concentrate. But it wasn't hard to sleep that night. It was on my mind, but it didn't keep me awake.”

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Mary Kelly, 50, is a cashier at Lake Cuyamaca and lives in Julian. "I was at home and I saw it on the news. I couldn't believe it. I felt amazement, terror, horror. I just stood there. I couldn't move. I think I had to come to work, and I was in a state of shock. Somehow, I slept

all right — just because I tend to sleep well."

Eventa Brown, 44, is a hospital credentialing specialist who lives in Encanto. "I was at work. My radio was on and announced that there had been a crash in the towers. I first thought that somebody had to have done it and it wasn't just a plane crash. I was just telling friends at work that I couldn't believe it. We talked about it all day, trying to figure out what was going on. It didn't affect my sleep. I had just lost my mom, so things were kind of rough for me anyway, so with all of that combined, I wasn't sleeping anyway."

Bonnie McKesson, 31, is a waitress in Julian, where she also lives. "I was living in the Woodland Hills area of L.A. at the time. I was waking up and it was on the radio. It wasn't very clear what was going on and it wasn't until I actually

got to work to turn the TV on that I saw everything. I was in a state of shock, and I didn't believe it. It was just, like, too unreal. I remember thinking how I didn't think people were capable of doing something like that. I was at work and had to go on with my day. I worked at a bar-restaurant and we didn't have any customers that day, but I still had to be there. Nobody showed up. I had lunch and drove home. It was just too many images on TV

throughout the day, so at night, I decided it was just too much. I didn't turn on the TV or radio that night, but I just put some CDs in and started cleaning my house. It was hard to sleep that night. It was too hard to handle. I stayed for a few months and moved down here. It had a huge impact on the hospital-ity industry in Los Angeles. The business at the restaurant completely died. L.A. is a strange city to be in when something like that happens, because people aren't

compassionate there to start with and that's what you try to get when some big tragedy happens. People hope they can turn to each other, and there wasn't anybody to turn to."

Clark Cathcart, 36, lives in Ramona, where he manages a bicycle shop. "I was just waking up, getting my kids ready to go to school. I

heard about it on the radio. I remember I could not believe it, until I turned on the TV and saw that it was real. I checked with the schools to see if they would be open, but I made the decision to keep my kids home from school that day. I talked to my kids about what was going on and tried to explain what was going on in the

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Calli Stampfly, 18, lives in Ramona. She works as a cashier at a local drugstore and attends Palomar College. "I was at my house sleeping when my mom came in and woke me up to watch the news

with her and find out what was happening. I was just shocked. I didn't really believe it at first. It's not something you expect to happen. I just sat down and watched the news. Then I had to go to work for the rest of the day. We were listening to the radio, getting all the news. It wasn't hard to sleep — not for me."

John Larson, 48, is a construction worker who lives in Julian. "I was working on a job out of town, down in Poway. I heard about it

on the radio when I got up. Just to be cautious, I thought it might be widespread. I don't really remember what I did right away, but I went ahead and worked the rest of the day. The conversation amongst the people at the site...we were all kind of down and out about it. I had a little trouble sleeping, thinking it over and stuff."

Major Warren, 67, is a retired air traffic controller who lives in Ramona. "It was early morning, and I was at

home watching TV. I felt disbelief...disgust...anger. I just sort of left on the news and absorbed what was happening, trying to figure out what we were going to be doing next. I spent the day glued to the news. It was a little hard to sleep, because it was a scary thing, wondering what was going to happen next, with the kind of mentality that we're dealing with."

Seth DeLong, 26, is a Ph.D. candidate from the University of Vir-

ginia who is living in Hillcrest while writing his dissertation. "I was visiting my mother in San Francisco and awakened by a phone call she got and we watched it unfold all day on TV. My thoughts were sheer incredulity. I couldn't really grasp what was happening. I had eaten dinner at the World Trade Center just three months before, and it was like watching a movie — a bad movie. I tried to get in touch with a friend in New York, but I couldn't, so I just

watched TV that day and called friends and family. I didn't even try to sleep that night. I just kept calling and talking to people. I probably just slept sometime the next day."

John Whann, 27, lives in Ocean Beach and is a part-time bartender and works for the City of San Diego as a recreation leader. "I was at school, in class, when I heard about it. They put it on the classroom TV. It looked like a movie to me. I didn't know if it was really real until I saw

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Carol Anderson, 65, resides in Ramona and

works as an interior designer. “I was in Mesquite, Nevada, on my way home from Denver. I got up in the morning and saw it all on TV. I was horrified, like most people were. My friend was in the shower and I ran in there and started yelling about what was happening and he came out and he was just as upset as I was. The rest of the day

was real quiet. We were real pensive. We had to drive through Vegas, and we’d heard about a lot of things being canceled and a lot of hustle and bustle going on there. We just listened to the car radio. More than likely it was hard to sleep that night. It was very upsetting.”

Al Cesena, 75, lives in Lemon Grove and is retired. “I was home,

having breakfast, watching the news on TV. Then I turned the radio on too. The first thing I thought after I heard about the third plane hitting the Pentagon, I couldn’t believe it. I think that was a dirty trick they pulled on us. The first thing I did was pray for those people in those towers. The rest of the day wasn’t very good. I just kept it on all

day. It was a little hard to sleep that night. It was hard, because I wanted to turn it on again at 5:00 in the morning. All those firemen and all those people... I wish I had been over there to help them.”

Bernard Brown, 30, lives in Point Loma and is a manager at Vons. “I was working part-time at McDonald’s on the morning shift. A cus-

tommer came through the drive-through and said, ‘You gotta turn the TV on! The towers have just been hit by a plane!’ I ran to the lounge and turned the TV on. I was in horrible disbelief. Then I got on the phone and called my friends. The first thing I thought is that we should turn their country into a parking lot. That same day, I finished my shift

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and quit. I said, 'Life is too short.' I just spent the day thinking about how a country like ours could let something like that happen. I had trouble sleeping for three days after that."

Kathy Hill, 41, lives in Rancho Peñasquitos and owns a beauty supply store. "I was sleeping and my sister called me. The first thing I thought was that it was unreal. I just couldn't believe it. She told me to turn on the TV and that's what I did. I just kind of cried, actually. I came to work later and it was really somber. My customers and I just talked about it all day long. I didn't really have trouble sleeping, but I thought about it a lot."

Sherrie Meyer, 19, is a receptionist who lives in Poway. "I just woke up

and I was getting ready to go to school and my mom told me to look at the news. I was in shock. Just shock. I couldn't even say anything. I had my mom call my family in New York — outside New York City. I pretty much just laid back at home with family all day. I can't remember how I slept."

Lori Arena, 41, is a grocer from Ramona. "I was getting ready for work, and my son's friend called us on the phone, so we turned on the TV and started watching the second plane hit the second tower. My first thought was, 'Oh my gosh, there's been an accident!' But when we saw the second one hit, I thought something was wrong, and my third thought was, 'How are these buildings

still standing?' We got in the car and drove to work when we heard that the Pentagon had been hit. That's when I thought, 'We're at war.' I spent the rest of the day in a fog. Everyone at the store and the customers were the same way. I think business was way below normal too. I was depressed that night — not enough to lose sleep, but I was kind of in a funk."

Chris Gomez, 53, is a dental receptionist from Valley Center. "I had just gotten up and heard something on the radio, so I turned on the television. Much to my dismay, I actually saw the second building get hit as it was happening. I was astounded. I was terribly upset and it wasn't until we actually knew what was going on

that reality set in. Unfortunately, I had to come to work. I was terribly upset all day. It was a very difficult time to concentrate, and only one person canceled their appointment that day. I was able to sleep though. It's just my personality. I never lay awake thinking about anything, no matter what it is."

Michael Kost, 76, is a retired aerospace engineer who lives in Escondido. "I found out on the Internet. I was either at the CNN site or Drudge Report. I wasn't sure what was happening. My first thoughts were that this was a very, very bad accident. I didn't expect it to be what it turned out to be. I then turned on Fox News or CNN and spent the rest of the morning

watching it unfold. Like a lot of reports, there was a lot of sketchy information and repetition, so we would check in every hour or two throughout the day. It wasn't hard to sleep that night. When I was working, I had a lot of stress, and my military service gave me a lot of stress, so I've just learned to sleep when I have to."

Li Stout, 50, lives in Scripps Ranch and owns a restaurant. "I was at home, watching TV. Somebody called me and told me to watch the news to see what was happening. I was just shocked. It was crazy. I just started calling friends and watching TV. I opened the restaurant that day, but everybody that came in just wanted to watch TV and talk about it. It was very

hard to sleep. I have daughters who live in New York, and one works in a hospital. The hospital wouldn't take a message. Later she called me to tell me she was safe but the city was very dirty."

Patrick Madriaga, 20, lives in Carmel Mountain Ranch and works in sales. "I was at school at Palomar [College] and we were in class and everyone was talking about it. We were just stunned. I remember the disbelief. I called all my friends just to make sure what was happening. I just sat through class and we talked about it. They canceled all the rest of the classes. I went home and watched the news all day. It was pretty hard to sleep that night. I just watched the news. It was

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Jan Clark, 62, lives in Ramona, where he owns and operates a furniture store. “It was in the morning when I was just getting up and it was on the TV news. I was angry...and shocked. They kept running it over and over again, and I finally turned it off because I didn’t want to see it anymore. I went to work, but that was about it. I tried to do everything that I normally do, because I felt that’s what we needed to do. It hurt my business terribly. We were down \$17,000 in September and \$14,000 in October, and we’re still trying to recover. It was real hard to sleep after that. I think it’s really sad that there’s people in the world who can’t sit down and communicate. Instead, they’ve got to use violence to get their point across. I think the Palestinians would have had autonomy decades ago had they not utilized violence to get their message across. What they really want, they’ve never achieved. You’ll notice that the countries that follow that are all Third World countries. They can’t seem to elevate themselves, yet Israel, in the same environment, has succeeded.”

Joann Eccles, 38, was born in Britain and now lives in Carmel Mountain Ranch, where she is a wife and mother. “I was living at Oxford in England. I had come home and it was two o’clock in the afternoon there, and I watched it live on television. My mother-in-law phoned me up and told me to put the television on. I just didn’t believe what I was seeing. It just really didn’t sink in. I wasn’t sure whether the pictures were live or not. I phoned my mother-in-law back. Then I ran out and got a friend to watch it with me, and we did that for the rest of the

day. Funny enough, we had an American friend who was coming to stay that evening, and we watched it and talked about it all evening. She was pretty upset. It wasn’t hard to sleep. I had just had a baby one month previously, so you get all the sleep you can!”

Tim Latta, 42, is a business owner from San Marcos. “We were still asleep in bed, and my store manager called and asked if we were watching TV. She said, ‘Turn on the TV quick! Something’s happening in New York!’ So we turned it on and that’s how we found out. It was surreal. Something like that couldn’t happen. It was just unbelievable. You just can’t fathom something like that happening. We just sat there in awe with our mouths open, looking at the TV, trying to process what was happening. We came into work and hooked up a TV and listened to the radio, and it was just a stunning day. We didn’t get much work done but just went through the motions of attempting to do business. I can’t remember how I slept that night.”

John Luongo, 49, is a printing salesman from Imperial Beach. “I was getting ready to go to work, and my significant other called me from her doctor’s office and said to turn on the television, that they were blowing up the country — she’s from Guatemala. The first thing I thought was that somebody else was as smart as Orson Welles and it was all just a put-on. I watched the whole thing and just knew that it was fake. I realized it was real when they started talking about the plane crash in Pennsylvania. I just watched it totally enthralled and spent the whole day watching, with two TVs going simultaneously. It was hard to sleep. It had



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Nick Romanoff, 34, is a printer who lives in Escondido. “I was in bed. The alarm clock went off and I heard it on the radio. I first thought it was an accident. I just got out of

bed and went about my business of getting ready for work. The phone started ringing, because my brother lives just a few miles from the World Trade Center, and it was my mother, calling

to say that he was all right. That's when I realized that it was more serious and turned on the TV. I went to work that day. It was distracting but not hard. I slept okay that night.”

Laura Neuman, 21, lives in Escondido and is a student at Cal State San Marcos. “I was actually sleeping, and my boyfriend at the time called me to tell me. Then my roommate's

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news, it really hit. It was really sad, to see this horrendous thing that had happened. I just cried. I couldn't do much, being so far away. We had class that morning, and the teacher just had the information online for us to watch. Then they canceled classes for the rest of the day. So we went home and watched and listened. We discussed what was going on. We were really hurt that the Muslims were rejoicing at this. We just cried for everybody that was hurting. I don't remember sleeping. I was up most of the night, watching everything."

Dave Bottom, 50, is an art gallery owner and custom framer from Ramona. "I had just got back from my run and turned on the news. I thought, 'What am I seeing?' It was disbelief. I don't think we moved from the TV for quite a while. I know that within the hour, I called one of the elders of my church and recommended that we have a prayer meeting that night and begin the prayer chain, calling around and letting people know that we would open the church at seven o'clock — that was Grace Community Church in Ramona. I guess I didn't have a hard time sleeping."

George Rangel, 39, is a shoe repairman who lives in National City. "I was at home, sleeping. One of my kids woke me up to tell me. I turned on the TV to see the news. I didn't think. I just know I didn't feel too good. I went to my mom's house to tell them about the twin towers. I just thought about it and watched the news all day. I went to bed at 2:00 a.m., but I couldn't sleep for the rest of the night, just thinking about it."

Cindy Palermo, 39, lives in Rancho Bernardo and works as a recep-

tionist for a veterinarian. "I was getting ready for work. I heard about it on the radio. I was in complete shock. I was devastated by it. I called my husband, then I went to work. I just watched TV at work, because it was very hard to concentrate on anything else. A lot of clients canceled, and a lot of them were crying. It was real hard. And it was real hard to sleep. I was very depressed when I went home."

Michael Foster, 40, lives in Sabre Springs and is retired from the Air Force. "I was in bed and received a phone call from a relative, telling me about it. I just remember thinking, 'Oh my God!' It took a while to register, but when I ran to the TV and saw the second tower getting hit, I thought, 'Oh my God! What in the hell is going on?' I just couldn't believe it. I was in shock. I was in front of the TV for the rest of the day. I honestly don't remember, but I imagine it was hard to sleep that night."

Steve Adsit, 25, lives in Clairemont and works as a clerk at Trader Joe's. "I was here at work, at about eight in the morning. We were listening to the radio, and it was interrupted for a special bulletin. We then switched to KPBS and listened to that. It was a big shock. I couldn't believe it was actually happening. I thought that this could not be real and could not be happening to the United States of America. No way. I was really shaken up. It was a sad day. I just stayed focused on the radio. I went home and was in front of the television all day. I remember waiting for the president's speech and watching that as it came on live. It crossed my mind in bed, but I managed to sleep. It's unbelievable that the first-year anniversary is coming up." ■

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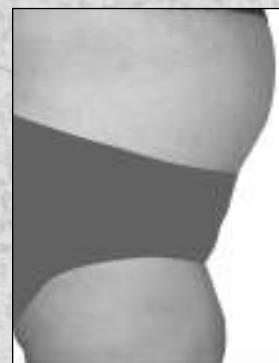


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dispatched from the presidio to bring up the supercargo [officer in charge of cargo] and captain." After a three-month visit, Davis returned home to Hawaii, on the *Louisa*, with a load of hides and horses.

When he returned in 1833, most of the people at the Presidio had moved down the hill to Old Town, their small wood or adobe residences fronting a central plaza. The population remained the same (his estimate of 400 to 500

people might be high), and "rancheros of the vicinity usually kept their families at the Presidio as a protection against the Indians."

Relocation in Old Town brought residents closer to fresh water. At La Playa, where ships could dock, drinking water was scarce. Every explorer who sounded it, from Vizcaino to Juan Pantoja y Arriaga, remarked that San Diego Bay was a natural, protected harbor. And every trader who lugged cargo from beaches inland to California's growing towns knew that San Diego needed to combine its port and city.

In the late 1840s, growth in San Diego was either/or: either it would continue in Old Town, or the real city would sprout around La Playa's harbor. Davis, who had made a fortune by age 28, bet on the harbor. He bought 31 lots of bayfront land in La Playa around Febru-

ary 1850. He planned to build a wharf and coaling station. Cave Coutts, a similar believer, laid out Custom House Square at La Playa in 1849.

Though from San Leandro, Davis's wife Maria de Jesus Estudillo lived in Old Town with her aunt Guadalupe and uncle Don José Estudillo, prefect of the area. During Davis's frequent visits, Don José insisted that "the town needed to move closer to the bay" (Rolle). Davis assumed that meant La Playa.

People credit Davis for the original "founding" of New San Diego in 1850. But the need existed long before, and the idea for a site came from Andrew B. Gray, chief surveyor of the U.S./Mexican Boundary Commission. On June 1, 1849, surveying parties from the two countries met at Punta de los Muertos, a spit of sandy land that juts southwest into San Diego Bay (at the foot of Market Street).

The place got its name in 1769, when the Portola expedition founded new religious establishments in Alta California. Portola and Junípero Serra came by land. The *San Carlos* sailed north



Andrew B. Gray

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from La Paz January 9, 1769, followed a month later by the *San Antonio*. Both ships missed San Diego Bay. By the time they found it, scurvy had decimated their crews. They sailed to the inner bay and anchored at a steep shelf. They buried their dead and built a makeshift hospital out of tents. Almost 60 men

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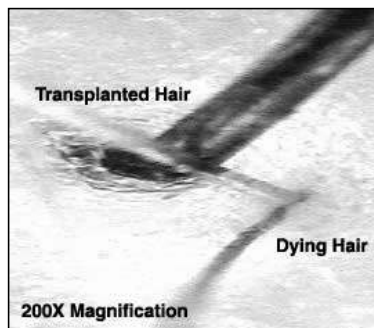
1. Davis: "Of the new town of San Diego, now the city of San Diego, I can say that I was its founder."
2. Rolle: At New Town's first Fourth of July celebration (1851) a male "eyewitness" bemoaned

that "There were so many 'nice young men' present as to render our chance of flirtation rather dubious, so we vamoosed."

3. Smythe: "The water question appears early in the annals of San Diego and stays late."

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died. The spot came to be known as Punta de los Muertos, "Point of the Dead," or just Punta.

Before the survey commenced, Gray camped at Punta and saw the obvious: protected, accessible to ships, deep anchorage ("The channel lay close to the shore"), flatland to the east: here was "the logical location for a port city." Even more vital to Gray's dream, this was the perfect end point for a transcontinental railroad.

In February 1850, Gray told Davis about the *punta*. Davis, most of whose interests, including a lucrative "emporium," were in San Francisco, relished the idea. "In the tradition of generations of frontier town founders Davis took an unpremeditated plunge into a new world of financial uncertainty, a leap from which he never recovered his equilibrium" (Rolle).

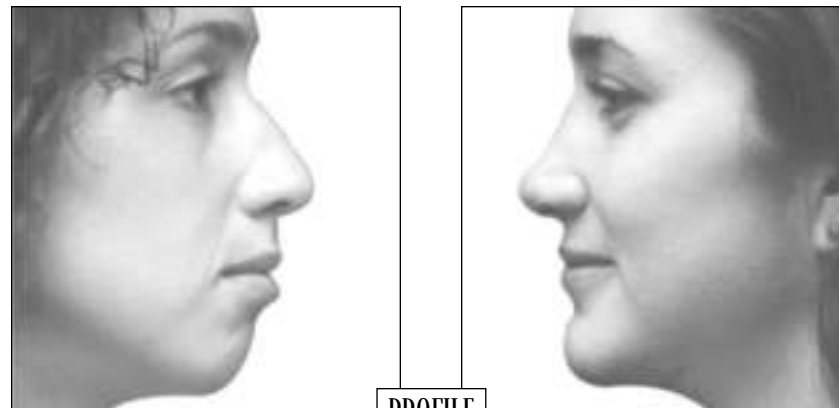
On March 16, 1850, Davis and his partners — José Antonio Aguirre, Miguel Pedorena, Gray, William C. Ferrell, and Lieutenant Thomas D. Johns — acquired the land south of today's C Street and west of Front, extending to the shoreline, even though about a third of the 160 acres they purchased stood under water at high tide. They paid \$2304, with the promise that Davis (who was "flush and had a large income") would build a wharf and warehouse within 18 months.

Davis and Gray called the site New Town, in part because during this time Old Town got its name. To the inhabitants of Old Town, however, most of whom wanted the enterprise to fail, the place was "Gray's town," because it was his idea and he laid it out.

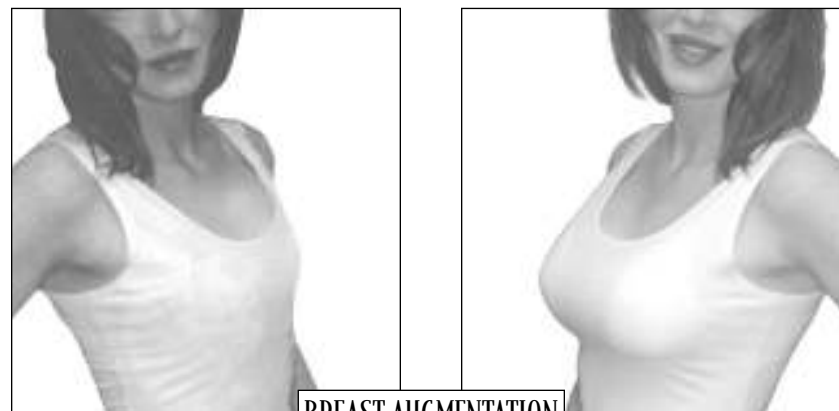
Gray platted the site — survey-mapped the area into 56 blocks — between March and July 1850. The blocks were generally 300 x 200 feet. Lots ranged from 50 x 140 to 65 x 100. Most streets were 75 feet wide. Later that same year, another consortium bought and mapped "Middletown," the land between New and Old Towns. (When he "founded" San Diego in 1867, Alonzo Horton conformed to the original plattings of New and Middletown.)

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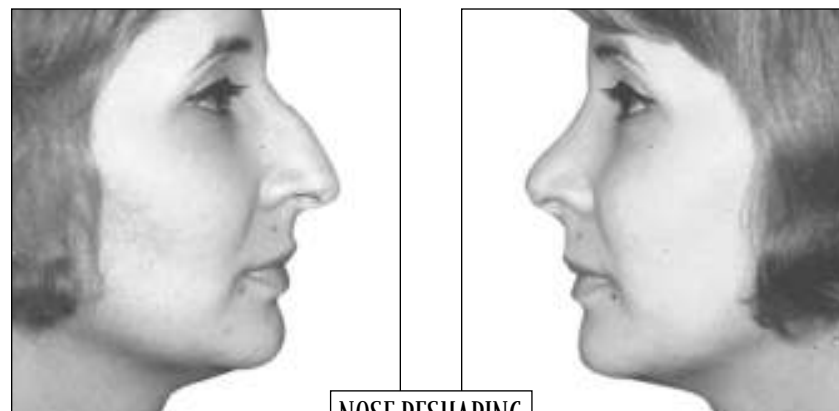
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“At that time,” Davis writes, “I predicted that San Diego would become a great commercial seaport from its fine geographical position and that it was the only good harbor south of San Francisco.”

Although the military

wanted a post at either La Playa or Ballast Point, in a major coup, Davis and Gray convinced the Army it should relocate at the *punta*. A vessel full of lumber for a new post lay anchored at La Playa. Davis and Gray offered Lieu-

tenant Thomas D. Johns, in charge of the vessel, land, and stock in New Town and gave the government space for a corral and the San Diego Barracks. Johns sailed the vessel across the bay, re-anchoring off the New Town site, and used

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the military to help construct buildings. "From 1852 to 1920...[the Barracks, a two-and-a-half-story structure at what is now Market and Kettner] served as the army-supply depot of Southern California, from which freight, unloaded at Davis's wharf, went by wagon as far north as Fort Tejon and as far east as Yuma" (Rolle).

Davis ordered pre-fabricated houses, nails included, from Portland, Maine. These ranged from shacks to two-story buildings close to the waterfront, one of which, called the "William Heath Davis House," still stands, on the northeast corner of Fourth and Island. It's a typical four-bedroom, "salt box"-style frame structure. Originally constructed for officers (its "military room" reflects authentic 1850-'60), the building's been moved four times. Davis never lived in Davis House. His home, the first built and almost identical, stood at the northeast corner of State and F.

Even before workers cleared the ground, stores and a lumberyard took shape. Judson Ames began publishing the San Diego *Herald*, every Thursday, on a printing press he lugged from New Orleans. Subscription: \$10 per year. Ships docking at New Town were few, but Davis made sure that each crew got a good "blow out." There was enough rowdiness ("adventurers and drifters who ran hog wild," said one report) to warrant a jail.

Buildings rose with amazing speed — the jail quickest of all. After a "brief downpour of rain," however, one of its prisoners appeared at a local bar, celebrating. He had "dug his way out of this jail with a penknife" (Rolle). Easily done, it turns out, because the contractor put no cement in the mortar, and the rain softened allegedly sturdy walls.

Davis's original home became the San Diego Hotel. Gray's "Hermitage" also became a hotel. For another magnet to attract people Davis built Pantoja House. It stood on the eastern boundary of Pantoja Plaza (a public square — undeveloped, save for a flagpole, between F and G,

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The saloon also promised “sparkling champagne cider, Byass’s London ale and porter,” and several brands of Havana cigars. “Water was scarce,” Rolle observes, “but there was no reason for anyone to be thirsty.”

As the town began to grow, Gray went to New York to promote New Town. He wrote Davis, “You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have been the founder and patron of a lovely...flourishing and beautiful town.

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hotels, saloons, stores, jail, and — almost forgotten in Davis’s plans — water. “Davis underestimated the weakness of the city and overestimated its strength. He did not seem to understand what he had to do to insure the success of his

project” (Rolle).
In his *Personal Narrative of Explorations*, U.S. Boundary Commissioner John Russell Bartlett reported on the “New San Diego” of 1852: “Without wood, water, or arable land, this place can never rise to

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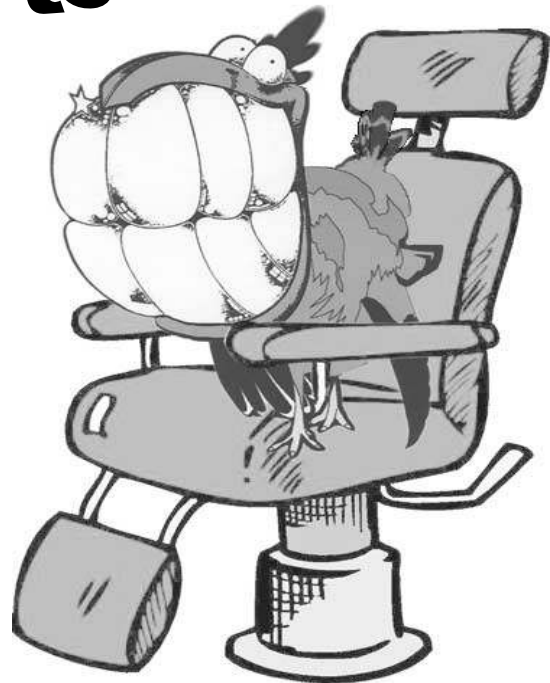
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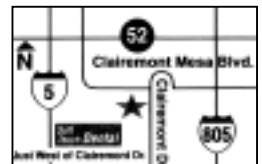
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CHAPTER 28

Some small towns have their college, or maybe their penitentiary, or maybe their important factory, to carry the name of the town everywhere. But our town has none of these. We do have, though, the Institution of Oceanography.

But no great pole-vaulter ever has come from there, and no school songs, immortal or otherwise, ever have been written about the place.

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into the ocean, the only pier we have. “That’s the Biological Pier,” we say, whenever asked. For the Institute has

gone under more than one name during our time, and we generally mix up the names, depending on what is

convenient or on what we are accustomed to saying through habit.

In a hazy way we learn about this or that experiment being made in the Institute, or of this or that discovery having been made in the Institute. But generally we do not know as much about the workings of the Institute as foreign scientists may know about it or scientists from other cities.

So, what the Institute needs maybe is not so many test tubes as a whang-doodle of a football team. The coach need not necessarily be the best in the world. But, still, it would be better if he were. And then when people elsewhere ask us where we live, they would know, from having read the sporting pages, how the name of our town is spelled and that there really is such a town.

But the way it stands now, the Institute, with its own colony of cottages and laboratories, continues to be populated for the most part by people with doctors’ degrees in science, by naturalists, and by undergraduates doing special research there. But nobody raises hell on Saturday nights, nobody holds nightshirt parades, and no gangs from the Insti-

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tute go around painting the initials "I of O," or whatever they should be, upon the stonework of rival campuses, of which there seem to be none.

All the Institute does, actually, is to concentrate on the ocean instead of concentrating on furthering the name of La Jolla. The Institute *thinks* ocean, and nothing but ocean, all day long. The people there study ocean currents, ocean winds, ocean clouds. And then some of the people there go down to the bottom of the ocean and study hidden canyons. And then some of the people invent apparatuses for the prediction of ocean storms, and to determine in advance when to expect big waves or little ones, not only for this shore but for any shore. And then some of the people examine, list, and identify everything they come across in the sea, whether plants, fish, or animals.

But never once, despite all these unsurpassed water facilities, has anybody over there suggested the orga-

nization of a rowing crew — one that could compete with the best, and get us and the town somewhere.

We should not, of course, criticize this one-sidedness of our one and only Institute. For I, for one, believe in study as much as the next man, and study has its place, I admit. Yet there are times when, for the good of all of us, we should think of others besides ourselves. We should think of La Jolla. For only by working together, everybody with his shoulder to the grindstone, chins up, can we ever hope to have a better turnout next season than we had this fall.

Our Institute also has its own yacht for scientific research. But no Institute band is ever on the pier to welcome the yacht on her return, whether victorious or not victorious or a tie. All that is done on such occasions is to unload the boxes, the crates, the traps, the deep-water gear, and to begin studying and classifying whatever the returns might be. This is all right



Palomar Observatory, 1947

so far as it goes, I suppose. But what does it do towards furthering the spirit of La Jolla?

And another thing, the Institute also has an aquarium, and a splendid one.

This aquarium, always in constant operation, contains local fish, local sea animals, and local sea vegetation. Anybody can go there and find out for himself just what life is like

beyond the immediate shoreline. But no class yells are given when he enters, nobody gives out the good Old Home Week. And the same goes for the Institute's large museum.

There is no complaint to be made about the hundreds of exhibits in this museum, containing as it does shells, coral, and stuffed fish, including the bigger ones such as swordfish and the giant ray. Nor is any complaint to be made about how these exhibits are arranged. But the other day — and it could have been a sort of test case — I visited the museum again.

I went in, looked around, and then went out. But meanwhile everybody connected with the Institute merely continued working away as usual over tables or over charts. Nobody charged me anything as I entered or left, no spieker went around with me, and nobody mentioned what I had done for La Jolla back in 1923.

It is not that I minded for myself, naturally. But

what if I had been some old Institute grad returning? How would I have felt then? And how, in contrast, would my heart have leaped with the mere greeting by everybody:

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CHAPTER 29

So much poetry and so many songs have been written about evening or, as some call it, eventide, and all of them quite sentimental, that I would hesitate mentioning evening now except for the wild cottontail rabbit which lives on the oceanside of our lawn, and has lived there for a year or more, maybe two years.

The rabbit may not be a true cottontail, but I think it is, although its color and size have some of the characteristics of the smaller type bush rabbit. But whatever its true species may be, all the rumors which have been spread about the insatiability of most rabbits do not apply to this one

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here. Instead of seeking a fast and furious life with more rowdy companions, all this rabbit wants, apparently, is longevity.

That is why he or she has stayed here so long, and always within skip-and-hop range of the low-flung grove of wild lemonade brush which is the rabbit's sanctuary and adjoins the lawn. We call the rabbit "Willie," or sometimes "Silent John," or sometimes "Flippity Britches," depending as much on our own mood as the rabbit's.

Although the rabbit is in and out of the lemonade brush during other parts of the day, evening is the one sure time when the rabbit does come out, and when it behaves for the only time as if it wished it were something else, as if it wished it were a mountain lion or a gorilla or a ter-

rible leopard.

For evening also is the time around here when the birds complete their daily schedules by cleaning up in the water-filled *metate*, which serves as a birdbath, and by taking one more busy fling at the insects or worms in the lawn. The birds want one more snack presumably before calling it a day, and turning in for the night. The larger ocean and shore birds, though, such as the cormorants, the terns, the pelicans, the gulls, the egrets, already are flying slowly towards their own night perches, and want to get there before dark. But the smaller birds, which will perch for the night right around here, do not care so much about the time element. Instead, they seem to want to make doubly sure, is all, that they and their young will not

wake up around midnight too hungry to sleep any more.

This is when, then, the oceanside patch of a lawn, with its water-filled *metate*, becomes a sort of condensed pageant of phoebe flycatchers, the more selfish mockingbirds, a few hummingbirds, once in a while an oriole or two, and some other kinds of birds which I cannot name. For I am not up on names of birds and am not a naturalist, and almost anything which resembles a California robin is a California robin to me, and I let it go at that. Oh sure, I do know a killdeer, of course, and simply because a killdeer, being a fiend for publicity, keeps pronouncing its name. And so killdeers, with their black choke collars, and their crazy way of having

hiccups, come onto the lawn too, and make as much a selfish spectacle of themselves as do the mockingbirds.

But everything is out for something.

The bigger birds chase away the smaller birds from the *metate*, and the smaller birds chase away the still smaller birds, or make them wait another turn at the water. And yet evening, when the rest of us are through our work, always has been pictured as a time of peace and quietness and reflection. It is not that way at all, especially when these birds get together. Nor is it that way with the rabbit, either.

This is the one time of day, as I mentioned, when the rabbit, so accustomed to being scared by anything which has a mouth, now wants des-

perately to hop out of character, if merely once in its life, and scare the holy hell out of something, anything at all.

After all these years of looking at each other, the rabbit knows me by now. Or at least I assume it knows me by now, for I am about the only one who can walk out onto the lawn without the rabbit leaping instantly into the lemonade brush. I can only walk out just so far, however, and no farther, before the rabbit disappears. For to the rabbit I am still that flesh-eating ogre who periodically appears from his cave, which is my doorway and my home.

Never have I tried to tame the rabbit, as some people have been known to tame other wild animals, for I would not know how to go about it. All I have

done is to let the rabbit live its life, and I have lived mine. Whenever I want to go out onto the lawn I go out there, and it is up to the rabbit to scam if it wants to. Yet there are people, I suppose, who are gifted in training wild beasts who would do something about the situation. They would get down on their hands and knees maybe, or wiggle their fingers, and say: "Come here, 'ittle wabbit, come here. I won't hurt 'ittle wabbit."

But if *they* will not hurt the rabbit, somebody else somewhere else surely would, as soon as the rabbit got to thinking: "Mercy me, mercy me, people aren't so bad, after all. So I think I'll take a gander around the rest of the neighborhood."

I cannot go so far as to say that the rabbit and I

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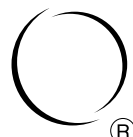
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have an understanding about all this, insomuch as I cannot speak for the rabbit. But I do know that as long as I have made no overtures toward the rabbit, such as putting out special food or anything like that, the rabbit is more than satisfied to stay right here and nowhere else. For it certainly is free enough to go meandering around elsewhere — and get beaned in the head — wherever it likes.

But the other evening, with the birds around as usual, I went outdoors, and the rabbit did a strange thing. It stood its ground, and continued nibbling grass, almost as if I had not come outdoors. The rabbit's ears, however, continued working; they continued swinging this way and that, two radars in motion, even as the rabbit nibbled. It was on the alert, all right, but apparently did not want me to think it was on the alert, and then I went back into the house, with the rabbit still remaining out there.

And this is when the thought occurred to me that the rabbit, having realized its own success, now leaped to the other extreme and was saying: "It's sure lucky for you, you big mug, that you didn't come one step closer. I'd have mopped you, I'd have mopped you —"

What convinced me of this is that, after I had returned inside the house, one of the killdeers landed quite close to the rabbit and began working on either a worm or an insect there. Heretofore neither the birds nor the rabbit had paid the least bit of attention to each other; the rabbit could have been but another bird so far as the birds were ever concerned.

But this time the rabbit, after having noticed my own retreat, now boldly and all at once took two little hops directly and deliberately towards the killdeer, and might even have tried to take another one, except that the killdeer just then did one of its crazy hiccups.

Wherewith the rabbit, suddenly overwhelmed by its own audacity, wheeled about and bounded into the lemonade brush, and the bird merely continued its eating.

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But the overall performance was enough to convince me that even rabbits, on certain evenings, can all at once become god-damn sick of being rabbits.

CHAPTER 30

Not far from here, on the top of Mount Palomar in our back country, is the most far-reaching observatory in the world — capa-

ble of reaching a billion light years away — and it is time I did something about all this.

For the observatory has been under planning and construction some 20 years, or long enough anyway for me to have written some of the first newspaper stories about the earlier construction, and some of the statistics about the

observatory I can recite almost automatically, so often have I recorded them in my time and so often have I read them.

Not only that, but I have been saving and collecting some of the statistics too, and the other day I found them and dumped them here upon a little table in my workroom — thinking to have them handy for whatever I should want to do with them someday.

The little table itself is not much of a table and actually does not belong in the room. Yet there was nowhere else in the house to put the thing, and so the workroom inherited it, and now the table seems to want to stay and appears to be striving to repay its indebtedness by accumulating stuff which is not wanted or needed or of any use.

And especially can this be true on those certain mornings when everything

around us suddenly appears so puzzling, so challenging, so unrecorded as to their limit — like the billion light years of the observatory — that all I can do for a long time about the challenge is to remain sitting in the workroom with my feet propped upon the little table and being a bum too. For there I sit wishing I were something like a godawmighty capable for once of looking from the outside in, and not from the inside out, as just another of the puzzles also.

So I sit there staring at the trash alongside my feet on the table and wondering why I do not clean it off by chucking everything on it over the cliff — and saving only these resurrected clippings about the observatory with its world-beating 200-inch mirror (although we used to refer to it as “lens”). And then I get to wondering

how each single item of trash there on the table has an ancestry as ancient perhaps as anything which can be recorded through the great mirror. For we are all a part of the same universe, so far as we yet know, and we all grew up together, each molecule of us, the trash as well as ourselves, and the molecules or atoms in the mirror itself.

And I get to wondering too, how the ancestry of this trash on the table may be older even than our own earth, and how parts or portions of the workmanship in each item encompasses just about every science or experiment in the stages of man or evolution or mathematics or art, or all of these put together — whatever that would mean and however far back that would go.

On this table I see an abalone shell, faded and at

one time used for an ash-tray; I see a crumbled cigarette package with its tinfoil and containing one forgotten cigarette; I see a broken piece of walrus ivory brought down from the Bering with a crude carving by some Eskimo; I see somebody's forgotten linen handkerchief; a burned-out lightglobe; a cracked pipe which still may be usable in emergencies (I'll have to see about that); a wooden stirrup from somewhere in South America; a used-up notebook with its back partly torn off; the wooden carving of a nude female done on some island in the South Pacific, and the carving is exceptionally nude and exceptionally female; a flashlight without batteries; a broken pencil; a telegram of several years ago and the contents of which I now would have no idea of without looking; match-fold-

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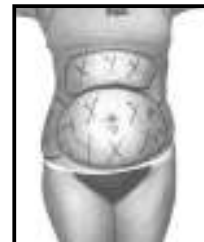
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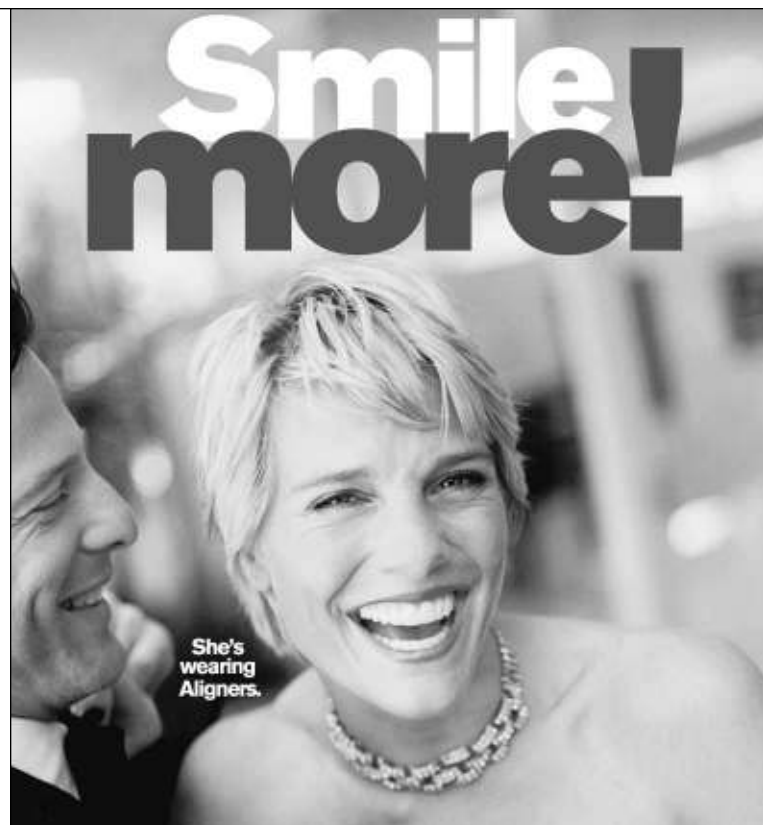
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Yet if only I were able to trace the true lineage of these items — or even a few of these items — back through their full source, their geography, their materials (vegetable, animal, or mineral), the races which, bit by bit, contributed to each of them, and the millions of years the materials themselves were forming, or how their seeds of life, or of being, came in the first place to be lodged upon this particular planet — then indeed I would be producing an odd and perhaps total history of our earth.

We refer to the observatory as “the giant eye of Palomar,” our pet phrase for the creation. And I know a lot of other phrases as well, how “the mirror is able to make the moon seem only 25 miles away,” and “how untold secrets of space are sure to be found,” and how the mirror itself was “nine years in the making, weighs 14-and-a-half tons.”

But still I do nothing about these phrases, of course, except to continue staring over my propped-up feet at the clippings, some of them my own old ones, and also I continue staring at the accumulated trash around them. For I cannot even catch up with the full story of the trash, or even one item of the trash. And I can find only one satisfaction, but only one, and that is the largest book we have, the Encyclopedia, has failed to exhaust any of this material either. The Encyclopedia also has to stop somewhere.

Or I may glance from the cluttered table out the window, and the motion of glancing is in itself but another mystery multiplied by mysteries. But again, everything the glance takes in, the full source and purpose of everything the glance takes in, becomes a mystery also, even the leaf on a tree, or the tree itself, or the baby mockingbird on the tree, or the feathers on



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the mockingbird. These all at once can become such a mystery surrounded by mysteries that — regardless of “the giant eye of Palomar” — it almost seems as if we are designed not to have a full conception of anything, and when insanity, after all, might seem the only condition which is normal.

For, if insane enough,

what is to prevent me from assuming that this little table with all its miscellaneous stuff is not merely a little table, but a stage, a stage so thorough that it encompasses time (a billion light years) as well as characters within characters — and all of them having endured in some form, and for so long, that the “giant eye of Palomar” is just

now reaching the beginning of their act. Or maybe it is their second or third act. I do not know.

But, anyway, the burned-out lightglobe becomes a ballet of characters, the tiny mouth organ becomes a ballet of characters, the tinfoil on the cigarette package becomes a ballet of characters, and within each of these ballets are thousands of other ballets and other characters, and all of them singing and dancing and whirling their own amazing parts.

That there is motion in them, we know, and that there is sound in them, we know. And their act may as well be called the Dance of the Trillion Little Solar Systems or the Giant Eye of Palomar in Reverse.

But I see no movement. That is the trouble. The movement is there, the heritage is there, the conflict is there, the rhythm is there, the ageless stories within stories — of how they happened to be now as they are — all this is there. But if there is to be

movement that I can see or record (and it is time I did at least something) I must produce this visible motion myself on the stage. So I do so by moving my feet from off the stage, from off the little table, from off the other assortment of trash up there.

Yet the full source history of these feet, and why my mind can move them, or should want to move them, all this is just as lengthy, just as baffling, as anything off of which I have taken them.

And so I wonder if even this town, or any town, no matter how small, when traced through the ancient source of its various people — where they came from and why, and all the rest of it — could be like these things on the little table, could be like another unwritten history of the entire earth — and of things beyond the earth, things we will be told about up on the mountain. ■

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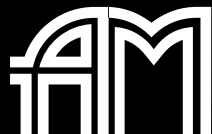
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ested in, think about, and more.

Bob Goggin

End Rock Noise

I'm glad I have a really rock-hard six-pack and am tight from my crotch to my gullet because if I were not, I would have puked after reading "Rage Rites" (Pop Music, August 29). One

needs to place these folks in a new kind of psychiatric ward — the ordinary loony bin does not have the facilities to deal with the postmodern forms of psychosis. Piercing is undoubtedly a hybrid of S&M, but with the added feature of suicidal monomania combined with fetishism. Yes, these folks are extremely sick. The Bible forbids piercing and tattooing. The earring was prescribed for the slave (Exodus 21). Everything that the past

counted as freakish and perverted is celebrated by these postmodern lunatics. Indeed, it is bestiality in all its forms that informs modern "pop" noise. The people who listen to it are mere glorified beasts. This trash will be thrown onto the funeral pyres of history shortly because they are useless to themselves and to civilization. I favor the extermination of these useless robots once and for all.

Name Withheld

Irrational Bash

In response to a *Reader* letter entry on August 15 by Meridiano Zye. Zye says: "hardest-working people this...country [has] ever known, the Hispanics and Mexicans." Why then, of the many Spanish-speaking countries, are Spain and Argentina maybe the only exceptionally prosperous First World industrialized ones? And what have Zye's "Nazi" and "Hitleresque" epithets to do with Hispanics at all, except perhaps 1930s Germany's sending men and weapons to fight with the ruling political forces in Spain's civil war? As to her claim that "Caucasians, Asians, and African-Americans are...lazy and afraid," who is being racist?

Also, maybe the *Reader* editorial staff is in part involved in inviting irrational bashing by the recent presentation of the term "gringo," e.g., *Reader* July 11 page-one story lead-in and page-four story title ("Gringos Do Their Thing with Our Boys," "City Lights"). The word, from the Spanish, is for a speaker of gibberish and is offensive; also roughly a recent equivalent to what ancient Greeks and perhaps the real "Latinos" — ancient Romans — labeled "barbarian." If Zye is just telling in some forceful, articulate way that some of the U.S. of A.'s best and brightest have Hispanic background, agreed. Yet why be divisive? What use is it to try to form unnatural mobs? Maybe some think

"United We Stand" is only rubbish. Yet this view is a belief, to attempt an analogy, that it takes a lot of different colors and varieties to make a proper American melting pot.

R. Hec
Downtown

Hire Her

I am a big fan of the *Reader*; however, I must say that the last two haven't been so good. I loved the Sabre Springs article ("Good Life in Sabre Springs," August 8). It was hysterical. I think you should have that writer do a series on "who are the people in your neighborhood?" Then do interviews with various types of people each week. For example, dumpster divers, transvestites in Hillcrest, inmates, police, firemen, etc. And ask them hard-hitting questions that would be interesting. Definitely consider the author of the Sabre Springs article to do it.

Jen

Shadow Mountain

After six years at Christian Unified School District, I can only concur with Abe Opincar that Shadow Mountain can give one the creeps ("Sheep and Goats," August 8). A gaudy parody of TV evangelism, a performance rather than an encounter with the living God — it all reflects a megalomaniac pastor's domain. Then again, their theology says the spirit of God is no longer active (no prophecy, no miracles, etc.). And shouldn't non-

profit organizations be required to make their records public (especially when it's a church "above reproach of the law") in order to maintain that status? I know what they have to hide — I know where the pastor lives and what he drives. What are they hiding? Thank God Opincar isn't swayed by power and money and has consistently given fair evaluations of churches, large and small, without the knee-jerk name-calling and "us vs. them" mind-set of last week's letters to the editor.

Ellen Fox Patrick
La Mesa

Great Art

I just wanted to give a compliment to the art director of your magazine. Specifically, the person that puts your covers together. I find the color combinations, subject matter, and layout to be quite extraordinary. I hope he or she is appreciated for creating a dramatic cover each week. It makes me want to pick up your publication and examine it further. Thanks for the good work.

Barbara Ness

Reader Reader

Just a comment...I look forward to every issue of the *Reader*. Your lead stories are great. I read nearly every week's lead story. Keep up the great work!

Robert Wachs

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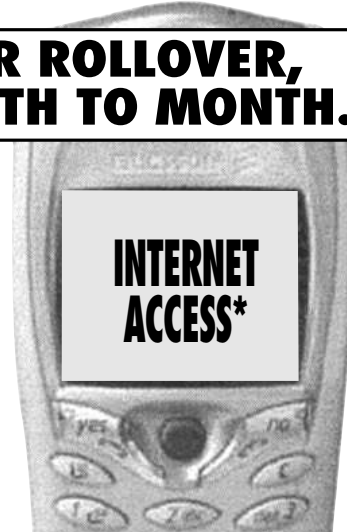
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Sound quality is judged by a human being who listens to a special compact disc played through the auto's sound system. Mike Jaffe, regional Director of United States Autosound Competition International, was asked what's on the CD. "Certain cuts of music that are worthy of testing stereo systems," he said by phone from Phoenix, where he's based.

Points in the sound-quality competition are awarded for the look of the installation, too. "It's got to be neatly done," said Jaffe, "and safely done, meaning there's plenty of protection for the electrical wiring. It's even to the point where you are given points for having a complete alarm system on a car, because if you're going to put thousands and thousands into a system, you certainly don't want to see it walking down the street for lack of a \$200 or \$300 alarm."

How is loudness judged? Surely not with a CD...? "Oh, yeah, it is. But it's not a musical one. It's almost strictly test tones." A human being is not the arbiter here. "A microphone that's attached to a meter is inserted into the vehicle. The competitor scores whatever the meter generates."

Is the competitor inside the car? "The competitor can be inside or out." Do many choose to be inside? "I'd say the vast majority. But I demand that they wear hearing protection. And I provide it." But they must not have worn protection while testing their systems... "Well, that's a whole



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different issue."

The demographic for the loudness competition isn't hard to imagine. "Typically it's younger males, 18 to 25." But sound-quality competitors are often older, said Jaffe, who named a 27-year-old competitor in the L.A. area. "He's almost guaranteed to be there this weekend, because he's in the business."

Yes, said Fred Lynch, who was reached at work — Image Dynamics, a manufacturer of high-end car-audio equipment in the Gardena area. His car would be "one of the keynotes."

Lynch, who began competing when he was 16 and who has attained "expert" class, was asked if he knew a special word for what he is. "They call us 'mobile tweakers' or 'mobile reference audiophiles.'" He adds, "Most of us don't hold relationships for very long because of how many hours we spend on our cars. We're definitely different individuals. Take the car I'm currently running around with. It's a

\$20,000 car that I've got over 2000 man hours invested in and \$85,000 worth of product and labor." What kind of car does it happen to be? "It's a 2001 Volkswagen Passat." Does he get a lot of free products at work? "Image Dynamics is my primary sponsor, but I have multiple sponsors, because I've shown the dedication and gone to the shows and made a good name for whoever I represent." So his car is like a sponsored athlete. "Exactly. That's just what it is."

Lynch's car is conspicuous. "It's plastered with manufacturers' graphics. You look through my back window, my entire back seat is gone because of the stereo system in it. There's no hiding it."

He can't leave it just anywhere, then, can he? "You know what? It's actually not that bad, because there's a certain point where you get so high up, your car is like a magnet, a big red flashing light, saying 'Hey, everybody, look here.' There's always too many people looking at it. I could take the car to a mall, park it in the parking lot, and have no problem whatsoever."

He has some advice for owners of cars with systems that aren't so "high up." "People think, just because they have a lot of system, they need to play it all the way up until the time they park their car. Well, those are the cars that

people steal, because they know what's in them. If you're gonna have it turned up, turn it down before you get where you're going."

Lynch's car is protected for another reason. "When you go around with something like what I've got, people get to know who you are. I had my car at the dealership, and they took it for a test drive. Within 15 minutes I was getting phone calls: 'Why is this person driving your car?'"

The guys at the dealership must have fun listening to his system while they work. "Actually, before I take it in, I disable it. I learned my lesson a long time ago. I had an issue with a different vehicle, so I took it to a service center and decided to show up early. I heard my system even before I got to the place. Certain things over the years you learn that you just don't do."

— Jeanne Schinto



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BAJA

Now They're Cooking! Head to the Ensenada Seafood Fair on Sunday, September 8, 1 to 8 p.m., on Primera Street. Ensenada chefs will create original seafood dishes for visitors, locals, and a panel of judges. Guests may sample Baja California wines and enjoy live entertainment. The \$14 tickets include four food samples and four beverages. Questions? Call 800-310-9687 for answers. (ENSENADA)

Mexican-Style Horse Racing runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, beginning at Rancho Agua Fria (at km 10 on the Tecate-Mexicali Highway). There's Mexican food, live music, and more. Admission is \$3 for spectators. Dial 011-52-665-654-1095 for information. Rac-

ing is also scheduled on September 22. (TECATE)

Who Makes the Best Paella? More than a dozen restaurants will be showcasing their best original paella recipe when the Rosarito Beach Hotel hosts a paella festival on Sunday, September 8, beginning at 1 p.m. There will be music for dancing and entertainment as well.

The \$15 tickets include a paella sample and one beverage. The hotel is located 18 miles south of the U.S.-Mexico border, reached by following the Rosarito-Ensenada Scenic toll road; take the fourth Rosarito Beach exit, pass under the arch, and drive two blocks west to the hotel. For information, call 800-343-8582. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Fair Days! The Tijuana Fair continues in Morelos Park (along Boulevard Insurgentes) through Monday, September 16, boasting food, music, arts and crafts, and entertainment. Admission is \$4.50 U.S. Call 011-52-664-686-1391 for further information. (TIJUANA)

Independence Week Festivities are being planned — with food, music, and entertainment — from Wednesday, September 11, through Monday, September 16, in Parque Revolución. For additional information, call 011-52-646-178-2065. (ENSENADA)

"Whales: Giants of the Ocean" provide the theme for a photography show on exhibit through September at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Admission is \$1.10 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Omnimax Films, currently showing: *Bears*, with screenings Tuesday through Friday at 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m., with an additional screening at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

September's Highest and Lowest Tides are associated with the new moon September 6. The two highest tides of the month (+6.8 feet) occur on Thursday, September 5, at 8:50 p.m. and on Friday, September 6, at 9:34 p.m. The lowest tide of the month (-1.0 foot) occurs on Friday, September 6, at 3:36 a.m. By early October, extreme low (negative) tides will start to happen during the afternoon, and for several months afterward exploring the local tidepools will not necessitate any loss of sleep.

The Planet Jupiter gleams steadily low in the eastern sky at dawn, having spent most of the last three months hidden in or obscured by the sun's glare. In July, Jupiter made the switch from the evening sky to the morning sky. Less-bright Saturn can be seen higher up in the east, well above Jupiter. Planets, which appear starlike, can be visually distinguished from stars by their resistance to twinkling, brought about by air currents in the earth's atmosphere.

Camp with the Stars, an out-of-this-world weekend is planned September 6 and 7 at Heise Park. The San Diego Astronomers Association will set up a dozen telescopes for an all-day, all-night star party. There will be star viewing in the meadow on Friday night, sun storm viewing all day until sundown on Saturday, and a star slideshow at 8 p.m. on Saturday night, followed by stargazing and interpretation. You're invited to bring

your own telescopes and binoculars if you have them.

A \$1 donation is requested. Find William Heise County Park at 4945 Heise Park Road. Dial 858-694-3049 for details. (JULIAN)

Landslide! Join naturalist Jack Pomeroy to look at hillside scars caused by landslides during an easy 2.5-mile walk on Ranch House, East Ridge, and Middle Pond trails in Daley Ranch on Saturday, September 7. The jaunt starts at 8:30 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. For details, dial 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Observable History, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, on Saturday, September 7, at 10 a.m., starting at the visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Who's Been Here? Ranger Barret leads a beginning tracking workshop in Mission Trails Regional Park to discover the mystery of critters that lead active lives while we sleep. The free outing starts on Saturday, September 7, at 8:30 a.m., at Kumeyaay Campground entry station (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Explore the Plant World around the Mission Trails Regional Park's visitors' center with a ranger during a native plant walk on Saturday, September 7, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Many native plants from different habitats around Southern California are found in the park. Meet at the visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Under the Big Blue Sky, naturalist Davie Kiser leads a hike focusing on "Tracks and Scat" on Saturday, September 7, in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Gain an "Introduction to Blue Sky" when naturalist Laurann Martin leads a hike focusing on the area and its inhabitants on Sunday, September 8. Both adventures begin at 9 a.m. Find Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. 858-694-3049. Free. (POWAY)

Learn About the History of the Dam at Lake Hodges during a four-mile round-trip hike planned on Saturday, September 7, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in San Dieguito River Park. For reservations and directions to the trailhead, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

What Makes OB a Unique Beach Community? Find out when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari exploring this time-warped town on Saturday, September 7, at 10 a.m. The fee is \$10. For reservations and directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (OCEAN BEACH)

A Guided Nature Walk takes place at 9:30 a.m. on September 7 (and on the first Saturday of each month), in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through the oak and sycamore trees and chaparral, pointing out the birds and wildlife that call the park home. To reach the staging area, take the Regents Road exit off Highway 52 and look for a parking lot and restroom on the west side of Regents Road. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist volunteers, with two orientations planned on Saturday, September 7, at 2 p.m. Get the information at the San Elijo Lagoon

Conservancy (in the gray building at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Towne Centre, 2031 San Elijo Avenue) and at the Clairemont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Participants are involved in all aspects of the work. 619-921-6044. Free. (CARDIFF, CLAIREMONT)

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

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

Ven Explora la Naturaleza con Migo, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts this bilingual nature walk on September 8, at 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, the walks introduce visitors to the wonders of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find the center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. 619-409-5903. The programs are offered on the first Sunday of the month. (CHULA VISTA)

"Sun, Sand, and Sea — Artwork at Lindbergh Field," take a walk "punctuated by 14 works of art and architecture at the airport" with Walkabout on Sunday, September 8. Meet at the public fountain just west of the County Administration Building on Harbor Drive at 1 p.m. Participants will walk casually to the air-



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A Slender Waxing Crescent Moon joins lanternlike Venus low in the western sky at dusk, Monday, September 9. Note how the moon exhibits a progressively thicker crescent phase during the next several evenings and how it moves quickly away from Venus. Venus's tenure as an "evening star," incidentally, is nearly over. By mid-October the planet vanishes from western sky at dusk, only to reappear in early November as a "morning star" visible in the east at dawn.

Fledgling Birdwatchers are invited to attend the field trip hosted by the Audubon Society at Lake Murray on Monday, September 9, from 8 to 11 a.m. The introductory program is designed to educate the novice. Bring binoculars, a small notebook, and field guide.

To reach the spot, take I-8 to Lake Murray Boulevard, exit, and proceed one mile to Baltimore. Turn left, go about one mile, and make a left on Jackson Drive. Proceed one-quarter mile and make a left onto Golfcrest. Drive about one mile to Mission Trails Park; meet in the parking area near the small bleachers. Easy hiking. 619-692-3246. Free. (LA MESA)

DANCE

Dance Jam! This free-form dance party welcomes all ages onto the 2500-square-foot dance floor on September 6 and 10, at 9 p.m. (and every Tuesday and Friday night) at the Center for the Moving Arts, 3255 Fifth Avenue. Admission ranges from \$5 to \$7. 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

The Circulators Square Dance Club has a beginners' class starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 6, at the Recital Hall (2130 Pan-American Plaza). The first class is free; thereafter, pay \$3 per person. Classes are open to adults and children over ten (accompanied by an adult). Call 619-464-0135 for information. Open enrollment continues through September 20. (BALBOA PARK)

Contra-Temps, Martha Wild calls and Jump Fingers provide the music for the contradance on Friday, September 6, at the Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Philippine Dances and Music from different regions of the Philippines may be enjoyed when the Samahan Filipino-American Performing Arts and Education Center Theater presents concerts on Saturday, September 7, at the Educational Cultural Complex. There will be original choreography of popular dances such as Singkil and Tinikling and a cast of 27 dancers and 13 musicians.

Performances begin at 2 and 8 p.m. Find the theater at 4343 Ocean View Boulevard. Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 for children, seniors, and students. For information, dial 619-444-7528. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Lindy Hop Swing Instructors Emily Belt and Bryant Gover present a seven-week series of classes beginning on Saturday, September 7, at the Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue). Classes are offered in Lindy basics (10 a.m.), "Beyond the Basics" (11:15 a.m.), and "Alternate Lindy Techniques" (12:30 p.m.). For registration, call 619-299-8184. The fee is \$10 per class, or \$56 for all sessions. (HILLCREST)

"Bellydancing Fusion" is promised when the Urban Tribal Dance Company performs on September 7, at the Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Performances begin at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. The cover is \$5. For information, call 619-234-1344. These shows take place on the first Saturday of each month. (LITTLE ITALY)

Bellydancing for All! The Mission Valley YMCA hosts bellydance lessons for beginners and advanced beginners every Saturday at 1:30 p.m., beginners at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, and intermediates at 8:30 p.m. on Mondays. The fee is \$10 per lesson or \$35 for four weeks. Find the Y at 5505 Friars Road. For information, call 619-298-3576 or 619-295-0637. (MISSION VALLEY)

Reward Yourself Mentally, Physically, and Socially by joining the Sundown Squares Dance Club for beginning lessons starting on Sunday, September 8, at 5 p.m., at the La Mesa Senior Center (8450 La Mesa Boulevard). The requested donation is \$4 after the first lesson, which is free. Call 619-588-4827 for more information. (LA MESA)

"Cleaning Up Your Act," this all-level workshop taught by "one of the early masters of bellydance on the West Coast" will focus on masterful technique, combinations, teaching techniques, counting and timing, and "fast, easy ways to start dancing." The class runs noon to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, in room R205 at Cuyamaca College (900 Rancho San Diego Parkway). The fee is \$30. For information, call 619-280-8424. (EL CAJON)

Learn to Dance when the Rhythm Rounders start a new beginners' dance class on Monday, September 9 and 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bostonia Recreation Center (1049 Bostonia Street). Participants will learn the two-step,

waltz, cha-cha, jive, rumba, tango, fox-trot, steps, and routines. Basic steps are taught, and choreographed dances are cued using the steps students have learned. The fee is \$4. For information, call 619-690-4361. Partners are required. (BOSTONIA)

Bored With Your Treadmill? Want to exercise? Join the Sandpipers for a new square-dancer program starting on Thursday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Square dancers with previous experience convene at 8 p.m. For information, call 760-436-0685; to register, dial 760-943-2260. The fee for the seven-week program is \$40 for nonresidents. (ENCINITAS)

FILM

"The Power of Truth" (according to the Dalai Lama) will be screened on Friday, September 6, at 7:45 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). The movie combines imagery of Tibet with interviews with the Dalai Lama illustrating "his unshakeable belief in peace and humanity." The requested donation is \$5 to \$10. For information, call 858-756-1550. (CARDIFF)

Busy on Friday? The film will also be shown when the San Diego Friends of Tibet gather for their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 7 p.m., at Wisdom Traditions Bookstore (4060 Adams Avenue). For information, call 619-682-7188. Free. (KENSINGTON)

The Horror, the Horror! Gather your newspapers, toast, and squirt guns for *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, screening every Friday at midnight at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets

are \$7. For information, call 760-436-5774. (ENCINITAS)

Tensions between Migrant Farmworkers and homeowners in north San Diego County are explored in Paul Espinosa's documentary *Uneasy Neighbors*. See the film (made in the early 1990s) and participate in the following discussion on Saturday, September 7, at 2 p.m., at the Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. For more information, dial 619-538-8165. (MIRA MESA)

The Documentary Djembefola chronicles master drummer Mamady Keita's return to his native village in Guinea after a 26-year absence. The film screens on Sunday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m., at Java Joe's (1956 Bacon Street). Tickets are \$5. For information, call 858-793-0178. (OCEAN BEACH)

Take a "Hilarious Romp Through Post-College Blues" when writer, director, editor, and actor Todd Edwards's *Chillicothe* screens for the Film Forum on Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Call 619-236-5800 for information. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Commemorating the Tragedy, the San Diego Public Library and the Peace Resource Center present an evening of film screenings and discussion on Tuesday, September 10. The program includes *Afghanistan: From Ground Zero to Ground Zero* and *9/11*, an independent media production that was shot in New York City on September 12. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the third-floor auditorium. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Meet "The Thin Man," the Carlsbad Library's film series features *The Thin Man* on Wednesday, September 11, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium

(1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, a special screening of *Wolves*, to benefit the California Wolf Center, is slated for Thursday, September 5, at 6 p.m. The center lost four wolves and sustained losses of over \$50,000 in the recent Pines fire.

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

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

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

LECTURES

Back to Basics, the North San Diego County Genealogical Society offers its monthly beginners' class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 7, at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For information, call 760-723-1342. (CARLSBAD)

Poetry Workshop Series, Terrie Relf, poetry editor and columnist at Writersmonthly.com, leads poetry workshops on Saturdays, Septem-



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The fee is \$30 per session. To reserve a spot, call 619-234-0763. Find Twiggs at 4590 Park Boulevard (at Madison). (NORTH PARK)

Clay Sculpting will be demonstrated by Carolyn Gardner on Saturday, September 7, at 11 a.m., at the Del Mar Art Center, 1555 Camino del Mar (at 15th Street). Free. 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

A Way to Inner Peace, learn "a relaxing method of meditation to relieve the anxieties from day-to-day stress" and "discover your real identity and true purpose in life" during the mantra meditation class planned on Saturday, September 7, at the Ocean Beach Women's Club (2160 Bacon Street). These ongoing classes begin at noon twice a month. Free. 858-831-1770. (OCEAN BEACH)

"An Experiential Day of Healing" is promised when Gary Sinclair conducts a workshop for the Edgar Cayce Association for Research and Enlightenment on Sunday, September 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the community room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). A victim of multiple sclerosis for 14 years, Sinclair "was able to heal his body from a nearly 80 percent loss of mobility in just 18 months." Tu-

ition is \$50. To make the required advance reservations, call 619-449-0984. (LA JOLLA)

Dialogues Leading to Action, the series gets underway with an exploration of the question "Is the creation of small communities the answer to today's social problems?" This meeting of the Institute of Noetic Sciences starts at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, at the Powerhouse (1658 Coast Boulevard, next to Jake's). Free. 858-481-3998. (DEL MAR)

Get to Know the Maestro Machine when the AARP San Dieguito gathers for a program on Monday, September 9, at 1:15 p.m., at the Encinitas Senior Center (1140 Oak Crest Drive). The custom-built machine took three years to construct at a cost of \$179,000. Free. For information, call 760-942-8747. (ENCINITAS)

Protect Your Art and yourself as an artist after intellectual property attorney James W. McClain speaks for

the East County Art Association on Monday, September 9, at 10 a.m. The group meets at 225 East Main Street. For more information, call 619-697-0340. Free. (EL CAJON)

History of Opera, the series continues when Ridgely Allison Muller speaks on Monday, September 9, at 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium, at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. For more information, dial 760-434-2881. (LA COSTA)

Wanna Be an Artist? Learn how to pursue a career as a professional artist when the San Diego Art Institute Museum of the Living Artist hosts a professional artist panel discussion on Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. Panelists include Patricia Frischer, Roy Summer Johnson, Pierrette Van Cleve, and Stephen Wagner. Also, expect discussion on the effects of 9/11 on the community at large.

Admission is \$3 for nonmem-

bers. The institute is found at 1439 El Prado; 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Mountain Guide Kurt Wedberg highlights "Africa's Highest Peaks" he trekked while on his latest expedition to Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya during slide-illustrated talks at Adventure 16. Wedberg speaks on Tuesday, September 10, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662) and on Wednesday, September 11, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374). Both talks start at 7 p.m. Admission is free. (SOLANA BEACH, MISSION VALLEY)

Asian Brush Painters, Unite! The Lung Hsiang chapter of the American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting meets for a demonstration on pomegranates by Marilyn Link on Tuesday, September 10, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Ecke building at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). The workshop is for "anyone above the beginning level." The fee is \$15. For more informa-

tion, call 858-487-2620 or 619-462-0029. (ENCINITAS)

"Good Grief...Dealing with Loss" is the subject when Susan Hitchcock speaks on Tuesday, September 10, at 11:30 a.m., for the Doris A. Howell Foundation for Women's Health Research. Hitchcock is a former reporter and health and fitness producer for KFMB Channel 8. Tickets for the luncheon are \$40 for nonmembers. The group meets at the Shelter Pointe Hotel and Marina, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. For reservations, dial 858-350-8980. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Are You a Climber? An array of climbing gear and hands-on demonstrations are promised when Adventure 16 hosts rock climbing clinics. The first event takes place on Tuesday, September 10, at the A-16 located at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374); on Wednesday, head to the Adventure 16 found at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662). Both

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Which Aerosol Agents Are in the Atmosphere, and how can they cause changes in biodiversity and lead to the collapse of some ecosystems? These questions will be answered when Mark Thiemans focuses on "Atmospheric Aerosols in San Diego" on Wednesday, September 11, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The fee is \$8 for nonmembers. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Art Collectors' Round Table, this panel discussion, part of the COVA Open Studios event, will be moderated by art educator and collector Ellen Phelan on Thursday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the Escondido Municipal Art Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). Free. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

"Dip Into Fall" when the North County Calligraphy Guild meets on Thursday, September 12, at 6 p.m., at the Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Participants will make pens and take in the "hands-on program: Neuland." No experience is necessary. For information, call 760-723-3063. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Workshops run September 21 through October. Find the shop at 3564 Adams Avenue. The fee is \$15 per person, and the minimum age is eight years old. To further informa-

tion and registration, call 619-282-8708. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Meet the Scientist, noted paleoanthropologist Donald Johanson will speak in conjunction with the "Footsteps Through Time" exhibit at the San Diego Museum of Man on Saturday, September 14, at 5 p.m. Johanson, renowned for unearthing a 3.5 million-year-old fossil nicknamed Lucy, will answer questions and discuss his many fossil discoveries.

The other participants include UCSD anthropology professor Jim Moore, forensic anthropologist Madeleine Hinkes, physical anthropology curators Rose Tyson and Tori Heflin, anthropologist Trisha Biers, and High Tech High science teacher Theresa Giley (conducting DNA experiments). They will conduct hands-on experiments and informally discuss their areas of expertise.

Adult nonmembers pay \$10, those up to 17 pay \$5, and family "four-packs" are \$25. To make reservations, call 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

He's Been Editor of Harper's magazine for nearly 20 years, and on Thursday, September 26, Lewis H. Lapham will speak for the new Revelle Forum at the Neurosciences Institute series. Lapham will discuss his "controversial" new book, *Theater of War*, in which he questions the goals and wisdom of the current "war on terror."

The talk, which begins at 5:30 p.m., is followed by a book signing. Admission is \$35. Find the institute at 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. For information, call 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

What Do Those Little Pictures Mean? Translate hieroglyphic inscriptions found in temples, tombs,

and monuments of ancient Egypt when Ron Fellows presents a workshop on Saturday, September 28. Participants will focus on reading ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Cuyamaca College, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. The fee is \$35, plus \$15 for materials. To register, call 619-660-4350. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

IN PERSON

Local Author Robert L. Holt signs and discusses his new book *Stop Skyjackers* on Thursday, September 5, at 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). (LA COSTA)

Busy on Thursday? Holt will also appear on Monday, September 9, at 7 p.m., in the community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For information, call 760-434-2881. (LA COSTA, CARLSBAD)

Contemporary and Classical Selections may be heard when the MiraCosta College music faculty performs on Friday, September 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Faculty members will perform solo or in pairs or groups, "presenting works they have been perfecting over the summer months." Tickets are \$7 general. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

"Noche Romantica," Voz Alta hosts a twice-monthly series of evenings of *canciones de amor*, love songs in Spanish by local Latin musicians. The next performance is set for Friday, September 6, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta, 917 E Street. Admission: \$7 general; \$5

students, seniors. The series continues the first and third Fridays of each month. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

"Scarology" — a play written and directed by Danielle Shields — uses a "unique theater-style journey" with an ensemble of young San Diego actors to tackle themes of "human emotional pain." See the play Friday through Sunday, September 6-8, at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. The suggested donation is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Free Summer Concerts continue with karaoke hosted by Tony Pohlman for the Concerts on the Green series at the Prescott Promenade on Main Street on Friday, September 6, at 5:30 p.m. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

The "Music in the Park" concert series concludes with music by Carlos X Jazz Pigs on Saturday, September 7, in Chula Vista Community Park (1060 EastLake Parkway). For information, call 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

Hawaiian Slack-Key Generations, this concert, with father and son George Kahumoku Jr. and Keoki Kahumoku, is set for Saturday, September 7, at 8 p.m., in the University of San Diego's Shiley Theater. The program includes Kumu Hula, Chanter, Mark Keali'i Ho'o-malu, and Halau o Na Ali'i. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. USD is found at 5998 Alcalá Park. For information, call 619-426-1953. (LINDA VISTA)

Mystery Author Jan Burke signs and discusses her short story collection *18* on Saturday, September 7, at

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4:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). For more details, dial 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Expect Big Fun when Craicmore performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, September 7, at 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). The group draws its words and music from the traditional music of Ireland and Scotland. Tickets: \$12. For reservations, dial 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

A Celebration of New Beginnings is planned for Margaret Porter Troupe on Saturday, September 7, at the Porter Troupe Gallery (which ceases to be a public art space after September 11). Quincy Troupe, Adrian Arancibia, the Taco Shop Poets, and other friends of the gallery will read from their works from 3 to 5 p.m. amidst a sale of art and objects. Admission is free. For more details, dial 619-291-9096. Find the gallery at 301 Spruce Street. (HILLCREST)

A Booksigning Breakfast is planned when author Kenneth Gardner visits Grand Central Cafe (500 West Broadway) to sign *Rich Man's Coffin*

on Saturday, September 7, at 7 a.m. Breakfast is under \$5, books are for sale. Call 858-922-5239 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

Roots Rock Raza, Johnny Valenzuela of the roots rock band the Sleepwalkers presents a "candid discussion" about songwriting and Chicano rockabilly border ballads, answers questions, and performs acoustic versions of favorite tunes on Saturday, September 7, at 8 p.m.

An acoustic open mike follows, hosted by Victory Payan (sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m.). Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues) and by calling 619-230-1869. Admission is \$7 general. (DOWNTOWN)

Summer Concerts in the Gardens, the series concludes with a tribute to 9/11 featuring John Hurley on Saturday, September 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Marcos Civic Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Tickets are \$5 general, free for those under 10. Bring beach chairs or blankets for lawn seating. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Living Room Concert, this Sierra Club fundraiser is slated for Saturday, September 7, at Rancho Santa Maria de los Peñasquitos. There will be music by the Bow Willow folk ensemble, cowboy poetry by John Sedberry, and an exhibit of paintings by Anne Lyle Van Atta.

The evening begins with a

potluck dinner at 6 p.m. (bring food to share and beverages) and the program at 7 p.m. The requested donation is \$25. For reservations and space availability, call 619-299-1741. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Johnny Can't Read, learn about *The Teacher Who Couldn't Read* when author John Corcoran signs his book and discusses the tactics he used to slip through the system without being literate. The appearance starts at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

"The Voyage of Cabrillo" is a fictionalized account presenting different viewpoints of the 1542 encounter between Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo's crew and the Native Americans living in the San Diego area. Abel Silvas narrates, while other cast members represent the views of a priest and sailor accompanying the expedition and a Native American woman.

Take in the program at 12:30 and 2 p.m. on Sundays through September at the Cabrillo National Monument. Admission is included in the regular park entrance fee of \$5 vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Jazz for Girls Inc., a Latin jazz concert is planned by guitarist Jeff Linsky on Monday, September 9, at the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club (1505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive). Linsky will be joined by keyboardist Barnaby Finch, Jennifer Jane Leitham, flutist Kenny Stahl, and percussionist

Michael Spiro. The \$50 tickets benefit Girls, Inc. For reservations, call 760-724-2409. (SOLANA BEACH)

Open Poetry Reading, sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. and open readings per-run from 8 to 10 p.m., on Monday, September 9, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Call 619-296-0616 for information. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Live Joyfully, author Barbara Bartocci shares insight on moving *From Hurting to Happy* on Tuesday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Call 858-684-3166 for details. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Meet Trupp's Best Friend, *Little Yau*, which is also the title of Janell Cannon's new book. Cannon will sign books on Tuesday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). She is the author of *Stellaluna*, *Crickwing*, and the aforementioned *Trupp*. For more information, call 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Celebrating the Heroism of 9/11/01" is the theme when the Magee Park Poets present an open reading on Wednesday, September 11, at 7 p.m., in the community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-602-2026. (CARLSBAD)

Take Time for Tao, C. Alexander and Annellen Simpkins will sign and discuss *Tao in Ten* on Wednesday, September 11, at 7 p.m., at Borders

Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Concert Hour, the Palomar-Pacific Chapter Barbershop Chorus performs for the Concert Hour at Palomar College on Thursday, September 12, at 12:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Timber Frame Pavilion (next to the campus theater). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Marketing Your Book is the subject when Penny C. Sansevieri, author of *Get Published: An Author's Guide to the On-Line Publishing Revolution*, speaks on Thursday, September 12, at 7 p.m., for the Writing Group at Barnes and Noble (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Japanese, Latin, Brazilian, and African Rhythms are combined with "innovative lighting and staging techniques" when San Jose Taiko performs on Saturday, September 14, at 7 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Taiko drumming has been described as "both the essence and the heartbeat of the Japanese spirit"; this troupe was formed to "convey the unique experiences" as third-generation Japanese-Americans (or *sansei*). Tickets — \$30, \$40, and \$50 — are available by calling 619-232-2721 or 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

SPORTS

Up for Water Skiing? The Convoir Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding from 5 p.m. to dusk on Thursdays through October 3, and 8 to 11 a.m. on Sundays year-round, with instruction on request. The group meets at the south end of Crown Point Beach, and guests of any skill level are welcome. For non-members, the fee is \$8 per run (about 15 minutes). For information, call 760-602-0060. (MISSION BAY)

Boys of (Waning) Summer, the San Diego Padres are hosting the Houston Astros in Qualcomm Stadium on Thursday, September 5, at 2:05 p.m.

The next road trip sends the Pads to Colorado to meet the Rockies September 6-8, with games at 6:05 p.m. on Friday and at 12:05 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The team heads to Arizona for games against the Diamondbacks Monday through Wednesday, September 9-11, at 6:35 p.m. each night.

The Padres return to Qualcomm Stadium for games against the San Francisco Giants September 12-15, starting at 7:05 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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Take an Invigorating Bicycle Ride through Fairbanks Ranch and Rancho Santa Fe after work with the Sierra Club cyclists. These Thursday rides start at 5:45 p.m. in the Warehouse parking lot (at the corner of Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real, one-half mile east of I-5). Be prepared for some hills and a fast pace. Bring money for casual dinner after the ride. 760-434-3852. (DEL MAR)

Train Races are on tap, and there's racing in speed trucks, factory stock cars, bombers, and sportsman divisions at Cajon Speedway on Saturday, September 7. The first race starts at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying runs starting at 5 p.m.

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All Around the Town, bicycle from San Diego State University to Kensington and down to Little Italy with the Knickerbikers on Saturday, September 7. The intermediate ride starts at 9 a.m. at the northwest corner of the parking lot on Mission Center Drive and Camino de la Reina. Bring money for lunch. 619-294-3941. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Granddaddy of Rough-Water Swims, the 72nd annual La Jolla Rough-Water Swim is slated for Sun-

day, September 8, starting and finishing at the La Jolla Cove. There are junior, amateur, masters, and Gatorman divisions, with starts from 9 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. For additional details, call 858-456-2100. No race-day registration. (LA JOLLA)

Run along Batiqitos Lagoon on Sunday, September 8, during the Terry Fox Run/Walk. Registration for this four-mile trail run/walk and kids' kilometer starts at 7 a.m.; racing starts at the Four Seasons Resort Aviara (from I-5, exit at Poinsettia Lane, and head east to Aviara Park-way, turn right and follow the signs). For information, call 760-602-1011. (CARLSBAD)

The First Regular Season Game for the San Diego Chargers is slated for Sunday, September 8, at 10 a.m., against the Bengals in Cincinnati. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS.

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Polo Time, the San Diego Polo Club hosts the Rancho Valencia Cup on Sunday, September 8. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., the featured polo match at 3 p.m. The traditional half-time divot-stomp starts at 4 p.m., when guests are invited to take the field and replace the divots.

General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. For information and reservations, call 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Tuesday Night Racing, the summer series concludes with racing at the San Diego Velodrome on Tuesday, September 10. It's a whole lotta fun! Gates open for warm-ups at 6 p.m., with the racing beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free for spectators. Find the velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

The Horses Are Nearing the Finish Line, the 2002 seaside racing season hosted by the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club draws to a close on Wednesday, September 11. The horse racing takes place Wednesdays through Mondays; post time is 2 p.m. daily except Fridays, when racing begins at 3:30 or 4 p.m.

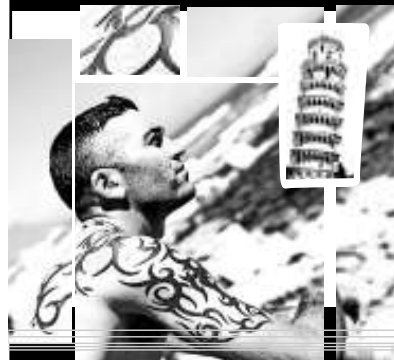
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Hours are 5 p.m. to midnight on Friday, 4 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, 2 to 9 p.m. on Sunday. The festival is open only to those 21 and older on Friday and Saturday, while Sunday's events are open to all ages. Tickets — offered for single days or packages — are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For information, call 800-260-9985. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

The Traditional Gathering and 13th annual pow-wow hosted by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation runs September 6-8 at the Sycuan Reservation. There will be contest dancing in all categories, drum contests, bird dance contests, and bird singing. Peon games and gourd dancing are also promised.

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READING

The Black Veil: A Memoir with Digressions



Rick Moody

Little, Brown and Company, 2002; 323 pages; \$24.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: While still in his 20s, Rick Moody found that a decade of alcohol, drugs, and other indulgences had left him stranded in a depression so severe that he feared for his life. The road of excess led, for him, not to the palace of wisdom but rather to a psychiatric hospital in one of New York's least exalted boroughs.

The Black Veil is Rick Moody's account of that debilitating passage

in his life. It is the powerfully written story of a mind unraveling, and of how it feels when the underpinnings of life fall away. The anxieties of early adulthood, of first finding a place in the world — the weight placed upon that first relationship, first job, first apartment — are presented here with enormous sympathy. Anyone who has ever felt his or her own psychological footing slip, even briefly, will find Moody's account of his breakdown and return both harrowing and heartbreaking.

At the same time, *The Black Veil* is an astonishing exploration of guilt, blame, the public face, and the very idea of self.

Looking for clues of his lifelong sense of melancholy and shame, and recognizing signs of this same condition in his family's paternal line, Moody embarked on a search for its origins. This quest begins with fathers ("Fathers refold maps, fathers like to appear as though they have infallible knowledge of direct routes between any two points") and grandfathers ("The idea here is that you have to do the heavy lifting first"). It ventures through stone quarries in Connecticut, among mossy tombstones in Maine, into the coded diary of a tormented Puritan minister named Handkerchief Moody (1700–1753), and into the life and writings of Nathaniel Hawthorne. In these and dozens of other places, Moody finds gleaming pieces of the past, and he weaves of them an inspired portrait of what it means to be young and confused, older and confused, guilty, lost, and finally healed.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Rick Moody was born Hiram Frederick Moody III in October 1961, in Manhattan. When he was two the family moved to Connecticut. Moody's parents divorced in 1970; young Moody went to live with his mother. Although he wasn't an only child, but rather the middle child between an older sister and younger brother, he seems to have been a somewhat lonely child, a boy who kept to himself. Early on, he became a voracious, greedy, persistent, and constant reader. He read pulpy comics and he read Hemingway. As an adolescent, he attended a prestigious Episcopal boarding school, St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. He went on from St. Paul's to Brown University, where he received a BA in creative writing. From Columbia University, he earned an MFA.

At Columbia, Mr. Moody for one semester studied under Richard Price. Asked how that was, Mr. Moody said, "He was an incredibly difficult instructor. He was not a big fan of mine."

Did the MFA program help him a lot?

"No. Graduate school was in some ways irrelevant in my development because I'd had such amazing people at Brown, I already knew the direction I wanted to go in, and Columbia was really very competitive, and at that time it was very competitive

in the direction of minimalist fiction. It was the Raymond Carver era. So here I was writing stuff that was indebted to Donald Barthelme and John Hawkes and Bob Coover, and everybody else was writing stuff that was indebted to Raymond Carver and Bobbie Ann Mason and work like that. Which was work, actually, that I like. I seemed like an outsider at that time."

After Columbia, Moody found work in publishing, first at Simon & Schuster and then at Farrar, Straus & Giroux. He continued writing. The *Antioch Review* in 1987 published his first story, "Gambit Declined." It was this same year, 1987, that Moody spent a month in the psychiatric hospital in Queens, a stay described in *The Black Veil*.

In 1991, with the publication of his first novel, *Garden State*, which won the Pushcart Press Editors' Book Award, Mr. Moody's work began to excite critical praise. He is author of *Demonology*, *Purple America*, *The Ring of Brightest Angels Around Heaven*, and *The Ice Storm* (made into a movie in 1997). He is a past recipient of the Addison Metcalf Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship. He lives on Fisher's Island, off Long Island Sound.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the morning that we talked Mr. Moody was at home on Fisher's Island. I said to him that just before reading his new book, which I read as if spell-bound, I had been reading the Thoreau essays collected by Lewis Hyde and that before the Thoreau, I had read Alfred Habegger's biography of Emily Dickinson. "So," I said, "because I had been reading the Thoreau and the Dickinson, I had been thinking about Calvinism and Predestination and, therefore, was ready for Handkerchief Moody's paralyzing sense of his sinfulness."

Mr. Moody knew what I meant. "Yes," he sighed, "that stuff is all very central to what I was thinking about when I was writing it. Especially Dickinson seems preoccupied with similar themes. She was taking up the same kinds of emotional, psychological material that interested Hawthorne. I don't know if the veil turns up in her poems, but you sure wouldn't be surprised, right?" (See poems on page 87 in which Emily Dickinson uses the word "veil.")

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Have a Grape Day, wear purple and have fun when the Grape Day Festival takes place on Saturday, September 7. There will be grape stomping, live entertainment, crafts, an art

show, children's games, food, and tours of the Heritage Walk Museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Grape Day Park (321 North Broadway). Events begin with the Grape Day Parade — this year themed "Having Fun with Grape Books" — at 10 a.m. on

Grand Avenue. Admission is free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

Reading Chomsky, focus on selections from Chomsky's *Linguistics* with the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, September 7, at 2 p.m., in the third-

floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Grecian Formula for Fun, live Greek music and dancing, Greek cuisine and pastries, children's games,


pony rides, and more are promised during the 24th annual Greek festival hosted by Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church (3459 Manchester Avenue) on September 7 and 8. The church will be open at 1 and 4 p.m. for tours of the interior, furnished with mosaics

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I agreed: I would not be surprised. I went on to say that for American writers in that era, this mystery of "election," whether one was or was not saved or was or was not damned, led not only to constant examination of the conscience but to constant attempts to read the mind of God. Would He or would He not extend His Grace to your sinful self and save you? "So," I concluded, "this querying in a sense creates a literature of confession."

"Yes," Mr. Moody said, "and certainly the Dickinson enterprise is about concepts of memoir and confessional material in the same way that *The Black Veil* as a book is about that. She constructs a confession in which she's revealing and concealing at the same time, which is what *The Black Veil*, as a gesture, is all about."

Mr. Moody talked then about election, the belief held by many of America's founding Puritans, that has it as a matter of God's choice as to who is saved and who is eternally lost. "The whole thing of election is very complicated. As a pragmatic matter it seemed that people who were elected behaved really well and were really upstanding citizens, but the whole idea of election was that you were elected no matter what you did. So it's a strange paradoxical kind of way to think about God. I'm sure Handkerchief Moody is totally filled with dread that maybe he's bereft of God. Maybe his Calvinist problem was that he felt that his lowdown, compulsive behavior was proof of the fact that he was not elected."

"But," I said, "there can be no proof of election, and only God can save you, you can't save yourself, so there's nothing you can do."

"Exactly. So it's a strange formulation."

"It's a Kafka *The Trial* dilemma, this business of whether one is or is not one of the elect. And it seemed in your book that when you find yourself in the mental institution, going to group therapies and speaking and writing about the condition of your psyche, and in a sense asking whether you are saved or not saved, that this is simply another example of this very American literature of confession."

"Yes, in the context of the book, this trip to the psychiatric hospital is meant to be seen as perfectly consonant with the Puri-

tan dilemma. Definitely. It's sort of a 20th-century solution to an 18th-century problem."

I mentioned that one aspect of Moody's writing that I liked, as did many people, was his digressiveness. I laughed, adding that his digressiveness is what readers who do not like his work dislike about his writing.

"That's right," Mr. Moody said. "And, I knew all along with this book that there was going to be a pretty high wall between the fans and the not-fans. And the not-fans have been quite loud this time."

"But, being digressive in the way that you are in this book," I suggested, "is in line with this very American project of asking oneself about guilt and innocence, salvation and damnation."

"From my point of view, I was getting closer to a really organic compositional situation with the digressive stuff. That's really how I think, and that's how I approached trying to problem-solve as a writer. You know, if I don't force myself to be linear for the sheer sake of it, that's how I naturally think. And with this book I really wanted it to be organic and to try and induce the reader to think and feel about the whole veil as a symbol and veil as a narrative, exactly the way that I think and feel about it. What you're saying about it being formally similar to the Dark Men of the Soul diary or the Dark Men of the Soul Cry to the Heavens of the Puritans is really nice, but it's not something that I necessarily thought that much about."

"No, I wouldn't have thought that you said to yourself, 'Okay, Rick, now let's do what Jonathan Edwards and his buddies did,' but it remains interesting to me that your *Black Veil* digressions are in a thematic line with something like Edwards's plaint in a sermon like 'Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.'"

"Which," Mr. Moody said, "is such an amazing, beautiful, scary sermon. I heard a story when I went to visit the Old Manse, where Hawthorne lived. The house had belonged, I think, to Emerson's stepfather, who I think was called Ripley. But this stepfather, who was also a Congregationalist minister, at one point gave a five-hour sermon. Five hours. Can you imagine? If you fell

asleep, he would yell at you."

Joseph "Handkerchief" Moody, the Congregationalist minister, after his wife died, veiled himself. Apparently, for the last 20 or so years of his life, until his death at 53 in 1753, he wore this veil. Hawthorne's story "The Minister's Black Veil," published in 1836 and reprinted at the end of Moody's book, drew for many of its facts from "Handkerchief" Moody's life. At one point while working on *The Black Veil*, Mr. Moody decided he would veil himself. He used Velcro to attach his veil. I said that the notion of the Velcro caused me to laugh aloud.

"The trip to the psychiatric hospital is meant to be seen as consonant with the Puritan dilemma. It's sort of a 20th-century solution to an 18th-century problem."

actually still have the veil. It's here in my house somewhere."

Mr. Moody said that his fellow dinner guests, on the night he wore his veil, "were incredibly uncomfortable. It was just an incredibly unnerving experience. I had warned people that I was going to wear it, and so no one should have been surprised, really, but it was, even in the spirit of literary experimentation, breaking all the social mores, all the social codes. It just made people really uncomfortable, and they kept telling me to take it off. 'Enough, Rick, you've made the point, take it off,' you know. And in addition to just feeling the weird, creepy symbolic layer of it,

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Stomping in the Mountains, the Sixth Annual Grape Stomp Festa takes place on Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Menghini Winery (1150 Julian Orchards Drive). Visitors may climb inside wooden barrels and squash the grapes, enjoy music by Roman Hol-

iday, play bocce ball, and picnic. Admission is \$5. For information, call 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

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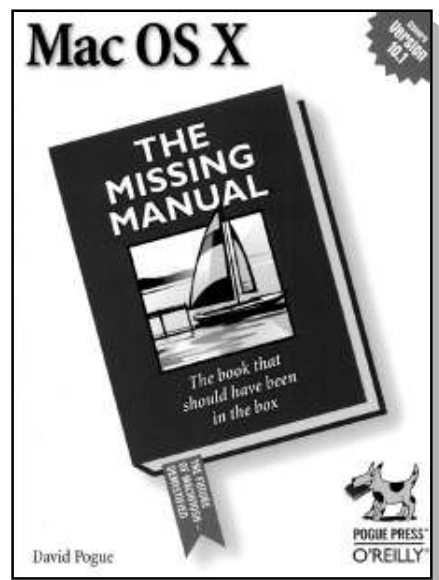
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I felt profoundly embarrassed and ashamed of myself for doing it. So there also was this very contemporary feeling about the thing, which was, 'One doesn't do this anymore, it's just not cool.' But I successfully wore it through the whole dinner, and it was very hard to eat with it on, too."

"I would have thought you would have gotten gravy and sauces all over it."

"Absolutely, and at the end of the meal, everybody was, like, 'Thank God that's over.'"

"Did you sweat under it?"

"No, because it was in winter. And the way I had mine was that it would sort of flutter away from my face because it was attached at the forehead. So I wasn't conscious or I'm not in recollection of having sweated that much. But I was definitely terribly embarrassed. At one point I had been thinking of wearing it for a week. I had this performance-artist friend who was saying, 'Oh, you should wear it for a week.' And after the dinner party, I felt, 'I don't think I can do this anymore.'"

"Think how Handkerchief Moody must have felt, who wore it for perhaps 20 years."

"Exactly. That's the reason I did it, because I really wanted to try and get a pure sensation of what it felt like to have the thing on, to feel that that was the only recourse, with respect to your heart and your psychology, was to wear this thing, to be driven to wear it."

Early in his book, Mr. Moody mentions a man who haunted Mr. Moody's subway station, a man who wore a "large hooded garment" that entirely veiled and hid his face. This man, this subway presence, came to seem to Mr. Moody "in some other register of consciousness" to usher from within himself "things that

long preceded him." This veiled, faceless man became "something which should remain hidden but which has come to light."

I mentioned this man to Mr. Moody and asked about Mr. Moody's response to the man's "veiling."

"When I started the book, I was living in Brooklyn Heights, and I would occasionally on Atlantic Avenue see completely veiled Islamic women. And it was always a shock. There was the kind of period of adjustment, even though I was in an Arabic neighborhood, and it shouldn't have been that much of a surprise — well, it's just a shock. And the mentally ill people on the subway, like this man, again, there's a context for that, and it's a really creepy sort of anguished image. But it misses the fundamentalist layer of a Puritan wearing a veil, I think, which was what the book was trying in some way to recreate. So we have that old context at the same time as we have a contemporary context."

"I wondered," I said, "as I read *The Black Veil*, what effect going to Brown had on you — that, and studying what you studied at Brown — semiotics, deconstruction, all that."

"It was an incredibly fertile time to be at Brown University. I could reel off six or eight people in my class, or the class above me, who won National Book Awards, people who are now major American filmmakers. There were at least four fiction writers of national reputation there. Jeffrey Eugenides, who wrote *The Virgin Suicides*, was there; Donald Antrim, who's written several novels — *The Verificationist*, *The Hundred Brothers*; Edward Ball, who won the National Book Award for nonfiction a couple of years ago for *Slaves in the Family*; Todd Haynes, the filmmaker who made *Safe* and *Velvet Goldmine* and other films. And there's also his producer Christine Vachon, who produced *I Shot Andy Warhol* and many other films. And that's just sort of the beginning."

"So in terms of the arts, it was incredibly fertile. But that kind of really intense deconstructionist, semiotic thing, that oddly has a lot in common with the kind of critical apparatus of Puritan thinking in that the politically correct apparatus is not entirely different from the heavy, weighty, fire-and-brimstone apparatus of Puritan theology. So they sort of went hand in hand. Oddly.

But, hand in hand."

"Also," I said, "the veiling..."

"Yes, totally. Veiling turns out in Derrida to be a completely central idea. It's in there all the time. Pages and pages and pages about what it means."

I mentioned that "veil" provides quite a bit of fun for someone who likes anagrams. "There's 'live' and 'evil,' just for starters."

"Yes, and if it's plural — 'veils' — it's also an anagram for Elvis. I'm completely afflicted with that kind of anagram-making. In fact, my fiancée and I do try to one-up each other with puns; that's sort of how we interact sometimes for hours at a time."

Anagram-play and punning, I suggested, are the ultimate verbal digressions.

"Yes, taking the word apart and seeing what's in there. It was an exciting point in the research when I started getting so down into the whole thing that I would start cataloging instances of the word 'veil,' and turning the word around, and finding its origin and all that. At the end of the day, I think the book is really about the depiction of consciousness. And the particular obsessions with my own consciousness."

I said that the digressiveness and the voice in which Mr. Moody "tells" his version of "The Black Veil" story is in line with that interior lyric voice that we think of as the voice in which so much of American poetry is spoken and, further, that what the reader heard was a voice that was seeking for, or rummaging around after, its salvation.

"I hope so," Mr. Moody said. "That's the kind of ambition that I'm trying to bring to what I do. I would feel really good if I felt that there were readers that were taking it on that level. For me the most moving responses that I've gotten from the book have been from people who are somewhat afflicted with what we call depression now, but it's a kind of melancholy, a dark melancholy, the morbid thinking that the Puritans felt. I've felt most gratified when those people come up to me at readings and say, 'This has really helped me out, what you've done.'"

— Judith Moore

Book Sale, the San Carlos branch library plans its monthly book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 7. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types are offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-442-1860. (SAN CARLOS)

The House of Germany hosts the lawn program at the International Cottages at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 8. There will be music, dance, and cultural costumes, and food will be offered for sale. Admission is free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

9/11, there are memorials, services, and programs dedicated to Septem-

ber 11, 2001, scattered all across the county this week. "A Year of Living Dangerously: Reflecting On and Re-assessing September 11" is planned on Monday, September 9, at CSU San Marcos. Faculty members from across the disciplines will consider the proposition that one year ago "everything changed." Listen for an exploration of the effects of the terrorist attacks on American life, the continuing threat, and the war on terrorism. Free. Events run 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Academic Hall 102; find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

College students at the Art Institute of California — San Diego will express their feelings and thoughts by creating works of "sidewalk art" in chalk on the sidewalks surrounding the campus and local businesses. The students will develop their artwork between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, September 9-11. Find the school at 10025 Mesa Rim Road; 858-546-0602. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Here Is New York: A Democracy of Photographs" was created in a SoHo, New York, storefront in response to the flood of images resulting from the September 11 terrorist

attacks. The photographs were taken by professional photojournalists, firefighters, police officers, schoolchildren, and all manner of amateurs; the archive has grown to include 5000 images. The opening ceremony of the local exhibition is slated for Tuesday, September 10, with viewing from 12:30 to 6 p.m.; on Wednesday, September 11, see the photos from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays through Sunday, November 10. See the show at the Hilton San Diego, 232 Fifth Avenue

(between K Street and Harbor Drive). Free. For information, call 619-232-5133. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

A "September 11 Remembrance and Forgiveness Event" is set for Wednesday, September 11, from noon to 9 p.m., at Tecolote Shores (immediately south of the Mission Bay Hilton Hotel). The "interactive, spiritually based artwork" *Merkaba Mandala* is described as "the world's first labyrinthine mandala that employs the hexagram to create a dynamic yet ordered space." Organizers hope to foster remembrance and forgiveness rather than patriotism and revenge. For more information, dial

619-297-6914. (MISSION BAY)

Feeling patriotic? The City of Chula Vista hosts a Patriot's Day observance on Wednesday, September 11, in memory of the terror attacks and to honor those who served in Operation Enduring Freedom. Organizers plan patriotic songs and music, speechifying, and the release of doves. You're encouraged to wear red, white, and blue to Memorial Bowl Park (373 Park Way) for the event, running noon to 1 p.m. Free. 619-691-5298. (CHULA VISTA)

Cajon Classic Cruise, this weekly classic car show continues every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. on East Main Street. More than 500 classic, custom, and hot rod vehicles are featured. Expect a "Salute to 9/11" on September 11. There are also live music and food and craft vendors. Admission is free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Read and Critique, join members of the Grand Avenue Writers' Collective of Escondido for a read and critique group for writers of fiction, memoir, and any form of prose. The group gathers on the second and fourth Wednesday each month, including September 11, at 7 p.m., at the Fountain Estates apartments clubhouse (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

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the 2002 Designers Showcase, sponsored by the local chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. Twenty designers have transformed the home. It is open for tours through Sunday, September 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Mondays. Tickets at the door are \$25. For information, call 858-646-9896. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Festival of Sail, this San Diego Maritime Museum event runs September 12-16, starting with a parade of ships sailing into San Diego Bay on Thursday, September 12, at noon. The tops'l schooners and square riggers will be led by the *Star of India* and sail under the Coronado Bridge, where they'll be greeted by shoreline cannon salutes.

The tall ships will dock near the Maritime Museum (1306 North Harbor Drive) for dockside tours, cannon battles, and public receptions. Tours on September 12 run 4 to 7 p.m., with public tours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the ensuing days. The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society will stage a sail-by of their antique wooden ships.

Tickets for tours are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children; cannon battle sails are \$40 for adults, \$25 for children. For more information, call 619-234-9153 x123 or x126. (DOWNTOWN)

Flags, Food, and Fun, the San Diego Model U.N. opening ceremonies are scheduled for Thursday, September 12, at 6 p.m., at the United Nations Association Building. Teachers and volunteers will be on hand as students receive their national assignments. A brief memorial will be held for victims of the 9/11 attacks. Free. 619-233-3970. (BALBOA PARK)

Porcelain Wonderland, it's the theme when the Porcelain Artists of San Diego host their annual china sale and show September 12 and 13 at the United Portuguese Hall (2818

POEMS BY EMILY DICKINSON THAT TAKE THE VEIL

Faith — is the Pierless Bridge
Supporting what We see
Unto the Scene that We do not —
Too slender for the eye

It bears the Soul as bold
As it were rocked in Steel
With Arms of Steel at either side —
It joins — behind the Veil

To what, could We presume
The Bridge would cease to be
To Our far, vacillating Feet
A first Necessity.

In rags mysterious as these
The shining Courtiers go —
Veiling the purple, and the plumes —
Veiling the ermine so.

Smiling, as they request an alms —
At some imposing door!
Smiling when we walk barefoot
Upon their golden floor!

I had not minded — Walls —
Were Universe — one Rock —
And far I heard his silver Call
The other side the Block —

I'd tunnel — till my Groove
Pushed sudden thro' to his —
Then my face take her Recompense —
The looking in his Eyes —

But 'tis a single Hair —
A filament — a law —
A Cobweb — wove in Adamant —
A Battlement — of Straw —


A limit like the Veil
Unto the Lady's face —
But every Mesh — a Citadel —
And Dragons — in the Crease —

Shame is the shawl of Pink
In which we wrap the Soul
To keep it from infesting Eyes —
The elemental Veil

Which helpless Nature drops
When pushed upon a scene
Repugnant to her probity —
Shame is the tint divine.

A Charm invests a face
Imperfectly beheld —
The Lady dare not lift her Veil
For fear it be dispelled —

But peers beyond her mesh —
And wishes — and denies —
Lest Interview — annul a want
That Image — satisfies —



Avenida de Portugal). There will be exhibits of porcelain, demonstrations, and vendors. Admission is \$4. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. For information, call 858-715-6856. (POINT LOMA)

FOR KIDS

Spinnin' Gold, take in *Rumplestiltskin* when Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales perform through

Sunday, September 8, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Phoebe Coleman Strickland joins Puppet Express for *Pepper's Favorites #2* September 11-15.

Shows begin at 10 and 11 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Along Came...Miss Spider! Head to Borders Books and Music when the delightful arachnid visits the story time planned on Friday, September 6, at 7 p.m. Find Borders at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive; 858-618-1814. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Plant Some Beans and learn how a bag of beans opens up a whole new world when *Jack and the Beanstalk* is read for the story time planned on Saturday, September 7, at 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore

(10775 Westview Parkway). 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

A Modern Japanese Version of Goldilocks and the Three Bears is told in *May We Sleep Here Tonight?* Enjoy this story about sharing when the Japanese Friendship Garden presents Momotaro Preschool Story Time for those three to seven years old on Saturday, September 7, at 10:30 a.m. Children under six are free with a paying adult. To make the required reservations, call 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

The Spunky Parisienne Star of Madeline stories will be on hand for the story time planned on Saturday, September 7, at 11 a.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119). (EL CAJON)

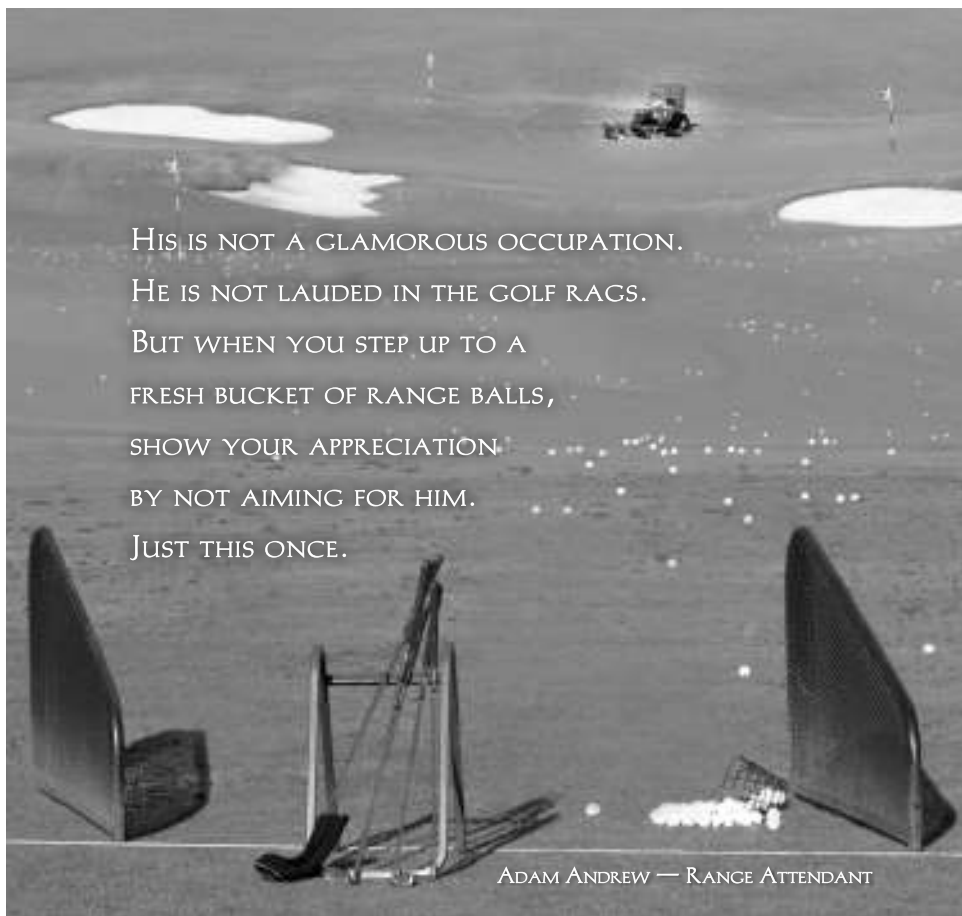
Quality Time, create an art project, work on an outdoor chalk mural, meet the performing artists, and take in Magical Moonshine Theater's production of "Animal Folktales of the Americas" when the season commences at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Sunday, September 8, at 2 p.m. The production promises a depiction of the legends and folktales of North, South, and Central America's humorous and instructive stories.

Tickets are \$10. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway); call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

He's Likely to Stay for a While... what happens *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie?* Find out during the story time planned on Sunday, September 8, at 2 p.m., at White Rabbit Bookstore (7755 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-3518 for information. For children three and older. (LA JOLLA)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, "Make It Move" is an interactive exhibit from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. The exhibition explores the world of simple machines, with experiments to create a "super spinner" and in general to "make things move." See the show through Sunday, September 8.

The museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, minicity, and renovated children's marketplace. Find the museum at 300



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MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum's activities in-

clude locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agriculture, but to the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, a country kitchen and parlor, a steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. For further details, call 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, documents and photographs of American and Chinese-American aid to China during the Sino-Japanese War are gathered in "Supporting the Motherland," on exhibit

through October.

The museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, this historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural ma-

terials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. For more information, call 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, the "Navajo Code Talker" exhibit features photographs, World War II-era uniforms, traditional Navajo items, and a Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to Johnny R. Manuelito, one of the original 29 code talkers. See this exhibit through the December.

Housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, ve-

hicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, vintage photographs, books, desks, cafeteria menus, and other school paraphernalia are on display in "From Barn to Cyberspace: Lemon Grove Schools Evolve." The current Lemon Grove School District has its roots in the town's once-thriving orchards. William Hurst, an early pioneer in the local fruit-growing industry, offered his barn in 1893 as a schoolroom, and a district was born.

"Our Agriculture Roots" provides a look at the "sea of lemon trees" that once dominated the town's landscape. The display features stacks of lemon crates adorned with fruit labels. "The Parson's Study" is a decorated late-Victorian room with original furnishings, including a piped "Chorister" organ, evoking the museum's origins as the town's first church.

Find the museum at 7715 Church Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display through June 2003. The exhibit revolves around themes of wind, weather and turbulence, mathematics, and motion and illusion.

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Human Body," "Technovation," "About Faces," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of

transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, an overview of women's myriad relationships with the automobile is offered in "Women and Wheels," on view through Sunday, September 22. The show features a 1911 Maxwell, a 1907 Thomas Flyer touring car, a 1916 Saxon Roadster (important in depicting the automobile's role in advancing the suffrage movement), a 1957 Cadillac Biarritz, and many more. The exhibit includes displays, costumes, photographs, vintage advertising art, and a variety of automobiles.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, the business of fashion in the movie industry provides the focus for "Popcorn Venus," on exhibit through Monday, April 21, 2003. Hollywood served up glamour to the style-hungry masses, who, with the onset of the Depression, were looking for an escape from their everyday lives. Through designer drawings, photographs, costumes, and artifacts, the exhibition demonstrates

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, almost every year for 250 years, a ship loaded with silver from Spain's New World colonies crossed from Acapulco to Manila, then made the hazardous return trip laden with treasures from Asia. "Treasures of the Manila Galleons" focuses on the Manila galleon trade, the original commercial link across the Pacific. The exhibit includes recently discovered pieces from the cargo of a ship that wrecked on the shores of Baja California about 1575, the earliest-known Manila galleon shipwreck; Spanish silver and pieces of eight; and artifacts, documents, and hands-on activities. View the exhibit through November.

Paintings created for the "Portrait of the Big Bay: The Second Maurice Braun Memorial Plein Air Painting Festival" are on exhibit through January 6, 2003, on the museum's 1898 ferryboat *Berkeley*.

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

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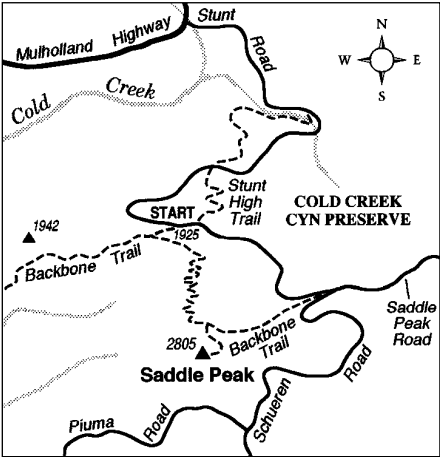

Saddle Peak, a notable high point along the crest of the Santa Monica Mountains, consists of two 2800-foot summits: one topped by antennas and fenced off, the other one barren but viewful. Both preside over a coastline that is only 2.5 miles away. During the early morning, especially this time of year, the peak often stands head and shoulders above a mock ocean of coastal fog. If you can somehow arrive early for a visit, the magic of warm sunlight on the pillowy upper surface of the clouds is a memorable sight.

You can make use of one of the newer sections of the Backbone Trail, starting at Stunt Road, for the climb to the top. From Woodland Hills or Calabasas in the San Fernando Valley, take Mulholland Highway about 5 miles southwest to Stunt Road, and follow Stunt Road 2.9 miles uphill to a small roadside turnout (or drive an additional 0.1 mile to a larger turnout).

The hike begins at the mile 2.9 turnout. Proceed uphill on a 0.2-mile-long connector trail leading to the Backbone Trail. Then go left, rising and zigzagging through a chaparral-covered landscape that at first may seem tedious. This section of trail is but one small segment of the not-quite-finished 55-mile footpath running along the backbone of the Santa Monica Mountains.

By 1.2 miles into the hike, you reach some blocky sandstone outcrops that lend a spectacular air to the spacious views stretching north — assuming you are not still enveloped in fog. Listen for the *whoosh* of the wings of cliff swallows as they soar and dive among these crags.

At 1.4 miles, turn right (south) on a side trail heading uphill 0.1 mile to a gravel road. Make a left to reach the nearby east (and publicly accessible) peak or a right to reach the "saddle," or low point, of the Saddle Peak summit.

Foggy coastline from Saddle Peak

It is also possible to reach Saddle Peak using an east segment of the Backbone Trail, starting from Saddle Peak Road. This is a slightly shorter and decidedly less scenic approach. Or, if you are a glutton for exercise and wish to add about four miles onto the round trip, start hiking at the foot of the Stunt High Trail, a mile from Mulholland Highway.

bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

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

San Diego Museum of Man, Ecuadorian cultures were among the first in the Americas to discover the mixture of clay, water, and fire that led to the invention of ceramics. Take a closer look at "Ecuadorian Pottery Traditions" in the exhibit opening on Saturday, September 7. The exhibit features more than 100 pieces,

plus photography of the potters of the process; both decorative and utilitarian pottery are highlighted in this show closing on Sunday, May 4, 2003.

Working in conjunction with Amnesty International, the Survivors of Torture, and the International and San Diego Friends of Tibet, the museum has re-opened and expanded "Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance." The new component focuses on the reality of torture in the world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. The collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered

from throughout Europe, some of them extremely rare, primarily used from the 1400s up to the early 1800s. All of the pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Ongoing.

Hand-carved animals, vibrant ceramics and textiles, masks, and imaginative human images are showcased in the "Hecho en México," continuing through February 2003. The exhibition boasts more than 900 pieces of handcrafted Mexican folk art from the museum's permanent collection, described as "the largest of its kind outside of Mexico." In

fact, the Mexican government donated over 500 pieces of folk art to the museum in 1952, and many of these pieces have not been on display since the 1960s.

The permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features five galleries filled with "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equipment are collected here. Among the pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric locomotives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and cabooses, a U.S. Army kitchen car used on troop trains during World War II and Korea, and a variety of passenger cars.

The museum also offers train adventures through San Diego's backcountry. Miller Creek trains depart every Saturday and Sunday from the Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find the Campo Depot off Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. For information, call 619-595-3030 or 619-478-9937. (CAMPO)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

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A SummerFest program had as its centerpiece John Adams's *Shaker Loops*. This widely performed (though not in San Diego!) composition exists in two versions: the string septet of 1978, and the composer's later (1983) arrangement for string orchestra. Fans of *Shaker Loops* argue about which is better; enemies of the work, and of John Adams's style in general, debate

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which of the two versions is worse. As for me, I have mixed feelings about Adams, but on the whole I get a kick out of *Shaker Loops*, and I feel no uncertainty at all about the superiority of the septet version.

Any doubts on this issue would have been put to rest by the spectacular SummerFest performance. The composer himself (he was one of three composers-in-residence at this summer's festival) conducted with total authority: he obviously knows exactly what he intends at every moment of the score, and with the cleanest, most economical, and most decisive of gestures he evoked the requisite effects from the first-rate ensemble (which included SummerFest's artistic director, violinist Cho-Liang Lin). Confronted with a conductor so knowledgeable and so commanding, and anxious to live up to the composer's expectations, the musicians gave their all, brilliantly overcoming the exceptional difficulties of coordination and technique presented by this virtuoso showpiece.

Shaker Loops is, first of all, an exploration of string sonorities. It is the varied and exciting sounds of the work that strike the listener before anything else. That is why I find the septet version the more impressive one: all the ingenious effects of texture and timbre are laid bare, and the vigorous interplay of what are essentially seven soloists can be perceived in all its details. The high, single-pitch harmonics with which the cellos, the viola, and the double-bass punctuate the fluttering, trilling, or muttering of the ensemble carry a special eerie pungency when played by individual instruments, and the fine differentiations of color among them (even when the pitch is identical) are more vividly perceptible. Nuances of this sort carry great weight in a work that relies so heavily on sound,

and that is so little interested in melody, harmonic movement, dramatic structure, or personal feeling.

Is the absence of those traditional musical components a defect? It is certainly true that, judged by the standards of (for example) Haydn, there is virtually no real music in *Shaker Loops*. If we are to appreciate this work, we need to be aware that the aesthetic choices behind it are intentional, and that the musical experience it aims at is fundamentally different from what Haydn gives us. The renunciation of melody presents composer and listener with a challenge. In Western culture (as in all cultures), song is basic. Subsequent music of greater complexity, from Renaissance polyphony to 19th-century opera, grows out of it. In the Classical and Romantic traditions, instrumental music is in significant measure an elaboration of song. You hear a tune in a symphony or a sonata, and you find yourself singing it in the shower. *Shaker Loops*, in contrast, is thoroughly nonvocal. There is nothing in it to sing (except perhaps the two-note whole-tone rising slide that pervades the second section, "Hymning Sews" — and what kind of a tune is that?).

Instead, the emphasis is on things only instruments can do, such as the rapidly repeated notes on a single pitch that are so characteristic here. But *Shaker Loops* is by no means out of touch with the origins of music. Music comes from song, but it also comes from dance, or from rhythmic patterns of a ritual or invocatory quality that themselves give rise to dance. Adams's challenge was to create a piece of music in which connected relationships of pitch play almost no part, and in which the propulsive, inebriating effects of rhythm take over the listener's consciousness. Aside from its fascinating sounds and textures, *Shaker Loops* is extraordinarily exciting in its rhythms. The relentless, unchanging repetitions are numbing; but it is they that make possible the infrequent but stunning changes of pace or meter that constitute the only dramatic events in the work.

These events are few and far between, to the point where some listeners complain that each of

the four movements is too long for the material in it, and that the music becomes boring. The longest of the movements (the first) is in fact about eight minutes long, while the final movement is just half that. But the reaction is a pertinent one, for Adams's sense of time is very different from that of "normal" Western music.

In a Haydn quartet, a great deal happens in a short space. The listener's mind is constantly stimulated by rapid changes of tone, feeling, key. Unless the performance is a dull one, you keep on the qui vive from beginning to end. But that is not the right way to listen to *Shaker Loops*. The proper stance here is passive and meditative. You need to let your mind be lulled, without the insistent alertness to action that distinguishes a predator on the hunt. If you do not fight the numbing sensation, you will find that the music does not put you to sleep, but instead carries you away, frees you from the busy tick-tock of active, assessing, calculating, goal-seeking consciousness, and enables you to experience an existence outside of practical time, which is not boring but dizzyingly exalted. It is much the same effect achieved in Indian classical music (although the Indian *raga* has far more intellectual content and internal structure than *Shaker Loops* does).

The question remains whether *Shaker Loops* has any content at all. Is it purely an abstract experiment, a clever succession of empty sounds, with no connection to the listener's emotional and imaginative life? Well, it's obviously not about the longing, passion, introspection, nostalgia, struggle, and triumph evoked in one's imagination by Dvořák's Piano Quintet, which — in a stirring performance by the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio plus Arnold Steinhardt and Leila Josefowicz — filled the second half of this SummerFest program, as though to underline and counterbalance the radically new aesthetics of the Adams work.

But *Shaker Loops* creates an imaginative world of its own. It is a thoroughly American piece of music. Even without the allusion to the Shakers (Adams cites in particular the New Hampshire

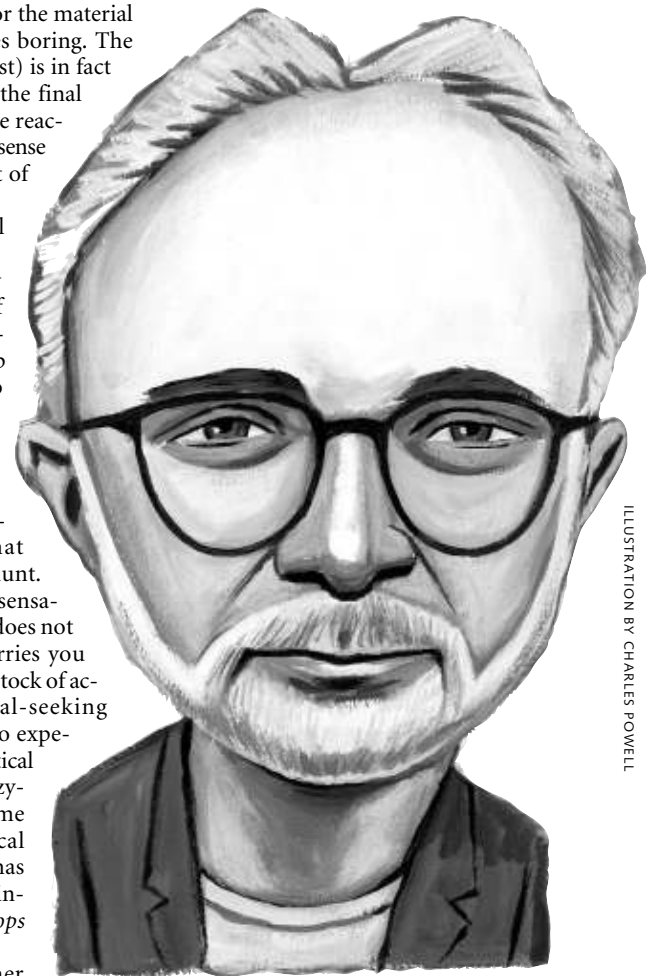


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Shaker colony near which he grew up), the music speaks to an earlier time in American history, in a rural setting, in a new land, characterized by exuberance, confidence, and freedom. Its rhythmic and harmonic language are typically American, recalling (although by no means slavishly imitating) bluegrass fiddling, Ives, Harris, and Copland, among others. Its spirit remains that of *Appalachian Spring* (which also has its Shaker connections).

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This is not what Adams always sounds like: the equally motoric but jazzily urban (and even industrial) *Fearful Symmetries*, for example, will not make even the most fanciful listener think of barn-raising or wheat fields. But the fact is, listening to Adams's music with an open mind is very likely to make you think of *something*, just the way Beethoven and Mahler and Debussy do, and quite unlike the exclusively abstract and self-referential compositions of — say — Pierre Boulez or Wolfgang Rihm. Adams sounds eccentric, but he is really a home boy. And at times — as at this concert — he is wonderful. ■

Events that are underlined occur after September 12.

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Classical Selections are on tap when violinist Reginald Clews performs for the Escondido Library's First Thursday series on September 5. The performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Turrentine Room of the library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Call 760-839-4329 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

Contemporary and Classical Selections may be heard when the MiraCosta College music faculty performs on Friday, September 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Faculty members will perform solo or in pairs or groups, "presenting works they have been perfecting over the summer months." Tickets are \$7 general. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Old Masters in Music and Art, the series continues with a concert presented by the San Diego Early Music Society. Inga Funck (recorder and flute), Mari Haig (baroque violin), and Richard Glenn (lute and baroque guitar) will perform selections by Frescobaldi, Ballard, Sanz, and Telemann on Sunday, September 8, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The concert is included in regular museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Opera à la Carte is on the menu when Trio Vivace performs for the San Diego Library concert series on Sunday, September 8. Trio members include mezzo-soprano Ruth Arnett, soprano Anna Bjarnson-Carson, and accompanist/keyboardist Anne Young. The recital begins at 2:30 p.m. in the third-floor auditorium; find the library at 820 E Street. 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, September 8, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

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I've been floating from place to place this summer, taking in exhibitions in San Diego, San Francisco, and New York, while doing some reading about the influential Fluxus phenomenon of the 1960s.

In 1960 the New York artist-musician George Maciunas decided to start a magazine called *Fluxus* that would publish the writings and work of "anti-art artists" who attacked art's elitist estrangement of the spectator. The magazine never appeared, but the name stuck as a baggy designation of art that involved or implicated the viewer. Its commonest form was the "happening." Fluxus wanted to break down the impediments that come between us and a work of art, actual impediments such as picture frame, vitrine, and pedestal and imagined ones like space, aura, and ideal. It wanted what its name implied: flux, process, motion, change.

Fluxus wasn't a movement or a specific style or form-language; it was a way of going about things, a state of mind. It had no leader and no self-identifying group. It was everywhere and nowhere. The Korean installation artist Nam June Paik, the American composer John Cage, the German prankster-shaman Joseph Beuys, and the Japanese-born Yoko Ono were all Fluxus practitioners. Like its obvious progenitor Dada, Fluxus was a rollicking leveler of hierarchies and differentiations. Its manifesto could have been Beuys's remark, "Everyone an artist."

The big show currently at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art is *Yes Yoko Ono*, which presents Yoko's career from the 1960s to the present. Her early work, which included staged musical events, happenings, and made objects, is classic Fluxus. Art for her was not a finished product; it was a process that at some point simply quit, and audience interaction was essential. One piece involves a small sponge we're encouraged to wet with an accompanying eyedropper. The *Instructions for a Painting* series are minuscule Japanese texts that provide instructions for making a painting inside your head. As in most Fluxus work, intention and concept bear more significance than the re-

sulting object, if there is a resulting object. The wall label deliriously claims that this work "overthrew the entire tradition of Western painting." I wouldn't go quite that far. Most kinds of art, no matter the period, continue to teach us how to look at them. When we study a work of any type or time, we translate it into an idea, and when we recall that work, we reconstruct or reinvent it. One of Yoko's instructions reads:

"Hammer a nail into a mirror, a piece of glass, canvas, wood, or metal every morning. Also, pick up a hair that came off when you combed in the morning and wrap it around the hammered nail. The painting ends when the surface is covered with nails." Like much late-20th-century art, these imagined paintings aren't "completed," because they never get started. They are mental happenings.

In my last column I talked about a much less famous artist, the marvelous photographer Louis Faurer, whose work is showing at the Museum of Photographic Arts. It's curious how visitors behave at both shows. Viewing Yoko's exhibition is work, her art is so mind-ridden and abstract. ("The only sound that exists for me," she says, "is the sound of the mind. My works are only to induce music in the mind in people.") Visitors spend much more time reading the tedious explanatory wall labels than looking at or interacting with the work. In the Faurer show, visitors were actually looking at the pictures, *beholding* them, and their conversations about the images were really conversations *with* them.

If you're headed to New York, visit the Museum of Modern Art's temporary digs in an old Swingline factory in Queens while the 53rd Street location is closed for expansion. The cullings on view from the permanent collection are channeled into two sections or narratives. *To Be Looked At* covers conventional modern art history marked by works we all recognize: Van Gogh's *Starry Night*, Cézanne's *Young Bather*, *The Dance* by Matisse, sculpture by Brancusi and Giacometti, and so on. The other narrative is *Tempo* — being of the time, keeping up the beat — and is told via various artistic practices since the Fluxus 1960s.

The media are as diverse as you'd expect — video, sound, unorthodox or found materials — and what used to be called subject matter is usually framed as "issues" of race, class, gender, and ethnicity.

A lithograph by the young Glen Ligon, from his "Run-aways" series, is modeled on fliers circulated in the 19th Century, "advertising" freed slaves. Ligon's bindle stiff is accompanied by "promotional" text attesting to his social qualities ("He's something of a loner"). A wall nearby is covered with Kara Walker's black-and-white cutout murals that grotesquely dramatize racial stereotypes, interracial torture, sexual terror, and sexual fantasies. A simian "white" chases across the wall a buxom black "belle" fully exposed under transparent petticoat hoops. The bristly quotation marks indicate how themes tend to be italicized by many young artists. But Walker's art is strong stuff. It's unsettling, grim, and wickedly funny.

During her years with John Lennon, Yoko became especially famous for art made entirely of words. Her "WAR IS OVER" became a pop slogan printed on posters, T-shirts, and billboards. The San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, has been running a little show, *Language: Form and Function*, which showcases artists' use of words. The conceptual art of John Baldessari derives from Fluxus. A professor for many years at the California Institute of the Arts (he did his MFA at San Diego State), Baldessari has been as influential in his way, especially on West Coast art, as Duchamp and Beuys once were. One painting's title is printed in bold letters across the top of the canvas, TERMS MOST USEFUL IN DESCRIBING CREATIVE WORKS OF ART, propped up by three columns of words like GIVE VISION, DIRECTION, FLAVOR, A NEW SLANT.

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Composing on a Canvas, 1966-68, John Baldessari

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Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown,
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since I don't know any artist or writer who uses the word without mild contempt. Baldessari is an intellectual comedian who likes to tease and disrupt our assumptions. The language in (or of) his pictures often has a self-mocking pedagogical voice. *Composing on a Canvas*, which recalls Yoko's *Instructions*, gives us marching orders: "Study the composition of paintings. Ask yourself questions when standing in front of a well-composed picture," and so on. It's didactic signage art that mocks didacticism. Some of the work on display is playful. The hip musicality of the phrase in a picture by Jenny Holzer, best known for her electronic message boards, is hard to get out of your head: "Who was your mother that you act so bad."

The exhibition ranges widely enough to in-

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With All The Holes In You Already..., 1983, Jenny Holzer

clude Ed Ruscha's spooky Hollywood sign in Los Angeles and Deborah Oropallo's mysterious, gorgeous, and very painterly *Heaving Lines*, in which blurry, intermittently-intelligible words are obscured behind bars of thick rope. Some language art is so cleverly didactic you want to tell it to shut up. The German artist Hans Haacke's *Helmsboro Country* is a pictorial screed in the form of a large, flattened, classic red-and-white Marlboro box. The brand name, though, is Helmsboro, and a portrait of Mr. Jesse himself, that devil, graces the flip side. Oropallo's and

Ruscha's pictures made me hungry for more of the same. The "Helmsboro" piece brought other words to mind: "Spare Me." ■

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Helmsboro County (Unfolded), 1990, Hans Haacke

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GALLERIES

Pioneering Astronomical Photography by David Malin is on view through Saturday, October 12, at the Joseph Bellows Gallery. The show features lush platinum/palladium contact prints "whose beauty reveals the artistic impact of these exceptionally accurate images of deep space." Meet Malin at the gallery during a reception on Friday, September 6, at 6 p.m. The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The gallery is located at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

The Fall Season Gets Underway when the Boehm Gallery at Palomar

College hosts "The Annual Art and Photography Faculty Exhibition 2002." Over 100 original works in a variety of media by more than 50 Palomar art and photography department faculty are on exhibit beginning with a reception at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 6. See the selections through Saturday, September 28.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

Two for One! Scott White Contemporary Art has two exhibitions opening on Friday, September 6, with a reception slated for 6 p.m. Gallery I features new, "non-objective, abstract oil paintings" by New York artist Ross Bleckner; in Gallery II, photographs, drawings, and collages by Christo and Jeanne-Claude may

be seen. Both exhibits continue through Saturday, October 12. Find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-551-5821. Regular viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. (LA JOLLA)

"Palette to Paper," this exhibit of recent water-media works by Joan McKasson begins at the Artists Gallery with a reception on Friday, September 6, at 6 p.m., and continues through Saturday, October 5. Find the gallery at 7420 Girard Avenue; 858-459-5844. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. (LA JOLLA)

Family Portraits Exploring Intimacy "in multiple senses" by Elinor Carucci from her new monograph "Closer" are on view beginning with a reception on Friday, September 6, at 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art. Carucci's work is described as "saturated with color and full of dramatic contrasts of dark and light" and "rich in psychological content."

The show continues through Saturday, October 12. Viewing hours

are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and by appointment. Find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

"Defining Moments," this exhibition at the Spruce Street Forum features 50 photographs by 35 of today's "outstanding women photojournalists," in conjunction with the annual Conference of Women in Photojournalism. Meet the artists during a reception planned at the gallery on Saturday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m.

See the show through Saturday, September 28, at 301 Spruce Street. Gallery hours are 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and by appointment. For information, dial 619-295-0301. (BANKERS HILL)

Get a Sneak Peek of the seventh annual COVA Open Studios event when the "Open Studios 2002 Preview Exhibition" commences with a reception on Saturday, September 7, at 6 p.m. The work is on display through September at the COVA Alternative Gallery, located in the Robert Driver Building, 1620 Fifth

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"Talking in Many Languages" — a collection of paintings, drawings, and assemblages by Linda "Asia" Anderson — opens at the Emporium Gallery with a reception on Saturday, September 7, at 6 p.m. The show continues through Saturday, October 5.

The gallery is located inside Ducky Waddle's Emporium (414 North Coast Highway 101). Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. 760-632-0488. (LEUCADIA)

"Second Thought," by Italian artist Rossano Manicalchi Ristorante, is "dedicated to the tragic events of September 11, 2001." The photography exhibit opens with a reception on Thursday, September 12, at 5:30 p.m., at Acqua al 2 (322 Fifth Avenue). See the show through Saturday, January 11, 2003. For more information, call 619-230-0382. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Lush Digital Images Blending History and Myth through layers of family documents, scanned artifacts, old maps, and photographs are on offer in "Reconstituting the Vanished." Artist Lynda Frese's computer-generated prints honor the lives and accomplishments of four noteworthy Louisiana women, with text by architectural theorist Barbara Allen. Meet Frese during a reception in her honor on Thursday, September 12, 5 to 7 p.m.

Following the reception, Frese

will present a lecture at 7 p.m. in the LRC (library) room 435. Free. The show closes on Tuesday, October 1. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and noon to 8 p.m. Thursday. 619-388-2829. Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

"Feline Form — A Celebration of the Cat" features ceramic sculpture, drawing and calligraphy, block print, and watercolors. The show — with work by Bruce Duke, Jim Lewis, Catherine Perry, and Angelika Villagrana — opens with a reception on Thursday, September 12, at 5 p.m., at the Showcase Gallery. The show closes on Saturday, September 21. Find the gallery in the Studio Building, at 2400 Kettner Boulevard. For information, call 619-977-1324 or 619-234-1324. (DOWNTOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Public Projects" is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center's 12-acre campus. Through Monday, June 30, 2003, see the work of San Diego public artist db smith. The show was curated by Sally Yard, professor of art history at the University of San Diego.

In "the playground," the artist explores themes of childhood and childhood memories from the perspective of an adult. "the instruments," on display in the museum's Tower Gallery, is a swing and a seesaw designed specifically for adults. The remaining six works are rendered as two-dimensional shadows that could be cast by some of the

objects and activities associated with youth: jacks, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope, also on adult scale.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, a comprehensive exhibition of African arts of daily life from across the continent is offered in "African Art — The Pulse of a Continent," continuing through Sunday, September 15. Highlights include a beaded chief's robe from Nigeria's Yoruba culture, a wedding costume from the Ndebele people of South Africa, feather hats, ivory hairpins, and stools carved from single pieces of wood.

"Fantasy and Play: Dolls, Toys, and Objects of Amusement" is a new show that continues through the end of the year. Featured are examples of the fine carousel animals carved by the Dentzel family of Pennsylvania, considered classics of their kind. Also on view are an oversized American toy train, Japanese toys, international dolls, and a five-foot-tall Italian Pinocchio.

"Jack Lenor Larsen — The Company and the Cloth" is on exhibit through Sunday, January 12, 2003. The included items are from the renowned textile designer's company archives, made up of more than 100 textiles, including some samples meant to be touched. Larsen is described as a gardener, designer, colorist, author, and the "consummate collector of decorative, primitive, design, and folk arts."

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of

Art. For additional information, call 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, "Language: Form and Function" explores the use of written language as a fundamental component of visual art. "For many artists, working with text is simply another way to conjure images in the mind of the viewer." Work featured in the exhibition — by artists including Lorna Simpson, John Baldessari, and Edward Ruscha — uses text as a central element. See the show through Sunday, November 17.

"Cerca" is a Spanish word referring to things nearby, or the process of bringing things closer. It's also the title for a new, year-long series of exhibitions at the museum, seeking to present works created by regional artists — specifically from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Baja, California — and to create a forum in which artists will explore common cultural issues. The inaugural exhibit is titled "Gordas," highlighting work by Tijuana-based artist Tania Candiani. The exhibit includes Candiani's "large, machine-sewn canvases exploring cross-cultural questions of female body image." See the show through Thursday, September 26.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, the provocative, playful, and often iconoclastic designs of the design firm of Robert Venturi, Denise Scott Brown, and Associates are highlighted in the current featured exhibition. "Out of the Ordinary: The Architecture and Design of

Robert Venturi, Denise Scott Brown, and Associates" includes drawings, models, photographs, videos, furniture, and other objects. The exhibit includes the multimedia installation *The Architect's Dream*, created for the exhibition "as a presentation of favorite things: historical architecture, iconic objects from everyday life, and some of the firm's own buildings and projects." See the show through Sunday, September 8.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, a major exhibition of the work of Louis Faurer is on view through Sunday, October 20. The photographer lived from 1917 until 2001 and was known for his street photographs of New York said to "capture both documentary style and an impulse of fine art." Taken between the 1930s and 1960s, 137 photographs are featured in this exhibit, along with a dozen color photographs and 15 of "his best works for magazines, both fashion and editorial."

Yosuke Yamahata was sent by the Japanese army to document the effects of the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. The 28-year-old began to photograph the aftermath of the bombings as the sun rose and had taken more than 100 photographs by nightfall. "Nagasaki Journey: The Photographs of Yosuke Yamahata, August 10, 1945" runs through Sunday, October 20. The exhibit is described as "an essential historic record of the nuclear age."

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Ethel Greene: Surrealist Painter" is a ret-

spective of the imaginative paintings by this respected San Diego artist, who died in 1999. Take in the exhibit of 40 paintings through Sunday, October 13, at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, explore Pierre-Auguste Renoir's impact on the American art of the first half of the 20th Century in "Idol of the Moderns: Pierre-Auguste Renoir and American Painting." Consisting of 41 paintings — only 12 of which are by Renoir himself — the exhibit demonstrates how American painters working in a variety of styles participated in the "idolization" of Renoir between 1904 and 1940. See the show through Sunday, September 15.

The diversity of print techniques practiced by artists working in San Diego over the past 100 years is revealed in "A Good Impression: A Century of Printmaking in San Diego." The show boasts approximately 60 prints, 30 of which are rarely seen works from the museum's collection; artists represented include Harry Sternberg, Italo Scanga, and Françoise Gilot. The show concludes on Sunday, October 27.

At once erotic and ascetic, both supreme god and intoxicated recluse, the figure of Shiva is one of the most compelling and contrary in Indian mythology. Images of Shiva and his family exploring Shiva's many forms and manifestations are included in "Shiva: Destroyer of Time," concluding on Sunday, January 12, 2003. The images are from the museum's Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings.

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Butch Whack

A kindly Doctor Jekyll on the radio, June is Mr. Hyde at home, where she dominates her roommate.

We see Sister George before we hear her. She enters her London apartment, clogged with “Victoriana” and shiny trophies, chewing a cigar butt and grabbing a bottle of Beefeaters gin. She pours a liberal dose, and then adds another. She moves with the command of a ship captain, peppers her speech like a stevedore.

By the time we hear Sister George, on the radio, it’s hard to believe that June Buckridge, the woman in the apartment, could play the character. Sister is the star of *Applehurst*, BBC radio’s popular soap opera. A sort of riding — as opposed to flying — nun, Sister is a district nurse. She tours *Applehurst* on a moped, sings hymns, and heals the infirm with a saintly touch. The show has been airing for six years, during which time Sister has become a national treasure, to myriad listeners more real than reality.

Applehurst symbolizes the “traditional values of English life.” The Sister blesses those who conform to renewed health. Oh, if they only knew that, on the 19th, after drinking a “few pints” at Bells, June assaulted two nuns in a taxi because, she swore in boozy delusion, they were vampire bats.

A kindly Doctor Jekyll on the radio, June is Mr. Hyde at home, where she dominates her roommate, Childie McNaught, with what one might call a leather hand. It’s 1965: should word reach Broadcasting House, which looms over

London with Big Brother menace, that June and Childie are lovers, Sister George’s pristine, spinster image would never recover.

Possibly because TV is so bland and I look for underlying meanings, whenever a character “dies” in a series, I wonder about the real-life reasons why. The actor is impossible to work with? Wants too much money? Got a big movie offer? The reasons rarely have anything to do with the story line. The converse troubles more: when “Pussy” Bompensiero got shot in *The Sopranos* — he had to go, the whole year led up to Tony and the boys offing him — in the real world, it meant a very good actor had lost a job.

Also, when an actor gets killed in a popular series, will that person become typecast — on and off camera? When people see X, will they always recall X’s character Y? (Leonard Nimoy wrote a book, *I Am Not Spock*, to which hordes of Trekkies replied, “Of course you are!”) On the other side: X got axed, which means? X is an egomaniac, a thug, won’t take direction, a bad apple?

June has this dual focus. She listens to rumors of upcoming *Applehurst* episodes the way a medium inspects tea leaves. But how could they write her out of a script? She has an award for “Miss Humanity” and two for “Personality of the Year.” Nonetheless, hearing of her “untraditional” behavior, the BBC decides to “kill” Sister George and “purge and redefine *Applehurst*.”

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Priscilla Allen and Laura Bozanic in *The Killing of Sister George*

The Killing of Sister George, by Frank Marcus
Diversionsary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights
Directed by Tim Irving; cast: Priscilla Allen, Laura Bozanic, Jenni Prisk, Jillian Frost; scenic design, David Weiner; costumes, Shulamit Nelson
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When first produced, Frank Marcus’s dark comedy relied on stereotypes (June and Childie are “lesbians,” therefore...). As it did with Mart Crowley’s *Boys in the Band*, *Diversionsary Theatre* has restaged the play shorn of impacted pre-Stonewall attitudes. Director Tim Irving, fast

becoming one of San Diego’s best, treats *Sister George* as a naturalistic comedy-drama, not a lesbian exposé. The concept works, for the most part, but also exposes the play’s flaws.

Irving rightfully treats June, Childie, and the others as human beings. But the play relies on



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comic types (and stereotypes), and without the tabloid aura of the '60s around its subject, *Sister George* is slow, at times repetitive, and some characters lack dimension. It's also funny, however, and the Diversionsary production has many pluses.

Priscilla Allen's the reason to see the show. She's June, Sister George, and Oliver Hardy, a vulnerable maelstrom — tough, yet acutely sensitive — who jackknives between victory and defeat in almost every scene. Allen's performance, swaggering around David Weiner's beautifully detailed set, makes *Sister George* seem a much better written play than it is.

As Mrs. Mercy Croft and Madame Zenia, Jenni Prisk and Jillian Frost can't do much with shallow roles (though Prisk could add some inner menace to Croft — a figure as hypocritical as Oscar Wilde's Victorians). Laura Bozanich, however, turns Childie, a 34-year-old submissive blond "bird," into a far more interesting character. On the surface, June seems manipulative. Bozanich shows that Childie, who uses masochism as a control tactic, is the real manipulator. And it's in these power relations among the characters that Tim Irving has discovered — created? — an interesting new take on *Sister George*.

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FIELD NOTES:

1. Ann Richardson, a much-beloved local actor, died of complications from a stroke, August 14. The North Coast Rep will host a "Celebration of Life" ceremony in her honor this Saturday, September 7, at 2:00 p.m. Al Phillips, Ann's husband, writes: "All are welcome. Please, no flowers, gifts." He adds, "She was my star."

2. As the story unfolds, the San Diego theater community is voicing collective astonishment at the reasons behind Sean Murray's resignation from the North Coast Rep. Murray has been one of the most effective artistic directors San Diego has ever seen. Under his aegis NCRT enjoyed unprecedented critical and popular success.

I want to register my own astonishment not only at Murray's resignation but also at a remark NCRT board chairman Jeff Kane made in Anne-Marie Welsh's *Union-Tribune* story of August 25. I'm not referring to Kane comparing Murray to the "excellence" of the Oakland Raiders, though that odd enjambment did raise an eyebrow. It's his remark that NCRT will do a national search and "hire someone even better."

Better than Murray? Oh, come on! Sounds like the North Coast Repertory Theatre needs a better board of directors. ■

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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 solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'" back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Boomers

Class is in session: Intro to Baby Boomers. Born between 1946 and 1964, they're the largest generation in history, they're writing the book on "self-obsession," and one turns 50 every seven seconds. Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington's salute takes musical walks down all manner of memory lanes: historical, sociological, even television (at one point the cast blazes through TV theme songs, and mini-bursts of recognition ignite in the audience). The show alternates between nostalgia and hard looks at then (JFK, Vietnam) and now. Backed by a hot four-piece band, the seven-person cast sings snatches of songs. It's as if your time machine is channel-surfing. Just as you remember one, the cast does another. The result: waves, at times floods, of memories. Directed by Meads, the briskly paced production boasts accurate period costumes by Jeanne Reith Waterman, a set composed of countless logos (from golden arches to Alfred E. "What, Me Worry?" Newman of *Mad* magazine), and a strong cast. For actual Baby Boomers, the show also includes advice for overcoming the "Big Chill syndrome." It's lively, funny, and could run forever.

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Death Rides the Stage

HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear...and there's a dead body in the next room." SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Deep River

Must have been what, 20 years ago? David McFadzean wrote a play, produced by Lamb's Players, about a mother, daughter, a father (who may or may not exist), and a vague secret. The script was passable, albeit bland, and the production shored up unexplored areas with drama. McFadzean, who

has since written for Carol Burnett and Roseanne Barr and was one of the creators of *Home Improvement*, saved the story but completely rewrote his play. Like Bill Murray in *Ground Hog Day*, McFadzean got to go back and get it right. The result, says a program note, is "the premiere of a 20-year-old story." And he got it right. The new text is funnier and deeper, with a much stronger sense of how stories unfold ("what to leave in," as Bob Seeger once sang, "what to leave out"). I saw the original, and what was as fascinating to me was watching the production and seeing how much the company has grown as well: Robert Smyth's deft direction; veteran performances by Deborah Gilmour-Smyth, David Cochran Heath, K.B. Mercer, and Tom Stephenson (and a knockout job by young Tania Henetz as the daughter swimming in double-binds); Jeanne Reith's excellent costumes; and the lighting, at once mundane and mystical, by Karin Filijan, one of the best in town. Everything about this enterprise bespeaks growth, which, it turns out, is also the play's theme.

Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Dial M for Murder

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Fat Chance

East Side Repertory Theatre stages Jim Brochu's "heavy love story." Wayne Alan Erreca directed. EAST SIDE REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Guys and Dolls

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical, based on characters by Damon Runyon. Ray Limon directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 9; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

The Importance of Being Earnest

Codirectors Sean Murray and Rosina Reynolds have assembled one of the North Coast Rep's strongest casts. Through this summer the actors perform double roles, as *Earnest* runs in repertory with Tom Stoppard's *Travesties*. Although the opening-night performance of *Earnest* was a tad

shaky, Oscar Wilde's farce is definitely a show to see and savor. Along with being one of the funniest plays ever written, *Earnest* is cross-thatched with scathing social commentary so subtle it's almost unnoticed (fortunately for the characters, they don't listen to each other; if they did, society as they know it would crumble). Murray's scenic design includes walls so hyper-lime green they resemble a new, heartily tweaked Gatorade. When combined with proper *fin de siècle* furnishings and Shulamit Nelson's white and beige formal period costumes, they create a bifurcated tableau much like Wilde's play: a surreal rationalism. The only persisting opening-night problem: often the cast spoke more naturalistically than artificially. But with Wilde the rules don't apply. It's okay to sculpt a line and to "perform" (as does Annie Hinton's wonderful Lady Bracknell). After all, these carefully ordered sentences might be the only glue holding Wilde's fragile society together.

Worth a try.

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The Killing of Sister George

Reviewed this issue. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AND SEPTEMBER 22, AT 2:00 P.M.

Murder on the Happy Trail

Murder Mystery Players, Inc., offer an interactive mystery/dinner theater show about Liza Goodbody. She knows how to make everyone at the Tri-Six Ranch "the perfect targets for blackmail." Fran Palmer directed.

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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 failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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"This is predatory behavior," said KSON general manager Darrel Goodin about a series of fraudulent e-mails sent under

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his name.

The incident was investigated by the FBI.

"The first thing I thought was someone had come in here [to Goodin's office] and used my computer. But that was real unlikely. See that up there. That's a camera."

Goodin's corner office, in a Mission Valley high-rise, is down the hall from the studios of KSON, B-94.9, and KIFM. Goodin oversees all three stations, which are owned by Jefferson Pilot Communications.

KSON, which has been San Diego's leading country music station for more than 30 years, got a new competitor recently — Clear Channel added country station XHCR-FM (formerly "Hot Country") to its arsenal of 14 locally owned or controlled radio stations in May. Now known as "Bob

99.3," XHCR-FM plays many of the same contemporary artists as KSON. Clear Channel turned up the heat by running antagonistic announcements saying KSON lies to its audience about how much music it says it plays per hour.

Goodin called in J.R. Rogers, the IT (information technologies) supervisor for the three stations, to find out where the fake e-mails came from. "The first one was sent at 2:11 p.m. [July 8]. By 3:30 we had already sourced

them."

One e-mail (allegedly from KSON program director John Dimick) to DJ Deb Spring read, "Could that last break [between songs] have sucked any more than it did? Are you trying to let that guy from Nashville kick your fat ass? Jesus, act like you want to be here."

Another (allegedly from Dimick) to a sales manager read, "We're going to be commercial free for the rest of the month beginning tomorrow."

"They progressively got more and more personal and mean-spirited," said Goodin. "While they didn't hurt our business, they were personally hurtful to some of the people who received them," said Goodin. He said the FBI was brought in after the fourth e-mail, which was a "slur."

"The FBI was irritated that the agent involved in this was

pulled off of homeland security detail and placed on this case," said Rogers.

John Iannarelli, a San Diego-based FBI special agent, admitted an FBI agent looked into the matter and contacted Clear Channel. He said the use of the Internet did warrant the FBI



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investigation, but no charges were filed.

"Generally an incident would become a federal violation if a company is caused to suffer a financial loss or the general public incurred a financial loss. In this case there does not appear to be any loss or damage.... The case was

closed."

Does this mean Clear Channel was involved?

Agent Iannarelli would not comment when asked who at Clear Channel was contacted, but he did say that similar matters have triggered civil lawsuits.

"This may be stepping close to civil violations."

So who did the deed?

"Based on the content, it appears the e-mails were written by someone with a strong programming background," said Goodin. "It is my understanding [Clear Channel's] reaction to the FBI visit was *homina, homina, homina* [Jackie Gleason's shtick for being flustered]. I have complete respect for guerilla warfare, but whoever did this should understand that they should stick to the things that they do well. This was not done well."

Will Jefferson Pilot/KSON sue Clear Channel/Bob 99.3 over the fake e-mails?

"No comment," said Goodin.

Bob 99.3 uses mostly out-of-town "voice tracked" DJs. The only full-time employee in the Bob 99.3 programming department is program director/afternoon DJ Mike

O'Brian, who did not respond to a request for comment.

"Either the inmates are running the asylum over there at Clear Channel, or they're acting with upper management's blessing," said Goodin. "Either way it's not good."

— Ken Leighton

Rick Appleton, 42, used to chaperon his son's marching band on road trips. Now they're in the same originals band, Dirtknop 29.

"When we started the band I told him [Richard] I'll play the drums until he could find somebody that is younger and quicker." Appleton drummed in North County hard rock bands like N-R-G throughout his teen years. He quit in 1980 at age 20 and resumed two years ago.

But his son, Richard, 20, and the other three Dirtknop 29 players have opted to stick with "the big papa of the band."

"We want to stick with Rick as long as he wants," said lead singer Nick Zenns. "When we play with other bands I hear, 'Wow. That's some guy's dad!'"

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Appleton admits drumming can aggravate his back pain. "But it's also a good release."

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Appleton Senior now comes standard with a spinal cord stimulator and a morphine pump. "They go in and fill it up every month or so.... Now I only have to go in for a surgery when the pump or the stimulator needs a new battery. They last at least five years."

"He'll sit there in pain, but he won't stop playing," said Zenns.

"I was at work," Appleton explains. "I had a 250-pound high beam on my shoulder, and I slipped. Instead of dumping it I held on to it."

Upside: Appleton doesn't have to work anymore.

Downside: He's in "24-hour chronic pain."

Bassist Stu Fultz, a Navy corpsman stationed at Camp Pendleton, says the name of the band was inspired by a disaster near his hometown of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. "There was a town nearby called Arkadelphia. Back in 1996 we heard the news that



DIRTKNAP 29

there was a freaking tornado that rolled through and killed 29 people. I said, 'Wow, 29 people took a dirtnap.'

But why the *k* in DIRTknap?

"So we could make a sticker that says 'DK 29,'" says the senior Appleton. He adds there is one big difference between rocking now and in the '70s. "Back then you could play at these

big back-yard keg parties. Police would never bother you."

Dirtknep 29 appears tomorrow at the Strand in Oceanside. Free admission.

— Ken Leighton

When the Queens of the Stone Age appeared at Tower Records on Sports Arena Boulevard a week ago Wednesday, a couple of fans were pissed that Dave Grohl (Nirvana's drummer and leader of Foo Fighters) wasn't there. He played drums on the Queens' latest release *Songs for the Deaf*, their third CD. During their set, a blonde lady left, telling her boyfriend, "Without Grohl, they're shit!"

There were at least 500 fans in the Tower Records parking lot, with 100 in the Home Depot parking lot across the street. Two cops were talking to a circle of people, and I found out it was due to a bomb threat. I asked a lady from the record label what was going on. She snapped at me, "Why are all the media people bugging us? Nobody called and got clearance, and a million media people are

here. I'm not talking."

She then pulled out her cell phone and started telling someone on the other end about how hectic things were because of the bomb threat. I turned my recorder on, and she immediately grabbed my arm and said, "Turn that thing off!" She then walked away.

According to a Tower Records manager, the last in-store appearance by a band was about six months ago with the local band Unwritten Law. The last big-name band was Smashing Pumpkins, about two years ago. When I wanted to confirm this, a manager



BOMB SCARE AT STONE AGE GIG

named Bobbi said, "We aren't allowed to talk to the media. You have to go through our corporate offices." She then sent over somebody working with the band, who also refused to talk.

A guy named Matt Larson from Interscope Records was getting ready to talk to me and said, "Let me give you the phone number of somebody you can talk to if you want to know anything about the band."

One other person working with the band (at least he had credentials hanging around his neck and he had been up onstage) who I tried to talk to said, "What is this for? Is this going to be a negative piece?"

I talked to some people who would talk to me — the fans.

"I heard on 91X they'd be here, and it's free."

Two ladies told me they had waited for five hours.

A security guard mentioned that it was a free event, and he wondered how much it was costing the band. (I counted 20 security guards.)

I asked one police officer about the bomb threat, and he merely smiled. I asked another, and he said, "I don't want to talk about it. It was nothing."

— Josh Board

Satin, a locally famous karaoke host/drag queen, will only say he is 27, he graduated from San Diego High in 1992, and he has terminal prostate cancer.

"I probably had it for years, and I just didn't know it. I found out October of last



SATIN IS TERMINAL

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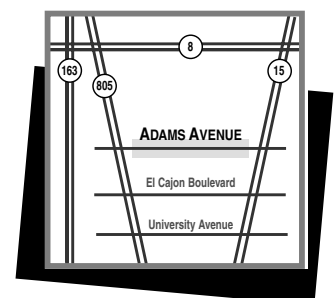
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an ulcer or stomach cramps. Because I didn't have insurance, I probably didn't go to the doctor as much as I should have. When I finally did go to the doctor, they thought I had food poisoning. They actually found the cancer on accident. They were astounded at how large it got since I had been untested for so long."

Satin said he could opt for radiation or chemotherapy.

"I chose not to because they gave me less than a 10 percent chance that it would do any good anyway. It would have made me very sick.... In order to cut it out, they'd almost have to cut me in half, and there was no guarantee [they could] get it out. It has like five branches on it."

So Satin has decided to perform as Streisand, Holiday, and Fitzgerald until he succumbs.

"I'm gonna keep performing until I croak. There is really nothing else I

can do."

Satin appears at Numbers in Hillcrest this Sunday at 9 p.m. (free), at the Dream Girls revue at Club Montage in Mission Hills September 14, 21, 28 (\$3), and at the gay-themed Miss Black Galaxy Beauty Pageant at the Center in Hillcrest September 15 at 7 p.m. (\$10).

— Ken Leighton

"Too many actors imitate Sean Connery and William Shatner when they do Shakespeare — when



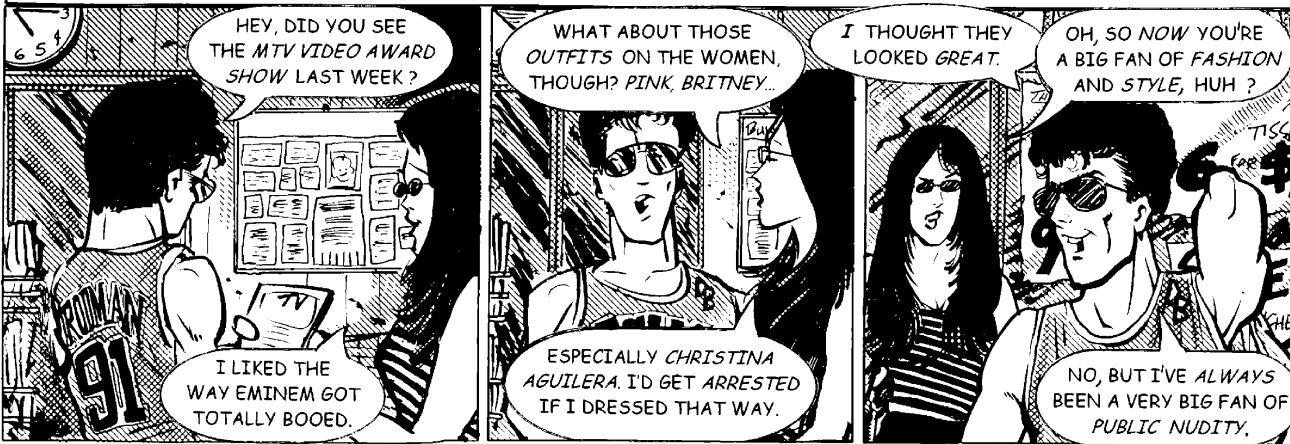
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Ron Christopher Jones, who is putting together Shakespeare sonnets like "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day" to Jamaican and calypso beats.

"People don't believe me at first, until I explain that Shakespeare had kinky hair. But his flowery speech is what proves it — white people don't talk like that."

Jones recites the "to be or not to be" soliloquy like George Jefferson ("Tuh BEE o' not tuh BEE. THAT is duh question") as proof. Jones hopes to release a mix dub version of the single he's calling "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Dub."

This isn't Jones's first foray into music; he used to be a member of Milkbone, a part of the early-'90s Megalopolis scene. "Our big

hit was a song called 'Raised by Dogs....' It was supposed to be the title song of a musical that still needs to be written."

Jones has a lot of unwritten musicals. He wants to do a version of the Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof* set in Jamaica called *Fiddler on the Roots*.

— David Moyer

The Del Mar train station became

"Clarksville" back on September 11, 1966, when the Monkees took a helicopter from Hollywood to Del Mar to take part in an elaborate "Last Train to Clarksville" publicity stunt for Los Angeles radio station KHJ. ("Clarksville" was the group's first single.)

KHJ had held a radio

contest where 450 winners would ride a train to Del Mar, renamed "Clarksville" for the day, to meet the Monkees. The band signed autographs, and contest winners got free box lunches and soft drinks. The Monkees "played" one song before hopping on the train and rolling back toward L.A., remaining in their own boxcar while the contest winners rode coach.

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down in the Gaslamp 12 years ago on September 7 was \$15 — a reasonable price to pay to see Tower of Power, George Thorogood and the Destroyers, Eric Burdon and Robbie Krieger, and the Jeff Healey Band. Wandering

from Third to Seventh Avenues, I saw small but rowdy beer-drinkin' crowds cheering on local acts like the Beast Farmers, who got their audience singing along to "Revenooer Man."

Mojo Nixon overturned two Sparkletts water bottles to use as bongo drums during his a cappella song "Mushroom Maniac." Nixon's set also included "Don Henley Must Die" as well as "Shane's Dentist," a song about the Pogues' dentally challenged singer Shane MacGowan.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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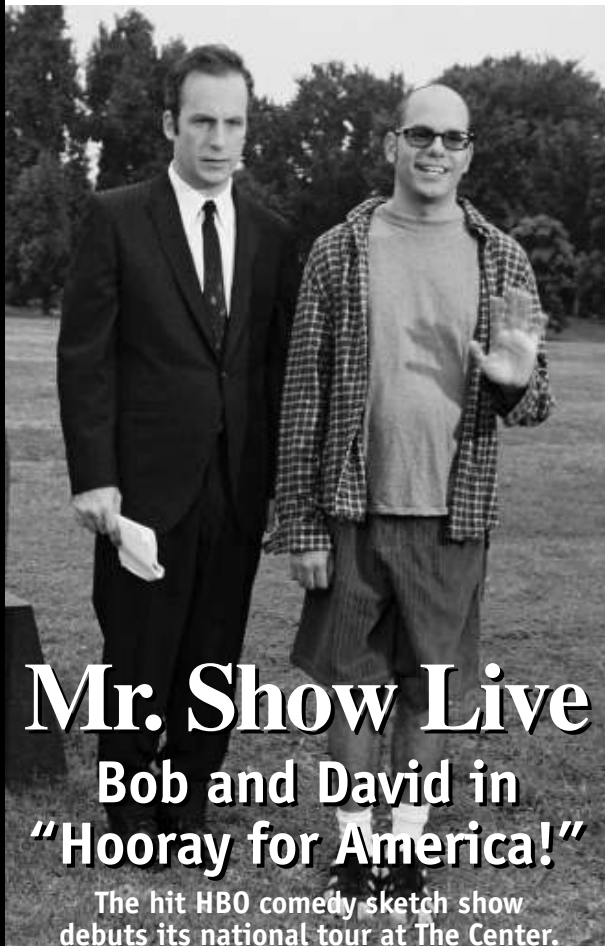


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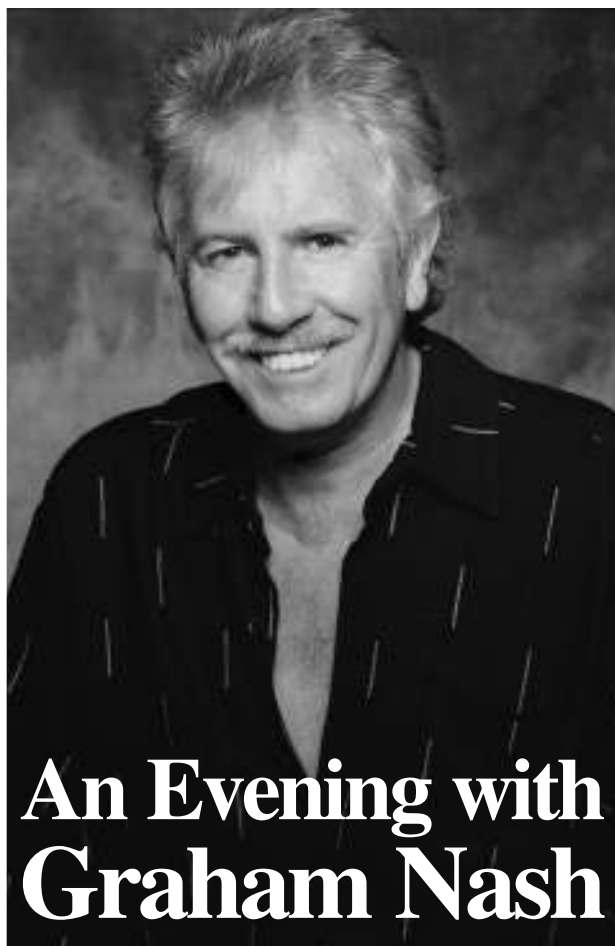


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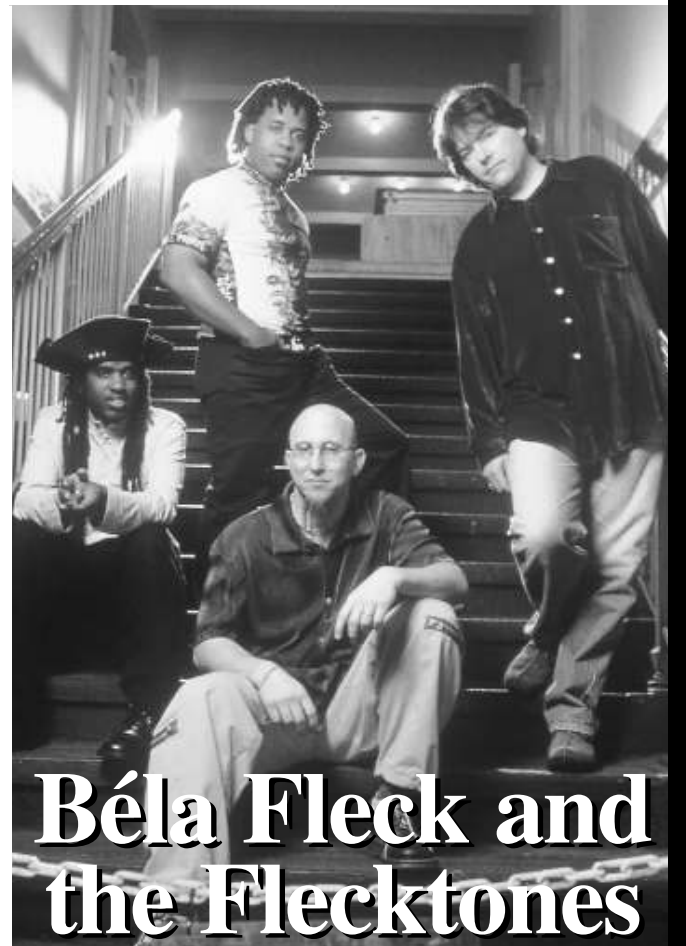
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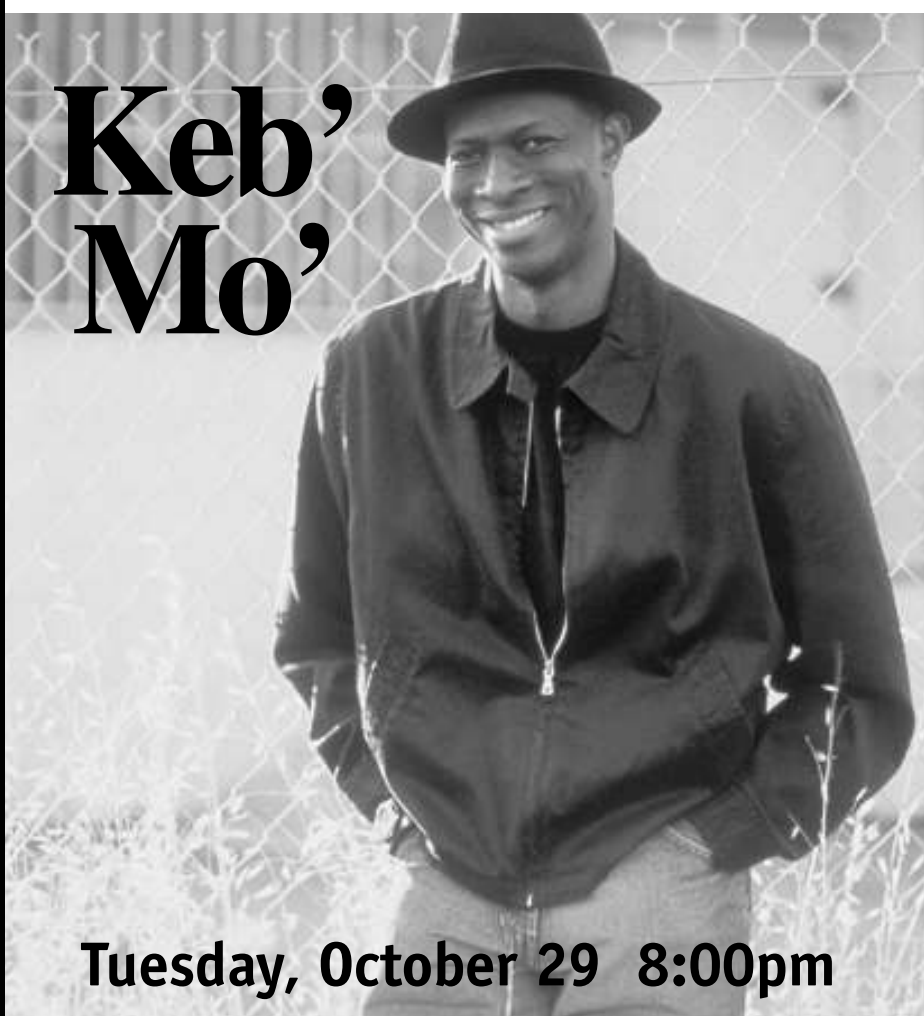
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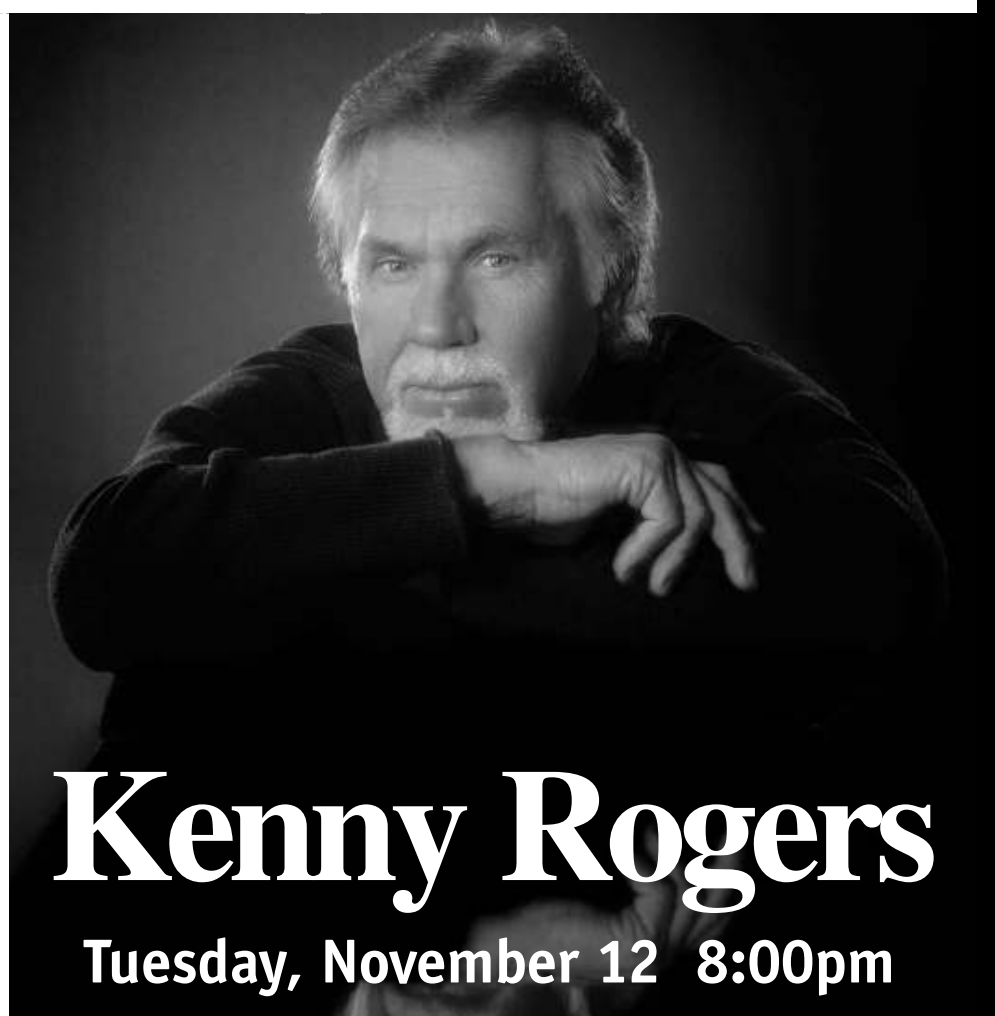
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"I know she drives around in a Mercedes."

Every local band got fuckin' burned, I mean burned bad," says a member of the blues group Lafayette and the Leasebreakers who wants to remain anonymous. "We got a signed check from the Harlem West Fest," he claims, "that bounced."

Last year's inaugural fundraiser for the Black Gaslamp Historical Society — a three-day concert and beauty pageant (held downtown in July of 2001) — ended on a sour note for a handful of local musicians, rental companies, sound technicians, and a security service. They all say that they were stiffed when promoters Karen and Sylvester Huff either wrote bad checks or failed to pay them as promised.

A letter dated 7/30/2001 and addressed to Leasebreaker vocalist Lafayette Falkquay from Wells Fargo Bank states that "a check for \$700 from Harlem West that you deposited or cashed at Wells Fargo on July 23, 2001, has been returned unpaid because the item was identified as insufficient funds." The check was resubmitted and failed to clear a second time. The bank deducted the amount, plus a service charge, from Falkquay's account. At this point Lafayette says he began calling Karen Huff.

"She was tellin' me that probably some checks would bounce, some checks wouldn't. Stuff like that. She apologized and said that she'd pay me. But she told me she didn't have the money to pay me all of it."

Lafayette says he postponed legal action because he believed Karen Huff would make good. "She said she would pay me in increments in time. I gave her the benefit of the doubt." Huff, says Lafayette, offered \$150, then another payment of \$150. "After I got the second \$150, I didn't hear from her again."

Band leader Turiya Mareya, pianist and founder of the local jazz ensembles Kokopelli and Mahaba, confirms via e-mail that she too was given a bad check following her performance at Harlem West Fest 2001. "The next day I went to the bank and the check was no good. I called Steve Spencer [the festival's entertainment coordinator], and he apologized and said there was no money, and nobody was getting paid except the headliners, and that they weren't getting all their money ei-

ther. He gave me the number of the woman who was producing the event [Karen Huff], and I called her and explained that I had to pay the band myself and it would be very hard on me. I tried to cut her some slack. I suggested she could make payments or refer me some other gigs or anything. I kept calling her back for a few months and then just gave up."

Sources say that the list of unpaid musicians includes the Shelltown Horns, Tomcat Courtney, Harmonica John, and jazz singer-radio personality Cynthia Hammond, among others. "My contract," says Hammond, "was for \$500."

How much of it did she collect?

"Nothing," she says.

"If I could see Karen again," she says, "I'd tell her that I am embarrassed to have worked with such a low-class hustler."

Festival performer Steve Gonzales of the Gayma D band remembers that Karen Huff and Steve Spencer asked "...if we could be patient and wait a little bit, once they had collected all the money, they would know where they stood, and they would get the money to us. We never heard back from them." Later, relations deteriorated when Gonzales was told that none of the \$800 his band was owed would be forthcoming. "Karen Huff actually asked us to consider our time a donation to help get this thing off the ground."

Sue Palmer says Steve Spencer and Karen Huff offered her a similar story. Eventually, she says, Huff paid her \$200. "They owe me a balance of \$460." Palmer says she has not spoken to the Huffs for at least six months. "I've called, but nobody answers. I've left messages, and nobody calls back. I figured that this is over."

"There were a couple of musicians," says Karen Huff, "and the festival paid them what we felt that we would pay them. Period." She offers that the amounts paid out were not based on contracts but were arbitrarily based on "the amount that we felt we would pay."

When I read to Huff, over the phone on July 16, a contract to pay the Gayma D band \$800, written on Harlem West Fest stationery and dated July 8, 2001, Huff is momentarily silent.

"Actually, Gayma D was not supposed to be

performing at all," Huff finally claims. "Her [Gayma D's] particular performance, as I recall, was supposed to have been canceled. Listen. At the first year's event," she says, "as is the case in a lot of events, shows are canceled, you know, if the people [audience members] are not there. That's exactly what we did. Now, there's some artists that performed anyway."

Marguerita Page was one of them. She admits that Karen Huff told her not to play because of the poor attendance — this after Page's band had already set up on the festival stage. But Page performed as scheduled anyway, paying her sidemen out of her own pocket. Page says she then asked for, and was given, an IOU for the contract amount by Karen Huff. "There was the IOU agreement, a written contract, and a verbal promise from Karen Huff and Steve Spencer that after the day's take [was counted], that we'd be paid. This," she says, "did not happen." She says that after numerous efforts to collect, she was later paid a small percentage of what she was owed by Huff. "We got stiffed last year. Steve Spencer and Karen Huff took advantage of many of us that day, and they were also very irresponsible in their handling of this situation."

In addition to assertions that she canceled some acts, Karen Huff claims that she really had no idea what local bands had been hired; she implies that those acts were coordinated exclusively by Mr. Spencer. But some of the performers, including Steve Gonzales, Lafayette, and Cynthia Hammond remember a preshow meeting held between all of the local performers and the Huffs at their office at 906 Market Street. "And then we walked from there [the office] through a parking lot to the place where we would be performing," says Hammond. "She [Karen Huff] showed us where the stage was going to be put up. She showed us where to park and said our parking



Stephanie Lees of San Diego Stage and Lighting Supply

would be paid for."

Karen Huff stands firm. "If in fact they [the musicians] claim that they are owed additional money, they know what they need to do. And if...there's a story in a musician saying that they only got half or they got less than what they thought they were gonna get...you need to call a lot of clubs and let them tell you about musicians claiming that they didn't get this amount when they performed or they felt they were supposed to get more or this and that. This has been over a year ago."

Huff later cautions, "You will have to be very, very careful, because you're not gonna find any contracts between any of those musicians you're referring to that's signed by the Harlem West Festival. When you come back and show me a contract signed by the Harlem West Fest or by anybody connected with this festival — you call me back.

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You call me back."

The contract given to me by Gayma D was not signed by Huff. It was only signed by the artist Gayma D. Her husband, Steve Gonzales, said that the original version that was signed by Huff was returned to Harlem West Fest without a copy having been made.

As for the charges leveled against her by the Leasebreakers, Huff says, "Apparently they signed a deal with a promoter who was representing them."

"Would that have been Steve Spencer?" I asked.

"Yes," she says. "The festival paid them what we felt that we would pay them, and that's what we gave them, probably half of the amount — something like \$300. We've given them what we're going to give them." Huff says she won't discuss the bad check issue. "This particular incident has to do with possible slander and stuff like that, and our lawyers are dealing with that, number one, and if Lafayette and the Leasebreakers, for example, feel that they should get more than we offered them, then that's something they need to deal with as a legal issue."

But Lafayette Falkquay says he spoke with Karen Huff as recently as July 2002. "She said, 'Okay, I owe you \$400, and I'll be by to pay you \$200 tomorrow.' Matter of fact, she said she was gonna come by my house tomorrow about ten," he says. "But she didn't say when she'd be by to pay the other \$200." Later, Lafayette tells me that Huff failed to show up with the \$200 payment as promised.

The local equipment rental company, Audio Design, was contracted by Karen Huff to provide sound reinforcement for the first Harlem West Fest. "She gave us a...check for \$9500 that was posted for the week after we did the event," says co-owner Jeff Kelley, "and it ended up not being any good at all. She ended up coming in and paying me, like, \$800 or something like that and said that she would pay every month until the balance was paid off. She never did. I tried to call her, but she never would call me back. I don't know if you know this or not, but she's a lawyer. She told me she went to law school. I don't know if she's a practicing lawyer, but she seems to know the law. I know she drives around in a Mercedes."

Kelley is chagrined about the whole thing. "We originally were going to do the whole event," he says, "the stage, the lighting, everything. We ended up backing out of that and agreed to only do the sound for the simple reason that we didn't think she [Huff] was gonna be able to pay. But what happened was, she got backing from Anheuser-Busch. As soon as we found out she got back-



Karen Huff

ing from them, that took a lot of the pressure off of us." Kelley says that his partner called Budweiser in San Diego to confirm the financial backing and even attended a meeting at Budweiser headquarters in Rose Canyon with Karen Huff and a group of Busch executives. "But I don't know what she [Huff] used that money for," says Kelley, "because we didn't see any of it."

Nor did San Diego Stage and Lighting. Huff's check to the company for \$10,000 (for services rendered at the 2001 event) bounced, according to rental manager Stephanie Lees. "We have an attorney that's pursuing this right now." Curiously, the contract to rent stage and lighting equipment for the three-day event was made out to the San Diego Black Gaslamp Historical Society, of which Karen Huff is director. (Huff, mentioned as the chair of the "three-year-old Gaslamp Black Historical Society" in *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles* magazine's August issue, is referred to as a "writer-researcher and business woman" who wants to "bring San Diego's 'Harlem of the West' back to life.")

"I had it under Harlem West Fest, and she [Karen Huff] told me to change it," says Lees. After the check bounced twice, Lees called the promoter. "When I contacted her, that's when I heard the whole song and dance about how they didn't make the money on the ticket sales that they were supposed to, then I started hearing the song and dance about how it was everybody's fault but Karen's."

"Why did Stage and Lighting wait so long to pursue the amount?"

"We waited because she said she was gonna pay us," says Lees. "She did come in and give us \$500 in cash." Lees says that was a third of the amount that Huff had promised. "But by that point, it was out of my hands." Normally, says Lees, a business like San Diego Stage and Lighting takes payment up front. "I agreed to accept payment after the event because I was told they had a sponsor, which was Anheuser-Busch, and that their plan was to use the sponsor

money and the ticket sales money to pay everybody off."

Renie Colwell is the director of sales and marketing for San Diego Stage and Lighting. "We filed a lawsuit against the Gaslamp Black Historical Society. The contract Karen Huff wrote was to the Gaslamp Black Historical Society. However, Harlem West Fest Inc. offered up payment, at which time the check was returned NSF. We got a judgment on August 22, 2002, in San Diego Superior Court for the amount of the check [\$10,000] less the \$500 she [Huff] paid us in cash." Collection has yet to happen.

As for the sponsors of the Harlem West Fest, Anheuser-Busch Sales of San Diego did not return calls. A spokesperson from the *Union-Tribune's* marketing department did confirm that the newspaper was a sponsor of the 2002 festival. Citing terms of the agreement, the spokesperson declined to discuss anything else about the sponsorship itself, neither denying nor confirming that they gave Karen Huff cash.

In 1999 Karen Huff was featured in a *San Diego Union-Tribune* story about her company, La Mesa-based Ophelia Products, that had patented something referred to as the "laundry teabag system," an invention that offered laundry detergent in premeasured pouches similar to tea bags. She and Sylvester told the *Union-Tribune* that they projected sales of \$2.5 million for that year alone. She said that major detergent manufacturers had expressed interest in buying out her company for an amount equal to seven figures. Later, Huff confirmed that she did indeed sell her idea to a manufacturer but would not disclose details of the transaction.

In spite of the low attendance at last year's festival ("when Lakeside [a band] played," says one source, "I counted, like, 22 musicians on-stage and maybe 11 people in the audience"), the Huffs returned this year with Harlem West Fest 2002, held on Market Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets. Scheduled for July 19, 20, and 21, the festival's official website listed a number of sponsors, includ-

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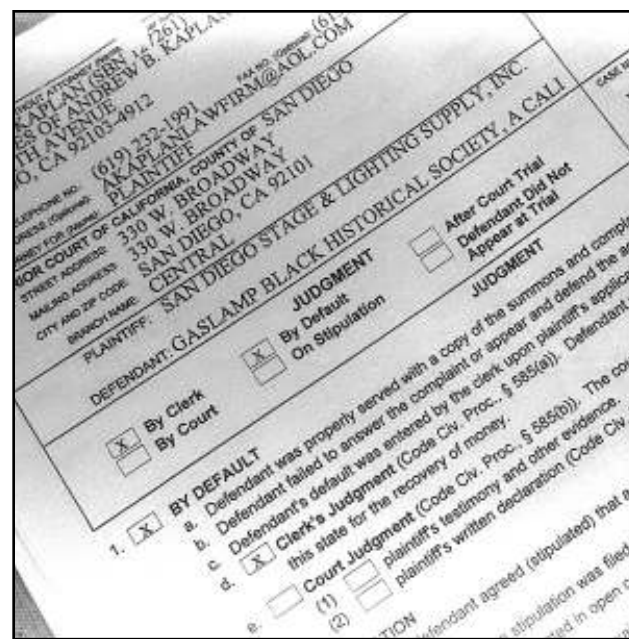
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ing the *Union-Tribune* Publishing Company. Otherwise, festival advertising was minimal — Karen Huff passed out festival flyers at the San Diego Volkswagen Blues Festival, and the Clear Channel soul station 92.5 FM broadcast ads and gave away tickets to the event.

On May 26 Karen Huff told the *Union-Tribune's* George Varga that she was “expecting moderate success, with probably 2500 people a day” in attendance at the 2002 Harlem West Fest. The Varga piece went on to print a festival lineup that included Mystikal, Bubba Sparxx, Bobby “Blue” Bland, the S.O.S. Band, and Bobby Womack, among others. But by June, the festival was on the brink of collapse. On Friday, June 28, the *Union-Tribune* reported that the Harlem West Fest had canceled all national acts for opening night. According to the story, the decision to pull the plug was made due to low numbers of advance ticket sales — fewer than 180 for all three days. Karen Huff told the *Union-Tribune* that she had even considered canceling the festival. Finally Harlem West Fest 2002 was reduced to a one-day event featuring a handful of local talent and headliners that, in some cases, bowed out only moments before their scheduled performances.

On Thursday, July 25, the *Voice and Viewpoint*, a Southeast San Diego newspaper, featured a story entitled “Unrest at the Harlem West.” Staff writer Darrell Wheeler says that hundreds of fans showed up for the second annual event, only to find that the headline performers (with the sole exception of Morris Day) were no-shows “for reasons unknown.” Festivalgoer Lunetta Burke was quoted as saying, “Me and my friends waited almost two hours...for the S.O.S. Band. I don't know what their problem was, but I spent \$35, and I'm very upset. They haven't heard the last from me.” Wheeler writes that some disgruntled fans left the festival while others demanded a refund.

Gary Allen is a local keyboard player. He refers to the Harlem West Fest as the “Harlem Mess.” Allen's performance at this year's festival with True to Funk put him backstage during some crucial negotiations. In fact, Allen says he met and spoke with Raoul and Mary Davis of the S.O.S. Band. “Their group traveled out here, and Karen [Huff] didn't have their money,” says Allen. “So Mary Davis didn't want to go on. He said, ‘It's not San Diego's fault, it's the lady who's handling the thing. She just doesn't have it together.’ But Mary Davis wasn't going on. She said to the manager, ‘Go get



Judgment letter

the cars. We're outta here.' And when the cars pulled up, they took off.

“Bobby Womack was there. He wanted his money.” Allen says that Womack put pressure on the Huffs by sending his road manager onstage to announce that the R&B legend was ready to perform. “The guy went out onstage and said, ‘Hey, you guys ready to hear Bobby Womack?’ Everybody was, like, screaming,” says Allen. “Well, the guy says, ‘He's here, and he wants you to know that he's ready to go on, so will Karen please come to the stage.’” Allen says they never got it resolved. Bobby Womack's band, he says, did not play.

“The performers showed up,” writes Darrell Wheeler in the *Voice and Viewpoint* story, “but exited soon after their arrival.... They [the audience] voiced their displeasure saying, ‘We want our money back, we got ripped off, and we want to talk to somebody.’” As if in answer to disgruntled fans, the website of the Harlem West Fest (harlemwestfest.com) has been a more or less blank page for the last month bearing this cryptic message: “Photos from the 2002 event to be posted soon. If you attended the festival and your favorite act did not perform this year, stay tuned for information on your free admission to our upcoming oldies show.”

In addition to the advertised national acts, also absent from Harlem West Fest 2002 was Steve Spencer, who promotes Brazilian dance and music events. Sources close to Mr. Spencer say that he has long since broken any ties with the Huffs, claiming that he too was not paid for his work at last year's show. Spencer refused to comment for this story.

One company has actually won a judgment against Karen Huff.

“We provided security services to the 2001 Harlem West Fest, and we were given a check by Karen Huff which was returned NSF — nonsufficient funds. We tried to collect,” says Tanya Bollman, director of sales for City Events Staff

Services in Kearny Mesa.

“At first, Karen Huff was trying to communicate with us about making payments...and at some point, the communications stopped. We got a judgment late in 2001 in small-claims court.”

Bollman says that Huff, in spite of having written a bad check, had the brass to show up anyway in an attempt to thwart the court action. “She testified that she wasn't served properly,” says Bollman. The judge decided otherwise and issued a ruling in favor of City Events.

Even with the judgment, though, City Events has yet to collect one penny from Karen Huff's organization.

“We tried to do a till tap at this year's Harlem West Fest,” says Bollman. A till tap is essentially a collection action performed by the sheriff's department. Armed with a judgment, the sheriff appoints an officer of the court to literally sit in the defendant's place of business and collect all daily receipts — cash only, no checks or credit cards. This procedure goes on until the amount of the judgment has been collected.

“The concert originally was supposed to be a three-day event, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, but it was changed to a Saturday-only event, and the sheriff works Monday through Friday.” Bollman learned, however, that the festival box office was open Friday and actively selling tickets for the next day's performance. “But when the marshal got there, somebody there told him that the whole event was canceled.” The law left without collecting any funds.

“What's next?”

“At this point, I don't know,” says Bollman. She explains that Harlem West Fest is a corporation, thus rendering Huff's personal assets untouchable. Bollman adds that it would be cost prohibitive to try to legally puncture the “corporate veil,” as she calls it. “But,” says Bollman, “we're not going to let this go.” ■

(Editor's note: In the process of writing this story, Dave Good was served a restraining order by Karen Huff. His court date is today.)



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Andrew Peabody

Peabody acknowledges that his belief that San Diego is a possible target affects his daily life. "I'm just more cautious about everything, I guess." He describes the measures his family has taken in case of a terrorist attack: "If something happens and we're all separated, we're supposed to meet back at our house." In case of an emergency, Peabody and his family have set aside "water, canned food, and energy drinks." While Peabody is not afraid of flying and has been on a plane since 9/11, he admits that he does find himself suspicious of people that may be from the Middle East. "I think everyone is. You have to be a little cautious. I know it's not right to judge a book by its cover, but people need to be more aware." With regard to the admonition of President Bush stating that individuals are either on the U.S.'s side or on the terrorists' side, Peabody agrees. "It's true, you are either with us or against us. There is no middle ground."

Yvette Rodriguez, 17, has noticed a change in her parents since 9/11 and says that both she and her parents worry about San Diego being a target. "If there's an emergency, we're all supposed to call each other on our cells," she says. Rodriguez believes that San Diego is a target for terrorism because of the military bases; however, she considers the biggest target to be downtown. "It's the center of our city." Though she has not changed the way she travels around town, she has altered other aspects of her life. "It al-



Yvette Rodriguez

ways keeps me thinking... watching TV and reading the newspaper." Rodriguez recalls where she was when she found out about the 9/11 attacks: "I was on the school bus. I was shocked and upset.... The image that sticks in my mind the most is all the people jumping out of the windows." Rodriguez has been on an airplane since 9/11, and she is scared of flying. She says, "I try not to think about what happened, and I try to be alert." Despite the fact that she does not find herself suspicious of individuals who appear to be Middle Eastern, Rodriguez expresses cynicism when it comes to the possibility of achieving middle ground on the issue of terrorism. She says, "I personally don't think there's a way."

Maria Castellanos, a 15-year-old high school junior, thinks San Diego is a target for terrorism not because of its

military installations but because it is a major city in California. "Terrorists will go after very populated cities to kill as many people as possible," she says. While Castellanos has not changed the way she travels around town because of her feelings, she has bought a cellular phone. "I was in first-period class," Castellanos recalls. "It shocked me. I just couldn't stop thinking about how things like that can just happen." Though she has not been on an airplane since 9/11, Castellanos says that she is not scared of flying. "I'd just keep thinking that there is lots of security." She confesses that since 9/11 she has been suspicious of people that may be from the Middle East. "I know it's not right to feel like this because not everybody is the same, but it's hard not to."



Maria Castellanos

Castellanos opposes President Bush's statements concerning those from the Middle East, remarking, "It's not right of him to say that you're either on the U.S.'s side or the terrorists' side, because some people from the Middle East live here in the U.S. and he is basically threatening them.... Maybe they will want to do something about it. If they do, the situation will only get worse."

Karen Gomez, 16, sits on a bench at Point Loma High School. Her sunglasses hide brown eyes. She fidgets with her chestnut-colored hair as she responds to my question. "It's not right for anyone to accuse [all individuals of Middle Eastern descent] because they are not the people who did it," says Gomez. "Everyone should just let them be.... The president is turning it into a situation of us-versus-them. How will we ever find peace this way?" Gomez is one of a few people I spoke with who believe San Diego is a prime target for terrorism. Why? "Because of the naval base," she says. "The naval base or the Coronado Bay

Bridge.... I am more conscious of where I decide to travel." Gomez remembers where she was when she found out about the attacks on the World Trade Center: "I was at school. All we did all day at school was watch the news, in every class.... What sticks in my mind are the planes crashing into the buildings and people running in the streets." Gomez hasn't been on an airplane since 9/11 and says that she has not changed much in the way she conducts her life. What she has changed is the way that she communicates with others. "I've made the effort to be nicer to people in the hopes that it will bring more peace," she says.



Karen Gomez

Neal Tamora, 16, is a high school junior. Her belief that terrorists will strike San Diego because of the large military presence has led Tamora to consider relocating. "I want to move to the Midwest, where there aren't any targets," she says. Tamora describes the apprehensions she's had about tall buildings since 9/11: "I'm sort of afraid to go into one.... I pray before I go into the building." Tamora says she was at school on 9/11. "It was very cold and foggy...cloudy. [My family] didn't go out for the rest of the day.... My parents have talked more about religious stuff since 9/11." Although her family does not have an emergency plan established in case of an attack on San Diego, Tamora says that they have gathered canned foods for emergency use. Despite the fact that she has been on an airplane since 9/11, Tamora comments, "I'm scared of flying, I've always been.... [Usually] I would just pray the whole way to my destination or sleep." Tamora says that the events of 9/11 weighed upon her mind at first, but the shock has begun to subside. Since that day, Tamora says, "I've tried to be much nicer to others." ■

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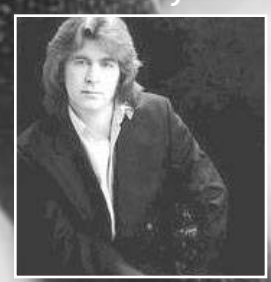
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When *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* premiered in Berlin's Marmorhaus in February of 1926, it bombed. The problem was immediately diagnosed as the soundtrack, which was made up of pieces by Beethoven, Schubert, Rossini, Bellini, Donizetti, and Lincke, not the sort of music one might use to complement this alternately surreal and expressionistic horror flick.

The producer, Erich Pommer, withdrew the film immediately and commissioned the composer/conductor Giuseppe Becce to write a new film score. Becce, sometimes called the "Toscanini of the cinema," provided a new score in four weeks. The movie premiered a second time, on this occasion at Berlin's celebrated Mozartsaal. The movie was a huge success, first at home and then abroad.

The original score has been lost, and whether it was altered over time in the course of the movie's many performances across Europe and America is unknown. At the time, 1920, the music was described as "almost atonal or indeed demented."

In 1984, the Cologne composer Emil Gerhardt was commissioned to provide a film score for a reconstructed colorized version of the film. What Gerhardt has done is weave together surviving fragments of the original score and blend them with other surviving scores from assorted Becce movies, making a rather heroic effort to sensibly tie these separate bits with their alternating agitato and bel canto passages into a musically unified, compelling soundtrack, one that supports, paces, and complements the original scary narrative.

The film's score is not terribly interesting outside the context of the film, but then the film is much less gripping without the score. In truth, "much less gripping" doesn't begin to cover it: the movie is eerily flat without the music. This



Giuseppe Becce

necessary embrace of movies and music is involved and fascinating. Tome upon tome has addressed the subject. And yet how many movie scores (as distinguished from musical compositions used in movies), even by major 20th-century composers, are listenable as pure music, separate from the film context? And how many films spring to mind that have no soundtrack either telegraphing or providing background for the action? Try to listen more closely to the soundtrack the next time you're watching a movie; see if you can't separate

out the music from the action for a little bit. You might learn something about how movies manipulate us, as well as something about the art, or lack of, involved in scoring a film.

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I caught a noon-hour performance of a Schumann piano quintet the other day. I care little for Schumann, but I got a taste for the harmonies provided by a piano quintet in Berlin last year during a performance of Shostakovich's *Piano Quintet in G minor*, Op. 57, from 1940, not long before the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union, when the composer was 34.

The Schumann turned out to be not his piano quintet but a piano quartet, composed in that same

remarkable year, 1842, what he called his "fiery hour," when he sketched out his First Symphony in B-flat major and produced a number of his most prized lieder. No matter, it was very well played, and I had an ample taste of the particular sonorities I was after.

The piano quintet, and quartet, hasn't a large repertory. Mozart's two *Piano Quartets* (K478 and K493) are probably the most celebrated. As for piano quintets, the earliest I can come up with are those of Luigi Boccherini, written in 1799 for his French patrons. I find them very attractive.

Shostakovich and Schumann were both clinical depressives, the latter's condition compounded over time by syphilis. Schumann, at the heart of the Romantic movement, composed what might be called "pretty music," at least much of it, which doesn't begin to do it justice; but his compositions have little of the darkness and drama of, say, Beethoven's work, even given the agonies of Schumann's "nervous condition."

The Schumann piano quartet and quintet, along with the Boccherini, are civilized entertainments, which also don't entirely do them justice. With Boccherini, something of what's called the *gallant style* is in evidence. Although the term is mildly disparaging, it is a fit description of much of the music that followed on the heels



Robert Schumann

referred to as "Haydn's wife" because of their musical affinities, comes at the tail end of the Classical era. But Schumann's piano quartet and quintet,

which operate as a sort of concerto with the string quartet or trio serving as orchestra, have as their chief ambition, like their Classical predecessors, to delight. They provide musically refined entertainment for a small, cultivated audience, in form tending toward brevity and made up of dance

movements. Much the same, I think, could be said of many chamber compositions written during the Romantic era and even during the 20th Century.

Having survived the Great Terror, and with the Nazis making menacing sallies in Eastern Europe, Shostakovich, even in his relatively accessible and appealing piano quintet, cannot be identified with the *gal-*

lant style. Not so tortured or gloomy as much of his symphonic material, this Quintet occupies a different musical universe than that of Mozart, Boccherini, and Schumann. Modern music — though Shostakovich was not especially modernist in his procedures — describes, with its altered musical forms, a new reality. Among other things, music (and the other arts) becomes denser, more fragmented, full of rapid shifts and surprising, often jarring, juxtapositions. What would have sounded cacophonous and quite mad to Boccherini or Schumann was so pleasing to his contemporaries when it was first performed that Shostakovich's piano quintet was awarded the Stalin Prize, and ordinary Russians hummed its melodies in the streets. ■



Boccherini

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Players [649], Truth Hurts, Rochelle Rochelle [570], Los Lobos, Eek-A-Mouse [734], the Dragons [115], Indigenous, Alpha Blondy & the Solar System, Common Sense [736], Convoy, Michael Rose [749], Jackpot, the Reggae Revolution Band, Elijah & the Revelations [732], Chuck Prophet, Mutabaruka [755], the Skool Band, Robert Walter's 20th Congress [665], 4th Avenue Jones, Terry Mullan, Z-Trip, Ziggy Marley & the Melody Makers [209], Eric Wright, Blues Traveler [458], Agent 51, Manmade God, and Face to Face. Electronica Stage: Rabbit in the Moon, BT, the Crystal Method, Christopher Lawrence, Donald Claude, Pauli P, Grant Plant, JQ, Shaheen, überzone, Terry Mullan, Reza, and more. Friday, September 6, Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8. Recorded information, 800-260-9985; tickets, 619-220-8497; tickets and performer showtimes, www.street-scene.com.

"A Tribute to the American Spirit" with America [475], Ambrosia [564], Al Stewart [576], and the Kelly Bowlin Band: Friday, September 6, 6 p.m., Oceanside Pier Amphitheater, Oceanside. 949-496-8930 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Wire and the Standard: The Casbah, Saturday, September 7, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Air Supply [532] and Christopher Cross [566]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 8, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra: The Casbah, Sunday, September 8, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Coldplay [430]: Open Air Theatre, Monday, September 9, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Gus Gus and Balligomingo: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, September 10, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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Luis Miguel [603]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, September 12, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Mark O'Connor & Natalie MacMaster: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Goo Goo Dolls [220], Third Eye Blind [472], and Vanessa Carlton: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 14, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jaguars [202] and Morrissey [574]: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, September 15, 6 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Girls Against Boys [277], Radio 4, and GoGoGo Airheart [136]: The Casbah, Tuesday, September 17, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Pharcyde [356]: Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, September 17, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Chicago [620]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 17, and Wednesday, September 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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Linda Eder [607]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Kinky and Emaue [467]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Sleater-Kinney [469], the Bangs, and Shannon Wright: The Scene, Friday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Bonnie Raitt [591] and Lyle Lovett [786]: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Trevor Watts Moire Music Trio: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, September 21, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Keiko Matsui [635] and Craig Chaquico: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Brad Paisley [794] and Steve Azar: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Rush [462]: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 25, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Alice Cooper: Sycuan Casino, Thursday, September 26, 7:30 p.m.,

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Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 27, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Switchfoot [103] and Pax 217: The Scene, Friday, September 27, 8 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Jeanrenaud/Masaoka/Ochs: Spruce Street Forum, Friday, September 27, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Jimmy Buffett [435]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 28, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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OCTOBER

Béla Fleck & the Flecktones [646]: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, October 1, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Toots & the Maytals: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, October 1, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Mickey Hart & Bembe Orisha: East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, October 1, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Apples in Stereo: The Casbah, Wednesday, October 2, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Acoustic Alchemy [834] and Strunz & Farah [650]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 3, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Better Than Ezra [194] and Cowboy Mouth [608]: 4th & B, Friday, October 4, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Mana [110]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 4, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Julieta Venegas [600]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 4, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

New Found Glory [304], Finch, Something Corporate [222], and Further Seems Forever: Cox Arena, Friday, October 4, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion [126], the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, and the Liars: The Scene, Saturday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Derek Bailey and George Lewis: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, October 5, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Public Enemy: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Buddy Guy [938] and Shemekia Copeland: 4th & B, Sunday, October 6, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Jimmy Eat World, the Donnas, and No Knife [309]: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, October 6, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

No Use for a Name, Yellowcard, the Eyaliners, and Gob [310]: Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, October 7, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Luciano: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, October 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Jerry Cantrell [153]: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Enrique Iglesias and Soluna: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, October 23, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Keb' Mo' [937]: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, October 29, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

NOVEMBER

Merle Haggard [774]: 4th & B, Sunday, November 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Aerosmith [485] and Kid Rock [198]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, November 5, 6:45 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Thrice [491] and Hot Water Music [545]: The Scene, Friday, November 8, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

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The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, November 15, and Saturday, November 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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ALTERNATIVE

- A Rose for Ona:** The Scene
- Acts of Aggression:** Dream Street
- The Actual:** Brick By Brick
- Afterblack:** The Playhouse
- The Anonymous:** Epicentre
- The Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra:** The Casbah
- The Bartender's Bible:** The Casbah
- Led Bender:** Dream Street
- Best Interest:** The Scene
- Big Blue Monkey:** Club Xanth
- Brother Love:** Dream Street
- The Brothers from Another Planet [397]:** Brick By Brick
- Bullet Train to Moscow:** Club Xanth
- The Cause:** Epicentre
- The Center of Five:** The Playhouse
- Channel:** Club Xanth
- Cheeky Monkey:** Blind Melons
- The Cherry Valence:** The Casbah
- Converge:** Epicentre
- Convergence:** Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)
- Crank Wrench Audio:** Brick By Brick
- The Creepy Creeps:** The Kensington Club
- Critical Me:** The Playhouse
- The Crucials:** Dream Street
- Cryptobiotic:** The Playhouse
- DJ SK:** The Casbah
- The Dailies:** Blind Melons
- Dama:** The Playhouse
- Danielson & the Nine Fruit Tree:** The Casbah
- Deerhoof:** The Casbah
- The Drapes:** Blind Melons
- Earthless:** The Casbah
- Electrocrypt:** The Casbah
- Even Angels Have Fallen:** Dream Street
- Fallen Out:** Brick By Brick
- F-minus:** Epicentre
- Fishbone:** Buffalo Joe's
- Florscent:** The Scene
- The Furious IV [107]:** Club Xanth
- Gus Gus:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Headrot:** Epicentre
- Honey Bucket [986]:** Buffalo Joe's
- Alfred Howard & the K-23 Orchestra:** Blind Melons
- The Husbands:** The Casbah
- Idiot Wind:** Dream Street
- Irate:** Dream Street
- Just a Joke:** The Scene
- Kenochamp:** Brick By Brick
- Kind of Like Spitting:** The Casbah
- The Kissfits:** The Kensington Club
- Larger Than Life:** The Scene
- Lo-Ball and the Shutdowns:** Buffalo Joe's
- London's Falling:** The Scene
- Lovelight Shine:** The Kensington Club
- Machine Gun:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- The Makers [209]:** The Casbah
- Mercy Road:** Dream Street
- The Mission UK:** Club Xanth
- Mower:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Mr. Underhill:** Brick By Brick
- The Mutants:** The Casbah
- NRA:** The Casbah
- Nebula:** The Casbah
- No Skill Required:** The Playhouse
- Noise Ratchet:** Club Xanth
- Gregory Page [186]:** The Ould Sod
- Peploi:** Blind Melons
- The Peppermints:** The Casbah
- Piss Test:** The Playhouse
- Playing for Keeps:** The Scene
- The Poor Specimens:** Surf N'Saddle
- Red Rox:** Dream Street
- Relic:** Dream Street
- Remik:** Club Xanth
- Requiem:** The Scene
- Rooney:** The Scene
- Saving Face:** The Scene
- Say from Charm:** The Scene
- Scout Niblett:** The Casbah
- Seldom Saints:** Club Xanth
- Sketlin:** Dublin Square
- Some Girls:** Epicentre
- Soul-Junk [157]:** The Casbah
- The Start:** Club Xanth
- Straight Forward:** Club Xanth
- Student Driver:** The Playhouse
- Student Rick:** Club Xanth
- Surface:** The Playhouse
- Swearing at Motorists:** The Casbah
- Syk:** Blind Melons
- System Decay:** Brick By Brick
- TBD:** Epicentre
- To What End:** The Scene
- The Tori Cobras:** The Kensington Club
- Tourette's Lautrec:** The Casbah
- Jason Traeger:** The Casbah
- Trite:** Club Xanth
- Troy's Bucket:** Club Xanth
- Universe:** Blind Melons
- VIII Fraud:** Brick By Brick
- The Voids:** Epicentre
- Where Eagles Dare:** Club Xanth
- Wire:** The Casbah
- Wonderbread:** Buffalo Joe's

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

- Agave:** Winstons
- Air Supply [532]:** Humphrey's
- Altered Time [514]:** Fannie's
- Carol Ames:** Humphrey's
- Billy Bacon & the Forbidden Pigs [442]:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
- The Bad Apples:** Blind Melons
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ROCK

- D.J. Turbo:** Sham Rocks Shack
- Detroit Underground:** Fogerty's Pub
- The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons
- The Enchanted:** Blind Melons
- Footloose:** The Del Dios Country Store
- Full Xposure:** Second Wind (San Carlos)
- Good Intentions:** Blind Melons
- Green Eggs & Sam:** Surf N' Saddle
- The Green Flies:** Winstons
- Griswald:** Tiki House
- Heartland:** Rockin' Baja Lobster
- Hence the Name:** Dream Street
- Hot Rod Lincoln [547]:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Identity Crisis:** Fogerty's Pub
- Idle Train:** Victor's Restaurant & Bar, Brian's Classic Diner
- John Eddie:** Belly Up Tavern
- Laguna:** Carvers
- The Late Late Show:** Hennessy's (Gaslamp)
- Lighter:** Blind Melons
- The Madhatters:** Surf N' Saddle
- Maple Tongue:** Dream Street
- Nemesis:** Second Wind (Santee)
- The New Breed Band:** The Alley
- Nitlife:** Pal Joey's
- Party Hard Sounds:** Chuey's Numero Uno
- The Pine Mountain Logs:** Belly Up Tavern
- Power House:** The Alley
- Private Domain [489]:** Dick's Last Resort
- R.O.K.:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
- The Rockaholics:** Dirk's Niteclub
- Rockola:** Cannibal Bar
- Eve Selis [410]:** Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp)
- Serious Guise:** Second Wind (Escondido)
- Shamnation:** Blind Melons
- The Sleepwalkers [434]:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- The Soledad Brothers:** The Casbah
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POP / TOP 40

The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's

Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel

The Jackson 3: Carvers, Hennessy's (Gaslamp)

Stephen Knight: Shooters Bar and Grill

Liquid Blue [606]: Boar Cross'n, Jimmy Love's

Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop

Makai: Humphrey's

The Mix: Mr. D's Cocktail Lounge

Jack Pollack: Shooters Bar and Grill

Rising Star: Downtown Cafe

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: The Westgate Hotel

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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Absinthe: Bayou Bar & Grill

Afinity: Il Forno

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Lori Bell [666]: Inn L'Auberge

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Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The B-3 Three: Bayou Bar & Grill

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado, The Westgate Hotel

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Cold Fusion: Bayou Bar & Grill

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Glen Fisher con Alma [638]: Croce's Jazz Bar

5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House

Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge

Forward Funk: Galoka

Dora Hall & Mixed Company: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The Cynthia Hammond Trio: Juke Joint Cafe

Inner Voyage: Bayou Bar & Grill

The Pete Jacobs Quintet: Neimans Bar and Grill

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado, Juke Joint Cafe

Lady Dottie: Bayou Bar & Grill

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Latin Fusion: Sevilla

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

The Coral McFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

The David Mosby Trio: Bayou Bar & Grill

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Francisco Ojeda: Bayou Bar & Grill

Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort

John Opferkuch: Inn L'Auberge

Sue Palmer [641]: Juke Joint Cafe

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

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The Darren Raser Band: Bayou Bar & Grill

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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations [732]: Buffalo Joe's

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COUNTRY

Chess Set: Don's Cocktail Lounge

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Berkley Hart [880]: Winstons

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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Patrick's II

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Fat Katz, Patrick's II

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Blue Frog & Company: Buffalo Joe's

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Blues Brokers: Patrick's II

Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings [965]: Buffalo Joe's

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Chateau Orleans

Dejablu: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Fish & the Seaweeds: Blarney Stone Pub

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Guy Alan: Downtown Cafe

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Latanya Lockett: Cannibal Bar

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: The Kraken, Patrick's II

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The Rockin' Blues Hounds: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Calvin Romance: Humphrey's

Shelle [913]: Juke Joint Cafe

Nik Simon: Patrick's II

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Spinside: Winstons

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Acapulco: Fridays, in the cantina, DJ Forte spins hip-hop; Saturdays, DJ OneSlippa spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggae. 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-578-6390.

Apocalypse: First Friday of every month, DJs Joe Forester, Reverend Cybian, and LadyNoir spin a blend of Goth/industrial and techno in a postfuturistic fetish environment. Suggested dress: Goth-fetish-futura. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Blue Agave, Mission Gorge Road, Allied Gardens, 619-521-3194.

BK Lounge: Fridays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Event information, 619-998-4336.

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Cathedral: Saturdays, cyberpunk, future pop, tribal, neo-folk, dark techno, Goth, industrial, and more. Open midnight; 18 and up with ID. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720.

Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Richard D, and BCZAR spin the best of '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Event information, 619-465-5827, www.klubs.com.

Club '80s II: Fridays (except the first of the month), DJs Bryan Pollard, Richard D, and BCZAR spin the best of '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.; 18 and up. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720. Event information, 619-465-5827, www.klubs.com.

Club LP: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Anthony Alonzo spins hip-hop, old skool, and disco. 8 pm to close; 21 and up; no cover. Las Parrillas Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, 555 Montrose Court, El Cajon, 619-444-3955.

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Club Tropics: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DJs Kool T and guests spin Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-9402.

Darkwave Garden: Every second and fourth Saturday, gothic, ethereal, electro, fetish, and dance; 21 and up. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown, 619-296-6789. Event information, 619-465-5827, www.klubs.com.

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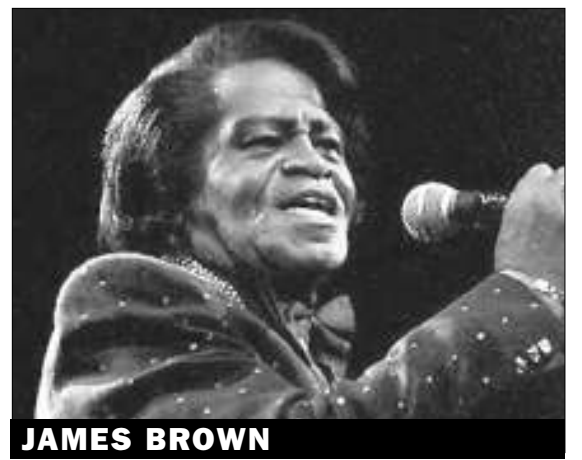
NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Who could forget **James Brown's** run across two or three state lines back in the late '80s, lawmen in hot pursuit? Slowed to an almost majestic pace by the fact that police had shot out Soul Brother Number One's front tires, officers wanted a word with Brown about his recent behavior. He had walked in on a conference in an office building he owned armed with a shotgun, demanding to know who had used his private bathroom. Brown didn't shoot anybody, but it got ugly enough that state troopers were called. His wife, who had filed attempted-murder charges against him earlier, was supportive even as Brown was sent to prison. Angel dust, she said. As the story goes, smoking PCP was how Brown had been occupying large amounts of his semi-retirement. Mr. Brown, she cautioned, was only temporarily insane.

But no less easy to forget is Brown's music. One of the most influential soul and R&B artists of his time, Brown is thought by some to have invented funk. He handed musicians on his fatback drum patterns, chicken-scratching, and horn-punctuated riffs, and he taught them the concept of "on the one": putting everything you got on the *downbeat*, not the back beat, so that the song comes out of the chute with the power of a freight train.

Never a chart topper, James Brown at least broke into the top ten with a career that spans better than 80 albums. Brown was a soul shouter verging on hysterical who paved the way for acts like Otis Redding and Wilson Pickett in the '60s. Brown's explosive, tight sounds became factory issue in the dance music of the '70s, influencing big dogs like Sly Stone and the Isley Brothers. In the '80s, Brown was sampled by Kool Moe Dee and Hammer. And we all saw Michael Jackson doing the moonwalk,



JAMES BROWN

something Brown called the camel walk when he did it 20 years earlier in a red jumpsuit, the word SEX embroidered across the front. Super bad!

(To hear a sample of **James Brown**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4598.)

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Juke Joint Cafe: Thursdays, *Underground Lounge*, house, underground hip-hop, downtempo, and soul music with resident DJ the Infamous J-BE, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays, *Urban Link*, biweekly event

with rotating DJs Dennis Blaze and Ekwipt spinning hip-hop, old skool, R&B, and dancehall, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays, *Wax*, biweekly event with rotating DJs Fuse 1, Happee, Marben, and Bency spinning hip-hop, funk, house, and trip-hop, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays, *Saturday Night Soul*, resident DJ Rage spins hip-hop, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays, *Unified*, biweekly event with rotating DJs spinning progressive house, hip-hop, and drum 'n' bass, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays, *Tuesday Night Beat Club* with a live performance by the San Diego Beat Organization with guest DJs the Hipsters, Tony the Tiger, and Go-Go Guillermo spinning '60s

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Olé Madrid: Thursdays, *Eyes*, guest DJs, movies, and dancing. Saturdays, *Ritual*, DJs Jose Amezcua and Idol, midnight sessions with DJ Rags. Wednesdays, *Bombay*, DJs Rags and guests. 755 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-557-0146.

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Repent: Sundays, DJ Sachamo and Ricky Wrecks spin classic and underground hip-hop, reggae, and soulful house. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Pokez (the Rosary Room), corner of Tenth Avenue and E Street, downtown, 619-702-7160.

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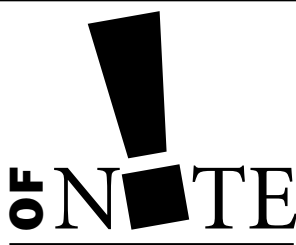
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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

British post-punk is back in vogue, judging by all the hype about Erase Errata and other bands who sound like the Gang of Four, the Au Pairs, or the Fall. And that means now's a good time for a reunion by **Wire**, the minimalist British art-school punk band to end all minimalist British art-school punk bands.

Come to think of it, a few years ago would have been a good time too, because Elastica was doing quite well with the song "Connection," which shamelessly stole the riff from Wire's "Three Girl Rhumba." And the mid- to late-'80s were a good time as well, because people like the Cure's Robert Smith were name-checking the band and R.E.M.

was covering Wire's "Strange." It was such a good time that Wire did, in fact, have a reunion. Of course, it was an arty reunion — not your typical nostalgifest. Wire wanted to play only its new, electronic-flavored, repetition-heavy music and hired a band called Ex-Lion Tamer (named after a Wire song) to open the show by playing Wire's debut album *Pink Flag* in its entirety. (The tribute band stopped in the middle of the set to announce, "Side two.") The reunion went so well that Wire stuck around for a few years. When drummer **Robert Gotobed** got sick of playing second fiddle to a drum machine, he left and the band changed its name to Wir. That couldn't last.

So now Wire is back, with Gotobed and the e. And the band isn't running from its



WIRE

past — they named their new record company Pink Flag.

The Standard opens.

WIRE, The Casbah, Saturday, September 7, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497. \$15.

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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

CD Review: Album name: *Off by One* (2002)

Artist: Off by One

Label: LMC Records

Songs: There is no track 1 — 2) Cinderella 3) Been Alone 4) On My Way 5) Untouchable 6) Change 7) Déjà Vu 8) Try 9) Need 10) Punk Rock Girl 11) Mr. Universe 12) High School 13) Torn 14) Finish Line

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Names of band members: Marc Gould (lead vocals/guitar), Jon Bishop (supporting vocals/guitar), Jordan Brownwood (bass), and Trevor Easter (drummer)

Extra Info: Off by One played at Warped Tour 2002.

Website: offbyoneonline.com

Pop-punk foursome Off by One, named after the fact that they didn't have a bassist for their first shows, provides the energetic tempos and exploding choruses of mainstream punk rock softened with boy-band harmony.

Off by One urges listen-

ers to "Forget everything you thought you knew about teenage, barely out-of-the-garage punk rock bands...the radio airwave saturation, the concert stage gyrations, and the MTV heavy rotation.

Some of Off by One's songs catchiness, but it is the attraction

Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Agave*, rock.

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Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live

music. Sunday, *Steelin' Tin*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Fish & the Seaweeds*, blues, funk.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Convergence* with *Tom Griesgraber*, folk.

Brian's Classic Diner, 8888 Miramar Road, San Diego. 858-566-4138. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Idle Train*, rock.

that is found in the lure of a fast tempo. All 13 tracks on the album are loosely structured, songs with repetitive lyrics. The sole track that is not verbose is the only song that the band didn't write, their cover of "Torn" by Ednaswap, which was a radio hit for pop vocalist Natalie Imbruglia. Usually punk/pop groups manage to render decent covers; however, Off by One's version of this song, with blaring guitars and revamped melody, sounds as though it should never have been set to a fast tempo.

The most promising track on the album is entitled "On My Way," a song that manages to condense every cliché of teenage anxiety into three minutes and four seconds. Front man Marc Gould sings, "Go to work get out of bed / put a bullet through my head / cause I would rather be a garbage man you understand / count the money I don't make / as I make my next mistake / tell your dad I got my future planned / I'm in a band." This track, much like the rest of



Off by One

Off by One's music, is simply not strong enough to stand on its own, though it would serve as perfect background music for the next teenybopper box office smash. However, with the band's average contribution to the muddle of homogenized sound that constitutes today's punk, the chances of this are unlikely.

Off by One will be playing Saturday, September 14, at the Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

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Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Saturday, call club for information.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, *Evans*, acoustic. Saturday, live music. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

Kelly's Steakhouse, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-291-7131. All music is piano. Music hours are from 7 pm to midnight. Thursday and

Wednesday, *Joe Cromwell*. Friday, *Dale Peterson*. Saturday, *Kayla Black*.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *the Kissfits and the Creepy Creeps*, alternative. Saturday, *the Tori Cobras* and *Lovelight Shine*, alternative.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Saturday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gregory Page*, alternative. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nitelife*, classic rock.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Music is alternative rock. Thursday, *the Center of Five, Cryptobiotic, and Piss Test*. Friday, *Critical Me, Student Driver, and No Skill Required*. Saturday, *Surface, Dama, and Afterblack*.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *the*



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WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH > Sweet Blue Onion

QUOTABLE > "I've been coming here for a year and a half, and each time I gotta tell that bartender how to make a 'liquid cocaine.' "

When I drove over the Coronado bridge at 10:30 on a Friday night, I thought this was just going to be one more pub. But the night I was at MCP's happened to be a reunion for the SEALs. A few people said that Rudy, the old guy who almost won on the show *Survivor*, was roaming around. I ended up talking to former WWF wrestler and governor of Minnesota Jesse "the Body" Ventura. He ordered an Amstel Light and said to the waitress, "And that's the governor's

executive order."

The governor lit up a cigar. I asked him if he had been to MCP's before, and he said, "Yeah, every time I'm in San Diego or Coronado, I'm here," which he said is about once a year. "Usually I'll stay for the weekend."

I ask him what he likes about this place, and he says, "It's a 'Team' bar. A SEAL Team bar. When I first came into the Teams, there was a place up here called the Tradewinds... Then it shifted to the Hub, which was way down on the end of Orange Avenue...

When I came back, this was the place. Ya see, Team bars will always rotate at some point. This is the place we hang out now."

I think I know why. The kitchen had closed at 9 p.m., but the waitress (the only one working the inside) scored me a mud pie.

— By Josh Board

Sleepwalkers, rockabilly. Saturday, call club for information.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Sunday, *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Tricia*, 7:30 pm, *Cold Fusion*. Friday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Francisco Ojeda* with *Kevin Cavanaugh*, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *David*, 9:30 pm, *the B-3 Three* or *the David Mosby Trio*. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Clay Salmon Jazz Ensemble*, 9:30 pm, *Inner Voyage*. Sunday, 9:30 pm, *Gilbert Castellanos*. Monday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Absinthe*, 9:30 pm, *the Darren Raser Band*. Tuesday, *Lady Dottie* and *Cold Fusion*. Wednesday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *Terra*, 9:30 pm, *the Clay Salmon Jazz Ensemble*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday

through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 9 pm, *Gibby*, reggae rock. Sunday, 4 pm, *Christopher Cross*, rock.

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *Lo-Ball and the Shutdowns*. Friday, *Fishbone* and *Honey Bucket*. Saturday, *the Disco Pimps*, alternative pop. Sunday, *Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings*, blues. Tuesday, 7 pm to midnight, *Blue Frog & Company*, blues. Wednesday, *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations*.

Cafe 828, 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-8282. Friday and Saturday, 9:30 pm, *the Shade of Blue Quartet*, jazz.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Cherry Valence, Tourette's Lautrec, the Husbands, and the Peppermints*. Friday, *Nebula, Earthless, the Bartender's Bible, and NRA*. Saturday, *Wire* and *the Standard*. Sunday, *the Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra* and *the Mutants*. Monday, *the Makers, the Soledad Brothers, and Electrocrypt*. Tuesday, *Soul-Junk, Danielson & the Nine Fruit Tree, and Deerhoof*. Wednesday, *Swearing at Motorists, Kind of Like*

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Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, 8 pm, *Party Hard Sounds*, pop, rock.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavaz*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday and Monday, *Glen Fisher con Alma*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Comberos Quintet*.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*, blues. Saturday, *Billy Bacon & the Forbidden Pigs*, rockabilly.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Street Scene, call club for information.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, Saturday, alternative. Friday and Saturday, *the Wicked Tinkers*.

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Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-SOUL. Bistro: Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the Gilbert Castellanos Quartet*, Latin jazz. Friday, 5 pm *Sue Palmer*, jazz, 7:30 pm, *Shelle*, blues. Saturday, *Aubrey Fay*, jazz. Sunday, 6 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 pm, *the Cynthia Hammond Trio*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

The New Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue (between Broadway and C Street), downtown. 619-232-6141. Friday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Trio*.

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Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, *Hector Rivera y la Combinacion*. Tuesday, *Primo*. Wednesday, *Latin Fusion*.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, contemporary piano.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Leslie Gold*. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals.

The Fontainebleau Restaurant: Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*. Saturday, *John Cain*, pop.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, pop.

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Caffe Salotto #1, 2240 Otay Lakes Road, EastLake Village. 619-421-8674.

Saturday, 9 am to 11 am, *Craig Clark*, jazz.

Coronado Island Marriott (formerly Le Meridian), 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Coral McFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet*.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, *R.O.K.*, rock.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.

Palm Court: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Ray Briz*. Sunday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Joey West*.

Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz.

The House of Munich, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl*, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday and Saturday, live music.

Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado.

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Mr. D's Cocktail Lounge, 1322 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-427-4200. Friday and Saturday, *the Mix*, pop rock.

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Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 pm, *Jim Earp*, acoustic.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *the Rockaholics*.

Don Primo's Bolivian Restaurant, 9570 Murray Drive, El Cajon. 619-466-2912. Saturday, 8 pm, *the Rhythm Kings*, Latin.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Chess Set*, country.

Downtown Cafe, 182 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-5687. Thursday, *Guy Alan*, blues. Friday, *Lisa Campbell*, folk. Saturday, *Rising Star*, pop.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Altered Time*, rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El

Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

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Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, *Wishbone*, country.


Por Favor, 148 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-8228. Wednesday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *John Foltz*, acoustic rock.

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High Tide

For the past several months, printed flyers for the Marine Room's new weeknight tasting dinners have been blowing through my house like magazine subscription cards. Their contents made it clear that you don't have to be a millionaire to eat a millionaire's gourmet dinner. You can indulge yourself royally on Sunday through Wednesday nights for \$48.75, approximately the price of an SUV fill-up, half a clearance-sale cashmere sweater, or one sensible shoe. You might start, for instance, with the best lobster bisque you've never tasted before in your life...but I'm getting ahead of myself here.

Superstar chef Bernard Guillas has cleverly designed these dinners for a couple to have fun at the table. There are two appetizer courses with two selections for each, then choices from among three entrées and two desserts. A few dishes are unique to the tasting menu, but many are drawn from the regular offerings.

The "Signature" lobster bisque, for instance, is indeed a signature, the most distinctive "signature" bisque of all those I've tasted around town. Exciting with its unexpected complexity, it starts with a good, intense lobster stock, just lightly smoothed with cream, with enoki mushroom shreds afloat in the liquid. At the last minute, Guillas tarts it up a little with a splash of *yuzu* juice (from a Japanese citrus similar to grapefruit) — and instead of the customary cognac or sherry, he finishes it off with a surprise blast of fruitiness from a shot of peach schnapps. Alongside this masterpiece-in-a-bowl you get a crunchy, twisted cracker rich with *pepitas* (hulled pumpkin seeds). It takes not only creative brilliance but an unerring palate to think this up and to pull it off — but that's what makes Guillas one of the very top toques in town.

A hint of sweetness amid his savory confluence of flavors seems to be one of Guillas's culinary trademarks. It appears again in another taster appetizer, an organic spring corn and Redwood Hill goat cheese brûlée. If I were blindfolded, I'd mistake this for a dessert — a great dessert. A sharp, fruity note resembling pomegranate syrup is actually a dash of white port. The brûlée, served in a ramekin at the center of the plate, was surrounded that evening by four flavors: whole black figs; a soft, sweet mound of gingered peach; spicy greens dressed with "tupelo verjus," a honey vinaigrette with a fancier name. (Verjus — sour grape juice — was a medieval condiment that's just recently returned



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOEL KLEIN

to favor after half a millennium off the pantry shelf.) And hiding underneath the salad, an irresistible pecan tuile cracker.

But getting back to those flyers for the tastings: unfortunately, they named Thursday among the tasting nights. In reality, Thursdays through Saturdays, the bill of fare normally consists of the regular menu (which is available seven days), enhanced by three or four inspired, market-oriented specials noted on a photocopied, handwritten insert. And Thursday was the night I chose to eat at the Marine Room. When we discovered the truth, we decided that rather than turning tail and flouncing off to Denny's, we should just make the best of it.

Because the appetizer prices are so shockingly sensible, it turned out to be none too hard to put together our own scintillating three-course tasting menus for just two or three dollars more than the official version — still far less than you might spend for utterly mediocre meals at any number of local eateries.

Among the regular menu's appetizers is a

salad of warm sweetbreads with truffles, heaps of morels and pistachio oil, served with butter-braised white jumbo asparagus and a pile of *mache* (tender spring greens). The sweetbreads (they're the, um, thymus gland of a steer) aren't on many local menus, probably because they're "an acquired taste." They're perfect in both execution and quantity — with their soft-firm, slightly spongy texture and refined hint of "organ meat" flavor, they're a welcome break from routine when served in these modest quantities. As for white asparagus, it's one of those decadent Euro foods whose appeal escapes me. Cook it too

briefly and it's like twigs, but as soon as it gets chewable, it turns mushy. Freshly cooked, it tastes canned. I just don't get the attraction, but if it inspires Guillas to do something yummy with sweetbreads, I'll put up with it.

"Great Plains" buffalo carpaccio arrives with *piperade* (a sautéed sweet pepper medley) and a scatter of artisan grated cheese. The plate held four slices of raw bison cut so thin and pounded so tender, the meat fell apart at the touch of the fork.

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Buffalo tastes like the beef of your carnivorous dreams, but here its flavor is so mild, it's hard to distinguish it from normal prime cow fillet. But it was delicious, lightly doused with (unbilled) truffle oil and a clever glaze of Banyuls beet syrup — cooked-down Provençal red wine with sweet beet juice.

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to take a look around you. The Marine Room is right on the ocean, below the tide mark even when the surf is gentle. Windows on the water form one wall of the building, and at high tides the waves *slam* against them, as though you're out on rough seas. (For maximum kick, check the tide tables and schedule your dinner for a big surf night.) After dark, spotlights illuminate the water, highlighting the crests, and the seagulls and pelicans winging past; except for some banquet tables, almost every seat has a view. In the upstairs lobby, on the outermost wall near the tropical fish tank, you can see some old photos of one of several occasions when the waves actually broke through the windows. It was clearly a lot of fun for the bar patrons toasting the camera in ankle-deep water. The glass is much stronger now, and the floods probably won't happen again.

A recent renovation has spiffed up the dining room but has also brought a few small discomforts. Through some odd failure of common sense, the hostess seated our party in a cozy, dim little booth against the back wall. It would have made a romantic table for two or a chummy setting for three. But there were four of us — of a certain age and that age's certain spread — sharing the table with our four oversized menus, which could not be fully opened for perusal all at the same time in the allotted space. Also filling our booth past its limit was the sound of

our nearest neighbors, an all-male banquet of 12. While they were actually quite mellow in their modulations, the bounce of their voices against our booth walls brought to mind the hot-tub scene in Sam Peckinpah's *Wild Bunch*.

"Will this be the first restaurant you give four stars?" asked my friend Marty as we finished our meal.

"No, 'fraid not," I answered. "The cooking really is extraordinary — but just like the second star in the Michelin Guide, that final half-star involves creature comforts, too. And here we are squinched into this little booth, inundated by the din."

Most entrées are architecturally plated, with tall garnishes rising up from their centers — one dish, for instance, flourished a chivalric spear of lemongrass impaling a round of crisp lotus root. Several of them also sport little log bundles of veggies-in-bondage, green beans and carrot sticks tied together with a chive. (Don't worry, they'll be set free in another month or so, when the squashes march in to liberate them.) Although certain seasonal ingredients may reappear on several plates, each plate has its own specific flavor-enhancing accompaniments — often in combinations or with seasonings that would never occur to a more cautious or less imaginative chef.

The chef's "signature fish" is turbot, a delicate flatfish that takes on the flavors that accompany it. Arriving from the cold

Atlantic waters of his native Brittany, it's so costly to obtain here that the Marine Room makes no profit on this entrée; Guillas just likes to share this hometown species with his adopted people. He crusts it with chopped chanterelle mushrooms, tops it with a generous horizontal slice of toothsome Hudson Valley duck foie gras, and beds it among red fingerling potatoes. A white port truffle sauce turns it into

an "Oh, my God!" dish, salty and sweet and earthy all at once.

Wild king salmon is crusted, too, with sweet-tart pomegranate juice and crushed macadamia nuts. It arrives with soft, almond-dusted baby bok choy and a chewy, pleasing "multigrain timbale" — an Asian grain mixture (rices, barley, wheat) from 99 Ranch Market. The mixture is well drenched in a tangy kaffir lime butter perfumed with those cit-

ric Thai tree leaves, and it rises wholly above its humble origins. For a final fillip, there's a delicious little "beignet" (a fritter, really) of tempura-fried *honshimeiji* mushroom.

My favorite fish entrée that night was a special of Tasmanian steelhead trout. Steelhead is a coldwater river trout that turns into a salmon when it grows up and moves downstream to the ocean. Its flesh tastes, somehow,

both wilder and milder than any salmon species. This one is crusted with the subtle crunch of minced almonds and fennel pollen (the latest rage in haute cuisine. Costs a fortune to buy. Will grow in any back yard). The fish arrives with a luscious, uncut, roasted "green zebra" heirloom tomato, fingerling potatoes, a fling of huckleberries lightly sweetened with date sugar syrup, and — cradled in a lettuce leaf like a

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Cabbage Patch baby — a tiny pat of exquisite tamarind date butter. The final mystery ingredient here is Australian lemon myrtle oil, precious stuff usually used sparingly for massages.

Free-range veal tenderloin was tender indeed, sliced into ultra-thin, actually translucent medallions that you could have read through, had there been any writing on the plate. They were bathed in a Madeira reduction and scattered with a plutocrat's wealth of morels. The garnishes included a whole roasted black fig, a few small white asparagus spears, purple potatoes, and baby golden beets.

"This free-range veal really has flavor," said Marty. "I hate white veal, it has no taste."

"Or it tastes like baby formula..." said my boyfriend.

"Similac. For cows," said Marty, spearing another sliver of the happy calf.

The desserts are Guillas compositions, partly executed by Just Fabulous Desserts, a professional restaurant-bakery — but all the garnishing swirls, tuiles, cookies, and sauces are completed in-house. Most tend, however, to be either very sweet or quite the opposite. A huge

"Cobblestone Pie" (a coffee ice cream "mud pie" with chocolate nuggets and caramel sauce) is among the former category; it's on the menu as a tribute to its inventor, the late Jim Hill of Humphrey's, who worked under Guillas at the Marine Room for a while. An "organic lemon gratin" proved extremely tart. A "frosted Grand Marnier bombe" of Godiva chocolate-glazed vanilla-bean gelato with blood-orange-apricot marmalade, was just right — at least for my adult chocoholic companions. (The chef's own favorite is his strawberry-rhubarb torte, which certainly sounds like a good bet.) The espresso, both caf and decaf, is properly made, by the way, with a good, full flavor and a little foamy *crema* on top — a surprising rarity in these parts. It's a perfect ending to a brilliant meal.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Bernard Guillas grew up in a restaurant family in Brittany, on the Atlantic coast of northern France, and underwent the classic, rigorous apprenticeship training at several legendary restaurants there. Footloose and freshly trained, his first stop was a stint at a restaurant in French Guyana, followed by Washington D.C.'s Maison Blanche under former White House chef Pierre Chambrin. After five years as chef de cuisine at downtown's venerable Grant Grill, in 1994

he joined the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club family (which includes the Marine Room) as executive chef. Two years ago, I named him one of San Diego's "ten hottest chefs."

Lately, he's been teaching cooking at Macy's Cooking School and has been doing television-cooking gigs as well as traveling nationally and internationally. He regularly cooks at fundraisers, and seems to have an inexhaustible energy source. How, I asked him, does he manage to cover so much ground?

"When I was at the Grant Grill, executive chef Michel told me, 'Bernard, you will only be successful if you hire the best people to work with you, surround yourself with the best, and pay them well.' I'm executive chef here, salaried, but I do all the budgets, and I can decide the salaries for my staff. Luckily, I've always been able to understand numbers. Numbers are like cooking — they're both based on formulas."

He's especially proud of his smash-hit new tasting menu. "I always wanted to do a tasting menu," says Guillas, "but most of them are set menus with no choices. I was against that. I wanted to give people choices, so that everybody at the table doesn't have to eat the same thing. It's been a big success — which actually makes it really challenging for the kitchen,

because it's four courses.

"One thing I do that's very different from the other boys and girls — I do not hammer anybody with my appetizers. Many restaurants now have \$16, \$18 appetizers, and then they have entrées in the 20s, the same as us. It's ridiculous! You can come in here any night, and it's not gonna cost you 70 bucks; it's going to cost about the same as the tasting menu."

Guillas cooks with a vast variety of unexpected conditions from all over the world, and his cooking always tastes new and adventurous. "You search, you find, and you use!" he says. "But let's not forget — we have a lot of techniques and ingredients coming up now that were very much out there in the late 1800s. I'm reading right now about the change in cooking that went on right after the Middle Ages — how everything started to go so swiftly. I started to really read a couple of years ago. Before that I was too crazy, running around, but I'm going to be 40 September 6. Forty! I've become more interested in learning in depth about ingredients and the history of cooking. I get really excited by it; it's like a wealth of new knowledge coming to me.

"The Navy called me a couple of years ago," he said. "They wanted to put a program together to train submarine chefs. We

have trained about a dozen of them, and I've been on a submarine a couple of times. The kitchens are small, but they're efficient, and they have great equipment. And they're incredible bakers, who bake everything from scratch. It smells really good in a submarine! I'm working on a cookbook right now, using recipes for cooking on submarines, with notes on the side of other ingredients to make the dishes elegant and fun — but still easy. The book will be a history of submarines, too. And then I'll do another cookbook. In my computer here, my wonderful assistant Sara and I have already entered four or five hundred recipes, and they're already kitchen-tested. And I'm working on a new line of spices. I get calls offering me other jobs, but I love it here — the city, the people, and that we are still at an infant stage when it comes to cuisine.

"This morning I met with ten San Diego chefs who have all cooked at the James Beard House, planning a 'James Beard Out of House Event.' We did that last year, benefitting the families of restaurant staffs lost on September 11. This year, we'll use the proceeds toward a huge challenge: sustainable seafood in the world. We're going to be working with the Birch Aquarium. It's good for us to preserve the heritage of the planet, and it's important that we educate

our children about it.

"For every pound of shrimp, they lose six or seven pounds of by-catch! And don't tell me it's normal to have an 80-mile-long swordfish line! It hooks everything — the babies, the big ones, the seagulls, everything. And Chilean sea bass — in two or three years it'll be gone... You know why chefs really love that fish? Because it's foolproof. It's an oily fish, it's moist, so to overcook it, you really have to work to make it bad!"

Is farm-raised fish the answer? "Farm-raising fish also has so many problems, too. The challenge you have with farm-raising is, if one contaminated fish escapes and goes back to the ocean, it's going to contaminate the whole area. In the Columbia River right now, tons of salmon have been diagnosed with cancer. No one knows where it's coming from, and I won't buy any Columbia River fish because of this. And the shrimp farms in Thailand and Indonesia, they've destroyed all the mangroves. So what do we cook? We need to educate people to eat a lot of other fish that are plentiful but not known to the public very well. 'Nobody will buy it,' the other boys tell me — except if you spend the time to educate them. Everybody needs to get on the bandwagon and make this a priority." ■

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Ah, serendipity! I'm wandering up Grape Street toward 30th, come across this little tree-shaded piazza called Grape Street Square. A sign on wheels says Small World, Big Kitchen. People mill round, waiting to get in. Two groups sit at tables right here under what somebody says are tipuana trees. Smell of toast tickles the cool morning air. I peek through the window. See 12 counter seats, filled. Ah. I spot one to spare. Mr. Lucky 13th.

I flip through the door and squeeze in, between a guy chomping a bowl of fresh fruit and a gal with a yellow shirt and blue eyes making out with some scrambled eggs and big chunky potatoes. Jerry Garcia looks over her shoulder, a life-sized cardboard cutout. And across from Jerry, a wall filled with faces. Bill, Hillary, David Ogden Stiers, local politicians...

The crowd's arty, hearty, and all ages. Carla would love this. Everybody talks to everybody. "It's a vortex of energy here," says the fruit-eater, Robert. "With Judy, you find something you've lost. You're like an artichoke. She peels back the leaves. She finds the heart."

Turns out Judy's the one who's hugging all the customers across the counter. Robert says she's the self-proclaimed mayor of Golden Hill. Nobody argues, 'cause this is her place, she serves great breakfasts, and besides, she gave Whoopi Goldberg a job washing dishes here in 1981.

It slowly dawns on me that I'm in Liberal '60s Central. Somewhere, the Byrds sing "For everything, turn, turn, turn..." No shortage of bumper-sticker art on the walls. Like "Will Be President For Food." Or "Under Republicans, Man exploits Man. Under Democrats, it's just the opposite." Lois comes and serves me coffee (\$1.50 with endless refills). It's from Chiapas, naturally. Turns out Lois is a lawyer who simply loves working here weekends. Sylvia brings the menu. She's just back from a trip to Paris with Judy. Place feels like a club, not a restaurant.

The menu's — whoa — big, multipage. Not the cheapest. Mostly around eight bucks. So looks like we're catering to liberals who've kept the day job. But I see the plate-loads are generous. Guy from Oregon, Ernie, has two eggs over easy with a side of bacon and a pile of cottage-fry potatoes and a big glass of apple juice (\$8.90). A writer named Dean has waffles with fresh peach slices on top, along with bacon, potatoes, and two over-easy eggs (\$11.90). Robert's fruit plate cost him only \$3.50. But now I'm here, I'm hungry, and omelets passing by look too good. For once I make the right choice. I order the Avocado, Cream Cheese, and Chives Omelet (\$7.95).

Sylvia brings it just as the Byrds break into "Eight Miles High." Talk about high. I can honestly say this is one of the most deee-lish omelets I remember eating. It's that combo of cream

cheese and avocado. So great to pile on the fork with the pan-fried potatoes, the big-chunk homemade salsa, some crunchy wheat toast, and a good swig of coffee. Aaah.

Except it's hard to concentrate.

*"I eat soup and minestrone
Just to be with her alone
...Angelina."*

This guy sings away to a beautiful, willowy gal beside him. James Romeo. Musician. Plays sax in a *classical* orchestra.

"This is Angela. We're engaged." He looks at her. "Aren't we?"

"Do you sing too?" I ask Angela.

"I purr pretty good," Angela says. "But when I sing, most people want me to be a tenor. Like, 10 or 15 miles down the road."

Ouch. I'm in a one-liner minefield.

"There's too much sax and violins on TV these days," James says. "We're into tango. What a dance. One body, four legs."

Judy finally makes it around our side. She has a T-shirt with "WWJD" across the back. "Stands for 'What Would Judy Do?'" She hands it to my blue-eyed neighbor, Jay. "Thanks!" Jay says. "How many times have I said to myself just that?"

What's this? A Judy cult? "Oh sure," says Judy.

"I'm the Princess at the Center of the Universe. I'm more famous than Whoopi." She points to a sign that says, "Live well, laugh often, love much."

"That's us."

Seems Judy was an out-of-work social worker in the late '70s. She took a job here, dishwashing. (It was already the Big Kitchen. Place had first opened in 1932.) By 1980, Judy had taken over. She molded it into what it is today: a hotbed of happy liberalism and community activism and a refuge for comfort food. "We started the Fern Street Circus," she says, "sponsored the Grape Street Park Storytelling Festival, got the leash-free dog zone on Grape Street, drove the Miss California beauty pageant out of town...to Fresno! We started the Golden Hill Community Development Corporation..." She lists a zillion more. "Now, everybody [seeking office] comes here," she says. "I'm pretty sure you can't get elected if you don't."

On a more practical level, Judy warns me about the toilet (labeled "The Androgeny Room"). "A wild possum lives there. We never know when he's in."

On my way out, passing the Big Kitchen's big kitchen, I see a sign scrawled above sinks where two kids wash pots and pans. It's a felt-tip message from this town's most famous pearl diver. "My Area! Don't Paint This Over, Goddammit! Whoopi Goldberg." ■



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Poverty Weed

“The air, along with bacteria and fungi, will cook the pile and turn it from stinking, sludgy stuff into nice, black soil amendment.”

When Paul Bernier arrives in a vineyard, the first things he looks for are weeds. Bernier, a Sonoma-based vineyard sharecropper who specializes in the revivification of tired old grapevines, says that “you can see a lot about the soil just from seeing what kind of weeds grow” — if any. “I use the old saying, ‘If you can’t grow weeds, you can’t grow grapes.’ A lot of these old vineyards, you go out in the wintertime or early spring, and there are hardly any weeds growing.”

That’s a problem. “The life of the soil is in the weeds,” he says. “The weeds are a real indication of soil fertility. It’s something nobody uses enough. We go to great lengths to test the soil — we send it away and have it tested. But in reality, the weeds are testing it all the time.” As the old saying suggests, an absence of weeds is a pretty clear indicator; but some weeds bode better than others. “If you don’t have a certain amount of fertility, certain weeds won’t grow. I like to see mustard and wild oats. Bedstraw is not a good one to see. It’s a poverty weed,” one that grows where the soil is poor.

As a sharecropper, Bernier wants fertile soil and fruit-laden grapevines — the more grapes he can produce, the more money he makes. He’s not looking to dilute the fruit by overcropping, but he says he can sometimes triple production — from one ton per acre to three — without sacrificing the intensity that the wineries desire. “It

just takes feeding the ground, giving the vines nutrients.” It takes replacing the topsoil that was weeded bare by zealous farmers and washed off the hillside vineyards by decades of winter rains.

Just how to go about doing that took some figuring. “I started out farming the vineyards the way everybody else did,” using cover crops to replenish the organically starved soil and to prevent further erosion. “When you grow a cover crop, say, four feet tall, it’s not easy to get it back down and incorporate it into the ground unless you have a good

series of rains in the springtime — it needs moisture to rot. Once you lay it down and it’s in contact with the soil, microbes will start breaking it down. But if there isn’t enough rain, it doesn’t break down very fast. The majority of times, I don’t get it broken down; I end up with what looks like hay over the whole vineyard. It’s a mixture of straw and wheat stalk that’s blended in with the dirt, and it ends up making a matrix. When the rains come, the straw tends to deflect the water as it’s raining down and take some of the power out of it.” As a result, the drops don’t hit hard enough to dislodge the hillside soil. “Also, there’s a wealth of weed seeds” — them again — “in the matrix. After the first rain, the grass seed just jumps up; by the next rain, you’ll have one or two inches of grass growing across everything. That’s really what keeps your hillside from eroding.”

The first step was getting those four-foot cover

crops. “I started putting cover crops in without putting nutrients in. But the cover crops were hard to grow” in the depleted soil, “and I would see the rains come and wash my soil away. But if you initially put in the nutrients, and then your cover crops, the cover crops get big and you’re on your way.”

His solution was simple, if labor-intensive. “You’ve probably heard the old saying that an apple that falls to the ground is not necessarily wasted. The tree utilizes it again. The fruit falls right around the root zone, and what doesn’t get eaten by animals is going to rot right there. The nutrients are going to go down to the roots and enrich the soil for the next year’s life cycle. There’s very little that the apples need that isn’t in that fruit. Likewise, the nutrients that a grapevine needs are in the grape pumice” — the skins, stems and pulp that are left over after the juice is pressed out. That juice consists of “water, sugar, and some flavors and colors and minerals. But the pulp is really where the bulk of all the nutrients are. I put grape pumice back in the vineyard.”

Finding pumice in the winery-dense Dry Creek Valley is not difficult. “It’s too rich for water courses — in concentrated form, those nutrients will kill trees, they’ll kill grapevines, they’ll kill fish. I deal with a pretty big winery in the area — they have a problem with all their pumice, and I manage it for them. I pile it up in wind rows that may be four or five feet high, ten feet wide at the base and a hundred or two hundred feet long. Every two or three weeks, I’ll turn the compost over to reintroduce air into the pile. The air, along with bacteria and fungi, will cook the pile and turn it from stinking, sludgy stuff into nice, black soil amendment. It takes all winter; I cover it to keep the rains from leaching it out and polluting the water courses. In the spring- and summertime, I take it and spread it back on the vineyard. If you’re putting five or ten tons on an acre of ground, the ground can easily handle that amount.”

Once the soil has been amended, it’s ready



Mustard

for the cover crops. “I use bell beans and Australian peas and two or three types of vetch, plus a carbon plant like oats or barley. The stalky carbon plants give the vetch something to climb on and also give the soil a shot of green manure once they have been mowed down. Everything else is a nitrogen-fixing plant, actually taking nitrogen from the air and incorporating it into its roots in nitrogen nodules.” Together with the nitrogen in the pumice, those nodules eliminate the need for additional fertilizer. “Nitrogen must be part of the food chain. All the little microorganisms in the soil” — the ones that feed on both the organic matter and the mineral soil below — “must need that nitrogen. I don’t have any scientific training, so I don’t know exactly, but something’s happening. I can see the benefits. It’s a slow process,” says Bernier, but “three or four years can really make a big improvement.” ■

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BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity car-

ries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — E.W.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — E.W.

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or pan-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy

treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — N.W. (9/01)

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — E.W.

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with

crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

KARL STRAUSS' OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), downtown, 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available at one time. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it's fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — E.W.

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE 3906 Conroy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here

when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B. (4/02)

POPEYE'S CHICKEN & BISCUITS 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persone. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)

ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin' Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm-front thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like "Viva Bonita!" and "Work is for people who don't surf." The menu's big draw is the "big Baja bucket" (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled carne

asada, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tortillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens, crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and Oriental dressing in a cilantro tortilla. Open daily; Friday Happy Hour free buffet 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twiggs, Old Town, 619-260-0305; 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7550; 258 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside, 760-967-6199. — E.B. (9/01)

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STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp District, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

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come one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)

NORTH COASTAL

AMICI 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael (hosting) offer personalized, home-style renditions of diverse Latin American and Italian dishes, including house-made breads, pastas, and beverages. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. The bill of fare (about five choices for each course) changes nightly. (Groups of three or more can order sampler dinners with tastes of everything.) Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The signature dessert is a cloud-like Tres Leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. BYOB welcome; beer/wine license pending. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday; reservations very strongly urged. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

BIRD HOUSE GRILL 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, a pile of very fine-grained halved sausages (resembling soft-skinned hot dogs with Middle Eastern seasonings) dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

CAFE SEVILLA CARLSBAD 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

CAFE ZINC 132 South Cedros, Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho

Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table. Dogs are welcome. Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (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, complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available, as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

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.

LE BAMBOU 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. The peaked dining room has been refurbished and looks like a circular country inn. All-you-can-eat buffet brunch with all-you-can-drink champagne, mimosa, orange juice, and coffee. Traditional offerings include fried chicken. Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

PACIFICA DEL MAR 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Select the fresh fish prepared in the simplest manner and you'll do fine here. The setting and view remain delightful and the service excellent. Wok items available. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

PARIOLI ITALIAN BISTRO 647 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-honored tradition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli, leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — E.W.

What the Chef Eats

STUFFED TOMATOES À LA PROVENÇALE

BY JEAN-MICHEL DIOT

Executive Chef, Tapenade, La Jolla

This main course, Stuffed Tomatoes à la Provençale, and accompanying arugula salad with garlic dressing, perfectly inspires a laid-back, friendly dinner. This dish is a summer classic, not only on the French Riviera, but wherever you find good tomatoes, as we do here in Southern California. The secret is in the choice of tomatoes; they must be firm and ripe.

This dish is a traditional Provençal preparation that I helped my mother, grandmother, and aunts to prepare all through my childhood. The assortment of meats used

for this preparation can be improvised to variant tastes — the ingredients make the difference.

HOW TO DO IT

Cut the tops from the tomatoes. Using a spoon, remove the inside flesh. Add some salt inside the tomatoes and set upside-down to allow the water to drain out.

In a heavy-bottomed pan, warm 1 tablespoon of olive oil, add chopped shallots and garlic, and cook on a low flame until golden brown. To this, add the sliced mushrooms and cook until all the water evaporates and the mushrooms become

golden brown.

Combine the meat, rice, sautéed mushrooms, chopped parsley, Parmesan cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste.

Using a tablespoon, stuff the tomatoes with the filling in a fluffy fashion, making sure that the stuffing goes above the edges of the tomatoes. Cover each tomato with its top and place them in a gratin dish. Add the chicken stock and 2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil. Cook in a 375-degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes.

While the tomatoes



are cooking, spread salt and pepper in a salad bowl. Add mustard and vinegar and mix thoroughly, adding garlic and olive oil. Just before serving, place the salad in the bowl and mix it until evenly coated.

Serve stuffed tomatoes hot with the juice, and place a generous bouquet of salad on the plate. This recipe serves four and can be prepared in 1 hour, 30 minutes,

PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Maryland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — E.W.

ROSANNA'S DELI 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. The house-made sausages are juicy Sicilian-style classics of coarse-ground, fennel-seasoned fresh pork, and the bright-green frozen pesto is fresh and delicate. You'll also find frozen pizza dough and ravioli (with fillings such as lobster, wild mushrooms, or eggplant, as well as cheese), plus cold cuts, salads, and imported foodstuffs. Don't miss the *sfogliatelle*, a light, moist, faintly lemony multi-layered breakfast pastry. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and deli sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (5/02)

RUBY'S DINER 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build

an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, DEL MAR 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — E.W. (6/00)

SAKURA BANA 1031 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where

everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get two orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you've consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

SBICCA AMERICAN BISTRO 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — E.W. (9/98)

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)

VILLAGE MILL BREAD COMPANY 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — E.W.

VIVACE Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it's an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menu change

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What the Chef Eats

including cooking times.

While eating this preparation, the taste gets deeper by blending the flavors of the tomato, meat, rice, juice, salad, and vinaigrette. As you get to the end, a crispy baguette or country side bread will be helpful to catch the sauce and last pieces from your plates.

I advise drinking a chilled Rosé de Provence Saint-Tropez or a Côte du Rhône.

As always, Bon appetit!

INGREDIENTS

4 large ripe tomatoes of same size and shape
2 chicken legs, roasted or barbecued and diced
1/2 lb. roasted leg of lamb,

cooked medium rare and diced (avoid micro-processing the meat)
5 oz. of prosciutto, diced
2 cups of fresh porcini or white mushrooms, sliced thinly
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
4 shallots, diced with paring knife
4 garlic cloves, chopped
1 cup sun-dried tomatoes, diced
4 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped
2 lemons, juiced
2 oz. shaved Parmesan
2 cups long-grain rice, cooked
2 cups brown chicken stock salt and pepper
SALAD:
1 lb. baby arugula salad
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil salt and pepper

seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish. The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music. Go see the hotel. It's worth the trip. Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., dinners only. Expensive. — E.W.

WHEN IN ROME 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations of chicken, fish, and meat. Gorgeous presentation; loving service. A winner. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

WILD NOTE CAFE 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located adjacent to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, and burgers. The new chef adds luster to the new menu. Loving and attentive service. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

NORTH INLAND

ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (off I-15, between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo), 858-675-2225. The same recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more lovingly prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value and tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there's very basic rotisserie chicken. Then, there are parboiled "barbecued" baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these dishes is "Cajun" seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs),

dolmades, tyropita, and good goeey spanakopita. Although the salad dressings and tzatziki (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/01)

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handsome, once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang's creative Chinese menu has devolved into the cornstarch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the

greaseless beef egg rolls and the sublime soups. Venturesome "regulars" who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the current menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there's a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

LA TAPATIA 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltbaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of

the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woese. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road, Country Plaza Shopping Center, North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. "Elegance" describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. 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.

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

SAN DIEGO ARTISAN BAKERS 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

910 RESTAURANT Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400, www.thegrandedecolonia.com/nine-ten.html. In this lively, casual-chic dining room, Chef Michael Stebner shapes a constantly changing, luxurious menu based little on "luxury foods" and much more on inspired combinations of luxuriously perfect local, seasonal foodstuffs — clean, fine flavors that taste like themselves. Most items are available as either "small" or "large" plates, so it's easy to create your own tasting menu without breaking the bank. Pastry chef Jack Fisher creates the avant-garde desserts. Open daily, three meals; Monday (typically chef's night off) is a best bet, with Stebner usually on hand to cook for his peers. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Center Lane, Aventura complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crisp vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

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. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. Very noisy room and distracted service tend to make the experience more stressful than relaxing. Average steaks and chops, though nothing memorable. Popular "in" spot. Dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

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HOPS! BISTRO AND BREWERY 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy's), University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-587-6677. Hops! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

MAITRE D' 5523 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-456-2111. Two separate dining rooms, an elegant ambiance, and the presence of the owner himself (formerly with the Plaza Hotel in New York) contribute to a fine dining experience with faultless service. The half-lobster appetizer is a house specialty, and the rack of lamb and fresh fish are always outstanding. Excellent place for large parties and Russian specialties when available. Dinners only, Tuesday through Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday. Expensive. — E.W.

PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning presentations carry the day here. The extensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp receive special treatment. Open daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

THE PANNIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as beverages and sweets are served. It is a well-known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

ROY'S 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Chill out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which makes all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant (try the "Loess is More" with seafood). The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia, "Kahana" shutome (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

SADAF 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

TAPENADE 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork tenderloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs. Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — E.W. (7/98)

THE WHALING BAR La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. Now open after extensive renovation with an expanded menu. They offer their usual specialties, including paella. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

ZENBU 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

ANDRES' PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch Monday to Thurs-

day, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Good value here. Open approximately 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 9340-B Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Hazard Village, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastronomically a treat. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convooy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

PHUONG TRANG 4170 Convooy Street (at Balboa Avenue), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with off-white walls, black-and-red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Michelob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) are all here. The *chao long* (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hotpots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

SHEILA'S CAFE & BAKERY 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251, www.sheilas-cafe.com A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find

Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.B. (11/01)

THAI HOUSE CUISINE 4225 Convooy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-1800. Not to be confused with Thai House in Point Loma, this attractive and well-decorated Thai restaurant serves fine gourmet Thai specialties. Do try the Thai Boat filled with seafood. The appetizer prepared from ground shrimp and chicken is a delight. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

VIA ITALIA PIZZERIA TRATTORIA 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732, www.viaitalia.signonsandiego.com. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over Northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crust and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? Service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Noisy inside; heated patio dining for the fortunate. Park near the movie multiplex; restaurant is in "Food Court" near theaters. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate (pastas, pizzas, tasting menu) to expensive. — N.W. (6/02)

WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

THE BEACHES

ALFIERE Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/02)

BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street),

Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

CUCINA FRESCA 1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9490 or 619-224-9470. Here's a good place for very tasty Italian food at low cost. The lasagne Florentine is especially good and so are the chicken dishes. At least ten dishes available. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

HUMPHREY'S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577, www.humphreysbythebay.com. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

KONO'S 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

QWIIGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good sushi bar, sprightly salads, and fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service. Long flight of stairs to the dining room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAURANT 5049 Newport Avenue, Ocean

Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champion* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables and a swag of rice. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni*, *toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

THE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Street, Loma Portal, 619-223-8197. For bargain hunters who like vast portions and home-style Italian cooking, try this family restaurant. The pizza is marvelous. For entrées, try shrimp scampi over linguine or eggplant parmigiana. One dining room is partially outdoors. Complete menu to go. Reservations taken for parties of six or more. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Inexpensive (pasta, pizza) to moderate. — E.W.

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3 p.m.; breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

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reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Bert's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-wool-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

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.

JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisserie meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a beef lover, try the Texas burger served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Stay with beef here. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday for \$7.95. Call for hours. Open daily; lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson Avenue (corner of Arnel Avenue), El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but standard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive.

Sopaipillas, a deep-fried confection served with honey, are complimentary with meal. Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — E.W.

ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination plates which contain sesame chicken, tempura, and *gyoza* dumplings. The vegetable and shrimp tempura is outstanding. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

ASWAN 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell Street), La Mesa, 619-697-0361. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant "where the Mississippi meets the Nile." Most dishes are made to order, so don't expect to eat and run. Start with a sampling of Maryam Suliman's *Somalian sambusas* (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 taste the Big Easy in every bite of NOLA-born chef Patrick Kavanaugh's Louisiana dishes, including an unbeatable jambalaya, or you can opt for African specialties such as *tibsi*, *zigni*, *Somalian spaghetti*, or a vegetarian sampler. "All you can eat" weekend brunches offer items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats *halal* (Muslim-butchered). Lunch/dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch/dinner weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

BARNES BAR-B-QUE 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99

cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — A.M. (2/01)

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERICAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-3442, www.nativegrill.com. This place feels like someone's baronial country retreat. Since 1917, it has sat under a grove of California Live Oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create a pretty interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs' legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.B. (9/01)

CHARLEY'S FAMOUS HAMBURGERS AND KEBOBS 8312 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus

trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. — E.B. (12/01)

D.Z. AKIN'S 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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)

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 fra-

grant 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)

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Pony-burger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for — so get on down there and vote! Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

TOSHI SUSHI 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative.



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CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount), Talmadge, 619-563-3666, www.asmara-sl.com. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch *tsebbi derho* (known as *ye-doro wat* on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, *gored-gored* (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb *al'cha*, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider *zizil t'bsi*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that “hot” means seriously spicy). Vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Open daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (11/00)

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collar greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

IMPERIAL HOUSE 505 Kalmia Street, North Park, 619-234-3525. If you are close to Balboa Park, this is an excellent place for lunch. The special, which costs \$8.95, includes soup or salad plus hot entrée. For dinner try steak, fresh fish, Anna potatoes. Tableside service and a charming view of the park. In a separate room is the Mystery Dinner Theatre which includes dinner plus theater on Friday and Saturday (call for prices). Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Saturday; dinner theater, Friday and Saturday in separate

room; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3983 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), Talmadge, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (9/99)

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis Street), North Park, 619-291-4090. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced “daily specials” like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Weekday lunch, early dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word “Phoenicia” written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafra* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, North Park, 619-285-1635. This storefront café with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well prepared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, banana squash with spicy yogurt sauce. Lunch and dinner buffet of basmati rice with six toppings for \$6.49. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF INDIA 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest Cinemas complex, 619-298-3155. Don't miss the elegant food, the lovely setting, the loving service. Owned by the former proprietors of Monsoon. You will find the food subtle and sophisticated. This Indian restaurant is a blessing to our community. All-you-can-eat buffet lunch \$8.98 daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

COTTAGE CAFE & GARDEN GRILL 2321 Fifth Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071, www.cottagecafesandiego.com. 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 smidgens 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)

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. “Hearty Homemade Comfort Food” is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecilia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names

on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. “Matisse in Morocco,” Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider mousy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger (“aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese”) or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, uptown, 619-544-0940. Excellent, very fresh fish and seafood dinners are to be found here. The price of the entrée includes soup or salad. Best bet is the bargain-price per couple prix fixe dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. À la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add cachet to the evening. Open daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — E.W.

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue (at Normal Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203, www.sdinsider.com/auto_docs/dining/28235.html. 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, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad), featuring a very 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 jammy garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and the vegetarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based

“secret sauce,” *nam pla*. It doesn't help that 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 to 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)

MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A splendid place to order a feast for a large party (give at least four hours' notice). Banquet dishes include casserole soup, scallops in pepper, General Tso's chicken, and shrimp in Chinese sauce. New vegetarian menu with over twenty items. Imitation chicken, beef, and pork prepared from soy or wheat gluten. Entrées from the menu may be Americanized and are of average competence. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (7/98)

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (10/99)

PICASSO SPANISH RESTAURANT 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

SEVEN 1421 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0722. At this Southwestern American café you can easily make a meal from the first courses plus one of several salads. Pasta dishes are good choices. Smoked or grilled items include barbecue salmon, ribs, and skewered lamb. Venison chili or steak sandwich always a good bet. Pleasant atmosphere. Excellent service. Open nightly for dinner and Monday through Friday for lunch. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town, named after the most revered writer you've never read. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board

floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

ACQUA AL 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-0382, www.acquaal2.it. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. “Tastings” of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

ATHENS MARKET 109 West F Street, downtown, 619-234-1955. Surely the finest Greek restaurant in San Diego, and it's ideal before or after a cultural event. Lentil soup, Greek appetizers, salads, chicken, fish, and lamb dishes are first-rate and so are the desserts. It's festive for late-night dining. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Separate dining rooms for parties. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

AUBERGINE 500 Fourth Avenue (at Island Street), Gaslamp District, 619-232-8100, www.aubergineon4th.com. After its early awkwardness attempting to please all tastes, this restaurant has found its footing with a new chef and a shorter, more focused menu featuring light, rather sweet interpretations of Asian dishes, a scattering of Italianate flavors, and fine, smoky hardwood-grilled steaks and chops. Execution has improved, too, so that dinner here is no longer a gamble — you'll generally eat well, and if the food never startles you, it probably won't bore you either. On Friday and Saturday nights, the restaurant and adjoining theater turn into a huge nightclub filled with twenty-somethings; Saturdays, before the metamorphosis, there's an affordable three-course prix fixe dinner that includes the nightclub cover charge. Reserve for weekend din-

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BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. A welcome addition to downtown. Dinner only, from 5:00 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

CAFE 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp District, 619-231-8282. Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard'O in Rancho Bernardo) presides at this "find," a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some California touches. Everything's carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don't miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto. Desserts alone are worth the trip here: the classic warm apple *tarte Tatin* on a crackly-thin crust ... a pecan "cannoli" filled with a dense, satin-soft white chocolate mousse.... Full bar; below-average corkage for BYO wines. "Sunset special" three-course dinner is a bargain. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-234-5554. First sign that you've arrived in chipotle/chile country: the toddler-sized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingredients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish — melds into a pleasant whole. The blue cornmeal-crusted chicken salad, similarly well-conceived, is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajas, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared; sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (5/01)

DEMEDICI 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 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 spe-

cial 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 nightly. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT 407 C Street, 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. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

DUBLIN SQUARE 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-239-5818, www.dublinsquarepub.com. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

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 *inuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

FAZ 530 Broadway (at Sixth Avenue), Courtyard Marriott, Gaslamp District, 619-446-3040, www.fazrestaurants.com. Persian-born restaurateur Faz Poursohi, owner of several successful Bay Area restaurants, presents Middle Eastern- and Mediterranean-inspired dishes interpreted in clean, streamlined Northern California style and executed with rare precision. Wood fire is the star of this show, ranging from kebabs on a rotisserie to a brined, smoked pork chop that's an object lesson in how to cook today's pork. Don't overlook the starters, such as the definitive eggplant puree, the marinated peppers with Laura Chenel goat cheese, or the house salad of baby greens and walnuts in a vibrant pomegranate vinaigrette. But save a little appetite for the ethereal warm cheesecake dessert. Valet parking is \$5 at hotel entrance on Sixth Avenue just north of Broadway. Full bar, affordable wine list. Breakfast daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes.

Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crepes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

LA GRAN TAPA 611 B Street, downtown, 619-234-8272. Here is a good spot for a light meal, especially before or after a cultural event. Tapas, Spanish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is always fine. Try *tortilla española* (cold potato and egg "pie") and paella. Lively, casual atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W. (1/99)

LA STRADA 702 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-239-3400. The setting is lovely, but the Northern Italian food preparation may be uneven. Stay with pasta dishes and low-priced items. Open daily for lunch and dinner, continuous service; late hours weekends. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

MORTON'S OF CHICAGO 285 J Street, Gaslamp District, 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

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PETE'S QUALITY MEATS 1742-1/2 India, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ROYALE BRASSERIE 224 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-237-4900. Like a theme park for nostalgics yearning for bygone Bohemian Paris, Royale's eye-popping Art Nouveau decor re-creates a *fin de siècle* brasserie — but "re-creation" or no, it makes dinner a recreational activity. You'll find competent reproductions of French bourgeois classics — *escargots*, frogs' legs, *charcuterie*, et al. — with an emphasis on impeccable seafood. The newfangled yellowfin tartare is to die for, the Belgian-style mussels with *frites* to dive into, and the huge cold shellfish platters are to share

and to swoon over. To accompany the feast, the wine-by-the-glass choices are super-savvy. Often very noisy; heated patio; reservations necessary. Moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — E.W.

SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp District, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry.

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TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

TOP OF THE MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

TURF SUPPER CLUB 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

VINCENZO RISTORANTE ITALIANO 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181, www.vincenzoristoranteitaliano.com. The specialty at this tourist favorite (Texans are rife) is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the ziestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Easy parking a block east in lot on Columbia. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

AZZURA POINT Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations, with especial ingenuity in the appetizers. Along with the six-course "chef's menu," there's a reasonably priced five-course vegetarian menu showcasing fresh herbs grown in the resort's garden. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND CREPES 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

CAFE 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmos-

phere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALS. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce.... Breakfasts are forgettable — lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take-out dinner" menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/00)*

HANAOKA 1528-C Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-5173. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka's Japanese restaurant has the feel of those country inns you read about in a James Michener novel, with a sushi counter, lots of paper lanterns, and sunken tables where you can sit lotus-fashion or drop your legs in the space below. The luncheon specials are a great buy. Try chicken teriyaki and gyoza, with rice, salad, and miso soup. "Hanaoka" means "honest," and portions are honestly generous. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

IL FORNAIO 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *Sfilatino Con Bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *Bistecca Alla Fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *Penne*

Alla Sorrentina — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. *Pizza Puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Oh, and then there's that view. Go at sunset or on a Friday luncheon when Navy ships are coming home, sliding right past your table. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*

MCDINI'S 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

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. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

THE OLD BONITA STORE 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. The menu is strongly influenced by Baja Californian/Mexican cooking. The signature dish is the bucket of Baja-style lobster for two. The bucket includes slipper lobster tails, shrimp, grilled chicken, and carne asada, plus Caesar salad, rice and beans, and tortillas. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

VFW 557 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6917. You may have to get over the feeling you're intruding on a private club here, but boy, is it worth it! One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public is welcome" lunches are home-cooking at genuine Korean War prices. Mondays and Wednesdays it's burgers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Guess What?" days — typically, enchilada casserole, baked chicken or spaghetti, or a fried-rice dish that's full of good things. Two really tasty occasionals are liver with mashed potato and onions or chicken-fried steak with fried rice. First and third Friday nights of the month, outsiders are invited to join the weekly fish fry from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Check out the photos and memorabilia from wars fought from Siberia to Vietnam. Lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

TIJUANA

(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. 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.)

ANTOJITOS DEL PAIS 9750 Fraccionamiento America, Gobernador Balarezo (near Azteca Hotel), 686-2424. Hit at lunch hour, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and you'll find 22 waitresses and cooks serving you on the street, stirring huge steaming pots of soup, foot-high clay pots simmering with frijoles, and dark-brown ceramic bowls of meat simmering on the flames. This isn't TJ, it's Central Mexico. Some great choices include *bistek ahumada* (smoked beef) or *costilla de res* (beef ribs), *pollo en mole*, *lengua de res* (ox tongue), and *carne de cerdo* (pork), all around \$3, including soup, dessert, and pleasant culture shock. Open 24/7 except from midnight on Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

CHIKI JAI 1388 Avenida Revolución (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony

Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, *salchicha* (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *al la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

EL RINCON DEL OSO Location 47, Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey after-taste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

EL RODEO 1647 Blvd. Salinas, Tijuana, 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts, some cooked right at your table. The accompaniments are wonderful: an appetizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid — even a dessert is included in the price of the entrée. Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. *Vaquero* decor, wood-paneled rooms. Good value if you like beef. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente; turn left just before the twin high-rise towers, and left again, onto the one-way street, Blvd. Salinas. El Rodeo is on the right side of the street. Highly visible and easy to find. Moderate. — *E.W.*

FONDA ROBERTO'S La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, Tijuana, 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Portions are small, so two people may order three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up two blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road veers right. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA ESPADANA 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Río, 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.*

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Blazing Saddles — Leading off with fiery credits in the color of cheddar cheese and a whip-cracking parody of Frankie Laine's *Rawhide* theme song, Mel Brooks bursts onto the Western plains; but the terrain gives way, unpredictably, and opens up to allow any whim: a street brawl that spills across the Warner Brothers studio lot, onto a Busby Berkeley-ish musical sound stage, and into the employees' cafeteria; a lispy, lumpy Dietrich impersonator (Madeline Kahn), droning "I'm Tired"; and a camera-conscious villain (Harvey Korman) who tells his gang on the eve of his Waterloo, "You are risking your lives, while I am risking an almost certain Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor. Brooks, a modest fellow, never tries to push his nonsense into satire, although he freely kicks around a few steamy ideas about the bigotry in the American melting pot, the muscle-bound and cross-eyed blundering that goes by the name of Progress, and the clichés in Hollywood movies. He understands these ideas to be commonplace, basically, and settles for the comfortable satisfaction of doing the gags to a turn. And if in some stretches the comic invention seems to flag and to fall back rather desperately on bathroom humor and locker-room language, the excuse is the intention of



Blue Crush

always at least being uninhibited, which is somehow or other related to being funny. Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder. 1974.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ART, 9/5 THROUGH 7, 7 P.M.)

Blood Work — The original novel by Michael Connelly seemed to have been written with a movie in mind: one of those overblown, overheated thrillers whose villain is a taunting, string-pulling, game-playing archfiend of boogeyman dimensions. Clint Eastwood (cited, for unspecified services, in the book's acknowledgments) has made a better movie of it than might have been expected. It is a handsome one, for a start, clean and

polished, the first cinematography credit for Tom Stern, after a lengthy apprenticeship under Eastwood's regular cameraman, Jack Green, who had followed a similar path before he supplanted Bruce Surtees. But as a literary makeover (in the hands of Brian Helgeland, the man who did the laborious job on *L.A. Confidential*), any improvement must be laid to emotional flatness and half-heartedness. The shrill rhetoric on the page, the almost fire-and-brimstone fulminations on "evil," thus got toned down to the familiar Eastwood whisper. (Hardly the miraculous, water-into-wine, sow's-ear-into-silk-purse transmutation of *The Bridges of Madison County*.) If the actor himself appears old,

slow, tired, and short of breath, those qualities go well in the part of a retired FBI profiler — twenty years older than the one in the book — with a newly transplanted heart. He agreeably allows himself to be addressed as "Pops," to be manhandled by a strapping Russian immigrant, to be photographed with an inch-wide trench running lengthwise down his torso. And he keeps putting a hand to his chest, a quasi-Napoleonic gesture, in the manner of an overindulgent diner uncertain as to whether he's feeling heartburn or coronary. Along with all that, though, he lacks something in the way of oomph at the moments of major revelation. No one except maybe Jimmy Stewart, in the entire

history of American cinema, has been better than Eastwood at the silent articulation of moral outrage, disgust, disdain. To repeat: has been. Now, even the boogeyman cannot quite get his eye to widen or his lip to curl. With Jeff Daniels, Wanda De Jesús, Tina Lifford, Paul Rodriguez, Anjelica Huston. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Blue Crush — Can the local Hawaiian surfer chick bounce back from a near drowning, conquer her fear, and win the Pipemasters Contest at the same time as she romances a GQ NFL QB? Director John Stockwell, of *Crazy/Beautiful*, murmurs some feminist sweet nothings, but his PC lip service is overcome by a penchant for *Baywatch* montages and a severe case of the fidgets. *Wipeout!* With Kate Bosworth, Matthew Davis, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanoe Lake. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8, FROM 9/6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Bourne Identity — Those who had been backing Doug Liman as a vital new maverick director (*Swingers, Go*) will have their work cut out for them on this one, a middle-of-the-road adaptation of the Robert Ludlum best-seller about an amnesiac spy, previously made as a two-part TV miniseries starring Richard Chamberlain and Jaclyn Smith. Granted, Liman's cast has strong roots in the independent cinema: Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper, Brian Cox, Clive Owen, Julia Stiles. But that only accentuates the scent of the social climber: the

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“independent” who’s looking for a hook-up. For all its démodé denigration of the CIA as a band of dirty tricksters, the plotline is very much an ode to the superspy: far more Bond than Smiley. The hero doesn’t know he’s one of those, nor even know his own name, after he’s hauled out of the Mediterranean by subtitle-speaking fishermen, with two slugs in his back and a Swiss bank code implanted in his hip. His training, however, comes out in a twinkling whenever he needs it: one-man-army karate, human-fly climbing, Grand Prix driving, fluency in any language under the sun. He can even do a spot of women’s hairstyling for purposes of altering appearance. And the need arises often, because there’s an army of assassins on his tail, for reasons unknown, or anyway unremembered. Watching him extricate himself from one tight spot after another, you have to wonder how he ever managed to drop his guard long enough to get two bullets in the back and lose his memory. The answer, when finally it comes to him in flashback, reveals an incongruously, and laughably, soft heart. At that point, you have to wonder how he ever got the assignment to begin with. To give Liman his due, this is slick, sleek, fast entertainment, and he therewith demonstrates that he’s up to the task of big-

budget blockbuster filmmaking — if “up” is indeed the correct location of it. 2002.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12)

City by the Sea — True crime film with Robert De Niro, Frances McDormand, and James Franco, directed by Michael Caton-Jones.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/6)

Crop Circles — Quest for Truth — William Gazecki’s investigative documentary on the crop-circle phenomenon.
(KEN, 9/6 THROUGH 9/12)

Elling — Norwegian buddy comedy about a bond formed in a mental institution; directed by Petter Naess.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/6)

FearDotcom — Internet thriller with Stephen Dorff, Natasha McElhorne, and Stephen Rea, directed by William Malone.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA

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Gangster No. 1 — British underworld drama with Malcolm McDowell, David Thewlis, and Paul Bettany, directed by Paul McGuigan.
(HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 9/6)

Goldmember — Austin Powers, a decent idea for a skit, was overextended in his first feature film, and every subsequent sequel can only extend the overkill. There is already, in just the second sequel, a “Twelve Days of Christmas” feeling of picking up baggage as we go. (Did we really need to bring back Fat Bastard? Will we need, next time, to bring back the freckle-faced and flaking-skinned Goldmember?) Sure, the running time can be padded with peepee-poopoo jokes, and incongruous spoofs of rap music, blaxploitation films, *The Silence of the Lambs*, what-have-you. And suddenly our swinging superspy can develop parental-approval issues. But what has any of this to do with the original premise? The final revelation, via a Galaxy Far Far Away, should be enough to sour you if you weren’t soured already. On the plus side, Michael Caine, whose eyeglasses in his Harry Palmer roles were clearly one of the inspirations for Austin Powers, looks to be a smart choice for the hero’s father, though not without some sort of time-travel rationale, never forthcoming. (Was not Austin a full-blown adult in the Sixties?) And the sight gag of our hero atop Mini-Me’s shoulders under a janitor’s coat — a sharply tapering figure teetering around on tiny legs — is a sight for sore eyes. And the bit about subtitles partially disappearing over a white background was a bright idea,

albeit dimly, dirtily carried out. (Without scatology, the film would be held necessarily to skit-length.) And there’s one sophisticated line of dialogue, quoted here in its entirety if it will save you the bother: “There are only two things I can’t stand in this world. People who are intolerant of other people’s cultures. And the Dutch.” With Mike Myers, Beyoncé Knowles, Seth Green, Michael York; directed by Jay Roach. 2002.

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The Good Girl — Condescending gaze at low-rent Texans, principally the employees of a discount department store named Retail Rodeo. (A Southern accent continues to be condescension’s favorite weapon.) A useful proving ground, nonetheless, for the spoiled talent of Jennifer Aniston, underplaying the discontented wife of a pothead housepainter and the secret lover of a younger co-worker and would-be writer who calls himself Holden (his “slave name” is Tom) after the hero of *The Catcher in the Rye*. With John C. Reilly, Tim Blake Nelson, Jake Gyllenhaal, Zooey Deschanel; written by Mike White; directed by Miguel Arteta. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; COVE; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Importance of Being Earnest — Overfurnished production of the Oscar Wilde farce: so much artifice does not require so much circumstantiation. And

the jaunty, jazzy musical score is meddlesome at best, muffling at worst. (In any case it has not remedied the play’s sag in the second act.) But the good lines are plentiful, and people such as Colin Firth, Rupert Everett, Judi Dench, Anna Massey, and Edward Fox know well how to put them over. Not so much, however, Frances O’Connor or a lightly accented Reese Witherspoon, whose shared strategy relies on elevated eyebrows. Directed by Oliver Parker. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 9/6; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Lilo and Stitch — Disney cartoon with a strained and stretched and far-fetched premise, even for a cartoon. A pint-sized extraterrestrial, genetically engineered for deviltry, escapes to planet Earth, state of Hawaii, and bonds with an ostracized orphan. The movie spends a lot of time being “edgy” and anarchic, roughly up the alley of an old Warners cartoon, before it settles down to the traditional Disney schmaltz. Written and directed by Chris Sanders and Dean DeBlois. 2002.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Loved One — The satirical target (out of the Evelyn Waugh novel) is the deluxe American funeral, and the plan of attack is to swing hard and not worry whether the blow lands anywhere near the mark. The subject is sufficiently ticklish that a certain exuberant tension is maintained even when the swipes go wild, which is often. Seemingly every actor in Hollywood at the time of filming was involved in the project, although some of them were left in the cutting room. Several of the others survived quite triumphantly (Rod Steiger, Liberace, Jonathan Winters). And Anjanette Comer, alias Anjanette Newcomer, is nervously sweet and beautiful as Purity, Faith, and Fragility. Directed by Tony Richardson. 1965.
★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ART, 9/5 THROUGH 7, 9 P.M.)

Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat — You are already supposed to know, possibly from the comedian’s earlier concert film, *You So Crazy*, that the last word of the title is actually a contraction of three words: run, tell that. He does have some new things to tell since then: a couple of arrests and a coma. These haven’t caused him to (as they say) clean up his act, but perhaps to crank up his preachiness. Central theme: “Ride this motherfucker till the wheels fall off”; translation: “Live your life.” Directed by David Raynr. 2002.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Master of Disguise — A vehicle to showcase Dana Carvey’s skills as a mimic: an Indian snake charmer, a human turtle, an English dowager, a suave Scotland Yard inspector, Al Pacino in *Scarface*, Robert Shaw in *Jaws*, George W. Bush (not nearly as authoritative as his Bush, Sr., on *Saturday Night Live*), and — you have to see it to disbelieve it — a cherry-pie filling. Thinner than any of these disguises is what passes for a plot premise: an ancient Italian family, conveniently named Disguisey, that has mastered and refined the art of disguise, an inescapable legacy for the Jerry Lewis-y nerd who toils as a waiter in his parents’ pizza parlor. The outtakes strewn through the closing credits suggest that a lot of material got discarded before the movie was trimmed to its slight but nonetheless leaden hour and a quarter. (The hero’s prospective girlfriend is his harshest critic: “It was fun for, like, one second, okay.”) As vehicles go, this junker doesn’t. Jennifer Esposito, Brent Spiner, James Brolin, Harold Gould; directed by Perry Andelin Blake.
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would make more sense to cover the movie in the financial pages than in the entertainment ones. A recitation of components, amenities, selling points could reasonably take the place of a review. Both Will Smith and, after half an hour, Tommy Lee Jones are back, albeit with roles reversed — Smith the blasé veteran, Jones the bemused novice — until the latter's elective "neutralization" can be undone and his memory restored. Rip Torn and Tony Shalhoub are back as well, if that matters to anyone, along with director Barry Sonnenfeld and composer (but of course) Danny Elfman, whose surname seems to entitle him to a monopoly on such projects. There are also Lara Flynn Boyle as an extraterrestrial *femme fatale*, a quorum of computer-generated creatures of no particular originality (a giant worm who crawled over from *Dune*, etc.), and a wisecracking dog who speaks in the voice of a cartoon gangster. Gags are cranked out the way McDonald's cranks out hamburgers, indistinguishable from and interchangeable with their predecessors. That the movie runs barely eighty minutes (minus its closing credits) could likely be seen, in that light, as a Smart Business Practice tantamount to shaving an ounce off every Quarter-Pounder. As a work of creative imagination, on the other hand, it is pretty close to a total cheat. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 9/6; CHULA VISTA 10, FROM 9/6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER, FROM 9/6; HARBOR DRIVE IN, FROM 9/6; LA JOLLA 12, FROM 9/6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 9/6; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 9/6; SWEETWATER 9, FROM 9/6; VOGUE)

Minority Report — A Steven Spielberg vision of the future, via Philip K. Dick, with a legitimate science-fictional idea in it. The idea has to do with an experimental crime-prevention unit in Washington, D.C., in the mid-21st Century — the Department of Pre-Crime — whose task is to stop the murders foreseen by a co-ordinated trio of clairvoyants known as Pre-Cogs, soaking round the clock in a communal bath, in a perpetual twilight zone between sleep and wakefulness. They can't tell everything. They can't, for reasons brushed aside in a single snippet of dialogue, foretell any crime but homicide. And they cannot tell *where* the crime will occur, much less whether the Pre-Crime storm troopers will arrive in time to prevent it. They can, though, tell the names of the victim and perpetrator (neatly spelled out on little wooden balls dispatched through a pneumatic tube), and they can tell, to the exact minute, *when* the crime will occur. It's the detectives' job to view the mental images (stored somehow in those engraved billiard balls) and to figure out the scene of the crime before the literal deadline. The system seems to be fool-proof, until, at any rate, the Pre-Cogs spit out a perpetrator's ball inscribed with the name of the lead detective (Tom Cruise, in the military haircut of the first *Mission: Impossible*, and briefly, shadowed, in the shaved head of boot camp: what a trouper!), together with a victim's ball inscribed with a name the detective has never before heard. There must be some mistake. At around the forty-five-minute mark, the concern with issues (destiny, determinism, and the like) gives way to a concern with chases, fights, games of hide-and-seek, cheap plot tricks. (School's out. Playtime begins.) Well before that, even, the concern with issues has already had to jostle for space alongside a concern with various forms of spectacle: eye-assaulting special effects, elaborate set design, gizmos and gewgaws, smoky desaturated monochromed color. That's the price you have to pay in a Spielberg movie — and the price *he* has to pay as well. Never can he work on a movie without overworking it. Colin Farrell, Samantha Morton, Max Von Sydow, Tim Blake Nelson, Peter Stormare. 2002.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

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★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

My Big Fat Greek Wedding — Self-anointed "Frump Girl" meets Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see the beauty within. Only problem: he's not Greek. Nia Vardalos, scriptwriter and star, gets to unburden herself on her lineage ("My cousins have two volumes, loud and louder"), and at the same time indulge herself in an Ugly Duckling fantasy. It seldom rises above an ethnic sitcom, but the "personal" angle stirs sympathy. With John Corbett, Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Gia Carides; directed by Joel Zwick. 2002.
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Rendell thriller, about "Sy the photo guy" at SavMart, and his abnormal obsession with an outwardly perfect family whose lives he knows through their faithful patronage. It seems to be moving toward a conventional explosion of violence, and it is indeed conventional despite a little surprise in store at the end. (Very little.) Robin Williams, with a blond dye job, is no asset, broadcasting his creepiness at such a pitch as to alert any concerned parent or vigilant boss within a thousand miles. A respectable calling card, all the same, for music-video director Mark Romanek. With Connie Nielsen, Michael Vartan, Eriq LaSalle, Gary Cole. 2002.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Possession — Jamesian literary mystery in the vein of *The Aspern Papers* and *The Figure in the Carpet*. Two present-day scholars, an American male who specializes in a fictitious Poet Laureate to Queen Victoria and an English female who specializes in a lesser-known poetess known to be a lesbian, track down evidence of a secret affair between their two specialties, and strike a similar spark between themselves. You can imagine their

excitement as academic detectives, never mind as potential lovers. Yet you cannot really feel it, perceive it, sense it. (Even the rival treasure hunters from New Mexico can't turn up the flame.) Part of this might be traced to the casting of Gwyneth Paltrow, the Anti-Charisma, reprising her clothespin-on-nose British accent, and the unshaven Aaron Eckhart, who seems to say it all about himself when he assures his genteel hostess that he's just "a brush-and-flush kind of guy." Part of it, too, might be traced to the mere fact of adaptation to another medium: puncturing the literary airtightness of the A.S. Byatt novel and flooding it with raw, rough, washed-out illustrations. Whatever the merits of the novel, it plays on screen as little more than a soap story with highbrow pretensions, a paperback romance bound in Moroccan leather. Jennifer Ehle, the Pseudo-Streep, and Jeremy Northam, suave as ever, wear their costumes well in the flashbacks to the 19th Century, and in general carry off their roles better than their modern counterparts. ("You cut me, madam." "I only meant to scratch.") But the spectacle — the stunt — of the astringent, the acid Neil LaBute (*In the Company of*

Men, Your Friends and Neighbors, Nurse Betty) turning his attention to High-Tea Cinema is not so much broadening of his image as shattering of it. 2002.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12)

Road to Perdition — Inflated, arty, but satisfactory reworking of an old gangster-film formula. The sense of raising the bar (in the fashionable phrase) seems quite ostentatious at the outset, with its unmistakable evocation of *The Godfather*. These are Irish gangsters instead of Italian, and they are gathered for a wake instead of a wedding; but the sanctity of the family and the strict demarcation between home life and professional life are very much the same: the pistol that Pa unstraps and puts down on the bed before supper is not meant for the eyes of his eldest (named, in a further echo of the Corleone clan, Michael), for whom the father has higher hopes. The film never loses its air of grandiosity, of outgrowing its trimly tailored britches; yet it does find its stride, right around half an hour into it, as a ritualistic genre piece, a twice-told tale of underworld revenge — you hit me, I hit you back, and back, and back — set in motion when an inquisitive twelve-year-old, his imagination stoked by Lone Ranger dime novels, stows away in the rear seat of his father's car, to find out what the old man gets up to on those mysterious nocturnal errands. Director Sam Mendes, in his sophomore effort after *American Beauty*, unfailingly rises to the occasion in the scenes of violence, adopting a variety of approaches and vantage points to keep the scenes fresh, resisting the urge to charge into the thick of it. And although the anti-*Godfather* finale (at the end of a blessedly non-epic running time) may be a bit soft-hearted, even arguably self-contradictory, it doesn't really ruin anything. There's really nothing much to ruin. This is not, for all its striving, a "great" gangster film. But it's at least a genuine one, a generic one. Its ordinariness, odd to say, is its primary source of strength. The striving for greatness weighs it down as much as pushes it upwards. With Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Jude Law, Daniel Craig, Stanley Tucci, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Tyler Hoechlin. 2002.
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Sex with Strangers — Salacious video documentary on three swinging couples — well, two couples and one *ménage-à-trois*. It enables you to tag along and sample the "lifestyle" without any active involvement, though it's too unappetizing to serve as a recruiting film. The filmmakers, Joe and Harry Gantz, gain extraordinary intimacy with their subjects, not just for the bouts of sex, but for spats, negotiations, breast-implant shopping, and even a marriage proposal. You ought not be shocked to discover that swingers have a higher threshold of embarrassment than your own. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Signs — For all those who can believe in crop circles, and those who only wish they could, this is not the answer to a prayer. M. Night Shyamalan, the writer and director of *The Sixth Sense* and *Unbreakable*, certainly takes a serious approach. So much so that you might imagine the grim cast of characters labored under the impression they were in an Ibsen drama. There are reasons for that: the hero, played by Mel Gibson as a change from Bruce Willis, is a backsliding cleric whose wife was killed six months earlier in a roadside mishap, details of which are leaked out in dribs and drabs. In the end, the ponderous, portentous forward progress of the film, together with its charged atmosphere of Domestic Tragedy, proves to be, as it were, all approach and no (or very late) arrival; all heavy-handed foreplay and diminutive climax. Shyamalan

does not lack intensity or concentration, and he is capable now and again of touching a sensitive spot, prompting a tremor: the first glimpse of an alien appendage disappearing into a cornfield, or the attempt to get a look at the shadowy prisoner locked behind the pantry door, or the siege in the cellar illuminated only by flashlight. Unhappily, the filmmaker, more cursed than blessed by his *Sixth Sense*, seems more concerned now to be a spiritual leader than a mere storyteller. Somehow, when alien invaders descend over the entire planet, the crisis of faith of one grieving widower in rural Pennsylvania is apt to seem small potatoes, no matter how symbolic or symptomatic of all mankind. And the confinement of most of the action to the family farm — like some Roger Corman grade-Z science fiction of the late Fifties — is ultimately stultifying. To be sure, the portable television, whenever the strictly monitoring father (no longer "Father") allows his children to watch it, serves to widen the scope, at least in our imaginations: the proliferation of crop circles in India (too fast and far apart to be a conspiracy of hoaxers), the strange lights suspended over Mexico City, the network broadcast of a Little Green Man's cameo appearance in a birthday-party home video, etc. One of the TV viewers is tactless enough to remark, "It's like *War of the Worlds*." We wish! With Joaquin Phoenix, Rory Culkin, Abigail Breslin, Cherry Jones. 2002.

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Simone — Science-fictional Hollywood satire that just barely qualifies as science fiction: an embattled filmmaker (Al Pacino, having fun for a change) fires his female lead and substitutes a computer-generated cyberstar known as Simone, short for Simulation One. In a nutshell: "Our ability to manufacture fraud now exceeds our ability to detect it." The whole element of fraud — the director's refusal to come clean on his ruse, his erection of an inviolable Garbo-esque mystique around

his elusive "star" — causes problems of plausibility as the plot rolls along to additional film projects, a J.Lo-like singing career, TV interviews, and so on. But where plausibility suffers, truthfulness nevertheless thrives. The particulars of the premise — though it has been carefully set up and inventively fleshed out — do not matter as much as its reverberations. These extend into such fertile territory as the Hollywood teeter-totter of technology vs. art ("This is a classic case of technology in search of an artist"), the directorial ego (the Pygmalion complex, the Svengali syndrome, the Frankenstein mania), the eternal power struggle between director and star, the unchanging public preference for the visible puppet and indifference to the hidden puppeteer, the escalating frenzy of the press, the expanding dominion of computers, and above all, the illusory nature of whatever we see on screen. Writer-director Andrew Niccol, the writer and director also of *Gattaca* and writer only of *The Truman Show*, is certainly a man of ideas, less certainly a teller of tales. Although the whole thing sags by the end, it stays with you afterward. Catherine Keener, Evan Rachel Wood, Rachel Roberts, Winona Ryder. 2002.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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)

Spider-Man — Repulsively overhyped comic-book adaptation by Sam Raimi. (How would his lighter and livelier *Darkman*, of 1990, have been pushed a decade later?) The hype, which naturally took no notice of the actual product and its worth, is as *de rigueur* as the Danny Elfman musical score and the plasticky, elastic CG animation. It's just the way this sort of thing is done, and no room to wriggle. Even so, the advance misgivings of Spider-Maniacs over the pivotal casting of sensitive, vulnerable Tobey Maguire (*Ride with the Devil*, *The Cider House Rules*) prove to be not unfounded. Yes, yes, the premise of the piece — the boy who gets bitten by a genetically engineered superspider and infected with arachnid superpowers — is a metaphor of the adolescent-to-adult metamorphosis. And who better than Maguire to bring out the

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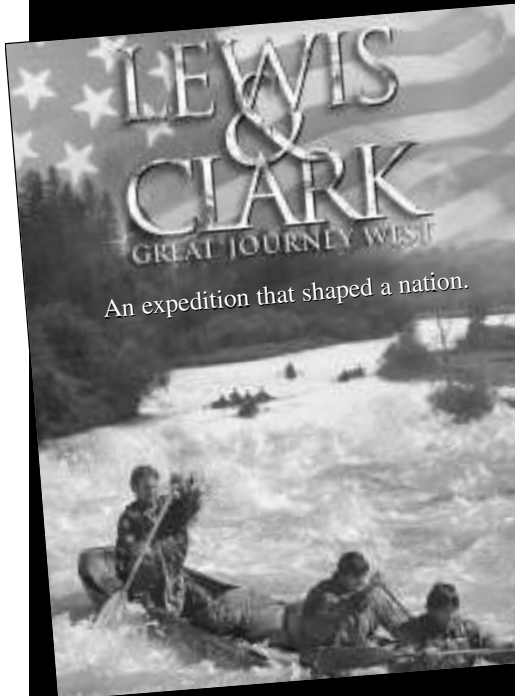
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human dimensions of the larval adolescent? Still, the movie lingers so long on the human side of the equation that it might have been better named *Peter Parker*. It truly is a Tobey Maguire movie more than a comic-book superhero movie. (Marvel of Marvels!) That's not altogether a bad thing in view of the actor's eccentric, *ritardando* sense of timing and his deadpan talent for hinting at a beehive of interior activity. Yet the urban Tarzan in the spandex bodysuit seems (when he gets the chance) a completely separate entity, a two-dimensional phantom in an alternate universe. And Willem Dafoe's Green Goblin, riding a sort of aerial surfboard, makes an unformidable and uninteresting villain: Batman's Joker reupholstered in metallic monochrome. Whatever thunder is available to be stolen is harnessed by J.K. Simmons (memorable as well in Raimi's *The Gift and For Love of the Game*) as the most jaundiced of yellow journalists. With Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Cliff Robertson, Rosemary Harris. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 9/6; CHULA

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Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams — The surprise success of the first *Spy Kids* has meant more money for the followup, more computer animation in particular. More money, more mess. Steve Buscemi (“I’m no loon”) shows up too late and too little to save the day. With Alexa Vega, Daryl Sabara, Antonio Banderas, and Carla Gugino; directed by Robert Rodriguez. 2002. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Stuart Little 2 — Cute, too. Too cute. This time the computerized mouse (not to be confused with the thing on your

computer mouse pad) makes friends with a computerized canary, secret cohort of a Fagin-esque falcon. The avian aspect opens the door to some palm-moistening moments of acrophobic torture. (A clip of *Vertigo* on TV points to the self-aware sadism of filmmaker Rob Minkoff.) The wholesomeness of the whole may be ninety-percent sham, but it’s still preferable to the smart-ass brassiness that threatens to tyrannize contemporary kiddie films. With Geena Davis, Hugh Laurie, Jonathan Lipnicki, and the voices of Michael J. Fox, Melanie Griffith, Nathan Lane, James Woods. 2002. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Swimfan — Teen suspense thriller with Jesse Bradford and Erika Christensen, directed by John Polson.

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Tadpole — The production banner over Gary Winick’s little coming-of-age

comedy — Indigent (or InDigEnt), acronym for Independent Digital Entertainment — is a commendable example of truth-in-labelling. Poor for sure. Needy indeed. An anemic, myopic image that gets ever blurrier with every inch of distance from the camera, and ever pastier with every inch of closeness to it. There is no great harm, though, nor great joy either, in the amorous antics of a precocious, Voltaire-reading high-school sophomore (Aaron Stanford), in love with his stepmother (Sigourney Weaver) and actually in bed with the stepmother’s best friend (Bebe Neuwirth, a sly scene stealer). The running time barely reaches an hour and a quarter, cutting short the tedium. 2002.

● (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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Bad Company (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:50) 9:40; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 5:50, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:50) 8:15, 10:30; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:10) 7:45, 10:10; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 2:15, 3:45) 5:00, 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 5:00) 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:20; **The Importance of Being Earnest** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:05) 7:00; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:20) 9:25; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:45) 8:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:30, 9:45; **Pos-session** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:25, 3:40) 7:15, 9:30; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30) 7:25; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10,

3:45) 7:05, 9:35; **Simone** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:30, 10:05; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 5:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 5:45) 10:15; **Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 9:50; **Undisputed** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:15, 5:35) 8:00, 10:15; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 2:20) 4:25, 5:15, 7:10, 7:55, 9:45, 10:30; Sun. (1:35, 2:20) 4:25, 5:15, 7:10, 7:55, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 2:20, 4:25, 5:15) 7:10, 7:55, 9:45

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

(1:20) 4:15, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:30, 10:05; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 5:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 5:45) 10:15; **Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 9:50; **Undisputed** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:15, 5:35) 8:00, 10:15; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 2:20) 4:25, 5:15, 7:10, 7:55, 9:45, 10:30; Sun. (1:35, 2:20) 4:25, 5:15, 7:10, 7:55, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 2:20, 4:25, 5:15) 7:10, 7:55, 9:45

Horton Plaza 14

457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Feardotcom; **Serving Sara**; **Enigma**; **Blood Work**; **Spy Kids 2**; **Signs**; **The Master of Disguise**; **Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat**; **Goldmember**; **Stuart Little 2**; **Lilo and Stitch**

LA JOLLA

Cove

7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404)
The Good Girl (R) Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
City by the Sea; **Swimfan**; **Spider-Man**; **Men in Black II**; **Feardotcom**; **Simone**; **Blue Crush**; **Possession**; **XXX**; **Signs**; **Goldmember**; **Road to Perdition**; **The Bourne Identity**

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
13 Conversations About One Thing (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Mon. (1:50) 4:30, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; **Elling** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **Mostly Martha** (PG) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri. 2:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40; Sat. 12:25, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:05, 5:00, 7:45, 10:00; **Blood Work** (R) Fri. 5:15, 7:55, 10:50; Sat. 5:50, 8:25, 10:55; Mon.-Thu. 7:25, 10:10; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; Sat. 12:00, 2:35, 5:20, 7:55, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:25, 7:20, 9:45; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; Sat. 12:15, 2:55, 5:35, 8:20, 11:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:35, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri. 2:15, 5:50, 8:30, 11:00;

Sat. 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri. 1:05, 3:10; Sat. 1:15, 3:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:55, 4:30; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:15; Sat. 12:30, 4:00, 7:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 2:10, 5:20, 8:30; **Possession** (PG-13) Fri. 2:40, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30; Sat. 12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:35, 7:30, 10:00; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri. 1:10, 4:10, 7:35, 10:25; Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Sat. 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:05, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri. 1:45, 2:35, 4:55, 5:25, 7:40, 8:05, 10:20, 10:55; Sat. 12:00, 2:15, 2:45, 5:00, 5:30, 7:45, 8:10, 10:25, 10:50; Mon.-Thu. 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:40, 7:15, 8:25, 9:55; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 5:00, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:25, 5:00, 7:00, 9:35; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri. 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:25, 10:45; Sat. 12:40, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:35, 8:05; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri. 1:15, 2:05, 4:05, 5:20, 7:10, 7:50, 9:25, 10:00; Sat. 12:20, 12:50, 2:35, 3:10, 4:50, 5:25, 7:10, 8:00, 9:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:50, 2:30, 4:45, 5:25, 7:05, 8:10, 9:30; **Undisputed** (R) Fri. 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:05; Sat. 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 2:35, 5:45, 8:00; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri. 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:35; Sat. 1:35, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
Sex with Strangers; **Thirteen Conversations about One Thing**; **Simone**; **Possession**; **Late Marriage**; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding**; **Sex and Lucia**

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
City by the Sea; **Swimfan**; **Spider-Man**; **Men in Black II**; **Feardotcom**; **Lilo and Stitch**; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding**; **Serving Sara**; **Simone**; **Undisputed**; **Blue Crush**; **XXX**; **Spy Kids 2**; **Signs**; **The Master of Disguise**; **Goldmember**; **Stuart Little 2**; **Road to Perdition**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
City By the Sea (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (2:30) 5:05, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:30) 8:00; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:10, 7:45, 9:55; Sun. (2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:25) 7:55; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (1:40) 5:10, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:20) 7:40; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:45) 5:35, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. (1:10, 3:35) 5:35, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:45, 5:45) 7:50; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:00) 5:55, 7:55, 10:00; Sun. (1:00, 3:00) 5:55, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:50, 5:50) 8:10; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (2:15) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:35) 8:05

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Crop Circles: Quest for Truth (Not Rated)

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
24 Hour Party People (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri. 1:20, 2:00, 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:35, 11:15, 1:20, 2:00, 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:20, 2:00, 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15; **Tadpole** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Blazing Saddles, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m.; **The Loved One**, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 9:45; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Feardotcom; **The Good Girl**; **Serving Sara**; **Simone**; **Undisputed**; **Blue Crush**; **XXX**; **Blood Work**; **Spy Kids 2**; **Signs**; **The Master of Disguise**; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding**; **Goldmember**; **The Country Bears**; **Stuart Little 2**; **Road to Perdition**; **Lilo and Stitch**

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
Blue Crush (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:40) 7:30, 10:00; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:50, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:45, 10:15; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:55, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:55) 7:55, 10:20; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 8:05, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:25, 5:45) 8:05, 10:30; **Possession** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 9:55; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 7:40, 10:10; **Simone** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:05, 9:45; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 9:40; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50,

space,” and so forth. There might be something to be gotten from the out-of-joint construction — a sense of the seeming randomness of the universe, the mysterious interconnectedness of all things, the surreptitious action of cause and effect, the endless recurrence of the pattern — but it’s hard to be sure you’re really getting it. Even so, the film is stronger on overall vision than on the fine points of dialogue and narrative. The former tends to sound “written” and artificial, while the latter tends to look contrived, uninventive, thesis-driven, illustrative. Somehow it’s not surprising to hear that the filmmaking sisters, director and co-writer Jill Sprecher and co-writer Karen Sprecher, acknowledge Bertrand Russell’s *The Concept of Happiness* as a “jumping-off point.” The economical, energy-efficient, no-waste performance of Alan Arkin as the consummate sourpuss, suspicious of anyone’s good fortune or good humor, so dominates the proceedings as to foment impatience with the alternating plotlines. (Despite the presence in them of such watchable players as John Turturro, Barbara Sukowa, Clea DuVall, Tia Texada.) The office milieu around Arkin — a tight-fisted insurance outfit — reminds us that the Sprechers had earlier collaborated on *Clockwatchers*. Their ambition since then has increased by leaps

10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:50, 10:05; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:35, 7:25, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:35) 7:25, 10:25

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45; **Bad Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 7:00; **Blood Work**

and bounds. Their charm has increased, too, by at least a hop and a skip. With Matthew McConaughey, Amy Irving, Frankie Faison, William Wise. 2002.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Photo

24-Hour Party People — Michael Winterbottom’s re-creation of the Manchester pop scene from the mid-Seventies through the Eighties: i.e., from punk to rave. Breathless, chaotic, self-consciously “postmodern” — which translates into raggedy, uneven visuals and a main character who addresses the camera with full knowledge of future events and full awareness that he’s in a movie (soon to be a DVD). This character — real-life TV personality and musical entrepreneur Tony Wilson, portrayed by comedian Steve Coogan — emerges as a real character all right, a little full of himself, given to exaggeration, an aspiring messiah, yet an earnest enthusiast. Shirley Henderson, Paddy Considine, Sean Harris, Danny Cunningham. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Undisputed — Walter Hill returns to the arena of his auspicious first film, the boxing arena, but this time inside prison walls instead of subterranean bare-knuckle

The Black and White version of the film, which is the version shown on DVD and Blu-ray.

Blue Crush (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; **Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 6:00, 10:45; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 4:45, 10:00; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:00; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Undisputed** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 3:45, 8:30; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennyry Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)

City by the Sea; Swimfan; Spider-Man; Men in Black II; Feardotcom; Lilo and Stitch; The Importance of Being Earnest; My Big Fat Greek Wedding; Serving Sara; Simone; Undisputed; Blue Crush; XXX; Blood Work; Spy Kids 2; Signs; The Master of Disguise; Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat; Goldmember; Stuart Little 2; Road to Perdition; Mr. Deeds

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)

Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:20) 7:55, 10:10; **Bad Company** (PG-13) Fri. 7:05, 9:40; **Blood Work** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:30) 7:20, 10:20; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:55) 6:50, 9:20; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri. (12:55, 4:05) 7:00, 9:30; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:15, 5:35) 8:00, 10:15; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:55, 5:15) 7:25, 9:50; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40) 7:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 3:00, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:40) 7:00, 9:45; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:00; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 1:15, 4:00, 4:15) 7:05, 9:45; **Simone** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:50) 7:45, 10:25; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri. (3:40) 9:15; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 3:45, 5:15) 7:40, 10:10; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 4:55) 7:10, 9:20; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:55) 7:40, 10:30

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)

Men in Black II; Stuart Little 2; Scooby Doo

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In

32nd and D (619-477-1392)

Spy Kids 2; Signs

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)

Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:15) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25; Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:35, 5:35) 7:55; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 5:45, 10:10; Sun. (1:25) 5:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (4:55); **City By the Sea** (R)



Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams

streetfighting. He has by now hit the age of sixty, a codger by the standards of contemporary Hollywood; Walter Over-the-Hill. And seeing as how he has come so far without ever once succumbing to the

The Black and White version of the film, which is the version shown on DVD and Blu-ray.

Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:00, 7:35, 9:55; Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:05) 7:35; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:45, 5:50) 8:00; **Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat** (R) Fri.-Sat. (3:35) 7:55; Sun. (3:35) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 7:50; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:10, 9:50; Sun. 5:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (5:30); **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:15) 7:30; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 7:15; Sun. (2:30) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:30) 7:40; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:05) 5:05, 7:05, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:25, 5:20) 7:20; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 3:45) 5:40, 7:45, 9:45; Sun. (1:45, 3:45) 5:45, 7:40, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:55, 5:55) 8:05; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:00) 7:45

NORTH INLAND BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)

City By the Sea (R) Fri. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 5:15, 7:45; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri. 12:30, 2:45; Sat.-Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

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Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:35) 7:40, 9:50; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri. (2:05) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 4:55, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:55) 7:25, 9:45; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri. (2:00) 5:05, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:05, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:35, 10:00; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:40, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:15, 5:40) 7:45, 9:50; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:00) 5:00; Sun. (1:05, 3:00) 5:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:00, 5:10); **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:25) 7:55; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding**

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lures of fashion and prestige, the important thing at this point would seem to be to finish out his career without tarnishing the achievement of *Hard Times* (that first one), *The Driver*, *The Warriors*, *The Long Riders*,

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POWAY

Poway 10

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Blood Work (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 10:15; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Simone** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15

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Streets of Fire, *Extreme Prejudice*. This low-profile, low-tech action film will not do that. Nor will it do any more. Hill holds the *de rigueur* rap music to a tolerable minimum, but he can nonetheless be faulted for inflationary rhetoric in putting the reigning heavyweight champion behind bars on a rape charge (not that that in itself taxes credulity; we all know whom Hill is thinking of), where he can be matched up against a lifer who ten years earlier was a ranked heavyweight himself and is currently the undefeated Inter-Prison champ. There’s nothing much doing until the fight, in fact so little that the ninety minutes must be filled out with pre-­prizentiary flashbacks and archival prizefighting footage. The outside champ (Ving Rhames) intermittently punches someone to prove who’s the Big Dog (“I ain’t no punk-ass rapist!”), while the inside champ (Wesley Snipes) turns inward in solitary confinement and constructs a miniature pagoda out of toothpicks. No time is wasted on drumming up sympathy for either one of them, nor excitement over their nonstop, no-style slugfest. The movie is lean to the point of starvation, tough to the point of unchewability. Peter Falk, Jon Seda, Wes Studi, Michael Rooker. 2002.

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Flower Hill 4

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Blood Work (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 5:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 1:00, 5:30; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Possession** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Tadpole** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 3:30, 8:00

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Encinitas 8

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Barbara Kendall
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Marissa Mansfield
Child Development Specialist
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I think it's a commercial from last year. I haven't watched TV for months; I've been in the mountain working at a Christian camp this summer, and we don't have TV there. It's a commercial for one of those rice bowls. They show you someone popping the bowl in the microwave and a couple making out; that's all it is. What do rice bowls have to do with this couple? It just annoys me.



Leo DeLeon
Software Application Engineer
College Area

I like the one with the black guy who dances in his underwear. I think it's Fruit of the Loom or maybe Hanes. I think he has a website — aboutvaughn.com. That's where you can see him. He was on *Jeff & Jer* recently.



Michelle Denayer
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I'm working too much; I don't have time to watch TV.

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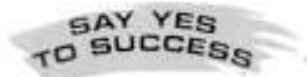
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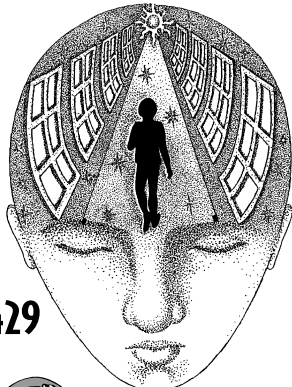
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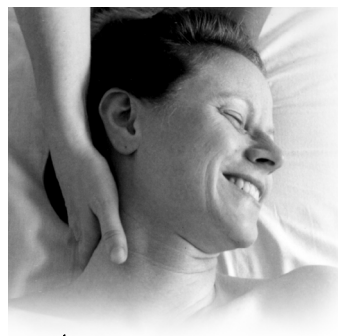
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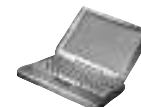
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AUDITIONS. "Not Now, Darling," Lamplighters Theatre, 8053 University Avenue, La Mesa. Monday/Tuesday, 8/23-8/24, 7pm. Callbacks Wednesday, 9/25. Cold readings or a prepared monologue. Roles: 6 females, early 20s-60+; 5 males, mid-20s-60+. Performances 11/15-12/8. For further details call 619-464-4598 or visit www.lamplighters theatre.org.

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- Schumer's predecessor as New York senator
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 - Basis of some Italian food
 - "_____ a Teen-age Werewolf"
 - Mao _____tung
 - Dope
 - Cubs slugger Sammy, et al.
 - Health resort
 - New York University's _____ School of the Arts
 - He hit 536 home runs
 - Grammy-winning King
 - Stephen of "The Crying Game"
 - Ring bearer, maybe
 - Poor movie rating
 - Something to announce after "Ahoj!"
 - Italian article
 - Last word of "America, the Beautiful"
 - Makes watertight, say
 - Catastrophe averted by Homer Simpson
 - Leo Rosten's "The Education of _____ K*A*P*L*A*N"
 - Quebec's Festival d' _____
 - Country with a five-sided flag
 - Paul or Mira of Hollywood
 - Cable network
 - Theater award
 - There's one in 17-, 31- and 48-Across
 - Small boat
 - Opposite SSW
 - Mason's material
 - It's 60% Buddhist
 - Ends of some games, for short
 - Tampa neighbor, informally

- Down**
- Govt. divisions
 - Spanish warning
 - Places for mice to meander
 - It has a curved blade
 - Genteel affair
 - Black-and-white swimmer
 - Person who takes it away
 - Walked fancily
 - Get the pot going
 - Paul Simon's "Slip _____ Away"

- Make a seam
- 1930's public works prog.
- Serena, to Venus
- Insurer's calculation
- _____ glance
- Andy's partner on the radio
- River deposit
- Super bargain
- Radiator sound
- Driven groups?
- Discontinue
- Polo, for one
- It may fold out
- Irk
- What old enemies may do
- Today, so to speak
- [Ho-hum]
- Clair de _____
- Casual, and others
- Stands in a studio
- 6, on a phone
- Something that might be caused by accident?
- Suffix with neo- and zoo-
- "My Heart Skips _____"
- Peter of "Casablanca"
- Ashcroft's predecessor at Justice
- Units of electrical resistance
- Olive of the funny pages
- Call from a pen
- _____ Jima
- Auction offering
- Franco-Swiss collagist Jean

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.

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- Of the 79 entrants, 71 were correct. The winners are:
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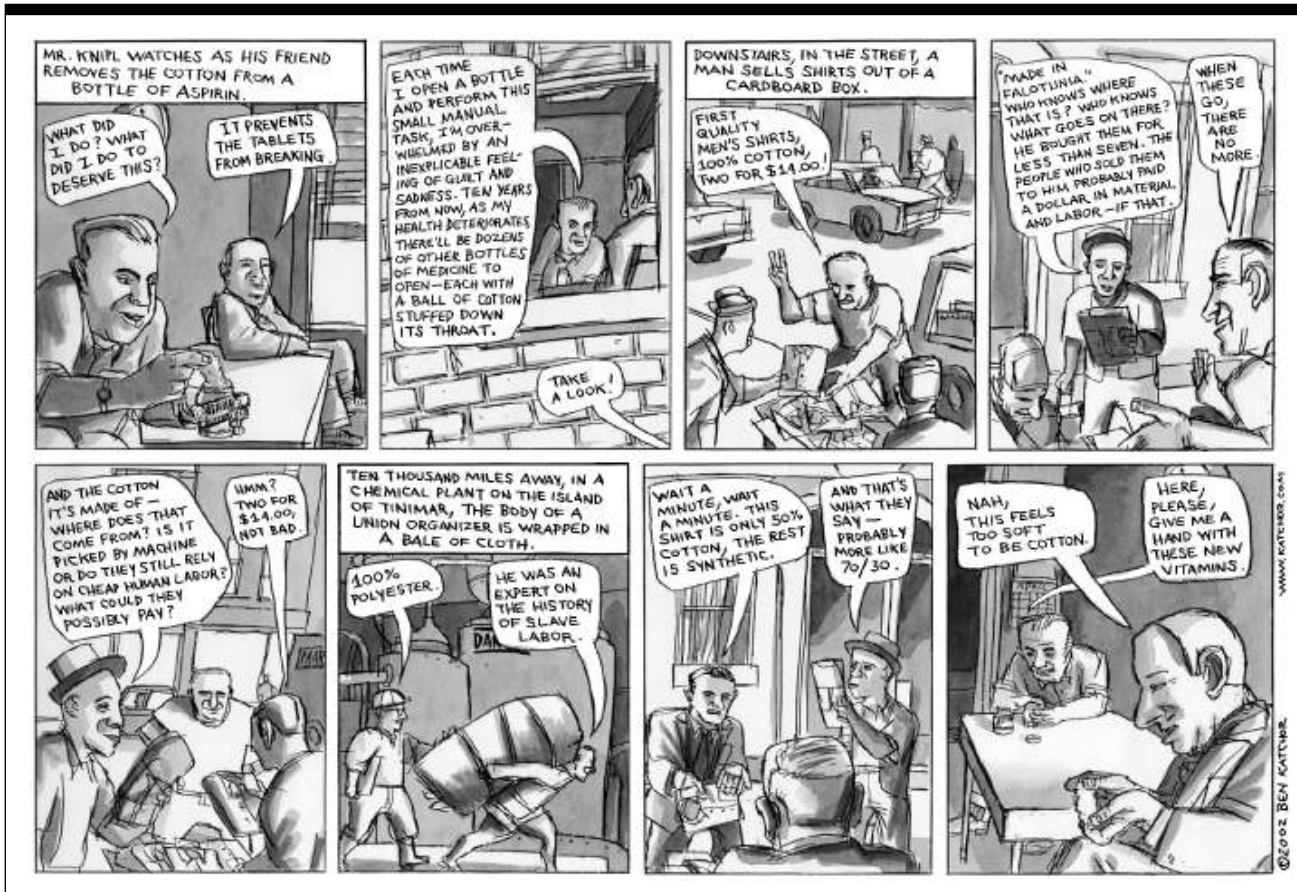
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HEY GUYS, I'M 60ISH— just a number, not my attitude. I'm youthful, energetic, secure, intelligent, affectionate, have many interests. Looking for fun, honest relationship. Nonsmoker. (9/18) ☎34247

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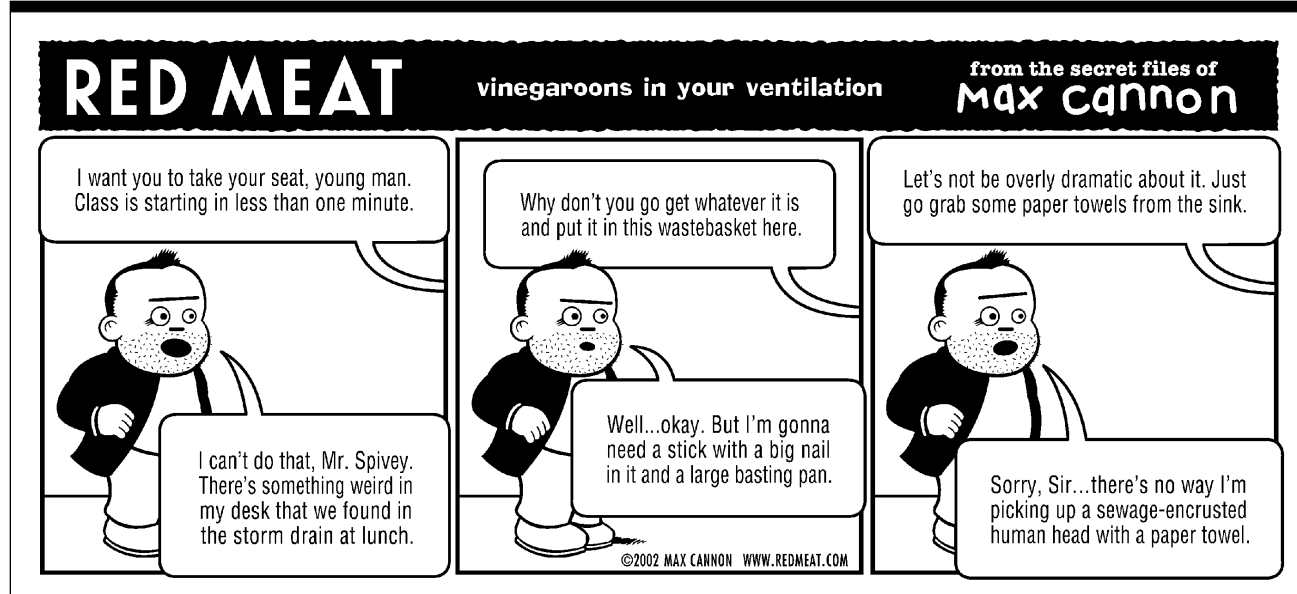
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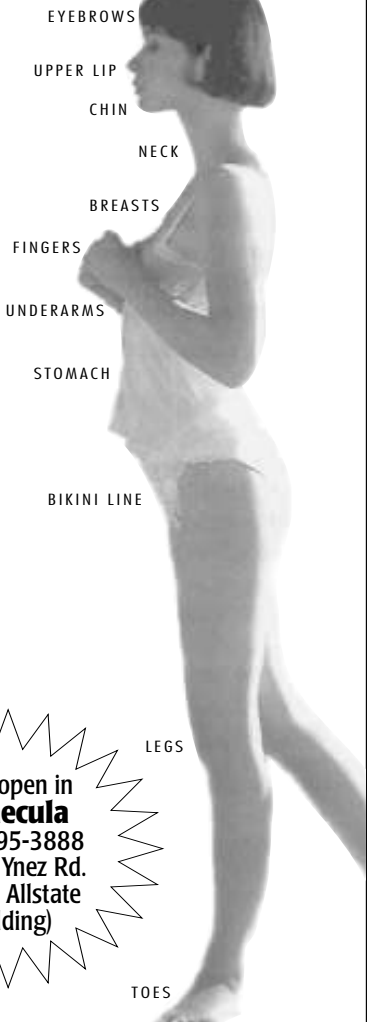
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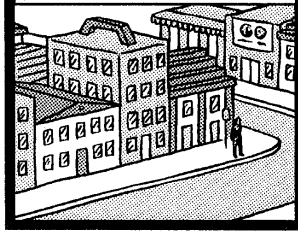
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FLETCHER HILLS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with den. 2-car garage. All appliances including washer, dryer. \$2000. 1087 Hacienda Drive. Great view! 2300 square feet. Like new! Agent, 619-229-2440.

GOLDEN HILL. 2 bedroom \$900/1 bedroom \$800 restored Spanish building in the heart of Golden Hill. Both have brand-new kitchens, bathrooms with Octillo tile floors and Berber carpet throughout. Small patios. Pets OK. No expense spared. Half month's rent security. Open 9am-4pm, M-F. 2528 C Street. 619-741-3511.

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GOLDEN HILL. Large studios/1 bedrooms, just renovated. Hardwood floors, skylights, laundry. Near Balboa Park/downtown. Small pets OK. \$775/up. 1944 C Street. 619-804-0115.

GOLDEN HILL. Studio \$650. 1 bedroom \$750. In gated community. Lush landscaping, patio and balcony. 2 laundry rooms and barbecue area. No pets. 619-255-3874.

GOLDEN HILL. \$650. Small 1 bedroom apartment. Second floor. Laundry on site. Borders south Morley Field with view of park. No pet. 2434 A Street. McKee Asset

Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautiful new interior with wood floors. Small pet OK. 619-236-0008.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$2350. Three bedroom, two bath, two-story vintage home with a bonus room, hardwood floors, built-in cabinets, fireplace, claw-foot bathtub, large closets, panoramic view, two-car garage, fenced backyard, even a white picket fence and screened porch. Dogs will be considered. Please call 619-501-5109.

GOLDEN HILL. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Hardwood floors. Berber carpet. Granite counter tops. New tile. Laundry. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$595. Upstairs studio in restored Victorian. Hardwood floors. Full kitchen. Lots of windows. No pets. No laundry. On street parking. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. Studio, garden setting with private backyard with fire pit, across from Balboa Park, spacious unit, laundry room. 2775 "A" Street #1. 858-234-9550.

GOLDEN HILL. \$700 studio in 1920s building. Great downtown view, hardwood floors, clawfoot tub, large closet. Excellent sunlight. Quiet secure building with laundry. 2035 Broadway. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. \$695. Studio. Wood floors, built-ins, tiled kitchen and bath, clawfoot tub, walk-in closet. Pet OK. 619-231-6960.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. 1 bedrooms with character. Hardwood floors, tiled kitchen and bathroom. No neighbor above. Clean, quiet property with laundry. 2426/2417 Broadway. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$795. Gated, parking, laundry. Large bedroom and bath. 3030 Broadway. 619-243-4000 x0.

HILLCREST, NORTH. \$850. Nice 1 bedroom cottage. Stove, refrigerator, hardwood floors, yard, must see! Pet OK. Contact Vitale Property Management at 760-746-3080 or page 619-965-7575.

HILLCREST. From \$775. Studios, 1 bedroom apartment homes in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated to capture your distinguished taste and style. Controlled access buildings. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated, efficient management team. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Nightingale Apartments, EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. Italian Heights. \$775. Ground floor studio home. Secluded, quiet duplex. Partly furnished, laundry, parking, views, gardens. Low ambient noise, spectacular birds and flowers. 619-296-2963.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 baths plus den area, garage and yard. Granite countertops, fireplace, all appliances. Very nice. New construction. 619-296-2787.

HILLCREST. \$950. 1 bedroom. Park view. Quiet, charming building. No dogs. Access to roof garden. Large closet. Laundry. Gated building. 536 Maple Street. www.palomarapts.com Tom/Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. \$695. Studio. Quiet, charming building. No dogs. Large closet. Laundry. Gated building. New carpet/paint. 536 Maple Street. www.palomarapts.com Tom/Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. \$725. Completely renovated, upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Gated courtyard, laundry, off-street parking. No pets. Nonsmoking. 4011 Florida Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom Craftsman house. \$1895. With gorgeous hardwood floors throughout and fireplace. Large dining room and laundry room. Near Mercy Hospital. Drive by 4185 Fourth Avenue, then call 619-447-6556.

HILLCREST. \$1700. Large, secure 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with fireplace, balcony, washer/dryer, parking. Walk to everything. 1 pet OK. 619-795-6083.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. New paint and carpet. Parking. Laundry on site. 3960 First Avenue. Boone Properties, 858-274-0307. 619-296-4572.

HILLCREST. \$935. 1 bedroom with garage. New paint. Mirrored closet doors.

Verticals, air conditioning, ice maker. Private patio with storage closet. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-280-4693.

HILLCREST. \$620. Giant, newer studio, near park. Murphy bed, large closet. Gated entry. Beautiful garden. Pool. No pets. 3563 6th Avenue. 619-298-5602.

HILLCREST. \$875. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Close to all. Barbecue area, dining room, arched doors, laundry. No pets. Available 9/24. 3835 Third Avenue. www.cal-prop.com. 858-483-3534.

HILLCREST. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Lots of storage. Quiet, gated complex. Near all. Fireplace, balcony, laundry hookups. No pets. 3677 First Avenue. 619-295-9206.

HILLCREST. \$775/up. Studios and large 2 bedroom in the heart of Hillcrest with canyon views, pool, laundry rooms, assigned carport, community barbecue. Near Mercy Hospital and bus. No dogs. Sleepy Hollow Apartments, 4201 Sixth Avenue. Centre City Property Management. Call manager, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. \$1195-\$1295 plus deposit. Two 2 bedroom, 2 bath units. Garage/parking. Available 10/3. On-site laundry. New carpet and paint. 3672 Georgia. Call after 10am for appointment. 619-542-0708.

HILLCREST. \$950-\$1200. 1 and 2 bedroom cottages. Hardwood floors, breakfast nook, kitchen, laundry facilities, street parking. No pets. 1807-1821 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/flooring. Assigned parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 3820 Georgia. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$825. Upstairs, 1 bedroom, dishwasher. New refrigerator. Recently upgraded. Gated underground parking. Near all. 3829 Georgia Street #9. Call Karen, 619-574-6909.

HILLCREST. \$1295. 3 bedroom, 2 bath in gated building. 1-car garage. Dishwasher. Tiled kitchen and bath. Laundry. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

HILLCREST. \$650. Clean studio apartment, pool, laundry, gated complex. No pets. 1810 Cypress. Agent, 619-295-6005.

HILLCREST. \$990. Spacious 1 bedroom upper. Newly remodeled. Controlled entry building. Available now. Walk to shops and bus. No pets. 3924 Fourth Avenue. Manager, 619-297-6659.

HILLCREST. \$895. Studio. Cute Spanish style cottage. Great location. Stove, refrigerator. On-site laundry. Utilities included. Small pet allowed. Call for appointment, 619-291-5555. www.utoipiamanagement.com.

HILLCREST. \$950. 2 bedroom, newly remodeled, garage. Quiet area with view, secluded in greenery, extra storage space. Near all. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

HILLCREST. \$1995. Remodeled, all new 2 bedroom, 2 full bath. Uptown District condo. Pool, spa, gym, convenient to all. Garage parking for 2 vehicles. No pets. 1260 Cleveland. 619-980-0125.

HILLCREST. \$725-\$1050. 1 and 2 bedroom homes, walk to everything, great freeway access. Also, cottages available. Hardwood floors, laundry, balcony, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

HILLCREST. \$625. Studio available. Best location, hardwood floors, laundry. Free utilities, kitchenette, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

HILLCREST. \$1015. Private cottage-like 1 bedroom in charming, small, Spanish-style property with laundry facilities. Hardwood floors and 9 foot ceilings. Garage available. Georgia Street location. Available mid-September. Call 619-298-1961.

HILLCREST. \$585. Studio, utilities included. Cozy

HILLCREST. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Controlled access. Off-street parking. 1233-1241 Essex. www.sunrisemgmt.com. Call Brandy, 619-299-7760 or Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. Studios and 1 bedrooms for October availability, \$650-\$875. at the Casa Grande, 1751 University Avenue. Also available October: fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment in Banker's Hill, 40' balcony overlooking canyon, hardwood floors, garage, \$2400 includes utilities. Call after Labor Day, 619-299-7727. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST/DOWNTOWN. \$825. Studio, 450 square feet. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 650 square feet. Available 8/25. \$1425. 2 bedroom, 950 square feet. Available 8/15. \$1650. 2 bedroom. Available 9/10. Premier location. Laundry. Courtyard. Near Balboa Park, shops, bus, entertainment! Pets welcome. Park Boulevard Apartments, 3525 Park Blvd. 619-692-0461. www.sdreader.com/rent/1087.

HILLCREST NORTH PARK. \$800. 1 bedroom. Fireplace. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Security gate. Newly refurbished. No pets. 4224 Florida Street. www.palmtreearealty.net. 619-276-7835.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL \$1225. Beautiful and large 2 bedroom with hardwood floors throughout. Old world charm in great neighborhood. Laundry. Nonsmokers. No pets. 858-492-8745.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1225. Adorable 2 bedroom apartment with hardwood floors. Triplex with cozy house feel. Laundry. Nonsmoking. No pets. Long term only. 858-492-8745.

HILLCREST/DOWNTOWN. \$685. Studio. Quiet. Utilities paid. Security building. Laundry. 2142 5th Avenue. Agent, 619-260-1368.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 825 square feet, quiet courtyard, corner downstairs unit, big closets, view, laundry. Available 10/1. 4025 Alabama. 619-294-8737.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1995. Stunning, huge (approximately 1500 square feet) vintage Craftsman 2 bedroom nonsmoking duplex. Hardwood floors. Formal dining room. Parking. Courtyard. Laundry. Cat OK. 619-299-4769.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in new, small art deco building, just remodeled, contemporary. 1-car parking, laundry, all appliances. 4057 Brant Street, just north of Washington. Open Saturday/Sunday 12-4pm. Available 10/1. Call 619-840-MOVE(6683)

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$895. 2 large 1 bedroom apartments. Hardwood floors. Parking. Laundry. Patio with barbecue. Quiet. Close to all. Nonsmoking. Cat OK. 4525-4535 Cleveland Avenue. Frank, 619-295-4270.

HILLCREST/BALBOA PARK. \$850. Lower 1 bedroom. Indoor cat OK. Street parking. Near downtown/bus. 345 Laurel. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$835. Large 1 bedroom. Small gated courtyard complex. Laundry. Garage parking available. Cat OK. 4009 Georgia. Open Sunday 1pm-3pm. 619-255-5614.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Excellent location. Coin laundry, off-street parking. No pets. 4066 Albatross. Resident Manager, 619-692-1837.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1260. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, carpet, verticals, stove, refrigerator, newly painted, parking. No pets. Available now. 4568 Cleveland, #1. 619-297-3109.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$895. Deposit \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, condo building with underground parking, in a garden setting. 4155 Georgia Street, #107. 619-297-7662; 858-273-8800.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1790. 4 bedroom, 3 bath house on cul-de-sac. Dogs OK. Huge yard, ample parking. 1164 Ivy Lane. Available October 1. 619-301-8654.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$850. Newly decorated, downstairs 2 bedroom apartment. Small fenced patio and laundry room. 717 Boulevard Avenue #H. K & R Properties, 619-690-0196.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$665 to \$795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, quiet, dinette area, large closets, storage, laundry. No pets. Available 8/22. 1472 Iris Avenue. www.callprop.com 858-483-3534.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1595. Condo at the Pier, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1/4 block from the beach. Ocean views, fireplace, laundry in unit, security parking. Move-in 9/15. 152 Evergreen Avenue. Open Sunday 12-4pm or call 619-840-MOVE(6683)

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1495. Front unit, ocean view townhouse. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, separate floors. 2 secured parkings. Fireplace, laundry. Available now. 152 Evergreen #1. 619-913-5192.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. Lush landscape, pool, parking. No pets. 1149 Grove Avenue. Manager, 619-585-1959.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in well-maintained garden setting. Laundry, pool, parking. No pets. Resident Manager, 619-575-0778.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Fenced yard, fireplace, pets OK. Fee: Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$685. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath, refrigerator and stove, custom kitchen. Near ocean. Easy move in. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$950. Deposit \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large unit, off-street parking, laundry on site, big balcony, lots of storage. 1085 12th Street #G. 619-424-5416. 619-843-8168.

KEARNY MESA. Handyperson: One month free rent! Renovate and create office with living space for yourself. No smoking/drugs. 2 parking spaces. Quiet. \$1000. 858-576-2273.

KENSINGTON. Duplex. \$1250 house at 4617 Kensington Drive #2. Available October 15. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1100 square feet, washer/dryer, new stove and refriger-

erator, dishwasher, air conditioning, two assigned parking places, no garage, limited yard, no dogs. Quiet complex of three houses. Joe Carta Realty, 619-280-1800.

KENSINGTON. \$775. 1 bedroom with attached garage. Newer building in nice centrally located area. All amenities. No pets. Call 858-456-2098.

KENSINGTON. \$1500. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Hardwood floors, fireplace, skylight in dining room, intimate backyard. No pets. Nonsmoking. 4480 41st Street. Agent, 619-686-8950.

KENSINGTON. \$1100. Large, charming 2 bedroom apartment. Gated complex. New paint. Secluded courtyard. Minib-linds, new Berber carpet, laundry. Pet considered. 619-583-2717.

KENSINGTON/TALMADGE. \$950. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. New carpet and vinyl. Washer/dryer included. Fireplace. Carport. No pets. 4444 Highland Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790.

KENSINGTON. \$625. 1 bedroom apartment. Parking, laundry, new carpet. No pets! 4344 Van Dyke #5. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836 x14.

LA COSTA. \$3600. 4 bedroom, 3 bath in La Costa Villages. 3500 square feet. Built in 2000. Spa, large yard, highly upgraded, 3-car garage. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

LA COSTA. \$1300. 3 bedroom, 2 bath in quiet community. New carpet. Cats OK with deposit, no dogs. Assigned parking. Available 9/1. Gunney, 760-943-7590.

LA JOLLA COLONY/UTC. Up to \$1000 move-in special! Select homes, restrictions. Xtreme living meets... Xtreme luxury. www.Xtreme-Living.com. Crown molding, Pergo, new appliances, washer/dryer, more. Cybernet Cafe. Pools, spas, jogging trail. Pet friendly! 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1405. La Cima, 7503 Charmant Drive. Toll free, 1-888-372-6243. www.sdreader.com/rent/1054.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. \$2400. Large 1800 square foot, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, spa/tub, pool, air conditioning, washer/dryer hookups, double garage, elevator. Small pet OK. 7555 Eads Avenue. 858-456-0406.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. \$2250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Best location, close to shops, beaches. Partially furnished, washer/dryer, beautiful courtyard, quiet, gated, 2 underground parking. 619-265-2828, 619-818-1188.

LA JOLLA, BIRD ROCK. \$1850. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, Fabulous location, ocean/mountain views, security building, tandem garage parking, elevator, jacuzzi, Available now. Charles, 858-454-3023 or 858-488-0587.

LA JOLLA, WOODLANDS. Large executive 1 bedroom trilevel townhouse, attached garage/storage. All appliances including washer/dryer. Pool, spa, sauna. \$1395. Available 9/14. 972-304-3260; 214-621-0962.

LA JOLLA, WINDANSEA. \$1100, utilities included. Cottage studio, full bath, patio. Peaceful area, pretty garden, parking, high ceilings. Near beach and walking trail. 858-220-6699; 858-274-4982.

LA JOLLA. Studio. Full bath, kitchen, walk-in closet, dresser drawers/shelves, laundry. Block to beach, bus, restaurants.

\$1095-\$1375/month, includes utilities. Cable ready. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA. \$2950. Great neighborhood. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage, yard, all appliances. Pets? Agent, 858-922-3311.

LA JOLLA. Call for move-in specials! Indulge yourself! Resort-style living! Villas of Renaissance. Lush gardens. Resort style living! 4 pools/spas. Fitness center, saunas. Massage therapist. Personal trainers. Pilates, kickboxing. Step aerobics. Clubhouse, big screen TV. Great social activities. 5280 Fiore Terrace. 888-218-0377. Visit, web site: www.sdreader.com/rent/1051.

LA JOLLA. \$3850. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. 3050 square feet. 2-car garage. 2 blocks to Windansea. Family room with ocean view. Winamar Avenue. Pets OK. Available now. Boone Properties, 858-274-0307.

LA JOLLA. \$1575. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse in Woodland South. 2-car garage, all appliances, fireplace, community pool. Pets on approval. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

LA JOLLA. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Includes utilities. Apartments in the village. Laundry. Verticals. Available 9/6. 7575 Eads Avenue. 858-459-1102.

LA JOLLA. \$1995. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Available mid-September. Ask about our 1 and 2 bedrooms too! 5130 La Jolla Blvd. Call 858-488-3471.

LA JOLLA. \$825-\$1150. Studio with new carpet, studio with ocean view and 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool. Steps to beach. Laundry room. Security parking. No pets. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-456-1432.

LA JOLLA. \$2695. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, garage, fireplace, hardwood floors, quiet, washer/dryer hookups. No pets. Available now. 5836 Beaumont. www.call-prop.com. 858-483-3534.

LA JOLLA. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story condo, attached 1-car garage, washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, balcony. Common pool/spa. Available now. 8320 Via Sonoma. Tyco, 619-425-1017.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, block from beach, alley entrance, private yard, patio, street parking, laundry room. 1-year lease. No pets/smoking. Available 10/1. \$2575. Appointments, 858-454-3140.

LA JOLLA. \$1200 (negotiable). 1 bedroom, 1 bath furnished with view, month to month. On beach. Available now. No pets. Long-term unfurnished possible with credit check. 858-456-2984.

LA JOLLA. \$2000. Refurbished 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, separate dining room, yard. No pets. 625 Marine Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, charming Windansea cottage, upstairs. Wood floors, fireplace, laundry, peak ocean view. Utilities included. Available October 1. 858-459-0251.

LA JOLLA. \$4500. Charming 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath in La Jolla's best neighborhood. Ocean view. Beautiful yard, wood floors. Lease. 5827 Bellevue. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4200 x110.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath near Bird Rock. Upper unit with ocean view. Controlled access, coin laundry, 2 parking. 5530 La Jolla Blvd. Open house 9/7, 1:00-2:00pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in excellent location. Coin laundry, parking. No pets. 337-1/2 Prospect Street. Manager, 858-459-8242.

LA JOLLA. \$950. Charming bungalow 1 bath. Patio, storage space, refrigerator and stove. Near ocean. Quiet area. Secluded in greenery. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

LA JOLLA. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Pets ok. Washer/dryer, fenced patio. Prestigious complex overlooking pool. Fireplace, tennis courts, underground parking. Charge. 858-751-1497.

LA JOLLA. Studios with carports. Great deals! 1/2 block to surf. Laundry, pool. Call 858-536-1900 or 858-454-1397.

LA JOLLA. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath large, lower plus garage. Duplex. Near Windansea. Do not disturb. 7064 Vista del Mar. John A. Reis and Company. 858-272-1348.

LA JOLLA. \$1550/month. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Patio. Fireplace. Parking. Laundry. Block to Windansea.

No pets. Lease through June 2003. 858-459-8943.

LA JOLLA. \$1150-\$1195. 363 Playa del Sur. 1 bedroom. Laundry, controlled access, only 1/2 block to the beach! Newly renovated community and apartments. 858-270-5500.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 2 bedrooms 1.5 baths Quiet, bright, upstairs, newly renovated, balcony, greenbelt view, great location, pool/spa, private park, 2 carports, \$1500. 858-458-9190.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1545. Sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo featuring a fireplace, air conditioning, washer/dryer, oversized 2-car garage, new carpet and paint. Please call 619-501-5109.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Up to \$1000 move-in special! Select homes, restrictions. Xtreme living meets... Xtreme luxury. www.Xtreme-Living.com. Enjoy new appliances, washer/dryer, faux granite countertops. 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1190. Gated parking. Pools, spas, fitness center. Cats welcome. Nobel Court, 8895 Caminito Plaza Center. Toll free, 1-888-372-6228. www.sdreader.com/rent/1037.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. 1 bedroom. 1 bath plus loft. Beautiful custom penthouse unit with 18 foot ceiling. Slate floors, granite fireplace, washer/dryer in unit, newer appliances, winding staircase to loft. Central air/heat, tennis, barbecue area, pool. Gated community, secured parking. Must see to appreciate! Available 9/15. 3998 Nobel (Villa Europa). Agent. www.cephron.com. Ask for Monica, 619-295-1100 x111 or 619-733-3372.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. \$1890. 1500 square feet! 2 bedroom, den, 2-1/2 bath 3-story townhouse. 2 car, washer/dryer, pool, fireplace. 3216 Caminito Eastbluff. www.geocities.com/luxurycondosd; 858-922-0900.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace. Excellent location, quiet complex. Available now. 858-571-4858.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1295. 1 bedroom with fireplace plus parking. Block to beach. 338 Rosemont. Open house 9/7, 11:30am-12:30pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA MESA, NORTH. \$725. Very large 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. All new carpet, appliances, paint. Air conditioning, pool, laundry and parking. Excellent condition. A must see! 858-694-3473; 619-401-9314.

LA MESA. \$1600. Beautiful and spacious 2.5 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-car garage. Washer dryer. Very quiet neighborhood. No pets. Close to freeway. 619-251-1649.

LA MESA. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Patio. Dishwasher. Blinds. Intercom entry. Laundry. Pool. Off-street parking. Available 9/6. 4311 Parks Avenue. 619-460-5406.

LA MESA. \$695 plus utilities. 1 bedroom, 1 bath guest house in quiet neighborhood. Views from living, dining and kitchen, private laundry. Please call 619-600-9657.

LA MESA. \$1275. 3 bedroom, 2 bath built in bookcase, ceiling fan, custom kitchen hidden in greenery. Quiet street. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

LA MESA. \$1575. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. New paint, pool, spa. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

LA MESA. \$800. Charming 2 bedroom unit, close to parks and shopping. Also, a few cottages available. Utilities included, dishwasher, pool, gated, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

LA MESA. \$1195. Utilities included, hardwood, ceramic tile flooring. Cats ok. Garage parking. Charge. 858-751-1497.

LA MESA. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, air-conditioned apartment homes. Close to lovely parks and shopping centers. Enjoy quality, comfort and convenience at a price you can afford at Vista Amaya. Call us now at 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1035.

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LAKESIDE. Marilla Sundance Apartment homes located in scenic Lakeside. We offer spacious 2 bedroom, 2 full bath approximately 931 square feet. From \$900-\$975. Dogs/cats are welcome. Dog must be 40 pounds or less. Cats must be indoors. Two pet maximum. \$200 off move-

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LAKESIDE. 2 bedroom, 1 bath from \$925. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Yard. Balcony. Assigned covered parking. Quiet gated community. Pet policy. 619-561-7086.

LAKESIDE. \$900. Deposit \$950. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit in small complex. Pets welcome, dog run on property. Near park. Laundry on site. 1 parking space. Available 9/20. 12633 Lindo Lane #D. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

LAKESIDE. \$675, utilities included. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, parking. 12718 Mapleview Street. www.cephron.com. 619-295-1100.

LAKESIDE. 2 bedroom condo, \$700. Available now. No Section 8. No dogs. Pool, carport. Must see! Upper end units. Rehobed! 9737 #32 Wintergardens Boulevard. www.ajprop.com. Call 7 days, A&J Property Management, 888-294-9822.

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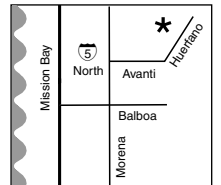
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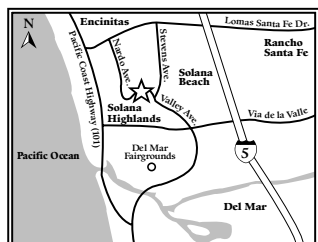
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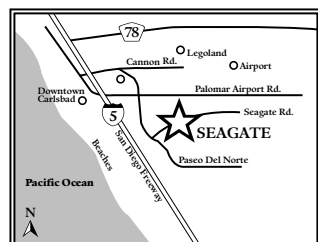
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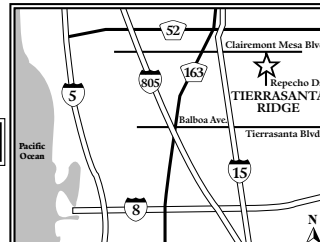
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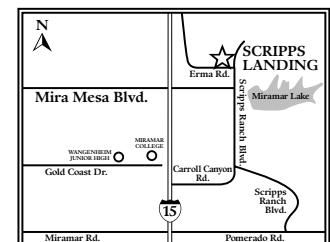
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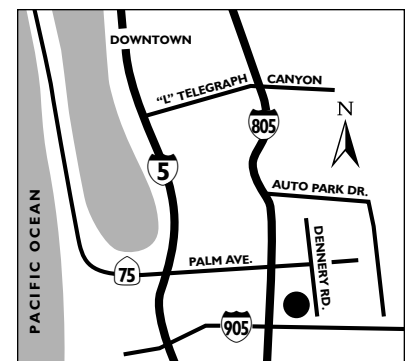
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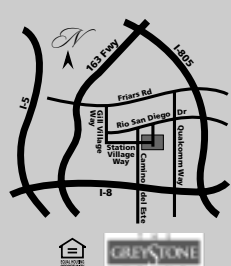
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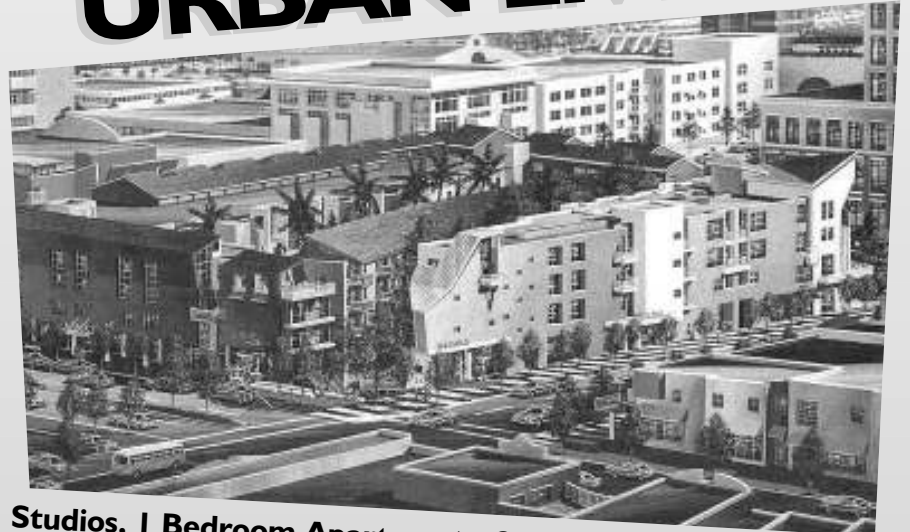
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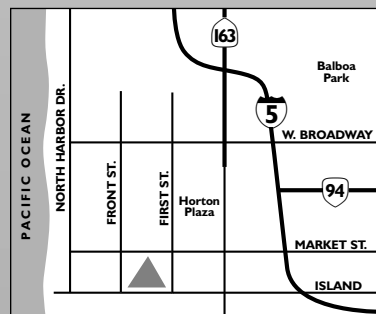
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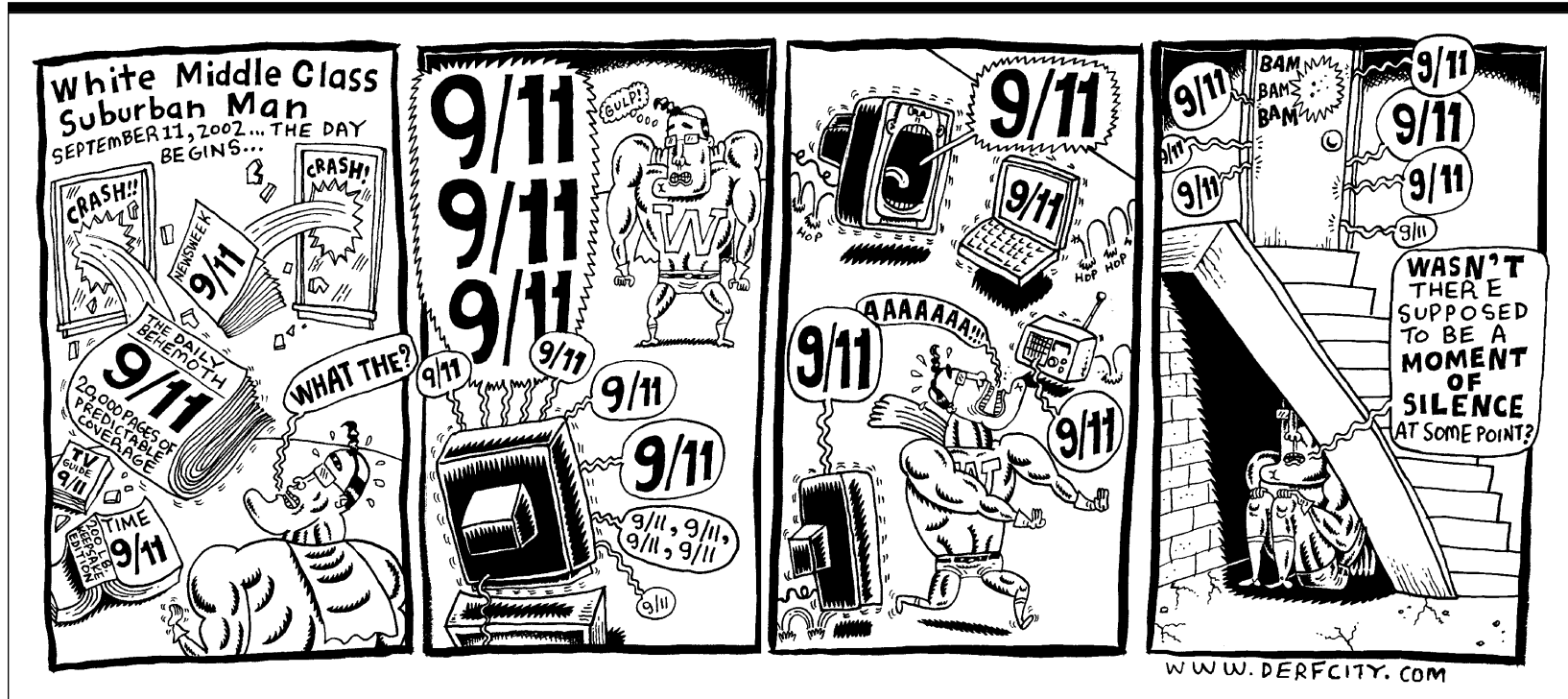
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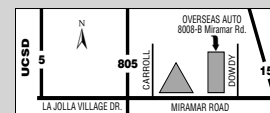
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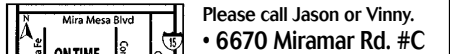
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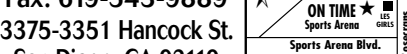
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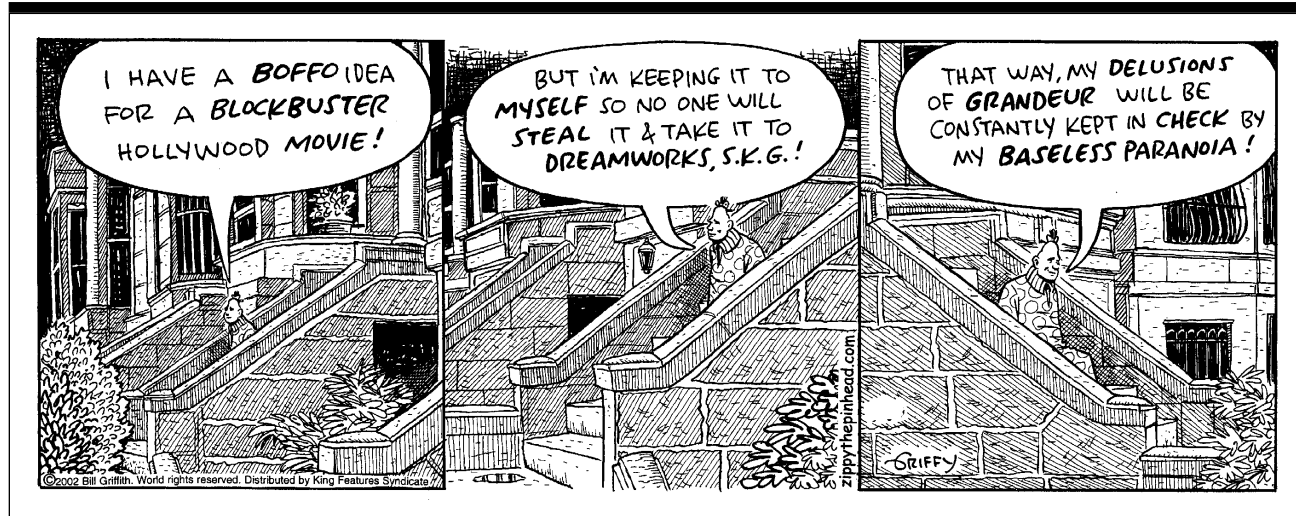
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— LifeGem Memorials (Elk Grove Village, Ill.) announced in August that, using available technology, it can turn a loved one's cremated ashes into a diamond by pressing and heating the ashes to 5,400 degrees Fahrenheit. A chemistry professor cited by *The New York Times* agreed that the plan was sound; carbon from the ashes converts to graphite, which can be pressurized into a diamond. LifeGem prices start at \$4,000 for a quarter-carat.

The District of Calamity

— Among recent District of Columbia government mishaps: Twice in June, firefighters had to battle house fires with garden hoses because pumper trucks were out of service. And apparently many police officers were not told about D.C.'s new vehicle registration program, resulting in their ticketing cars without the old (now invalid) stickers, even though owners had conscientiously affixed the new stickers. And D.C.'s Board of Elections ruled in August that Mayor Anthony Williams's name could not be printed on the primary ballot this month because his election workers forged too many signatures (e.g., "Kelsey Grammar," "Robin Hood") on his qualifying petition.

Courthouse Follies

— Order in the Court: Edmonton, Alberta, lawyer Maurice Prefontaine was arrested in March

for skipping his contempt-of-court trial, which came about when he referred to Justice Gerald Verville as a "slithering mass [of] vipers." And a judge in Columbus, Ohio, declared a mistrial in July when lawyer Christopher T. Cicero rushed the phalanx of deputies surrounding his murder-defendant-client Michael Gordon and smacked Gordon in the head (in response to Gordon's threat, according to a bailiff, to "kick [Cicero's] fat ass.")

— In July, a federal judge ruled against lawyer Milo J. Altschuler (Seymour, Conn.), who claimed that his across-the-knee, bare-buttocks spanking of client Leslie Cerrato in his office was a legitimate trial-preparation tactic (and thus that when she recovered a \$250,000 settlement against him for the assault, Altschuler's insurance company should pay it, as "malpractice"). Altschuler claimed that he thought the spanking would improve Cerrato's credibility as a witness.

— The U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia ruled in June that lawyer-plaintiff Richard Barrett of Mississippi was entitled to about \$30,000 in government reimbursement of legal fees for challenging the protest-permit process in Morristown, N.J., for his small white-supremacist organization. Barrett admits that court-ordered expenses (from 21 recent favorable decisions) are a major source of income. Barrett showed a few minor defects in the Morristown permit process, for which he originally asked reimbursement at \$275 an hour, including 30 minutes' worth of "discussions with client" (presumably, \$137.50 for talking to himself).

Awesome!

— Football player Dennis Johnson, now an Arizona Cardinals rookie defensive end, began his high school football career at age 6 as a 5-foot-7, 170-pound second-grader playing for Harrodsburg (Ky.) High School, according to an April *Los Angeles Times* profile. (Nowadays, only ninth-graders and up can play, by national rule.) Johnson appeared in several games that year (after Harrodsburg had built up big leads), appar-

ently holding his own against 18-year-olds.

— According to a BBC News dispatch from Harar, Ethiopia, in June, Mulugeta Wolde Mariam ("the hyena man of Harar") has trained about 80 local wild hyenas to congregate around him at night and be fed by grabbing pieces of meat out of Mulugeta's mouth with their teeth. Said he, "There is no danger unless you are scared, as the hyenas sense fear."

Recurring Themes

— The Japanese enterprise of paying strangers to come to private homes, pretend they are the occupants' relatives, and exchange family gossip was reported by *News of the Weird* in 1995, and apparently business is still booming. According to an August *Miami Herald* dispatch from Tokyo, Kazushi Ookynitani's "convenience agency" supplies "friends" for weddings and funerals and even to sit in at college lectures (to keep a professor's spirits up). Recent wedding-party "friends" of one bride (who were paid about \$500 each) were given detailed biographies of who they were to pretend to be, so as to mingle more interestingly with the bride's actual relatives.

Unclear on the Concept

— A homeowner in Amarillo, Texas, found one of cross-country spree-bomber Luke Helder's active explosives in May but for some reason brought it into his house before calling police. And a woman found a bomb along the Columbia River near Woodland, Wash., in July but for some reason carried it directly to the police station to show the officers. And a member of the cabin crew on the December 2001 American Airlines plane carrying accused shoe-bomber Robert Reid confiscated Reid's shoes and put them in the cockpit for safekeeping.

— Twice in a two-week period, what authorities believe to be the same yearling bear was roughed up by tourists in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee because each time he had a fawn in his grasp and was about to have dinner. Floridian Michael Shaw, 38, was

charged by park rangers with interfering with wildlife for kicking and roughing up the bear (even though he insisted that saving the deer was the right thing to do), and in the second attack on July 7, a group of visitors drove the bear away by pelting him with rocks (until an animal researcher in the group explained to them the way nature works).

Our Civilization in Decline

— A pregnant woman told a New Zealand TV audience on July 12 that she had agreed to let adult filmmaker Stephen Crow film her childbirth for a sequence in an upcoming pornographic movie (Auckland). Idaho's Medicaid manager told reporters (who were questioning him about new restrictions that denied many clients dentures) that the elderly "can (just) gum their food" (Boise, May). At least 23 eighth-graders in the Rockford (Ill.) School District failed every single class last year but nevertheless were promoted (July).

Also, in the Last Month ...

— A judge set a 19-year-old man for trial in a revenge-shooting, allegedly in retaliation for the victim's having given him a "wedgie" at a concert (Southampton, Pa.). A 37-year-old woman received probation-only after being charged with attempting to kill her husband by placing poisonous spiders on him while he slept (Rutherford County, Tenn.). A pregnant woman in the middle of a Caesarian delivery at the Waitakere Hospital had her legs catch on fire (from the alcohol-swabbing solution), but mother and eventual baby received only minor injuries (Waitemata, New Zealand). Police, citing federal forfeiture law, demanded that McIntosh College give up ownership of one of its dormitories to the city because so much drug activity was taking place inside (Dover, N.H.)

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CARPET CLEANER, Bissell Big Green Powerbrush with accessories, originally \$300, used 3 times, \$125/best. Queen bed mattress, box spring, frame, \$45. 858-456-1075.

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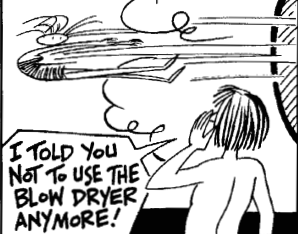
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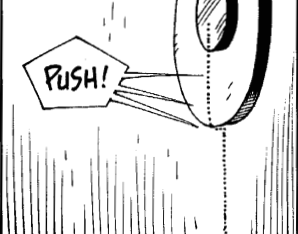
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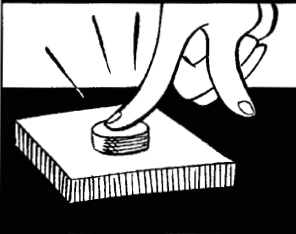
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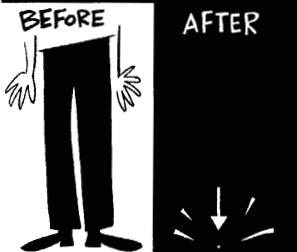
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"I was collecting stuff like I was a maniac, since I was, like, ten years old."

By John Brizzolara

It is an old curiosity shop located down a seldom-traveled lane on the bay side of the railroad tracks. It is on the too-easily-missed California Street, just off Grape, between Kettner and Pacific Coast Highway, downtown. This vintage clothing and miscellany shop might be the most aptly named small (very small) business in the city: Can't Find Fellini's.

It has been at its present location for about one year but open on and off during that time. Owner Heidi Golightly says she was waiting tables and bartending before opening the shop. "And before that," she says, "I was collecting stuff like I was a maniac, since I was, like, ten years old."

Her maniacal accrual is in the form of fur coats, shoes, flappers' dresses from the 1920s, neckties, ash trays, hats, junk jewelry of interesting dimensions and configurations, luggage, Hawaiian shirts and bowling shirts, smoking jackets, kimonos, highball glasses, hula dolls, etc. And this is what you can see just by standing in a random spot and rotating a slow 360 degrees. "Fellini" in the shop's name conveys the surreal and playful nature of much of the stuff. The rest of the name gives you a hint about the shop's unintentional exclusivity. Can't Find Fellini's is most likely discovered, not by the signs, mannequins, and gaudy flower-print house-dresses displayed for the swiftly moving traffic on Grape but on a stroll around Little Italy after a pasta dinner.

Golightly is in her 30s and has a

quick, almost mischievous smile and a shock of reddish-brown curly hair to her shoulders, like an eruption of copper packing material. She assumed her last name from Audrey Hepburn's character in the film *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. The trim and eccentric proprietor enjoys pointing out her favorite items in the shop, all of them with stories attached.

The stories are limited only by your imagination, or Golightly's. For example, she points to a small, faded, beige-pink piece of luggage, like a hatbox, half-buried under some other vintage containers, behind a glass display case just beneath the cash register, and says, ironically, "Like, that, I don't think I could bring myself to sell."

I'm trying on a white fringed buckskin jacket and fondling a gaudy belt buckle from Circus Circus in Las Vegas. I kneel down to look at the hatbox through the glass and ask why that would be.

"It is so rad. It's like a little suitcase, see? The one with the Air France sticker on it? I imagine it belonged to a little girl who traveled with her parents in the '20s — or, when was Lindbergh? Anyway, it's all beat up and has these old-time airline stickers on it, and they're original, so this flew around. I just picture the little girl on the airplane, and I could never sell it."

Golightly's imagination supplies background for a child's wool crew-neck sweater with the figure of Ronald McDonald as a little boy-clown. I'm wondering what the story is with that. It certainly doesn't look like some corporate project, but a funky, homemade thing someone knitted.

"Joan Kroc," she says. And I cannot tell if she's serious.

Between the two of us, we fabricate a history for the item. It seems that Mrs. Kroc was visited in the night by the company mascot, who pleased the hamburger queen in her sleep. For weeks afterward, she knitted the sweater for the child she was certain she was bearing, only to find out the pregnancy was of the hysterical variety.

Some of Golightly's customers have spotted her establishment from the Amtrak or the Coaster, just a few blocks from the Center City Little Italy trolley station and the Santa Fe railroad station. After getting that visual fix on the shop, it is a colorful walk down India Street to Grape, then a block to the left. One commuter, referred to only as the Lonely Guy, purchased a series of imagined heirlooms for an imaginary family Golightly put together for him and which the customer liked to think of as his real family. This included photographs of a 1950s mom and dad smoking cigarettes.

I examine a pink silk bowling jacket with KENSINGTON LOUNGE emblazoned across the back, and when I turn to ask Golightly about it, I notice *Breakfast at Tiffany's* playing silently on a screen in the background. Near the wide



Fabricate a history for this dummy at Fellini's

loading-dock type garage door facing the alley (California Street, as it is grandly labeled) is a television monitor on which the film plays constantly, rewound and restarted every 90 minutes or so. I ask what her fascination is with the character.

"It's super-personal," she explains. "When I was little and there were family problems or whatever, Nordstrom's was like a safe haven for me. Even now, when I have problems, I still run to Nordstrom's. I don't buy anything. I just smell the perfume and I feel okay. They're really nice there; and customer service used to be really great; and it's like Holly Golightly in the movie. Whenever she got a case of the [mean] reds, which was, she said, like, worse than the blues. It's just like life is over, you're just burdened, you're so sad. And Audrey Hepburn in the movie says, 'Whenever I get a case of the [mean] reds, I just call up a taxi and take the taxi to Tiffany's and everything is okay.' That's how I associate it with Nordstrom's, like she did with Tiffany's. And that's what I want my customers to feel like when they come in here. It's a place for them to come where everything is okay."

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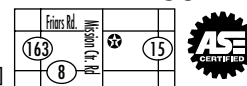
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The woman I'd like to be always knows just what to say to make her children behave. She never gets angry or raises her voice. When her baby boy dumps her half-drunk cup of coffee onto the beige carpet, the woman I'd like to be doesn't stand in the middle of the living room yelling,

"I can't believe it! I CAN'T believe it! What next, Benjamin?" The woman I'd like to be says calmly, "Oh, well, it's only carpet. Thank God you weren't scalded. Let me clean up this little mess."

The woman I'd like to be manages to keep her house clean while paying enough attention to her children. She goes on dates with her husband where they talk about something other than the children. She always looks pulled together. She never relieves the unbearable boredom that sets in around 3:00 on a long August afternoon by eating great spoonfuls of raw chocolate chip cookie dough out of a plastic Tupperware container she has hidden in the back of the refrigerator. She doesn't lie when her nine-year-old daughter asks, "What are you eating, Mom?"

The woman I'd like to be doesn't let her children watch too much TV or play too many computer games. She organizes charades games the whole family enjoys and takes the kids on interesting, educational outings all summer long.

A few weeks ago, I tried to explain this woman to my husband Jack. On a Saturday night, I sat on the couch in the family room and wept into Jack's shoulder. My three girls — Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy, aged nine, seven, and five — called down the stairs, "Is Mommy all right?"

"She's fine," Jack called back. "Now quiet down or you'll wake up Johnny and Ben."

"I have this idea of this woman I'm supposed to be," I continued, my eyes red and puffy, my nose swollen and runny. "And I'm so far away from her. I'll never be her." I collapsed into another paroxysm of sobs.

I thought about the afternoon I'd had. Jack and I had taken the kids to the beach. I was on day five of an intended six-week high-protein, low-carbohydrate diet. Last year, I lost 40 pounds on Weight Watchers. Since then, my weight has inched back up. "My weight is like a helium balloon on a string," I told Jack earlier in the summer. "If I want it to stay down, I have to hold on to the string pretty tightly. If I eat too many treats or take bigger servings, it's like loosening my grip on the string. The balloon rises higher. I keep thinking, 'Tomorrow, I'll grab onto the string and start reeling the balloon back in.'"

By the middle of the summer, I had regained 15 pounds. First, I tried the Zone. I drove myself crazy measuring 1/2 teaspoons of this and 1 1/2 tablespoons of that trying to maintain the right protein-to-carbohydrate-to-fat ratio. I lasted two weeks. After we got home from our family vacation to Mammoth, I tried a high-protein, low-carb diet my sister had used with great results. By day five, the day we went to the beach, I knew I was in trouble. While Jack watched the four older kids frolic in the waves, I followed 23-month-old Ben around the beach. Tears rolled out from under my sunglasses.

"I'm immune to joy," I thought. "I'm here

at the beach on this beautiful day with my beautiful, healthy family, and all I can do is cry. I'm such a horrible wife and mother. Jack and the kids would be better off without me."

That night, after I stopped sobbing, I told Jack, "I don't think I can stay on this diet. It makes me too depressed."

"How did your sister stay on it?" Jack asked.

"I think she's using antidepressants," I answered as I wiped my eyes and blew my nose. "Then go off it," Jack said. "You're not fat."

"But I'm not as thin as I was," I countered.

"So what? Is there someone you're trying to impress?"

"No," I said and laughed. "I just want to be perfect."

Jack gathered me into his arms. "You're not going to be perfect," he said. "You're never going to be that woman you want to be. Nobody could be that woman. I'm not perfect. The kids aren't perfect. We're not supposed to be perfect."

The next day, I ate normally — a piece of toast before Mass, some scrambled eggs and a cup of coffee when we came home. By lunchtime — a tuna sandwich, chips, an apple — I began to feel like myself again. Standing in the kitchen watching the kids eat lunch, I smiled at Rebecca. She walked over and gave me a hug. "It's nice to have you back," she said.

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