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This year the electronic-gaming industry expects to beat Hollywood at making money. It's happened once before. In 1998, entranced with a new generation of gaming consoles that included the Sony PlayStation, Nintendo 64, and Sega Dreamcast, Americans spent more of their entertainment dollars on games than movies. As those consoles began to age, movie box office receipts took the lead again from 1999 through 2001. But yet another generation of consoles hit the market last year, one reason game sales again are booming. Another reason is the growing audience for what's known as "massively multiplayer online gaming" an activity for which San Diego is the current center of the universe.

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Ratt and Not-Ratt Fight It Out - See Music Scene

LETTERS

We welcome letters pertaining to the contents of the Reader. You may phone them in by calling 619-235-3000, ext. 460; address them to Letters to the Editor, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803; fax them to 619-231-0489; or e-mail them to letters@SanDiegoReader.com via the Internet. Please include your name, address, and telephone number. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Agrees With Daugherty

I was impressed by your June 13 article by Patrick Daugherty on steroids and professional baseball ("Sporting Box"). Today and over the last decade we have witnessed the tragic evolution of professional wrestling, professional football, and professional baseball. These professional sports are indeed "trash sports."

Hulk Hogan is an actor, not a wrestler. Do you think it may be possible that he has ever used steroids? Hulk Hogan's career is driven by a corporation that sells tickets and markets this "sport" primarily to television. Hulk Hogan is an example of an elderly sports star that is very well known and that many people in the general public will pay to watch perform. But is professional wrestling a sport? Do many professional wrestlers use steroids to stay competitive and employed? Is it possible to have a real professional wrestling league, or corporation, where wrestling could become a true sport again?

Professional baseball stands as an excellent example of how corporate greed and capitalism can change a once-cherished American sport into a cesspool of chronic drug abuse. What war on drugs? Either you use steroids or you cannot compete. Isn't that a nightmare for any American athlete: become a drug addict or you will likely not be able to compete to play baseball?

Professional baseball yields tremendous power. The power of the baseball dollars easily and successfully navigated the purchase of a new stadium through a well-quarterbacked and controlled political process. Today's social welfare policies for the "trash sport" of baseball are written by the owners at the expense of many Americans who will never be able to afford to attend. If you do attend, you will likely see some aged superstar such as Tony Gwynn who hasn't stolen a base in years and limps on and off the field. But who cares? Tony Gwynn mimics and is baseball's Hulk Hogan sadly, thousands of little Hulksters and their rich parents will pay and pay to see the sports actor perform again and again. These aged athletes are big names that sell tickets and generate big dollars, which perpetuates yet another trash sport. Boy oh boy, can these sports sell you a statistical hype/ sales-line: "15time champion of the world" or the "most career hits," etc., etc.

Marshall Faulk walked off the SDSU campus as a junior right into professional football. As a rookie, he played about halftime in the pro bowl; there he ran for over 400 yards. He was not 37 or 39 years old like Barry Bonds or Sammy Sosa. Marshall Faulk as a rookie was in his physical prime, and he was a tremendous athlete. Will his career in "professional football" be influenced by the unchecked powers of corporate greed and capitalism? Does any athlete in professional sports really have a choice to use steroids or not use steroids?

The San Diego Zoo costs \$66 for a year pass. No professional sport is worth more than \$66 for a season ticket. Given the volume of land and the cost of the San Diego Zoo overhead, a fair price for a professional sport ticket should be around \$33 a year. I agree with Patrick Daugherty, "You can run your greedy, corrupt *game* without any help from me."

I love real wrestling, real baseball, and real football, but professional sports are a highly visible corrupt and uncontrolled public scandal. Six-dollar beverages and millions in taxpayers' dollars cannot save baseball from the reigns of corporate greed. Today sleek young athletes who steal bases are a rarity, and aged overweight superactors often on drugs have become a contractual multiyear tradition.

Patrick Keith

Be Commended

A sign held by a young woman in one of the photos that accompanied Nancy Fay's story ("Conceal, Destroy, Mutilate, Falsify," "City Lights," June 13) on Otay Water District board member Tony Inocentes said it all: "No more Tony Balogna!" The Reader should be commended for reporting news that the Union-Tribune does not. Amanda Green

Wheelchair Rage

I just finished reading the letter from that coward that withheld his/her name (June 13) because of fear of retribution from Jews. Well, he/she made me very angry. As a 71-year-old, handicapped, JEWISH grandmother, if I had this person's name and address, I would go over there and run over this mean bigot with my wheelchair. Elinor Kelsen

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Billion-Dollar Bone

Reader, you just keep writing about the scurrilous activities of the local ne'er-do-wells especially when it concerns the stadium scam and its built-in billion-dollar bone right in the ol' shorts! Of course Name Withheld wants you to "get off the subject" (Letters, June 6), and of course he wants you to "stop these attacks on other people"; he's probably among their ranks. What say you? Tom Laurin

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Run for the border The county's dataprocessing program has gotten a new chief executive who is just as controversial as the trouble-plagued operation he's been named to run. Denny Piper abruptly resigned his position as Houston's chief information officer to come west to San Diego last week, only days after he had convinced Houston's city council to narrowly approve a \$9.5 million computer contract. Piper's surprise move — and the fact that his resignation had been tendered May 28 but not announced until last week, two days after the 8-7 vote - angered even council supporters of the deal. "To make sure that everything was aboveboard, I think there should be an [Office of the Inspector General] investigation to just make sure that there wasn't anything improper involved in his recommendation of this deal," Annise Parker, the last councilmember to decide to vote for the contract, told the Houston Chronicle. "The fact the guy who is recommending these multimillion-dollar purchases already was leaving town was good information that we should have known. If the administration knew this and didn't tell us, I feel betrayed. The argument that kept being made was, 'He's the person we hired to run it. He's our expert; we need to listen to our expert.' Our expert, who already was halfway out the door and didn't bother to tell anybody. It infuriates me." Fueling the controversy was the fact that Piper had told the council that it should fire him if the contract didn't save the city money. "I think that the council was duped," Councilman Michael Berry was quoted as saying last week. "He offered his job as collateral for his credibility on this project, obviously knowing he was leaving." Both Piper and Houston mayor Lee Brown denied any impropriety. "I guess there's never a good time to leave," Piper told the paper. "It's not my role to talk to the legislative branch on what I'm doing every single day." But that didn't satisfy the council backers of the contract, dubbed "SimHouston." Councilwoman Ada Edwards told the paper, "I understand that his reputation, his professional reputation, was sullied through this whole controversy." The contract with Houston-based Internet Access Technologies will convert at least half of city computer terminals to Internet terminals, and Piper had said it would save the city \$7 million a year, but in an editorial, the Chronicle complained that the city "appeared to have chosen IAT months before seeking proposals from other companies." Meanwhile, in San Diego, officials were closemouthed last week about Piper's arrival, issuing a brief news release only after repeated telephone inquiries. According to the release, Piper will oversee the county's \$644 million contract ----attacked by critics for favoritism and inefficiency — with a group of contractors led by Computer Sciences Corporation.



been named editorial cartoonist for the New Orleans Times-Picayune. As Kelley later described it, the dust-up began after Kittle objected to a proposed cartoon showing the "butt cracks" of two teenagers. The next day,

according to Kelley, senior editor Bill Osborne got into the act, accusing Kelley of trying to sneak the cartoon into the paper and lying about it. After TV stations picked up the



story, the *U*-*T* finally reported that Kelley had been dumped. The cartoonist attributed his firing to the paper's leftward editorial drift, but others speculated that it had something to do with Kelley's tryst with Shelia

Lawrence, widow of hotel magnate and Clinton crony M. Larry

Lawrence. The relationship resulted in an embarrassing custody dispute over an out-ofwedlock child.

Best cellar The Christian Science Monitor is reporting that "Aqil," a juvenile delinquent from San Diego who converted to Islam while in custody and ended up in an Afghanistan training camp with one of the alleged killers of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, is coming out with a book entitled My Jihad ... Bud Selig, the commissioner

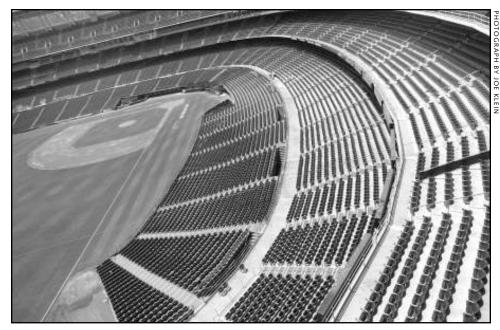


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of Major League Baseball, concerned that Congress might take away the sport's antitrust exemption over contraction and stadium controversies, has started up a political action committee, which has taken in \$117,000 through April. Among contributors: Padres owner John Moores and wife Becky, each down for the maximum \$5000.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Will City Council Be Sitting in Those Free Seats Again?

By Matt Potter

Before 1995, when the City of San Diego Decided to expand what was then called

their infamous ticket guarantee, one of the most popular plums of local political patronage was a seat on the stadium's governing board. Made up of members appointed in equal numbers by the county board of supervisors and the city council, which jointly owned the stadium, the group retired each month to a plush cubbyhole of a boardroom at club level to decide on matters such as the condition of the grass on the field and the selection of flavored margaritas for the stadium bar.

Councilwoman Valerie Stallings, who represented the district surrounding the stadium and anointed herself the facility's godmother, would frequently sit in on meetings accompanied by her pet dog,



Robert Brownlie

Jack Murphy Stadium and give the Chargers who went around the room sniffing at the hems and shoes of the various team executives, beer saleswomen, swap meet representatives, scoreboard contractors, janitorial suppliers, sod growers, light bulb salesmen, and assorted others with a commercial interest in how the stadium and its sprawling parking lot were being operated.

For its members, however, the board meetings themselves were only a passing burden, shouldered in unspoken anticipation of the free game-day admission to the stadium and its exclusive box for government officials, placed strategically in midfield, high above the Budweiser-drinking rabble. In their private "Director's Box," the stadium board



would devour huge plates of prime rib and sip fine wine and imported ale while schmoozing with the city council, the board of supervisors, wealthy campaign contributors, and numerous attractive female companions who seemed to materialize at every Charger game. The free food and drink was paid for by Service America, the vendor that had a lucrative, exclusive contract to sell alcohol and other refreshments to the captive stadium audience.

As part of the stadium-expansion deal, financed by city taxpayers, the county gave up its ownership stake, and the stadium board as previously constituted was dissolved. But as is many times the case with government, the board didn't fade into the sunset. Instead, it was quietly reborn as the "Qualcomm Stadium Advisory Board," its members appointed by the council. Though it had no direct decision-making authority that was given to the city manager — seats on the board were no less coveted than before.

There was another minor change. The free food and continued on page 6



Cartoonist redux Ex-Union-Tribune political cartoonist Steve Kelley, fired in May of last year after a run-in with editorial page editor Robert A. Kittle, has

l'd Never Marry a Pale Girl

By Robert Kumpel

On a sunny afternoon in June, Mark Davis is peeling off the top of his wetsuit after taking a swim at La Jolla Shores. Davis, 23, just returned to San Diego pretty pale."

after graduating from Humboldt State University, but his skin is dark enough to convince you he'd never left. "I'm actually here to go swimming, not surfing." At six feet and 150 pounds, Davis's build is a bit more slight than the surfers here.

Unlike many beachgoers, Davis's tan is of little if any concern to him. "I honestly don't think it's that important to get a tan. You can have an excess of anything. I like a natural tan, but tan people who overdo it can look hideous, especially an artificially brilliant tan. I would definitely consider marrying a fair-skinned woman. In fact, I really like redheads, who are usually pretty pale." Davis says that he's never consciously tried to get tan, that it's just a by-product of his lifestyle. "I try to go swimming every day — if not at the beach, then at the pool. It's just that I'm out when the sun's at its peak, around 1:00 or so. I'm not really susceptible to skin cancer because I'm naturally dark. I'm half Lebanese, a

dark-skinned person, and I don't really get burned. I'm low-risk." In spite of his confidence against burning, his dark skin has a red hue. "Well, I have gotten sunburned, but I know my limits. That's why I have the wetsuit."

Noah Diaz, 20, is throwing a Frisbee with his friend. Diaz is 5'9" tall, 145 pounds, and

wearing a T-shirt, even though the sun is out. A Santee resident and student at Cuyamaca College, Diaz drives far to live the beach lifestyle. "Tans definitely look better to me, especially when looking at the opposite sex. It's something about the shine — it just makes everything look a lot better. I might consider marrying a woman with fair skin, depending on the woman, but it would help out with the physical attraction is she were tan."

Diaz says that the legs are the most important part of the body to keep tanned. "You can be wearing shorts and still have your shirt on and have the tan." More concerned with tanning than Davis, Diaz occasionally uses lotions. "A lot of my friends use Banana Boat and a lot of girls that I know. Probably the best time of day to tan is between 11:00 and 3:30. After that, the sun's going down and not hitting you too hard in the target areas." Keeping the right look also makes it necessary for Diaz to shave more than his face. "You gotta keep the chest trimmed.



I don't have much hair there anyway, but it just looks a little better if you shave it."

Diaz knows about melanoma, but it doesn't keep him from coming to the beach at least twice a week, where he spends an average of four hours each time. "It's important and everything, but I'm not too stressed about it, which I probably should be. I should use oil and lotion more than I do, but I think they're good for fair-skinned people, because you don't want to get skin cancer. I see older people at my job with skin cancers. My mom and dad comment about me getting darker, but it's no major deal for them. Sometimes my friends compliment me for getting tan, but not strangers. I've got a buddy that goes to a tanning salon, but it looks different. I've seen some girls come out looking orange."







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Mark Davis

Zach Shepard, 16, could easily pose for a California postcard. At 6'3" and 190 pounds, Shepard is muscular, athletic, and deeply tanned. A student at Santana High School, he plays football, soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. As he plays paddle ball with three bikini-clad girls, he appears not to have a care in the world — but he cares about tanning. "If people are pale, they don't look very good. I would never consider marrying a girl who wasn't tan. I'm not attracted to pale women."

When asked what the most important part of the body to have tanned is, Shepard's thoughts immediately drift to the opposite sex. "Her shoulders and arms — the upper body. For me, it's probably the upper body and torso. I don't use any tanning lotions, but the best time to work on your tan is between 1:00 and 3:00. Guys don't really have a choice — girls try to get tan, but for guys, it just happens." Like Diaz, Shepard says that hairy chests are out, and he has shaved his for a smoother look, as well as his legs.

Shepard is not familiar with the term "melanoma," and when it is explained, he doesn't seem to care. "I don't really think about skin cancer too much. I'm not really worried about it. I've had a bad sunburn before. I couldn't put any lotion on or anything. Even aloe vera gel hurt. My \overline{a} mom's pretty tanned too. My mom's pretty tanned too. My mom's jealous of my tan, and my dad kind of maker fun of my dad kind of makes fun of me. He tells me I look like a black man with two white par- $\frac{20}{5}$ ents, and my brothers tell me continued on page 18 U

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Free seats

continued from page 4 booze were gone, banished under duress following a legal settlement between the city and ex-councilman Bruce Henderson, who went to court seeking to void the city's con-

tract with Service America on the grounds that the drinks and buffet were an illegal gift to city officials, who had failed to disclose them on annual financial statements required by state law. Another part of the settlement required the city

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2000. "And they are no longer taking that gift."

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But the freebies were not entirely lost. Under the new arrangement, members of the board, the city council, and their guests pay a flat fee, currently \$15, to access the drinks



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sion to all stadium events continues to be free for the advisory boardmembers, who continue to meet on a monthly basis, except in the summer, when they sometimes skip a month, as is the case this year. Under state law, because the members are performing their stadium-monitoring duty, the gratis admissions are not gifts and do not have to be reported.

So what has the board

been up to?

According to the minutes, during the last 12 months it has devoted particular attention to erecting a bust of *Union-Tribune* "editor in chief" Herb Klein, who has lobbied city hall on building a new downtown ballpark and whose paper has spoken favorably of tearing down Qualcomm and giving the Chargers a new home. Klein himself also met members of the board to arrange installation of a bust of Jack Murphy, the

late *U*-*T* sports editor for whom the stadium was named before financial needs required the naming rights be sold to Qualcomm in 1997.

"The Herb Klein bust is moving forward with a planned September 9 unveil-



ing. Steve Cushman, who has been participating in the project, has suggested the board set guidelines for the size of the accompanying plaques along with a 50-word limit on the inscription. "Member [Karen] McElliott reported on several meetings she had attended on the

ings she had attended on the Jack Murphy statue. Participants have included Herb Klein, John Carlson, and Bob Breitbard. Fund-raising has been completed for the project with the Union-Tribune and Qualcomm, Inc., contributing most of the money. The goal of this project is to have the unveiling be a Super Bowl event, so the committee will be working with the NFL on the project. An unveiling associated with Media Day is under consideration.

"Member Martinez suggested if the overall height of the statue is eight feet, a pedestal might be necessary. The Board also needs to approve the inscription.

"Member McElliott asked the Facilities Committee to meet to determine the siting of the statue. She added, the *Union-Tribune* also wants to explore the possibility of placing a relief of Jack Murphy on the field."

The board also sometimes worries about what is to become of the stadium after the Padres depart for their new downtown ballpark in a few years and ponders how much money they would need to get from the city to implement their ideas. "Member [Steve] Redfearn stated there are consultants who specialize in 'creating' events at stadiums, and it is this sort of talent that is needed. Typically stadium general managers and assistants do not have time to do this in addition to handling existing bookings. Member McElliott added it will also be important to work with the Convention Center to cosponsor events.

"Member Redfearn agreed, adding that private concerns and corporate events have become a big business that the Stadium should get a bigger piece of. [Stadium manager] Bill Wilson reminded the Board that, in line with the recommendations of the Zero-Based management group, Stadium administrative staff would be reduced to just one manager and a secretary when the ballpark opens. *continued on page 12*



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continued from page 8 It was noted the advantages of the Stadium are good weather and a big parking lot. With the departure of the Padres, more interest and competition for parking-lot events is expected.

Bill Wilson added that the flea market was his biggest moneymaker when he ran the Rose Bowl."

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Some have accused the nine-member board of having direct or indirect conflicts of interest as they go about

their advisory roles. Chairman Doug Barnhart, a regular donor to various city council campaigns, owns one of the region's largest general contracting companies, which is helping to build the Padres' downtown ballpark. Before

that, his company built the Chargers' \$12 million headquarters, paid for by the city, in Murphy Canyon, and he barely lost out on a bid to construct the Qualcomm expansion in 1997. He is seen as a likely bidder if and when the

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councilmembers have been

reluctant to resume following

controversy over the Chargers

deal, Qualcomm expansion,

and prolonged fight with

Bruce Henderson and the

county grand jury over the

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The minutes show Barnhart has been especially active in lobbying the board and city council for more socializing in the city box, a practice some



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Wertz also has performed extensive legal work for various members of the city council, including the defense of ex-councilwoman Valerie Stallings, who pleaded guilty in January 2001 to making false financial disclosure reports and was forced to resign from the council as a result of the John Moores gift-giving scandal, which at one point threatened the city's deal to build a new Padres ballpark. Wertz has said he recuses himself from discussions and votes regarding Ace, which has just extended its stadium contract.

Many boardmembers who don't report potential financial conflicts admit that they have personal relationships continued on page 18

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with team owners and other stadium tenants. In January, members were asked by Barnhart to file statements in connection with a "liaison" program he was setting up to personally link up boardmembers with stadium tenants and city councilmembers, ostensibly to promote stadium development.

According to a form filed by attorney and entrepreneur Simon F. Coleman, "I have known the Spanos [family] since they acquired the [Chargers] team and have played golf with them. [Padre president] Bob [Vizas] and I have struck up a beginning relationship, based upon being fellow alumni of Michigan. [San Diego State University athletic director] Rick Bay and I [also Michigan alumni] have known each other for many years."

Boardmember Stephen Redfearn, vice president of marketing and entertainment at the Viejas Casino, wrote, "[I am] not a pal of [city councilwoman] Donna Frye's — on the other side of an issue concerning Becky's House, which I'm a boardmember of! [I'm] very good friends and am in the district of [city councilman Brian] Maienshein!"

Other boardmembers include nursing-home owner and real estate investor Karen McElliott, who mounted a failed bid for the Seventh District city council seat two years ago; architect Joseph Martinez; attorney Robert Brownlie; and McDonald's franchisee Harold Lewis. All are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council.

Pale girl

I'm adopted!" Shepard spends an average of three days a week at the beach and is usually in the sun for three hours.

On the same afternoon South Mission Beach is nearly deserted. A few high school–age girls are lying on towels, talking on their cell phones, but their boyfriends are nowhere to be found. A lone visitor from Salt Lake City, John Witucki, 23, lies face down on his towel after a swim. "I'm just here on vacation. I'll be to the beach every day. Even at home, I'm usually at the pool, especially on my days off. In the summer I'll spend a couple of hours per day."

Another postcard candidate, Witucki, is six feet tall, 195 pounds, and bulging with muscle, even though he doesn't play any sports. "I think a tan helps people look better. If it's between being really pasty-white and tan, I think the tan look is always better, but I would still marry a fair-skinned woman."

Unlike his native counterparts, Witucki seems less selfconscious and more at ease. He also uses sunscreen, something few other guys admit to. "I know what melanoma is. You have to take it seriously. You want to put some sunscreen on, especially at the high-UV hours, but if you tan a lot, and you don't burn as much, I don't think your risk is as high. I've been sunburned, but not to the point where I'm blistered or anything."

Tanning seems to be a part of Witucki's culture, as he

claims his parents tan a lot themselves. He says the most important part of the body to keep tanned is the chest area. "It's probably the best-looking area to be tan. You can get away with white legs. The best time is when the UVs are the highest, around noon to 2:00."

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The darkest man at Mission Beach has to be Said Souikane, 31. A native of Morocco, Souikane's race helps a bit in his tanning, but he admits he is much darker now than when he arrived in America eight years ago.

An aspiring professional volleyball player, Souikane has just finished an intense fourman game with three welltanned friends. They are all muscular and on the trim side. "I'm 6'1" and weigh 182." His friend teases at him: "He's a professional player, but it's not at volleyball!"

Like most of the other guys interviewed, Souikane uses no lotions, even though he spends hours at the beach every day. He also knows older volleyball players who have had cancer spots removed from their skin, but he doesn't seem concerned. "I know you should use sunscreen and stay out of the sun, but playing volleyball, we have no choice. We have to be here. I have no fear, trust me." His parents in Morocco are worried about his exposure and frequently warn him to stay out of the sun.

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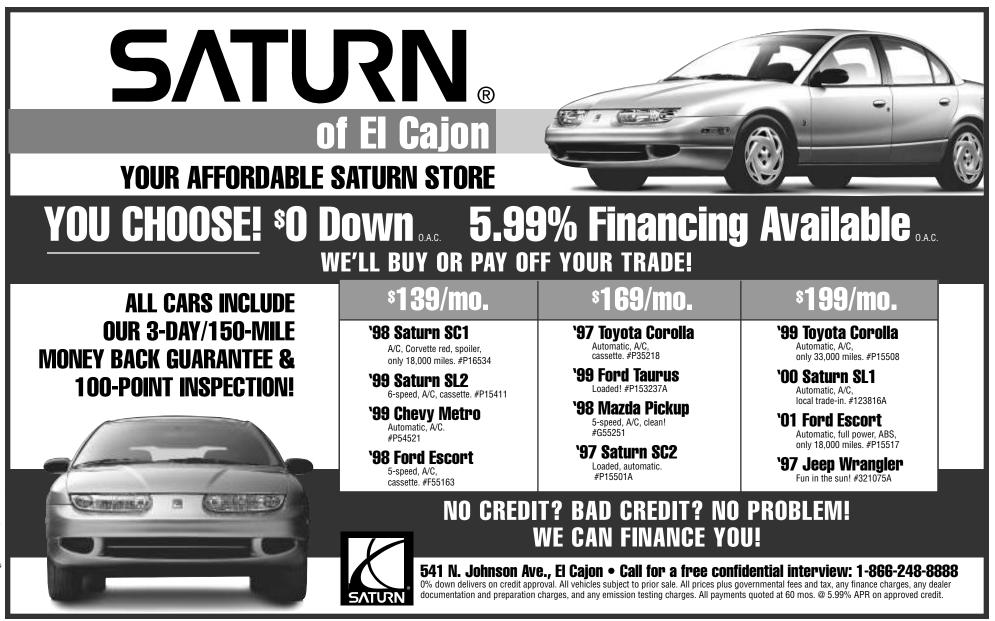
Souikane thinks people look better tanned and is only attracted to tanned women. It is especially important to him that one's face is tan. When asked if guys ever compliment each other on their tans, he laughs. "Not really. That's for the girls! Girls do compliment me."

The compliments that a good tan offers can be costly, according to Dr. Jeff Eaton. Eaton, 34, is a head and neck surgeon who specializes in skin cancer and reconstructive and cosmetic surgery at Scripps Clinic Torrey Pines' Cancer Center. Eaton describes the cancer risk of smoking as a mathematical equation. "Skin cancer is a function of UV exposure times time — the amount of sun times the duration of time. It's a lot like smoking the amount of smoke times how long you've been smoking. It just all adds up and gives you an increased risk."

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Another parallel tanning shares with smoking is the premature aging factor, or early wrinkling. "People who are sun-exposed have much less collagen and more wrinkles. Collagen is the substance in between cells that gives skin its elasticity. A baby, for example, has fresh, plump, soft cheeks — almost rubbery. They've got lots of collagen. If you pinch its cheeks, they move right back into place. Now if you do that to an 80year-old, the skin is thin and has no recoil. It doesn't go back. It's 'look good now, pay later' - which is what youth is about!"

Sun exposure is literally an attack upon the body's largest organ. "Your skin is comprised of the epidermis, which is the outermost layer, and the dermis, which is just below the epidermis. It's your interface with the world. It protects us from the outside elements, water, wind, temperature. When someone starts tanning, the skin cells are stimulated to produce melanin. The pig*continued on page 20*



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Pale girl

continued from page 18 ment of melanin is perceived as a tan. It's kind of complex, but it damages the part of the cells that produce collagen."

Fair-skinned people may be at a higher risk for skin cancer, but Dr. Eaton contends that dark-skinned people are not off the hook. "Fair skinned individuals have less protection than dark-skinned individuals, who have a sort of natural sunblock. But darkskinned people can get skin cancer. Part of the body's response to the sun is to darken it, to protect it from the sun by the pigment. The body realizes that the sun assaults the skin, so it tries to protect it with pigment. That's why people who

live in sunnier climates over time are selected with darker skin. Most of the real fairskinned people in San Diego are not indigenous people. They're just trying to look indigenous by tanning! It's kind of an interesting dichotomy: The light-skinned people spend their whole life trying to look darker, and the darkskinned people try not to look as dark as they are — but that's a deep political discussion!"

Tanning salons are also dangerous. In fact, they offer an added risk Dr. Eaton says most people don't think about. "There are lots of mites that live in the skin and just ride along. We are the host for dust mites, though they hardly bother us at all. But there are a lot of skin diseases, like fungus or scabies, that are on the skin and are spread by bodily contact. I would imagine that laying naked or even partially unclothed on a bed of lights constitutes close contact, unless they are adequately cleaned. It's like taking a shower with other people — you're more likely to get athlete's foot if you're showering in the locker room with 20 other guys. Sand is probably a little more sterile, because the waves clean it every night. But the tanning beds are not sterilized, and you are laying naked where 18 other people have lain naked for an hour, getting tan. It's kind of disgusting."

The three major types of skin cancer from the most to

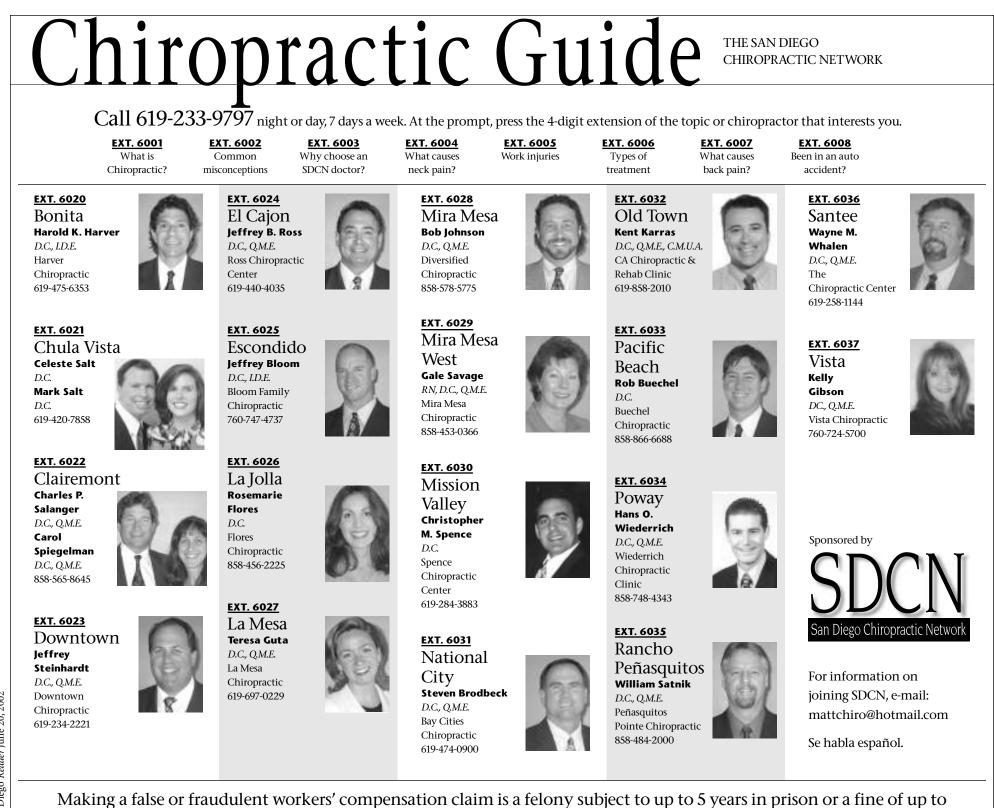
least common are, respectively, basal cell, squamous cell, and melanoma, which is the most deadly. Dr. Eaton has treated skin cancer for six years, and he has watched his clientele get gradually younger. "The youngest patient we had last year was a 17-year-old girl, the daughter of a physician, who had a skin cancer on her face. She was a person who tanned. She didn't admit to using salons, but she definitely tanned outdoors. The incidence of melanoma is also increasing. Twenty years ago it was approximately one in 100. Now it's 1 in 75. That's just two decades. I recently read an article that said melanoma was the most common cancer for people aged 25 to 30, which is

probably even more true in San Diego. Some people call it an epidemic, and it's certainly a significant increase. We're just seeing the beginning of it, because it takes about 20 years for it to come full-course. Again, like the smoking curve, you see the results much later."

Many young people insist they are only tanning and boast of never getting a sunburn, believing they have eliminated the skin-cancer risk, deceiving themselves in the face of reality. "Burning is like a hangover. It's the ultimate sign of too much sun. But if you keep getting sun, you will have the same cumulative exposure, whether it's a burn or not. And the people who go to sun booths are just regular members of a club where people go to receive a dose of radiation."

Like other cancers, melanoma's survivability depends upon the time of detection. "It can be life-threatening. If it's detected early and is thin, the survival rate is good. Once it gets thick, the survival rate is quite poor."

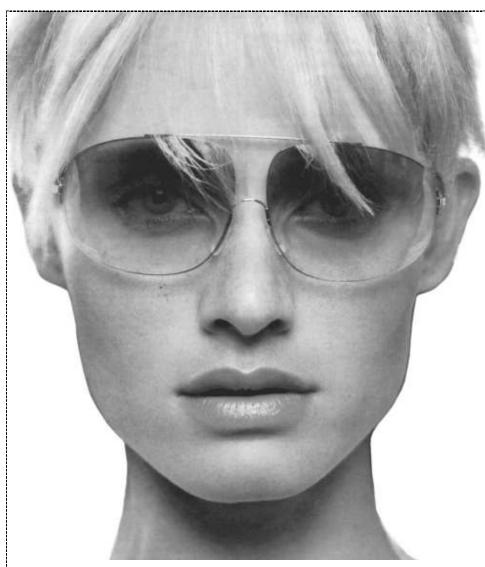
Dr. Eaton's advice is the same as any physician's and not likely to be taken seriously: "Avoid the peak hours from 10 to 2. Wear protective clothing, a hat and a long-sleeved shirt. If you are going to be in the sun or water, you should wear a waterproof sunblock, 30 or greater, with UVA and UVB sun protection. The vast majority of the sunscreens on the market have that."



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ATTHEW ALICE

Dear Matthew Alice:

ation by Rick Geary

I'm dying to know where the huge wave at the beginning of Hawaii Five-0 was filmed. — Mark Plazak, La Jolla; and Paul Hunter, Clairemont; Jay Smith, North Park

If this question sounds familiar — gee, I never would have figured your memory was that good. Smatterafact, it's from August of 1990. To head off the inevitable whining when page 14 is Matthewless, we've taken your suggestions to fill in on vacation days with something from the archives. So this week we shuffle around through the early '90s and pull out a question about TV and surfing, and then we spy on Albert Einstein and Olivia Newton-John. Here's what we had to say to Mark and friends.

All you nonsurfers should know that this question is very serious business. Everyone who ever waxed a board has an opinion about where this wave is. People started speculating the minute the show hit the air. Up to now, the subject has been long on rumors, short on facts. With considerable detective work, we tracked down the man who shot the wave and put together the title sequence for *Hawaii Five-0*, L.A. TV director Reza Badiyi.

So when we asked Badiyi where he filmed the wave, searching his memory back 23 years, he admitted he didn't remember the name of the place. It was December of 1967, on Oahu, and the show's producer had given Badiyi five days to get as much footage as he could for the titles. He spent the first four days in Honolulu shooting film while hanging off the edges of buildings, riding on the hood of a speeding police car, every place he could think of. But he still lacked the perfect visual symbol for Hawaii, a big wave. With only one day left to shoot, he asked a location scout to take him to the best spot for waves. The scout took him to the North Shore.

As Badiyi recalls it, they left the car in a small park and walked around a wooden fence and down an embankment to get to the beach itself. Once on the beach they walked to the left, shooting footage as they went. Eventually they came to what Badiyi remembers as a "rocky peninsula." It's from this outcrop that he filmed one of the most famous images on television. He spent hours there and at one point was even knocked into the water when a particularly big wave caught him by surprise. He just replaced the film magazine and kept on shooting.

Armed with those details, my most reliable sources (among them *Surfing* magazine senior editor Sam George) believe the description fits Ehukai Beach Park, one entrance to a series of North Shore breaks that includes Pipeline, Off the Wall, Backdoor, and Rock Pile. Rock Pile has the kind of peninsula Badiyi described, and the break comes in from the outside toward the peninsula. It would be possible for someone there to be knocked into the water by a particularly big wave. Sam George himself conferred with Badiyi and agrees that Rock Pile is the location.

Originally, Badiyi was to be paid \$200 every time the titles were shown on TV. But early in the first year, the producer decided the show wouldn't last too long on the air and offered him a flat \$5000 instead, the equivalent of about two years' worth of broadcasts. Badiyi recalls that he shrugged and said okay. The show ran 13 seasons and has been in reruns for decades. The good-natured Badiyi admits he shrugged away a fortune.

Dear Matt:

Was Olivia Newton-John ever kissed by Albert Einstein?

— Milton F, Normal Heights

Usually I don't much care which way the facts fall. True, false; you're right, you're wrong — as long as my paycheck doesn't bounce, it's all the same to me. But this time, I really hoped I'd dig up some stories about Einstein and the Newton-Johns picnicking by the Thames, Uncle Albert giving giggly Olivia horsie rides and noogies and a friendly smooch. Or maybe details of the day Albert and Livvy roller-skated around Piccadilly Circus until she got dizzy and threw up on his shoes, and he kissed her to make it all better. Instead...nuts. I came up with nothing. Albert Einstein never kissed Olivia Newton-John. He never even met her. Personally, I'm bummed. It should have happened. It could have happened.

Olivia, born in Cambridge, England, in 1948, was the daughter of Bryn Newton-John (English teacher, Kings College) and Irene Born Newton-J. Irene's father was Max Born, a German physicist who won a Nobel Prize in 1954. Fellow Nobelist (1933) Einstein was a friend of Max and his family. According to biographies, Albert used to visit the Borns in Berlin and entertain them with his fiddle playing. So you see, it's not so crazy that Einstein just maybe, somehow, might have met Max's granddaughter Olivia and given her a friendly peck on her little toddler cheek. (Olivia was only seven when Einstein died.) The president of Hopelessly Devoted, the Olivia Newton-John Fan Club, says not only did poor Olivia never meet Einstein, she only met her Grandpa Max once, even though he didn't die until Olivia was 22. But I'd like to believe she was secretly thinking about Albert when she recorded "Let's Get Physical." Or is that "Let's Get Physicists"?

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It's Coming For You

The Box welcomes Rickey Henderson back to San Diego. You can see him, through Thursday, at Qualcomm Stadium. Henderson, for many sports fans, is the puppy you can't drown. The cur turns up on your back porch, demanding food and attention, no matter how many times you thought he was gone for good.

It was a little more than one year ago when Henderson appeared to be on the ropes. He was unemployed and Major League Baseball was uninterested. At the last moment, Rickey caught the last train out of Beirut and signed a minor league contract with the San Diego Padres.

It was a fantastic fourth-quarter save. Henderson went on to break baseball records in walks and runs, and, fittingly, on the last day of the 2001 season, cracked his 3000th hit. Coincidently, those were the stats he needed in order to be an acknowledged Big Deal Baseball Guy for the rest of his earthly life. Once again, Henderson was on the back porch scratching on the screen door.

These considerable achievements, which guaranteed a Hall of Fame induction, did not save Henderson from renewed unemployment. But, once again, he returned to the major leagues via a minor-league contract signed with the Boston Red Sox, which, in perfect Henderson style, also gave him a shot at another World Series ring, since Boston is in first place in the American League East Division.

Henderson watchers will recall that the Toronto Blue Jays won the World Series in 1993. Although Rickey only played 44 games with the Blue Jays (Oakland shipped him out after 90 games), he played the right 44 games, good enough for a championship ring.

This is what I love about Rickey Henderson. Even though the guy is 94 years old, even though he's been saved from the scrap heap more times than the Padres ballpark mess has been in court, the man still threatens his employer.

Last month Henderson hit a career bump, playing in only 10 of 24 games. He told the press, "I'm a little frustrated. If I don't do much the next couple of days, I might as well help someone else." Asked if he planned to play with the Red Sox, Henderson replied, "Friday, yeah. Saturday, you might not see me."

Another example of monumental ingratitude, you might say. I prefer to think of it as Rickey Henderson being young at heart. I hope he plays for another ten years.

Psst. By the way, he did it without steroids.

I am looking forward to a splendid summer of watching golf on television. This alarming and heretofore unfelt emotion came to consciousness recently when a lady friend floated through my living room while I was watching the U.S. Open.

She said, "I didn't know you liked golf." "I don't. I like Tiger Woods."

Since the world will and is screaming, bellowing, slobbering, magnifying, televising, and, most of all, SELLING Tiger Woods, you're going to have to step very quickly before you see so much of him as to become blinded to who the lad is.

Americans love to say America is number one. We have the best military, we have the best this and the best that. But, bottom line, the thing we do the best is sell.

I get an avalanche of spam, every day, in e-mail. There is junk mail in my post office box. Despised telephone musketeers call during dinner. At midnight, my fax is busy receiving stock market tips or free airline tickets to Puerto Rico. Young people, dressed in the latest prison fashion, knock on my door in the evening and attempt to sell everything from cookies to newspapers to magazines to "charity donations." Advertisements for pizza are left under my truck's windshield wiper. I slog to the neighborhood ATM and have to watch a commercial about Connie Chung while the machine counts

The Vegas Line

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out my money.

The assault is 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is relentless, it is merciless, and this monster has got ahold of Tiger Woods. It's going to use him for the next few weeks in order to sell you crap. Tiger is happy to join in.

Here's a tip—clip and save. Do not become a fan of Tiger Woods. This might sound a little strange, but, by fan, I mean don't find out where he lives, who is girlfriend is, what he says about world peace, or what magazines write about him. Avoid all that.

I could care less about all that, including Tiger's loony father. What I want is to watch a human being do what no other being has done. We are in the midst of a once-ina-lifetime moment. This time it's golf. Maybe the next time it will be woodworking and the next time archery and the next time investment banking. You never know when the magic is going to pop up or where.

But, it's here now and it's with Tiger. I'd have to give even odds he'll win golf's grand slam. Think about that for a minute.

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Denomination: Plymouth Brethren Address: 4445 Laurel Street, City Heights, 619-444-6330 Year founded: 1919 Senior pastor: no clergy Congregation: 150 members Staff: one part-time (janitor) Sunday school enrollment: 80 Annual budget: \$80,000 Weekly giving: \$1500 Singles program: no Diversity: white, Hispanic, Lao, Cambodian, Thai Dress: casual to dressy

Services: Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m.

In America some 20-odd Christian denominations use the word brethren in their name. Most descend from 17th- and 18th-century religious movements in Germany and Central Europe. A small contingent, sometimes called the "Plymouth Brethren," grew out of a fervent back-tobasics movement that began in Ireland in the early 19th Century.

A member of Laurel Bible Chapel in City Heights, whom I'll call Fred, explained the current Plymouth Brethren to me this way:

"Among the Plymouth Brethren there are the 'Exclusive' Brethren, the 'Closed' or 'Tight' Brethren, and the 'Open' Brethren. They differ from each other on three basic issues. Communion. Head covering for women. Music. The Exclusive Brethren use no musical instruments, all women cover their heads for worship, and Communion is closed to anyone the church hasn't known for a very long time. Among Closed or Tight Brethren, they don't use musical instruments for worship, but they might on other religious occasions. If a Closed or Tight church doesn't know vou, vou need to have what's known as a 'letter of commendation' to take Communion with them. And their women cover their

hair. Among the Open Brethren, like us at Laurel Bible Chapel, Communion is open to all who hold by our basic doctrine. Some women cover their hair. And we use musical instruments."

Among these three major Plymouth Brethren groups, Fred explained, there were yet more refined differences. Some congregations use a common cup for Communion. Others use individual cups. Among some Open Brethren, women are allowed to deliver lessons or sermons, which is anathema to Closed and Exclusive Brethren. There are more differences, but Fred was cagey about them. "I don't want to sound as though I'm casting aspersions among Brethren."

(Fred told me there were four Open Brethren congregations in San Diego. But were there any Exclusive Brethren? "I don't know. They're so insular, we probably wouldn't have heard about them.")

Fred, who asked me not to use his real name, was embarrassed because back in the early 18th Century, one of the Plymouth Brethren's central purposes was to end denominationalism. The idea was to create a united *brotherhood* of believers.

"I guess it's just the way of the world," Fred said. "This breaking up into different groups."

Or it's at least to be expected when you do away with all clergy and hierarchy, as the Plymouth Brethren did, and let the faithful decide for themselves what the Bible means. In this respect the Plymouth Brethren resemble the Church of Christ, another back-to-basics anti-clerical, antidenominationalist movement that broke into factions over such issues as whether to use one Communion cup or many individual ones.

Fred's earnest shame over the Plymouth Brethren's factionalism reflected on how seriously the people at Laurel Bible Chapel take their faith. When they get around to introducing themselves, they do so with great modesty. (Plymouth Brethren are highly concentrated in the Midwest.) During the Fellowship and Refreshments portion of the three-hour service, a little boy cut in front of me to get a donut. Deacon Bob Burris chided him. The boy threw his arms around me and, eyeing the gray in my beard, said, "Oh, please, go in

said, "Oh, please, go in front of me! Today's Father's Day!"

Laurel Bible Chapel's service begins with a one-hour Breaking of Bread, or Communion. Last Sunday morning everyone sang several 19th-century hymns before partaking of the "emblems," the bread and wine. Several men, moved by the Holy Spirit, stood and spoke about what Communion meant to them. "An acknowledgement of honor to one whom honor is due." "Blood has the power to lock away our sins for all eter-nity." "A remembering that we, unlike our unsaved friends and coworkers, will not be hurled down into a lake of fire permanently and forever.'

Following Fellowship and Refreshments, Deacon Burris taught the adult Sunday school class. He spoke about the second chapter of Revelation and the abundance of nuclear

weaponry in the former Soviet republics. During the Family Worship portion of the service, Elder Chuck Rainey, a big, bearish man, gave a sermon entitled "Get Out of the Boat!" Elder Rainey discussed several famous "walks" described in the Old and New Testaments, the most significant of which was Peter's walk on the stormy Sea of Galilee.

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"God wants us to get out of the boat," Elder Rainey told us. "He wants us out of the comfort zone He created for us."

Even about Peter's sinking into the troubled sea, Elder Rainey found something positive to say. "As Peter's name implies, he sank like a rock. But although we sometimes say 'no' to God, there's change, there's advancement. If you want to walk on water, you've first got to get out of the boat. God warns us against becoming spiritual 'couch potatoes' or 'pew potatoes.' He wants us to step out of the boat and keep our eyes on Him. He wants us to get out of the boat and say 'Yes!' to Him."



Dear Aunt Trudy,

My best friend always hooks up with tyrannical, ego-damaged women. His latest life-ruiner is an infantile shrew (a former student of his that moved in with him a year before graduation) who has taken to writing me long e-mails detailing my microscopic offenses. For example, I playfully flipped her off after she beat me in chess, and I called a fellow student of hers "your colleague." Because he was an undergrad and she a grad student, she went nuts. I think she's out of line but tried to keep my sense of humor, responding politely to her enraged e-mails. But the situation only got worse. Recently she sent me her résumé to prove how important a personage she is. I mentioned this to my pal, hoping he'd have an objective view. But he rallied behind her. I don't want to damage or abandon my friendship with this guy, who is a great dude, albeit blinded by love. But I want this harpy off my neck.

PERTURBED IN SOLANA BEACH

Dear Perturbed,

Tell your bro you're going to try to make peace with Ms. Hothead. Then write her a nice e-mail saying you're sorry for flipping her off. It was a dumb thing to do. You won't ever engage in such ungentlemanly hijinks again. You hope she can forgive you because you want unblemished friendships with them both. Tell her that since you two lock horns via e-mail. let's drop the correspondence. You respectfully hope she agrees. This woman likes to fight and is hunting for sparring partners. Don't engage. Step away. If she e-mails you more accusations, delete the e-mails without reading them. Only have contact with her in the course of friendship with your pal. Become a guy it's impossible to bicker with. Be unflaggingly cordial to her, above reproach. The I Ching says, "The superior man keeps the inferior man at a distance, not angrily but with reserve." It can work with women, too.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I love my mother very much, but she irritates me like gangbusters. I cringe when she calls every week, and, on the other hand, I'm happy she takes responsibility for keeping us connected. I want to give her credit for the positive changes she's made — she now realizes that "Just wanted to see if you're still alive, since I haven't heard from you" is not a good beginning for a chat. She has a caring heart and tries to be pleasant, but her default demeanor with people and life in general is cynical and wary. No matter what I say when she calls, she takes an adversarial position. Because of her unsupportive responses, I find myself not wanting to share my feelings with her. I also don't want to have a superficial relationship where I hide any unpleasantness in my life. She's smart enough to know how prickly her conversational style makes me. She has said on many occasions, "I feel like I have to be so careful with you." Here's what I need: when she starts being negative, I want a kind of nonalienating, verbal segue to reroute our conversation to a place that is palatable for both of us.

> DUTIFUL NORMAL HEIGHTS DAUGHTER

Dear Dutiful,

No matter how cranky or undermining our mothers are, most of us never stop longing to connect deeply with them, to get them to know and appreciate us. I admire your patience with this prickly woman. Remember that your friends are there to provide support, so get it there. The sad fact is that due to who she is. Mom will often fall short. You'll probably always be struggling to find the ideal balance between not freezing her out and not making vourself so vulnerable to her that when she lashes out, your heart feels stomped on. She won't ever become a close ally or confidante. but you can probably continue making progress by being very clear, calm, articulate, and good-humored about what you do and don't want her to say. Give her lots of gentle feedback. You did a perfect job in vour letter of describing the problem. If she editorializes tartly, let her know that "Just listening would be so valuable to me right now." "I'd be grateful if...." "It'd help me right now if you could..." or "I bet you could think of something more positive to say than that" are useful phrases. You can even laugh and say, "OUCH! Be nice!" Since she doesn't know how to be supportive, you're in effect teaching her, suggesting better responses when she's sneery, and reinforcing any tiny moves she might make toward being loving and positive. In this way, the kind, mature daughter has some maternal guidance to offer her bitter mother re having a sweeter tongue.

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EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE A HERO

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ndustry sources estimate that a million Americans are already immersed in massively multiplayer online gaming, an impressive number but still only a third of 1 percent of the U.S. population. A larger number of individuals has had fun over the years with arcade and console games or gotten caught up in Myst or Civilization or Sim City on their personal computers. But if these people play games online at all, they play with a few friends, rather than with thousands of strangers, and they pay no extra fee. Then there's the mainstream — the masses of folks who still think of games as objects spread out on the dining room table or programs on TV.

The marketing team at Sony Online Entertainment thinks millions of people will join the hard-core gamers within the next year. Considering the recent growth of Sony Online Entertainment, this prediction has plausibility. In March 2000, the company had 105 employees. Today, it has almost 500, with more than four-fifths of them based here in San Diego. They operate out of three glass-and-concrete buildings located a few blocks north of Miramar Road, about two miles east of 805. It's not an ostentatious place. Pale young men in jeans and T-shirts often cluster around the parking lot, smoking and talking. Inside, in many of the offices, the lighting is dim and the noise level low - optimal conditions for concentrating in front of a terminal. The

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premises contain one room filled with computers but neither monitors nor people just processors stacked eight feet high, rows and rows of them, bristling with plugs and cables. This room held almost 1000 computers on the day I visited.

All the interconnected boxes constitute the "servers" for Sony Online Entertainment's current blockbuster, a fantasy role-playing game called EverQuest. Anyone who buys EverQuest (for \$29.99) gets a couple of CDs containing graphic images of a fictional world called Norrath. Players load the CDs onto their home computers, but to play the game, they have to connect (via the Internet) to Sony's roomful of servers. They then select a character a wood elf or a dwarf or a barbarian, for example — and use arrow keys to move it. As they do so, Sony's computers tell the players' computers which images to display, so players can see their alter egos carrying out their directives. On screen, it looks less realistic than a movie but more complex and lifelike than a cartoon.

The object of the game isn't well defined. It's less a purposeful activity than an experience. Players roam the world, exploring a vast array of outdoor and indoor environments. They fight enemies, starting out with bats and wasps and working up to dragons. They go on quests collecting objects in the manner of a scavenger hunt. Players can undertake many of the early, simple activities on their own, but experienced players almost always team up with other people, with whom they communicate in real-time written exchanges. At the most advanced levels, they work in large groups. It might take 80 players to slay the most formidable monsters.

The computers in Sony's server room keep track of all these players, and they tell each

"Somebody once programmed the spaceship *Enterprise,* and at a certain point, if you had a little communicator, you could get beamed up."

player's computer what his or her fellow players are up to. At the moment, more than 430,000 people are paying Sony \$12.95 a month in exchange for this service. In practice, the subscribers never all play at once. But it's common for 30,000 to 80,000 to be in the game at one time.

The EverQuest server room made me think of a brain — undistinguished looking but harboring a crowded world of interactions, memories, and dreams. It's a one-track

mind, obsessed with Norrath's spells and dragons and politics. But in the coming months, Sony will set up huge banks of computers in other rooms to serve different mind-sets. One of the upcoming games, Star Wars Galaxies, will allow players to explore and have adventures in the science-fictional universe of George Lucas's popular movie series. Another (Planetside) will bring masses of players together to chase, evade, and shoot at each other. Yet another, called Sovereign, will be "kind of like playing Risk against hundreds of other people," in the words of one of the game's designers.

If there's one father responsible for spawning these creations, a candidate for the paternity suit might be Brad McQuaid. A focused, intense 33-year-old, he arguably had the most to do with conceiving and bringing EverQuest to life. On the other hand, McQuaid is quick to point out that he was "in the right place at the right time with the right support to make that happen."

Born and raised in "the San Diego area" (he declined to be more specific or say where he went to high school), McQuaid attended "some college here," then began working in the computer industry as a business programmer. But games were his passion so, along with a friend named Steve Clover, McQuaid started creating one in his spare time.

He wanted it to be a fantasy role-playing game, a genre that won widespread popular-

ity following the 1974 introduction of Dungeons & Dragons. Dungeons & Dragons wasn't a computer game, of course. It required three to nine players (a typical number) to gather together with dice, paper and pencil, and a couple of books of complex and arcane rules about spell-casting, monster-creation, and the like. Play sessions often took four to six hours. But the high school and college students who were Dungeons & Dragons' natural audience had plenty of time. And the game provided rich social rewards while giving participants the chance to exercise their imaginative and storytelling abilities. Within ten years, it had become an international hit.

McQuaid played Dungeons & Dragons as a boy, but as much as he loved it, he recognized that the need to gather for big chunks of time with three or more other people restricted the fun. Personal computers provided a way to get around this limitation. If you needed only your computer to work on enchantments or joust with monsters, your playing opportunities increased.

The first fantasy role-playing computer game, Akalabeth, appeared in 1979, and within a few years the genre was "huge," according to McQuaid. He says his experiences in junior high school with an offering called Ultima inspired him to devote his life to producing games. His first attempt was completed by late 1994. McQuaid explains that in War Wizard,



Michelle Butler

as he and Clover named their creation, the player assumed the persona of an inexperienced young hero who "had to go and reclaim all the armor and weapons of his predecessor, which was lost thousands of years in the past. So you had to travel throughout the world to gather all those items, and once you gathered them, then you were prepared to confront your nemesis. If you defeated the evil war wizard, you won the game." This could take even the most diligent player three or four weeks, McQuaid says. "We put a lot of content in it."

He and his partner sold the game as shareware, meaning that players could download it for free over the Internet. "But you only got a third of the world. So at a certain point, you couldn't proceed any further along your quest." Those who were hooked could then order the rest of the game and receive it on a floppy disk. "I think we charged \$29.95 or something like that," McQuaid says. "We made a little money from it - but not enough to quit our day jobs.'

By then, McQuaid and Clover had become entranced with another form of computer gaming, one that McQuaid refers to as "the MUD scene." (MUD is an acronym that at some point took on a life of its own. While it once stood for a number of things, the most common meaning associated with it today is "multi-user dimension.") MUDs were text-only games, McQuaid explains. You dialed them up over the Internet and played, in most cases, for free. Most of the computers on which they resided were located on college campuses. That's because in the early 1990s, colleges had some of the best access to the Internet, often making it available in libraries or wiring up dorm rooms.

The early MUD players saw no pictures on their terminals — only words describing what was going on. "Basically it was a chat room," one veteran player told me. "You got a list of who was in there, and you could all type back and forth." If you solved enough of the puzzles over time, you could even become

one of the volunteer programmers who were continuing to expand the MUDy playing fields. Some MUDs confined themselves to certain themes, but others were more amorphous. "You could have somebody programming horror stuff next to fantasy next to sci-fi,"

the veteran MUDder explained. "And they all started mixing together." The programmers used socalled "object-oriented" computer code, "which meant that instead of just putting a room together, you'd put a room together built out of little parts. So,

say I 'saw' a fountain pen. I could pick that up and take it with me because it was an object in the room. Things could be moved around, people would pick them up, and they'd take on their own life as they started merging together. Somebody once programmed the spaceship Enterprise, and at a certain point, if you had a little communicator, you could get beamed up. So the dragon would charge you, followed by the ax murderer, who was helping him. And you're, like, 'Beam me up, Scotty.' Very free-form."

McQuaid was fascinated by this wacky interplay, and he says part of what intrigued him was why it was so addictive. "There were people who would be on there eight hours a day, some of these kids. It was a very, very compelling environment, a lot of fun, very social."

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As he played, McQuaid asked himself, "What makes this work? What are the game mechanics?"

Clearly MUDs suffered from one big handicap: you had to experience them through the filter of written language. The interplay was immersive, but in the same way that reading a book can be. And as captivating and satisfying as that is, McQuaid felt certain that many readers of fantasy novels and participants in role-playing games were thinking the same thing: "I wish I were there. I wish I could see it."

He says by then it was obvious to a lot of people that you could take this audience a giant step closer to being there if you combined the graphic images of single-player computer games (like War Wizard) with the extended cybercommunities and creative interactions of the MUDs.









But in 1995 that promised to be a huge and expensive challenge. So, instead, McQuaid and Clover produced a demonstration disk for a sequel to War Wizard. They hoped to shop it around to computergame publishers and get the funding to produce a finished product. Somehow the demo fell into the hands of a man named John Smedley.

Smedley was then director of development for a San Diego-based studio of Sony Computer Entertainment America. Its mission was to develop games for the Sony PlayStation. But Smedley had a further vision that McQuaid shared, namely "that online games were going to be huge" (in McQuaid's words). Impressed with what McQuaid and Clover had accomplished in War Wizard, Smedley asked the duo if they would help him develop a massively multiplayer online role-playing game that would run on personal computers."That was on a Saturday," McQuaid recalls. Two days later, he and Clover resigned

from their day jobs.

They started working at Sony Interactive Studios at the beginning of March 1996, and within a few months, McQuaid and Clover had come up with the original "design document" for EverQuest. Not long after, McQuaid was named producer, "meaning that I was responsible for the development team." He hired two of the artists who had worked for him on War Wizard and the sequel demo, and in late 1996, he started posting notices on the Internet, seeking programmers to help bring his vision to life.

Geoff Zatkin saw one of them. "It was asking for people who could program MUDs and were good at games and could build 3-D environments," Zatkin says. He fired back an e-mail proclaiming, "I am *exactly* who you're looking for." A week or two later, McQuaid hired him as the seventh or eighth person to join the EverQuest development team.

A methodical and reflective young man, the 28-year-old Zatkin says



when he entered Trinity College in Connecticut in 1991, somehow "it never clicked that there were actually people who sat down and made video games for a living." Otherwise, he would have geared his studies with an eye to doing that. He'd been a lifelong gamer, he says. "I was play-

ing Dungeons & Dragons from a young age and video games ever since Pac-Man and Pong came out. I've always just liked games. I'd buy everything from Monopoly to Risk and kind of take them apart and figure out how they worked. Why, for example, in Risk was it better to roll the dice attacking than it was defending? Those kinds of things."

In college he got a degree in psychology, then he returned to San Diego. (He'd been born and raised in La Jolla.) He worked for a couple of Internet startups, became a Web-design consultant, and was tiring of that when he came across one of McQuaid's notices. Once hired, Zatkin began creating some of the game's numerous three-dimensional environments, but soon he was also helping to figure out how Norrath's economy would work. When he did well at that, he was asked to invent a magic system.

How do you start a task like that? "I'd read a lot of fantasy books. I knew the genre well," Zatkin reminded me. "And I'd played a lot of Dungeons & Dragons and other games of that ilk." With that background, he brainstormed about what he could do with magic that might be "really fun."

Zatkin says almost the first thing he did was to come up with a couple of themes. He knew the game would have 14 classes or professions of characters, 11 of which would be able to use magic. "Some were holy men, like priests or druids. They prayed to deities and got their magic from them. And some were magicians who read books and learned from runes." With that principle established, he devised a long list of spells and began dividing them among the classes. "Some would be better at summoning big bolts of fire, and others would be good at healing people or summoning monsters or enchanting weapons or doing other things. I started building up a theme around each profession."

Eventually, he says he created a library of 60 or 70 different magical things the characters could do, and from these, he teased out about 1300 variations. "If you can increase somebody's strength, for example, you can decrease it." For every spell he dreamed up, he worked with a programmer who devised ways to bring it to life on the computer.





Zatkin savs he worked on much more than just the magic system; none of the designers had the luxury of specializing in one task. "We'd need to set up a town, so somebody would design the town, and then I'd go and put every single merchant in the town and decide what each one sold." (Merchants, like the skeletons and giant wasps and dragons and many other fixtures of Norrath, are "nonplayer characters." They move in certain ways and say certain things not because anyone is directing them but because a programmer has written a code that automates their actions.) Zatkin continues: "Another guy would come in and figure out where all the guards walked and what they said and how friendly they were to each other. For every single thing, you had to figure out how a character did it, who they

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liked, who they didn't like. Creating a world is tricky." As EverQuest's development progressed, McQuaid, Zatkin, and the other team members continued to fret that the game might flop. For one thing, they'd had to guess how fast personal computers would be running when their product finally reached the marketplace a couple of years after the start of its development. The alternative designing it to run on what was available in 1996 would ensure that it was less than state-of-the-art, since the speed and mem-

ory of personal computers were evolving so fast. But if they guessed wrong, potential customers wouldn't be able to play. There was also the

question of whether people would pay a monthly fee to play just one game, something that had never been demonstrated. Then, in late 1997, a version of Ultima called Ultima Online beat EverQuest to become the first massively multiplayer online game on the market. Its commercial success proved that the new business model could work. In the summer of 1998, when McQuaid began sharing EverQuest with a small number of real-life gamers, their reaction also encouraged him.

"I remember going into the game my first day of the art and the feeling that you got," says Gordon Wrinn. Wrinn was one of the first 32 "beta testers" whose aid McQuaid enlisted. An employee of a Tucson software-development company, Wrinn was also a passionate computergame player, and he often ioined in the ardent discussions of various gaming developments with other

players on the Internet. In January of 1998, McQuaid began letting this community know something about the ongoing work on EverQuest. Wrinn says McQuaid "spent a good deal of time out in the Web community and basically looked for people who appeared to have a good head on their shoulders, made good arguments, and seemed to understand how these things worked." He asked the best candidates if they wanted to try out his nascent creation.

The first 32 people picked by McQuaid in late June 1998 were volunteering their insights in exchange for a sneak preview of what might be a computer-gaming phenomenon. "The game was growing at a substantial rate," Wrinn says. "There were always new things coming in." Over the succeeding months, the num-





ber of testers increased several times to include more and more players. They often surprised the developers, Zatkin says. "They'd do wild and crazy things that none of us had ever thought of." As an example, he cites the spell he created that allowed players to float above the ground. He says it became very popular among the testers. Some of them invoked it while running, to speed their transit across uneven terrain. Some used it to avoid getting hurt when they were forced to jump off cliffs. All this made Zatkin happy, but he says some players also started "climbing up really tall objects, jumping off them, and then they'd start attacking monsters in midair. The monster would look up and not be able to reach them. And the players would sit there in complete safety and rain fire



down on orcs or something." Zatkin says this violated one of the fundamental precepts McQuaid had adopted for EverQuest: "We had a no-risk, noreward mentality. Anytime you could gain something, you had to risk something too. Not necessarily your life. But maybe some money. Maybe some time." To put an end to the floating monster-baiters' fun, Zatkin says he made the levitation spell degrade over time. "You started sinking slowly. It was still good for falling off high buildings and getting you safely down. But it didn't let you sit up there indefinitely. You'd do one or two mischievous things, and then you'd land where the monster was, and he'd hit you a couple of times, and you'd decide it wasn't such a good idea." Right before the game's

release, McQuaid and his

team let anyone who was interested participate in one final three-week nonpaying trial. Some 25,000 players responded — an auspicious portent. Still the game's actual launch "was a much bigger success than even the most optimistic of us would ever have imagined. We were blown away," McQuaid claims. So many users tried to crowd into Norrath in its first two weeks that Internet traffic on the servers slowed to a crawl. "We knocked out Internet capability at Qualcomm and elsewhere," one employee told me. Within a month, 60,000 players had signed up to pay the monthly fee. Within six months, the game boasted more than 150,000 subscribers.

Since then, that number has almost tripled; today it's more than 430,000. Although a half-dozen competing products have since appeared, none has yet come close to challenging EverQuest's commanding 40 percent estimated share

of the U.S. massively multiplayer online gaming market. Even more startling than the number of subscribers are other statistics brandished by Scott McDaniel, Sony Online Entertainment's vice president for marketing and public relations. He says, "The average time spent within our world right now is about 20 hours per week per player." A sizable number spend even more time. McDaniel says players have subscribed on average for about ten months, but some have remained satisfied for far longer. More than 60 percent of the people who registered and played the game in March 1999 are still playing, the company claims.

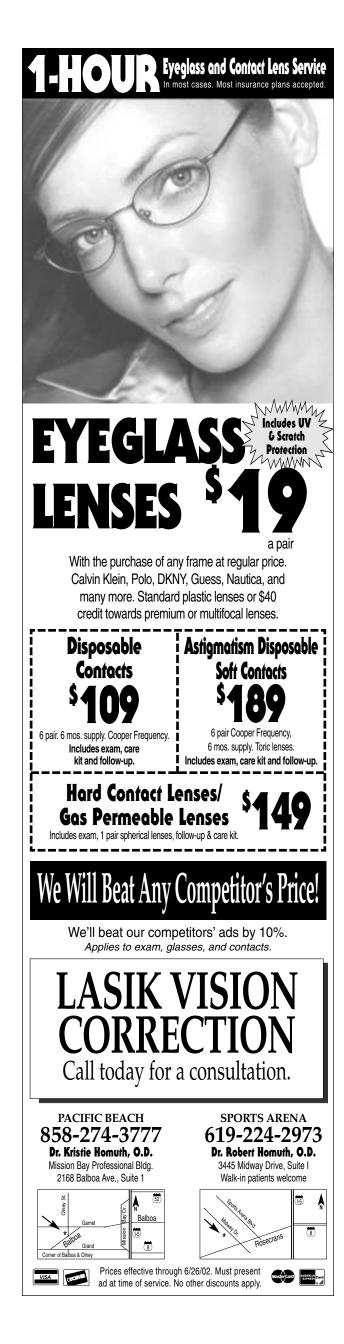
Sony has retained their loyalty in part by having the San Diego design team pump out a steady stream of expansions and improvements. McDaniel boasts that the Norrathian realm is now more than 200 percent bigger than it was when EverQuest debuted. Most











of this growth has come in the form of so-called expansion packs — additional CDs for which the company has charged \$20 to \$40. The first of these expansions, called the Ruins of Kunark, in April 2000 added more than 20 new "adventure areas" in which players could encounter numerous new nonplayer characters and play a new race of lizard-like creatures. The Scars of Velious, introduced eight months later, allowed players to travel to a "newly discovered frozen continent" filled with frost giants, ice dragons, snow orcs, cave bears, and the like. This past December, the Shadows of Luclin pushed the game's boundaries still further, giving players the ability to teleport to Norrath's moon, where the enticements included a new race of cat people and the ability to buy and ride horses. Yet another installment will be out this October.

Besides maintaining players' interest, the expansions have served another purpose, according to McDaniel. He says without them the explosive growth of EverQuest's subscriber population would have made Norrath too crowded. Even in cyberspace, the wilderness calls. "You want to be able to get out into the quote-unquote Great Outdoors and not see many other people," McDaniel says. "It's that human need to explore."

The latest expansion added more than geography. In the three years since EverQuest was released, personal computers have continued their rapid evolution. This has crucial implications for their storytelling capacities. Like movies and animations, computers create the illusion of motion by displaying a series of images, each one slightly different from its predecessor. It takes 24 frames (images) per second to fool the human eye. That's standard. But the complexity and detail of the images that a computer can display depends on the speed and power of the computer's central processor. (More complexity and detail, after all, mean more information for the



processor to manipulate.)

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gons (mostly triangles); otherwise the game would have worked so slowly on most players' computers that it would have been intolerable. Compared to the bare text of the MUDs, a 400-polygon animated 3-D dwarf must have seemed a wondrous thing. But it was still primitive.

Today's personal computers, being more powerful, can deliver much more visual sophistication. So for the most recent (Shadows of Luclin) expansion, the Sony Online Entertainment managers decided to have EverQuest's art team create and animate new 3-D models for each of the game's 28 characters. The new models were composed of up to 2500 polygons. Although those numbers might sound incomprehensible to anyone who doesn't work with computer graphics, I got an instant lesson in their importance when I compared one of the new dwarves to his previous incarnation. The old dwarf looks as if he was built out of big, coarse blocks; he has a rough-hewn childlike body. The new one is sculpted. His hands curve, and you can see the knobs of his knuckles. He has thumbs and ears and bangs in which you can almost see the separate strands of hair.

I still felt clueless about how one builds an animated computer model of a fantasy character. So I sought out EverQuest's current art director. This man happens to have the same name as the division's marketing and public relations vice president (Scott McDaniel). They're close to the same age. But no one would confuse the two in the flesh. Marketing McDaniel seems like a man who would be at home making PowerPoint presentations in one of Sony's corporate boardrooms in New York or Tokyo or San Francisco. Art director McDaniel wears a long blond ponytail and jeans. You can imagine him making a living with his hands. He says, in fact, he was

digging holes for a local neon-sign company when he got his first break as a computer artist. He'd had no formal training, but he'd always drawn a lot, mostly fantasy subjects. One day his wife saw a newspaper ad that asked, "Do you want to draw dragons? Would you like to make spaceships?" McDaniel sent some of his work to the small computer-game startup







company that had placed the ad, Software Sorcery, and he got a job. "That was back when anybody could walk into the industry," he comments. He says the work taught him speed. "I was there for three years and we put out six games, whereas the norm is to do one game every two years."

He went from there to Sony Interactive Studios, and in mid-1997 he joined the team working on EverQuest. "They had no world at that point. Just characters. So I started building the world." McDaniel says Norrath is divided into "zones" that vary in their dimensions. I wondered how an imaginary place could have any dimensions at all, and McDaniel explained that it could have scale and that scale could be compared to the size of an average human. In those terms, a 4000- by 4000-foot Norrathian zone "would take you about 20 minutes to walk across," he said.

To create a zone, "We start with a displacement map," he said, calling up a featureless gray square on his computer monitor. McDaniel typed in a few numbers to select the size and strength of the virtual brush he wanted to work with. There are no real brushes here; instead, a computer artist wields a mouse or a stylus. For this demonstration, McDaniel gripped his mouse in his right hand, moving it with a motion so subtle it was almost undetectable. But on the screen, it looked as if something had plucked up from above or pushed up from below a line of hills. "Now, let's say I like the nice roundness at the beginning, but I want to make them sharper in the middle." McDaniel made another tiny adjustment with his mouse, and the hills acquired peaks. He rotated the image to show me two views: top down and from the side. "To finish it off, I'd probably use something to give it a little more roughness and reality."

Computer artists usually don't start with a blank conceptual slate, McDaniel says. First a game designer will have figured out, at



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2000-polygon dwarf point an experienced artist "can usually take the rough map and run with it." After developing the contours, the artist will apply grassy and rocky and watery textures to make the landscape start to look realistic. McDaniel hit a few more keystrokes, and suddenly we were zooming over one of the completed zones of Luclin. What we saw could not be mistaken for the view from a real helicopter: it lacked the detail, variety, and vivid colors of the earth. Yet with minimal effort, you could imagine you were flying over an alien landscape.

I asked McDaniel how the vegetation we were seeing got there. He replied that he would tell one of his artists what kind of flora he wanted in the zone. The artist would create three or four possibilities. McDaniel could then use a tool that planted the ones he liked best, placing them either where he specified or in a random pattern throughout the zone.

The creation of Ever-Quest's characters is a more complex undertaking. To illuminate this process, McDaniel called up one of the Vah Shir, the catlike race that inhabits Norrath's moon. Because the artists thought the pun would be hilarious, much of the armor and buildings and furniture of these creatures echo the art and architecture of Persia. I noted that the female example striding toward us on his screen had some wiggle in her walk. McDaniel agreed and told me that the male Vah Shir move with a macho cockiness. This is true of all the races of EverQuest. "We made the guys move as if they were badasses, and the women are sultry and very confident," the art director said. "Everybody who plays our game wants to be a hero. So visually, I wanted to have everyone be very confident and upfront." McDaniel acknowledged that the skimpy clothing on the huge-breasted females and brawny males who populate Norrath has drawn a certain amount of criticism over the years. (The game is rated "Teen" in part because of this.) But the straightforward attitude toward sexuality. he argued, reflected the theme of self-assured heroism.

McDaniel says each new character begins its life in the form of a brief written description from one of the game designers. "Three or four lines that

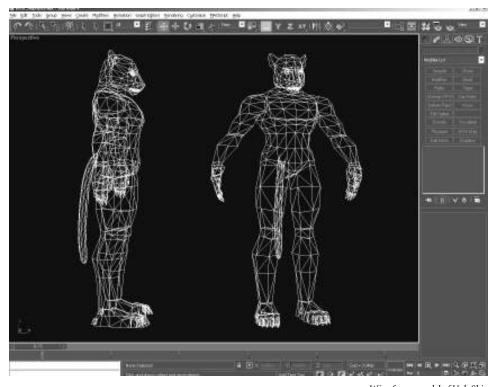






say, for example: 'Vah Shir: catlike race, Persian-based. The size of a barbarian [an existing EverQuest character].' Then they'll tell us things like: 'They can land quickly. They can see very well at night,' and so on." From such information, McDaniel's art team sketched various feline possibilities on paper and made some preliminary decisions. "We decided, for example, that rather than have the legs go backward the way those of a real cat would if a cat stood up, we would give them humanstyle legs. There were two reasons for doing that: one is that it gave them a more human aspect so our players could identify more closely with them, and it was one less skeleton that we had to build for animation."

McDaniel says the next step was to build a "wireframe" model based on the most promising sketches. Wire-frame models are aptly named. They're assemblies of triangles that approximate the surfaces of three-dimensional objects. They look as if you



can see right through them, until an artist applies colors and textures to the surfaces. Then they begin to have some verisimilitude.

After the artist constructs a wire-frame model, what he has at that point is still motionless, a statue, rather than a swaggering, questing, fighting actor. To make the statue move, McDaniel says his animators have to create for it a "skeleton" made of triangles and rectangles and squares. (They refer to the geometric shapes they work with as "bones.") By connecting the bones to various vertices in the wireframe model and then rotating the joints, the model can be captured in a series of different poses. When you run them together Wire-frame model of Vah Shir

quickly, the statue comes to life.

McDaniel summoned the figure of a female barbarian who sprang forward, thrusting her sword out in front of her. She did it over and over ("because the loop is playing over and over," the art director explained). This animation consisted of 30 frames. He added that each of the 28 characters in

the Luclin expansion had 174 different animations. These included walking, combat moves, turning ("the hardest thing to animate"), spell-casting gestures ("where they flourish their arms and leap forward"), and a grab bag of motions that the animators refer to as "emotes," meaning things like waving, nodding, shaking the head, smiling, blushing. It takes varying amounts of time to create each of these, the art director says. Something as simple as an "idle" (standing and turning the head to look around at random intervals) might take only five or ten minutes. "Whereas a special monk kick - where they jump up in the air and kick their legs out and come back down — with the robes on and all — often took a couple of days." McDaniel says the hard part of creating the monk kick was keeping the legs from coming through the robes. In the end, right before the Luclin expansion was released, "We had six animators working furiously to get the robes done on all the

characters."

McDaniel says the minimum time worked by any member of his team during the yearlong Luclin expansion was 80 hours per week. "And we had two guys who worked about three years' worth of time," he says. "It wasn't quite that, because that would have been 24 hours a day. But many, many, many times, I would leave here at midnight or so, come back in at six, and they'd still be here. Still working. They'd sleep in their cubes. They'd sleep on my couch."

Gordon Wrinn, the early beta tester, later came to work for the San Diego Sony division. Today he's a programmer. I asked him about the reaction of EverQuest's subscribers to last fall's renovations, and he responded, "For virtually anything we do in the game, there's always a group that's absolutely ecstatic. There's a group that doesn't like it, and another group that really doesn't care." In this case, Wrinn says a lot of players disliked the new model for the character that they themselves played

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but loved the rest of the changes. Wrinn thought this reaction could be explained by the large amount of time most people spend in the game. They develop an attachment to the way they look, however cartoonish. He predicted that as time went by, the player community would grow fond of the new models. "I can hardly stand to look at the old ones anymore," he added.

To many players of current single-player games, even EverQuest's new models still look crude. The best of the single-player games may not yet be indistinguishable from a movie, but they come closer to that ideal than any of the massively multiplayer options. When I asked Geoff Zatkin why EverQuest looks so much worse than cuttingedge single-player offerings like Medal of Honor or Max Payne, he indicated that it all came down to a matter of competition for scarce resources. "In a single-player game, you have yourself on the screen and maybe four to five other things you're interacting with. In a massively multiplayer game, you might have 15 to 20 players on the screen, plus 5 to 10 monsters and horses and houses." You're putting a lot more up there, yet the single-player and massively multiplayer games have to run on the same computers, machines that today might be able to display

100,000 polygons at any given instant. That means the 5 things on the screen can each be made of 20,000 polygons apiece, Zatkin said. But if there are 50, they have to be limited to 2000. contrast, there's no overall narrative to EverQuest. With hundreds of thousands of players participating, no one player can have much impact on the world.

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The massively multiplayer online games differ from their single-player cousins in other ways. Many single-player games tell a strong, engaging story one in which the player is the central character, moving the action along. In it on the shelf, and move on to the next thing. It's kind of like the movie business. The movie companies will spend umpteen million dollars promoting a film for three weeks, and then it's out of the theaters and into its rental life.

"That's different from how we [online game publishers] operate," McDaniel asserted. "We devote a ton of time, money, and resources to maintaining [EverQuest] and keeping it alive and new and compelling. The other huge overhead we take on is the customer support. Most gaming companies will have a customer-support department of 8 or 12 people. We have more than 142 now." When you run a virtual

world that players can enter whenever they want, "You have to maintain it 24 hours a day, seven days a week," McDaniel said.

He urged me to talk to Michelle Butler. Although her business card identified her as the EverQuest customer service manager, Butler pointed out that "customer service managers don't exist in the world of Norrath — because the gods of the world don't acknowledge that there's a corporate America out there." Her"in-game title" was thus Head Game Master.

Butler, 34, has long ash-blond hair, blue eyes, and a focused, forceful demeanor. She said, "Absolutely!" a lot when she talked



about her job and what brought her to it. The daughter of a Pan Am 747 pilot, she grew up in Florida and early on developed a taste for science fiction and fantasy. She played Dungeons & Dragons, collected Star Wars figures, worshipped the movie The Neverending Story. For a while, her own career path seemed more mundane. After dropping out of high school, she went to work in a jewelry store. But when she was 19 or 20, she realized that the action figures she had collected as a child were worth a small fortune. "I'd kept them in really good shape in my trunk," she said. So she opened a collectible toy store, stocking it "with all my old toys from Star Wars and Star Trek. I also did some G.I. Joe."

The store prospered and over time expanded. When Michelle started dating a comic-book fan named Jeff Butler, she added comic books to her inventory. The two of them also installed a network of computers that customers could use in exchange for paying an hourly fee. "We played a lot of games — Ultima Online, Dagger Fall, Diablo, Warcraft — those types of things." One day Jeff saw an online notice calling for EverQuest beta testers and he got accepted into the initial group of 32. "He did that for about six months," Michelle said. Then Brad McQuaid offered him the opportunity to become the game's first customer service manager. Michelle was also invited to work in the fledgling department, so she and Jeff moved to San Diego. (They married a year later.)

"When I came, we didn't even have training manuals," Michelle recalled. "There were just 12 of us." Since then, elaborate protocols have developed. Players can communicate their needs in a number of ways, but the most common is to petition for help online. Six levels of customer service representatives can respond. The three lowest

levels (who attend to the easiest problems) are volunteers who work out of their homes. This cadre of "guides" includes more than 1000 individuals. Sony recommends that they work at their guiding jobs at least six to eight hours per week. I asked Michelle why

on earth people would donate their labor to the

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Sony Corporation, and she replied that being a guide gives players a number of advantages. "First of all, you get your account for free. You also have the ability to become a lot more knowledgeable about the how customer support works; what our policies

are. Many of those policies are not disclosed to the public." So the volunteers enjoy the prestige and satisfaction that comes with being an insider. Also, "It's a very tight-knit community. They're very supportive of each other. I think if you called any guide, they would tell you they've made at least five friends who were

guides." Finally, Michelle

added, "I guess it's kind of

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pour their entire life into it. I have some seniors who are on the server 30, 40, 50 hours a week. Or you'll have a housewife. Her husband's at work. She'll guide for three or four hours, then make the children their lunch, do the laundry, guide for another two or three hours. And suddenly she's put in eight hours." During that time, she's interacted with other adults. "It's people to talk to when you're home all day and have a three-year-old."

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The interaction might cover any number of subjects, Michelle said. Players can "marry" each other within the game, and when they do, the guides can help them change their last name to that of their spouse. At times the guides participate in activities designed to enliven Norrathian life. Last Halloween, for example, some of them played the part of tiny skeletons and pumpkin people who ran around the world, handing out virtual candy.

They also can respond when someone reports a nonplayer character (NPC) whose behavior seems odd. "NPCs are free to walk the world, just like the players," Michelle noted. They have some artificial intelligence. "They do communicate. They respond to specific words." And if they make the wrong series of choices, they can get off track. "Sometimes there are larger NPCs, like some of our dragons, that obviously don't fit through doorways, and they may not realize they're a little too big to fit through, and they'll get stuck. Or a banker will mysteriously decide that he doesn't want to be open for business. Things like that. We go in and solve some of these things."

More complicated activities are handled by the paid staff (including three grades of "game masters"). These employees sometimes have to deal with misbehaving humans. Each server often accom-



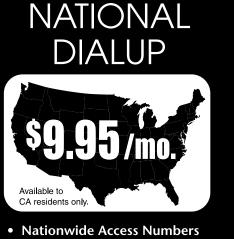




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modates between 1500 and 2500 people, Michelle said, "and when you get that many people together, not everyone's going to get along. So we sometimes have to play the mediator. Maybe two brothers have gotten into a fight because their mother grounded one and won't let him play EverQuest, and now he's guessed his brother's password, which was their cat's name, and he's handing out all his brother's equipment. Lots of things like that."

Whenever the game masters catch a player spewing profanity, they step in, Michelle said. Even though players can turn on a filter that transforms most obscene language into gobbledygook, the game masters still chastise and even eject anyone who's engaging in "zone disruptions." ("It's like a restaurant," says Scott McDaniel, the marketing manager. "You're not going to go into a restaurant, stand atop a table, and scream at the top of your lungs, 'Screw the world!' without the restaurant saying, 'Thank you very much, have a nice day, we don't need your business.")

The game masters also play censor when asked to review the names players have chosen for their characters or guilds (formal associations of players). "We don't want Mickey Mouse running around in Norrath," Michelle said.

"We don't want Hitler running around." The guides don't tolerate the use of copyrights or trademarks as names for obvious reasons — but they also reject normal human nomen-

the stress of everyday life. And if we keep [reminders of it] out of the game, the players can stay more focused on what the world of Norrath is." Michelle explained that

"In Norrath, you don't name your child Ben," Michelle said. You name him Mennix Fuzzknuckle or Lyra Furry-Toe or something similar.

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players can expect only limited assistance if they ask for help with solving the game's challenges. "Occasionally, we'll have a player fall off a boat. They'll be dropped into the middle of our equivalent of the Pacific

Ocean and have no idea which way to swim." In such a case, "We'll try to give them directions. But when it would be giving away some of the mystery of the game, we advise them to talk to other players. Because the object of the quest is to really kind of learn it all. That's half the exploration! Christopher Columbus thought the world was flat before he got here. It probably would have defeated a lot of his exploration had he known differently. So we try very hard not to get into that."

I asked Michelle if her department ever fielded queries from players struggling with the deleterious consequences of spending too much time on the game

(which has been dubbed "EverCrack"). She couldn't think of an instance when that had happened. But Geoff Zatkin has been asked about the topic. Zatkin says press reports have even suggested that he was hired, with his psychology degree, to make the game more addictive. He says that's nonsense. "We just set out to make the best game we possibly could."

Zatkin acknowledges having mixed feelings about the amount of time many people devote to the online fantasy realm. "I believe in doing everything in healthy amounts," Zatkin says. "If you have a lifestyle that gives you 20 hours of free time and still allows you to do other things, then



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play EverQuest. I think that's good." Plenty of people spend 20 hours a week watching television, he notes, but online gaming offers more rewards. "It's much more social than television. You're thinking, you're planning, you're making new friends." On the other hand, "If all you're doing is playing EverQuest, I think that's unhealthy," he says.

I asked McDaniel, Sony's marketing manager, if he thought EverQuest would still be around, demanding 20 hours a week from people's lives, 20 years from now. "I can look at that question in two ways," he reflected. "One is: will this specific product be alive or will this style of game?" McDaniel thinks the answer to the second is an unequivocal yes. "Everybody who's anybody in the gaming business is trying to get into this space. And that's quite simply because they've seen the success of a game like EverQuest. Three years, 400,000 people, \$10 a month. You do the math."

McDaniel says Sony Online Entertainment hopes to retain its dominion by doing a number of things. "Not everybody wants to take on the role of a knight in shining armor. So one of our strong growth strategies is expanding the genres we cover." He sounds most excited about the Star Wars Galaxies game that's being developed at a Sony Online Entertainment satellite in Austin, Texas. "That's a title that has the potential to knock the doors wide open, as far as the audience goes," the marketing manager predicts. More

than 250,000 people have already registered on its website. But McDaniel says his division also is actively working on a half dozen other new products.

As for the second question — whether EverQuest itself will still be around in 20 years - McDaniel says, "We certainly hope so. I can't say we have a 20-year game plan, but we definitely have a 5-year one." Sonv has made a commitment to fund a number of further expansions of Norrath, and it's also taking steps to draw in more people outside America (who so far have made up less than 20 percent of the game's audience). Last fall the company announced plans to begin using "realtime machine translation of in-game player chat" so that players will be able to



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When I asked Brad McQuaid, EverQuest's spiritual father, where he thought EverQuest would be in 5, or 15, years, he dodged the question, citing the fact that he no longer works for Sony Online Entertainment. By last fall, McQuaid says, he had risen within the division to where he no longer was doing any hands-on game development. "I learned about myself that I was much happier when I was the producer of EverQuest, working on one game and putting my heart and soul into it," he explains. So last October, he and Sony came to an amicable parting.

Since then McQuaid has formed Sigil Games Online, a small new company, and taken Jeff Butler with him to be his vice president. The two are not yet saying much about their plans for their first product. But McQuaid was happy to make some pre-

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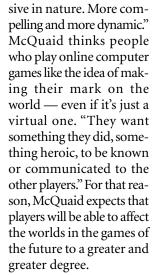
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dictions about the gaming arena overall.

"You're going to see a lot more types of games," he said, echoing the words of McDaniel. Star Wars Galaxies will "explode the game space," he agreed, bringing in "all sorts of new eyes and players," as would the Sims Online, another product scheduled to appear this year. Developed by Maxis, it will extend the well-respected Bay Area company's hugely popular line of "simulation" games into the online realm. ("Picture a world where you can be whoever you want," the website for it reads. "Own a piece of land and create a house, dance club, coffee shop... Build networks of friends that decide your wealth, power, and popularity.")

"The whole industry will learn a lot from that game," McQuaid predicts. Beyond that, he thinks continuing technological advances will allow all the virtual worlds "to become more and more immer-



Among the fantasy and science fiction that McQuaid devoured as a youngster was the Star Trek: Next Generation television series. It popularized the concept of the Holodeck — an amusement chamber on the Enterprise where computers conjured up lifelike threedimensional replicas of a wide range of real and fictional places. On the Holodeck, a crew member could become Sherlock Holmes or a Japanese samurai or a Roman emperor, rewriting the history, reshaping the stories, touching, tasting, smelling the details of the experience. McQuaid is convinced that Holodecks will one day be a reality. They won't be invented. Rather, they'll evolve from the likes of EverOuest. We may all be dead long before any true Holodeck technology exists, McQuaid told me. But he didn't sound downcast. He sounded happy to be working on the Holodecks of today. — Jeannette De Wyze

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I begin my creative writing class by asking students to draw three pictures that symbolize aspects of their personalities. Then, as a way of introducing themselves to the class, I ask them to write three paragraphs that explain how the symbol corresponds to their personality. Students have characterized themselves as musical notes, toolboxes, Elvis, and ovaries. The stu-

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dent who represented himself as a frog said it was because he tended to leap instead of walk. Several semesters ago, a nice-looking young man sketched the Nike emblem. When it was his turn to introduce his pictures and himself to the class, he told us that all of his clothing, everything he wore, must bear the Nike symbol. Even the gold charm dangling from the chain around his neck bore the Swoosh. Summers, he informed us, he cuts out the design and places it on his chest so that the sun can burn a white Nike tattoo on his body.



We are a society that writes upon itself or is written upon. Who hasn't, in the throes of teenage passion, carved their initials into a picnic bench, a tree, or a leg? Who hasn't, at one time or another, worn an item of clothing or a pair of shoes branded by a designer? But there is quantum disparity between an individual choosing to mark his or her own body and the advertiser's pervasive and powerful ability to mark even our private subconscious space. Like relentless neighborhood dogs, advertisers stain our public airways, our highways, our high school hallways, and our horizons. The midriffs of professional cheerleaders have been leased to advertisers. From clear blue skies white words rain down upon us, *Tan, Don't Burn, Get A Coppertone Tan...* It seems inevitable that young people, saturated by culturally approved graffiti since birth, would mirror this phenomenon by tattooing their bodies or tagging their neighborhood walls.

Politicians and advertisers have their own prerogative when it comes to littering the eyescape. When political campaigns hit Chula Vista, loud-colored signs are posted everywhere. Though they absorb public space, they are nothing more than the scrawl of personal interest and personal ambition reduced to the most simplistic message: the advertising of a candidate's name. In their zeal to be noticed, several candidates or cam-







paign workers nailed campaign posters to trees. An article in *Bad Subjects: Political Education for Everyday Life*, entitled "Eradicating the Stain: Graffiti and Advertising in Our Public Spaces," writer Jeremiah Luna argues that images projected into the public space are a mode of making meaning. "We exercise our ability to arrange images and create meanings on the walls of our private dwellings. Outside, however, we are denied this privilege. Although we are as much creatures of the public realm as the private realm, we find ourselves silenced

whenever and wherever we might create meaning to share with others.... What is hindering us from participating in the public games of meaning? Our public space is tightly controlled by the interest of capital.... Unless a person has a lot of money, access to public walls is blocked."

Two years ago, I was walking with my grandson, who was four at the time, around the block. We saw a man painting on the large cement wall that surrounds the local elementary school. The man was dipping a brush into the palette in his left hand and blackening the faint trace of figures on the white wall. I wondered how he was able to draw the figures so well on such a large scale. He told me he had come the night before with a projector and done the original sketches from overheads. He was creating a

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playful mural on the large, vulnerable tabula rasa that surrounds Rosebank school.

When we got home, despite the drizzle, my grandson insisted I pin a piece of butcher paper to the backside of the house, where he applied bold strokes. He was so taken by what he had seen

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that he put aside his Superman costume and declared himself an artist. He, too, wanted to hold the mirror of the wall up to his mind.

The children at Rosebank school were equally enthralled by the cartoon characters that cavorted around the rim of their school. Well-behaved children were rewarded with paintbrushes, bright colors, and time outside of the classroom. They painted in the outlines of a child being lifted by a bevy of balloons, or a child riding a wave, or entering a false door. And so the wall became a source of school and neighborhood pleasure. And a dramatic target for the suburban blight of graffiti.

The Caduveo Indians, as anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss describes them in *Triste tropique*, lived in a very hierarchical society. Inequality resulted from the organization of this society, and Lévi-Strauss believed that the elaborate facial tattoos that the Caduveo wore were a result of the tension created by the social structure."The Caduveo...were never lucky enough to resolve their contradictions, or to disguise them with the help of institutions artfully devised for that purpose.... Since they were unable to conceptualize or to live this solution directly, they began to dream it, to project it into the imaginary.... We must therefore interpret the graphic art of Caduveo women, and explain its mysterious charm as well as its apparently gratuitous complication, as the fantasy production of a society seeking passionately to give symbolic expression to the institutions it might have had in reality, had not interest and superstition stood in the way."

In its short existence, the mural on the western side of Rosebank school has been hit several times by taggers. Most of the preliminary hits were so tiny that they were dwarfed by the mural itself. Finally, however, there was a large, obstreperous hit. The spraypainted symbols rivaled the cartoon figures in size and importance. And a contradiction — not unlike that of the Caduveo's - was expressed on the wall of the school. The sanctioned, innocent, happy, aesthetically pleasing cartoon characters

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were juxtaposed with illegal, ugly, angry script. Neighbors and children who attend Rosebank couldn't help but feel violated. If a large heart smitten by an arrow and adorned with initials were on the wall, the dis-ease we would feel would come from a different place, but what were we to make of ABCK X DAKS? In the same way that it is troubling to see a woman and child on a freeway island begging for money, it is disruptive to the desire for a white-picketfence life to see its nemesis sprouting on neighborhood walls.

It's interesting that graffiti evokes in me a gut-level reaction — anger — whereas my response to advertising isn't nearly as visceral, though advertising impacts me more. Perhaps advertising seems benign because, like a sibling, I grew up alongside it.

Or perhaps it doesn't evoke a physical response because the line between entertainment and advertisement is so blurred that my emotional response is disoriented. In the flurry of his own three-year-old activity, my second grandson will become alert to something pitched at him on TV and utter the product-appropriate word cool. Studies show that children as young as three are not even able to differentiate between programs and advertisements, yet they are influenced by them.

But today's advertising is anything but benign. Children represent a \$500 billion market; advertisers are drooling over their business. My daughter and son-inlaw restrict my six-year-old grandson's TV time to two hours a day; still, in that small amount of time his

appetite for a thing is honed to a sharp need. Recently he became obsessed with a mummy whose eyes pop out when squeezed. Why this creature? In his young child dreams he would have

chologists to penetrate even deeper into their psyches, to dispossess them of themselves. By law, advertisers can only air advertisements on children's programs every six minutes; this is consid-

It's no surprise that graffiti artists, parading as outlaws and outsiders, become the mirror image of the society that has mothered them more fiercely than their own mothers.

never invented this toy for himself. I have always imagined desire to be intimate, integral, a core element of self. But not contented with simply flashing ads at children, advertisers have hired anthropologists and child psy-

ered restraint. The children at Rosebank Elementary will only suffer this graffiti one day before it is painted over. ABCK X DAKS pales in comparison to the omnipotent, omnipresent advertising campaign that our children

are subjected to. Many of us had hoped that advertising, like graffiti, would fade out, become less sensational, less effective. In fact, they are both unbound, global, proliferating.

Another student in a creative writing class workshopped a short story about graffiti called "Trains on Fire." Trains are a popular target for taggers. This young woman's story made it clear that she was among those who considered graffiti political, not simply through its message, but through its claiming of space. "With a pen in my hand I began to sketch what would manifest in the evening to come. A cup of coffee near, black the way I like it, I began to use the colors of fire to draw my plan for the night.... My work was more than art; it was a way of saying, these are my streets, and my land."

What interests me about the quote is the idea of having to take back the streets, the land. From whom? Of course, in a fictional piece we have to separate the narrator from the writer, but the student assured me she had many friends who were graffiti artists and based her story on personal knowledge.

I complained to this student about the tagging in the canyon behind my house, in particular the painted trees and the litter of spray cans. I also complained to her about the plight of small-business owners. Wally O'Conner, our family's mechanic, has owned and operated Morrel's garage for 25 years. He has to paint over the graffiti on the front of his garage ten times a year. Aside from the injustice of being tagged, Mr. O'Conner suffers further injustice at the hands of the

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city, which threatens to fine him if he does not attend to the problem promptly enough. For small-business owners, tagging creates an additional financial burden. The student told me that real graffiti artists have a code of conduct that prohibits the spraying of vegetation and small-business fronts, and they never litter the environment.

Intrigued by the idea of a graffiti code of conduct. I did a Web search. Though nothing so noble as a code of conduct, I did find the next dimension of graffiti. Using the search words "San Diego" and "Graffiti," I found a sophisticated website,

www.puregraffiti.com, which originates in San Diego. The site posts pictures of graffiti from around San Diego County. They also display pieces from Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Denmark, England, and so on. How funny to think of these midnight painters returning to their creations to take a picture or carrying a camera along with them to document their work. The graffiti painters refer to themselves as writers, and www.puregraffiti.com has submission standards not unlike literary journals. The site also has a graf-

fiti glossary. A crew is defined as "A group of tightly nitched folks...members of a crew

usually paint together. The crew name is also sometimes put up large, as in blockbuster form...to give the crew name, and writers recognition." Blockbusters are "Huge block lettering of a writer's name or their crew's name, usually consisting of two colors, usually done to go over tags, or other writers' work." The graffiti close to where I live has become increasingly dominated by this block lettering. Where once there was diversity in style and content, the writing has become more and more homogenized. As with political posters, the dominant graffiti has been reduced to the vanity of a

name.

The website's definition of "fame" was the most interesting. Fame is "What a writer gets when they are constantly and consistently getting up. This is not every writer's goal, but most writers are out for fame. They wanna be known, they wanna be on ABC news, they wanna be on fucking CNN like Osama bin Laden. They want FAME." Most poets, fiction writers, and nonfiction writers hope, too, for fame or for some kind of recognition or relationship with the larger world. But they also write because they have to, even without the hope of publication; the

words foam up through the stems of their bodies and insist on being written down. The desire for media fame expressed by puregraffiti.com more closely parallels the culture of advertisers. Advertisers are salivating, even fighting over the teen market, and to this end they have become ubiquitous as God is alleged to be. They have moved inside schools, their logos are found on walls, on the wrappers of sandwiches, on stadium scoreboards, on T-shirts, on subject kits donated to schools by corporations, or on Channel One, developed to tap into a captive student audience. The advertiser's success, like

the tagger's success, is measured by how "constantly and consistently" they "get up" in the public eye.

It's instructive to read the advertisers' own words to get a sense of the angling being done to ensnare young people's minds. By way of example, Xtreme Central is a website that is seeking clients who wish to advertise. Xtreme Central offers "Demographics, Psychographics, and Circulation." They start up front by giving the demographics for the teen target market: "Median age: 17.6; Average House Hold Income: \$68,000; Internet users: 74%." More intriguing still is the come-on for

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858/554-0100 or 877/FOR-INFO Conducting Quality Clinical Trials Since 1973 the come-on. "There has been no other generation in history that has become so computer literate in so little time. The public school systems, in educated countries, begin computer training in the first grade.... By the time they reach high school...they're hooked.... The television industry is growing concerned..." To what corner of the world can young people retreat? Find the who that they are without being modified and manipulated by advertisements? It's no surprise that graffiti artists, parading as outlaws and outsiders, become the mirror image of the society that has mothered them more fiercely than their own mothers. In a moment of synchronicity on puregraf*fiti.com*, the parallel paths of graffiti and advertising converged. One column of the site was designated for products: caps, mags, videos, books, posters, and gear, and they invited people "to

call us and find out about wholesale pricing and advertising opportunities."

For years I have walked the same route with my dog. We walk through a field that is sometimes beautiful in spite of the city's effort to chop it up and make it ugly. At the end of the field we ascend onto a levee that leads us under four overarching freeway connectors. Under the big cement legs of the freeway is where I have become a seasoned reader of the evolving text of graffiti. For a while it was the word "TEXT." in large white letters outlined by green, etched with a definitive period after it. Before block-lettered initials dominated the space, the messages were often the crude products of a young male mind; for example, Two bitches are better than one. A community service officer for Chula Vista told me that most of the taggers are male and under 18. Perhaps that's a rather static view; last year the wall

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announced *LadyTag*, which I have to imagine is like girls' night out. There also used to be the occasional romantic inscription: *For my girl/para mi changa*, or the quasi-inspirational message that seemed not to belong to this gray underworld: *He who is a King has a truth*.

Political outbursts were once also painted on the freeway underpass. I have a

When we were almost face to face, I saw that his gloved hand was cupping a spray can.

sister who teaches at a private Quaker prep school. Many of the students who attend this school have the privilege of parents who are educated and politically principled. For the most part, the students also have money. One of my sister's assignments last year was to escort students to Seattle and Toronto who wanted to demonstrate against the World Trade Organization. The area in which I live is predominantly low-income; the kind of consciousness that the Quaker school students had, and the flight tickets to facilitate their political expression, are harder to come by here. Fuck Sidebusters & Fuck Cops was one of the more political outbursts on the wall last year. After the spate of high school killings in San Diego, there were headstones painted on the wall with "RIP" and the names

of the dead painted over them. The script beside the headstones read *Our Eyes Stay Teary Cuz Our Brothas Be Lyin' Underground*. After one of the few

rainstorms we've had this year, my dog and I went for our morning walk. Because the sky was temporarily cleansed, I could smell the paint before I saw it. Frustrated, I imagine, by the fact

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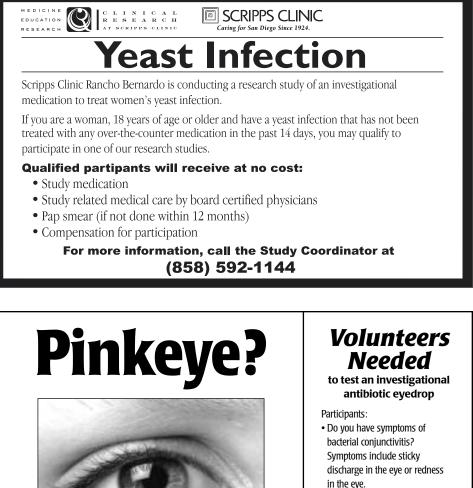
selves a clean canvas. The elaborate new graffiti was 10 feet high and 20 feet long. The letters were artfully outlined in silver and filled in with maroon and no doubt referred to a "writer" or a "crew." The taggers had achieved a symmetry and a kind of perfection without the use of a projector, and the graffiti was not without

beauty. I realized that whoever did this must have worked all night, must have even had to allow time for the base coat to dry. Still, the block letters, though larger and prettier, were equally as vacuous as the surrounding graffiti.

Though the paintings couldn't hurt me, weren't directed at me, I still felt angry. The city has already done its best to ugly up this place. Where a clean river might have run, water stagnates and gathers green slime. Jailhouse gray is the decorative motif, and speeding cars crisscross the connectors spewing carbon dioxide and deafening noise with abandon. When I walked a little further, my anger became more focused. There was a great blue heron standing on a rock that was tagged with black letters. The letters didn't hurt the great blue heron either. It was all, I suppose, symbolic.

Two figures approached me. I leashed my dog. As they got closer I saw they were young men in clone clothes: baggy pants, oversized shirts, one wore a ski cap, the other a backwards baseball cap. (What could I expect? In the last year alone they would have been exposed to at least 20,000 ads. They might easily have been Mervyn's models.) They both had backpacks. The smaller of the two had a thin black mustache and a white plastic glove on his right hand. When we were almost face to face, I saw that his gloved hand was cupping a spray can. I had a violent collision of feelings. The size and stature of my dog made me brave. I wanted to know if they were the ones who had worked all night to make this oeuvre. I wanted to shake them and tell them: You're wasting your only life or Your text is boring. I wanted to live in a more beautiful environment. "Did you do this?" I asked. They hesitated. Were they proud of their work? Did they think I might say something nice? It was so brazen to be carrying paraphernalia. But a duh question deserves a duh answer. The mustached one said, "No."

And it's just as well. In the end, I had nothing to say to them. My graffitireading had taken its toll. I have an inordinate faith in



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words and images. With any luck, words and images can coalesce into art and give relief to the maker; sometimes pleasure or insight to the society. They can also clot into the simulacra of art, that is to say, advertisements. Regarding the numerous self-portraits of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, the literary critic Ben Sifuentes Jauregui says, "I find Kahlo's self-portraits important because they use narcissism as a strategy of self-preser-

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vation..."There were, I realized, a lot worse things these young men could have been doing other than trying to, with art and patience, scrawl their messages or their monikers on the margins of society. In a world and in a mind inundated with the words and images of others, perhaps trying to achieve "fame" is an act of self-preservation. What I have come to see as the biggest problem is that under the cover of night, under the cover of darkness and outside of the law, conditions where imagination should be most free, the stylized painting is increasingly the same, conformist by its own standards. Just as my grandson's desire for a mummy indicates how estranged he can be from his own desire, the taggers' desire to homogenize and commodify their own work and to make CNN attests to their mind's captivity. I have a friend who was

diagnosed with brain can-

cer. Thankfully it is in remission now, but brain cancer is a fierce enemy. After his surgery, after his treatments, my friend's feelings toward the world took a new turn. He began to drive for Meals on Wheels and do other community-oriented jobs. He also took to rising early on Saturday mornings, armed with gray paint, and going to freeway underpasses and other places where graffiti rears its rebellious head. He told me he

paints over the graffiti because he wants the area in which he lives to be beautiful. Sometimes when I am ill or frightened, I clean the tea kettle, or dust the molding, or complete some other job that I have been postponing. These small acts offer me the comfort of an ostensible sense of order. In an essay on poetics, Brown University professor and poet C.D. Wright writes, "Because it derives from consciousness, art is

critical. Also true, ruins are beautiful to us; blues makes us feel good; it is through the wound that we perceive the body whole." I believe my friend, by beautifying and bringing order to his community, was making similar overtures to his body. And I believe that graffiti is, among other things, one of the wounds through which we can glimpse how far we are from corpore sano, a healthy society. — Susan Luzzaro

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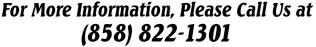
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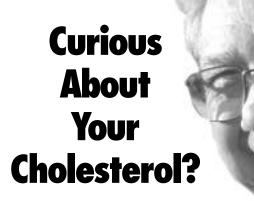
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Queer Theory

hil, husband to my novel's heroine, is mortified by his teenaged son Danny. But Phil would never, not ever, admit this, not to Polly, his wife and my heroine, and only in rare moments to himself. Phil characterizes Danny's immense and waddling mama-pig fleshiness as "baby fat," as something that soon will melt away. Some Saturday morning, Danny will wake up and walk downstairs and be thin. Phil believes that Danny's drinking and drug use are a phase that Danny will grow out of. He thinks that the drinking and drug use are part of an attempt on Danny's part to blunt his pain over his best friend Toby's death. Also, he does not think that the marijuana is that big a deal. He's been smoking it for 20 years, and he's never shot heroin or failed a class or crashed a car or raped a woman. Phil is disgusted by the way Danny and his friends smoke, that nobody can be bothered to roll a fucking joint; they squat in a circle and take bong hits off that filthy contraption. Phil suspects that Danny's big brother Matt is correct, though, when he says that Danny is not entirely masculine, is not exactly a he-man. God knows, the kid does not walk right, and he uses his hands funny. But how can you walk right when you weigh easily over 200 pounds and you're 5'8"? How? Phil suspects that Danny probably is a homosexual, a fairy, a pansy. How Phil feels about homosexuals is terrified of them. He, alas, loves to be what he calls "serviced" by Polly, and he recognizes that this "servicing" is one of the sex acts in which male homosexuals engage, but Phil detests and disapproves the notion of one man servicing another man. Men who do this can never be happy. They are freaks. Perhaps they are freaks of nature, born this way, and perhaps in Danny's case, the mother — that is, Polly — has pampered the child and turned him soft and effeminate. God knows, Polly has doted on Danny, and she would have doted on Matt had Matt permitted it. But Matt always pushed his mother away when she tried to coddle him. Matt was born, as was Phil, all boy. Polly most particularly has fussed over Danny and even favored him over Matt, particularly since Toby got shot. But isn't that what a mom is supposed to do? Phil cannot believe that from his own loins he has produced a freak. He fears always that it is something in him that has caused this child to "turn queer." He fears

that he didn't pay enough attention to him, that he wasn't stern enough with him, that he left him too much to his mother's devices. He actually stands out there in the kitchen with his mother and rolls piecrust and cuts cookies and stirs fudge and,

He tests the sound of her name in an empty room or against the glare of the sun on the river or on a trout stream where fast spring runoff breaks and foams against rocks. for Crissakes, pokes sticks in apples and then dips the apples in boiling red candy, whose bright red surface shines like well-polished glass,

the child who turned out to be Danny, his sperm wasn't sure whether to make boys or girls. He imagines the sperm that produces the female child as rounder and pinker than the sperm that makes boys and as more lazily, hand over hand, swimming toward the egg. The sperm that produces the male child is a blocky linebacker that rams its way straight into the egg. Bam. Pow. My God, maybe it was all the dope he'd smoked that had poisoned his sperm. Maybe the dope sent erroneous messages to his DNA and fucked up the chromosome strands, got them tangled. Maybe he jerked off too much. Maybe so many ejaculations had worn out his sperm, leached the nucleus of tough, dominant characteristics and slowed the whiplike motile tails. Maybe his sperm took so long to get to Polly's egg that the sperm was no longer any good, that it was spoiled, like mayonnaise left out on the counter in summer.

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I love to listen to Phil think. If Phil were talking out

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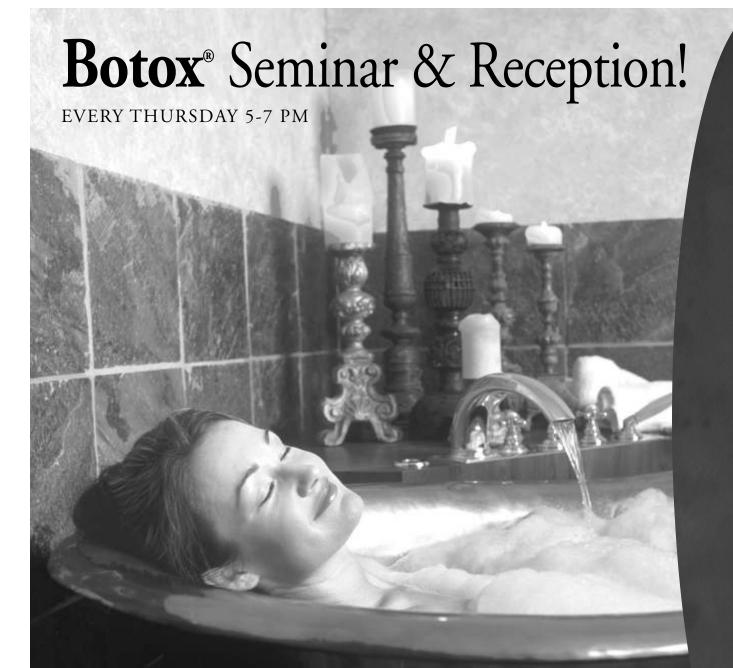
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if Matt isn't right about Danny. Maybe they should send Danny off to military school before he gets caught in the sack with that queer choirmaster at their church or one of the peculiar kids he runs with, or, for Crissakes, before the little bastard gets pinched for holding drugs or underage drinking. But then Danny, poor little guy. What must it have been like to see Toby's head blown apart? How will he get over that? Some nights he wakes up screaming. And both boys, how will they ever get over their grandparents letting Caroline get killed? Hasn't Caroline's death contributed to Matt's emotional coldness and to Danny's general craziness? And Polly, how will she ever put Caroline's death behind her? Or can she? Can he? Polly, too, she wakes up screaming. The second floor of their house has become a goddamn mental hospital, with the nightmares and screaming. And then, when he gets started down this trail, Phil thinks that his life's turned out to be like a soap opera, and this makes him sad and angry and ashamed. He'd thought he'd just have this normal, everyday life, go to college, get his degrees, come back home, and go to work with his dad, ski in the winters, fish in spring and summer, paddle rivers. Things hadn't turned out that way. So much of the time he felt ashamed. He was ashamed of his parents for letting Caroline get killed, and he was ashamed of himself for having a daughter who got killed. He was ashamed to realize that when any person who knew him looked at him, that person always thought, "His kid got killed. It was his parents let it happen." He was ashamed that he was so little help to his wife in her grief. He was ashamed of nights when she wept and he faked tears. He was ashamed that he urged sleeping pills on her so that she'd nod out and he could roll a joint and get high and lose himself in science fiction or try to jerk off to

Miss November's mossy pubic hair. He was ashamed that he no longer every day thought of Caroline. He drives by the gas station where the truck hit her, and he often now doesn't remember. He and Polly no longer speak of Caroline. Phil guesses that Polly does not want to hear her name spoken. Polly many times has complained at how every time someone talks to her about Caroline's death and how sorry they are, it's as if Caroline were being killed all over again. She says she wants silence on the subject, silence; that every mention of Caroline somehow diminishes her memory of her when she was alive and vivid. "Peo-

ple mean well," Polly says, "but they vulgarize deaths. It's not as if Caroline were 80 years old when she died. But even 80," Polly started to cry, "would have been too soon." Phil, when he's alone, tries sometimes saying "Caroline" out loud. He tests the sound of her name in an empty room or against the glare of the sun on the river or on a trout stream where fast spring runoff breaks and foams against rocks. "Caroline." He knew that Polly felt his grief was shallow and that she felt he betrayed her by refusing to ban his parents from their lives. He was ashamed that his wife and his parents were estranged.

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Polly, when she had to be where his parents were, like at a church potluck, acts as if Mom and Pop are not there. Polly stares past them as if they were dull scenery out the window of a fast-moving train. It was as if Phil's parents were invisible to her. Mom and Pop are old. Pop is half the time drunk. They didn't know any better. But neither, Phil says to himself, does he. Know better. And, he continues to ask himself. "Who does? Know better?" Phil essays an answer to his question, "Well, God. God is supposed to know better. But," Phil frowns, as he recalls how in church his parents close their eyes for prayer, "who in their right mind can take him, or Him, seriously."

Writing Danny got me interested in how a man like Phil, born several years before Pearl Harbor, responded to the likelihood that his son was homosexual. The first time Phil could recall hearing about homosexuality was from his father. Phil and his brother were toddlers during the Second World War. Big Phil, during most of that war, was stationed at Fort Dix, where his more challenging patients were first-generation immigrants from the big cities and colored boys from the South and the North and farm boys from all over. These boys' mouths were ruined, and Big Phil extracted teeth until his arm ached and blood spotted his eyeglasses and soaked his tunic. (Decades later, Big Phil recalled the terrible screams, the big fellows who called out to God for help, who clutched the dental chair's arms and howled, "Doc, you're killing me!") Then, with the help of lab assistants, Big Phil built huge, clunky bridges that spanned spaces from which three and even four teeth were missing.

Phil and his younger brother Perry during the war years stayed in the tiny rural town of Coraville with their mother. Phil recalled that he was almost entirely happy during that time his father, as his mother phrased it, "was away at war." Phil's mother -Thel - allowed Phil to climb into her bed and cuddle, spoon fashion, his loins pressed against her warm buttocks. Little Phil, Thel, and Perry ate dinner at the oilcloth-covered kitchen table rather than in the dining room. Thel, through her inlaws, had access to the black

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market. She could get all the meat she wanted, and butter and eggs and sugar. So what they ate, she and the boys, were easy-to-fix meals of hamburger sandwiches and a vegetable or two. The vegetables, when she served them, came from the supermarket. No Victory Garden for Thel! She hated what she called "dirty vegetables" from home gardens and hated gardening as well and refused to tend so much as a rose bush. Big Phil, when he was home, did not allow candy or soft drinks in the house. He would never buy candy bars for the boys or bring home to his wife on Valentine's Day a red heart-shaped box of Whitman's Sampler chocolates. But while he was away at war, Thel, who had a tormenting sweet tooth, managed on the black market to buy many candy bars. Also, she used her black-market sugar to make doubled-recipe pots of fudge that she cut into thick squares into which she poked walnut halves. Some nights they sat in front of the cathedral Philco and listened to Amos'n' Andy and Jack Benny and for dinner ate fudge and popcorn. Phil, looking back to that time, realizes that he hardly missed his father at all. What Phil will not learn until 50 years after D-Day is that his mother did not miss his father either. On what turned out to be her deathbed, she confessed to Phil that the four years when Big Phil was away at war were the happiest of her married life. "Your father's a dirty old bastard," she snarled, "who likes to play poo-poo hole games. When he comes here to the nursing home to visit, I have to watch him with the nurses. I can tell he wants to give them enemas."

When Big Phil was discharged and returned to Coraville, the trio's happy life turned to 24-hour-a-day grief. Big Phil screamed that Thel had permitted the boys to turn into soft-ass sissies, into milksops, that Little Phil spent all his time lolling around reading books, that he didn't have Muscle One on his arms, that Perry — who also didn't have Muscle One — was fat as a goddamn sow, so fat that he, for Crissakes, had tits. He screamed that he was not going to raise a couple of "sister boys," that he was not going to work his ass off pulling fucking falling-apart filthy teeth to feed fairies; that

803 East Mundy Road was not going to become known as the Home of the Sissies. As for 803 East Mundy Road, Big Phil balled up his fist and beat on the kitchen counter (whose linoleum surface had worn bare during his absence) and screamed that the yards and gardens and fruit trees had gone to shit, as had the garage and the Ford, which looked as if it hadn't seen wax since 1941. He complained, correctly, that whenever you asked the boys to do anything, they whined, that they didn't say, "Sir" and "Ma'am," and that they didn't keep their shoes shined, they didn't shake their peckers off when they peed, and they didn't stand when adults came into the room. He got right into poor Thel's large, flat face and yelled about what a mess his boys were, his house was, his car, his land. "Plus," he told her, "you must have put on 30 pounds in the last two years. I want it off you." He took them down to his father's office, the office (dusty from disuse) that soon would be his, and examined their teeth. He found cavities in all three mouths."It looks like a goddamn coal mine in there," is what he said.

He criticized Thel regularly, stood with a straight rye and water in one hand and a Camel clamped between two fingers of the other and leaned against the kitchen counter and blew smoke rings and demanded that she not stray one whit from the diet he'd devised for her - grapefruit and black coffee and two pieces dry toast for breakfast was how she began the day. She didn't have much more for the other two meals and found that she was panting from weakness and hunger and an odd languor that made her fear she might be dying. Her own mother had died young, and an early death was something she had almost come to expect, rather like mail or her monthlies or the laundress who came on Mondays. Once Big Phil finished talking with her about what happened to marriages when wives got fat, wriggling his eyebrows and citing various incidents of what he called "cheatin' hubba hubba," he instructed her on how to raise boys.

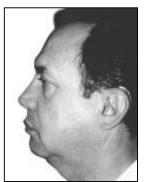
For several evenings Big Phil insisted that Thel and the boys sit up straight on the living room sofa, whose buttons bit into Little Phil's



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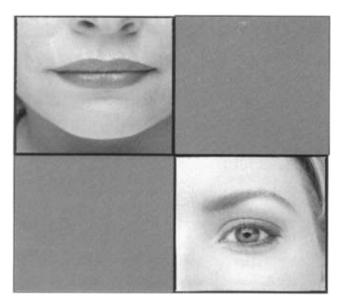
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www.shumwayinstitute.com 9834 Genesee Avenue, Suite 225 Scripps Hospital Campus, La Jolla bare thighs, and listen to stories about the sissy boys at Fort Dix. Half drunk and more than half bellicose, still not quite at ease in his new civvies, Big Phil told how the sissy boys were caught in lavatories eyeing other fellows' "meat." He said, his thin lips turned down in genuine disgust, that they "played with," they "jiggled" each other's "meat." When he said "jiggled," he used his hand to imitate the motion of jiggling a penis up and down. He told how these sissy boys were boys whose mothers spoiled and petted them and thought they were doing them a favor by not making them work hard and sweat. He told how these were boys whose mothers encouraged them to take piano lessons and dance lessons and to dress up like big-city phonies and to play bridge. He told how these were Mama's Boys, how all these guys turned into sister boys, into weaklings who couldn't defend themselves in a fight. He said sissy boys had a mental sickness. He said, his voice turned dark, that they dressed up in women's dresses and women's underwear and silk stockings and high heels, that they put lipstick — he created a small moue of his narrow lips and imitated the motion of putting on lipstick — on their lips. "Do you know how these homos ended up?" Nobody knew. "Well, two or three of them, when they got caught at it, they used their sheets and hung themselves off heating pipes." Big Phil, addressing his little family, asked, "You know what the guys who cut down these guys called them?" No, Thel and the boys shook their heads, no. Big Phil laughed. "They called 'em 'Strange Fruit.' "He seemed to run out of steam and then added,"They turned fruit because their ma's petted 'em, and they lay around and read books and they ate candy and they got no fresh air."

On the black market, Big Phil bought paint and brushes and lumber and nails, and he led Thel and the boys through a cleanup and spruceup of the grounds and house. For the first week he was home, he got them up and out of bed right after sunrise and worked them all day. Using steel wool they scrubbed oil spots off the garage and driveway. They weeded flowerbeds and put poison down mole

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holes and trimmed rose bushes, and with the bangedup canister hand-sprayer they sprayed apricot and apple and pear and Queen Anne cherry trees.

Determined to wage war against the boys' lackadaisical behavior and their lousy physiques, Big Phil bought barbells and jump ropes and set up a gymnasium at the back end of the garage. He got them down on the concrete and yelled while they attempted sit-ups and pushups. Shrieking at them, "Harder, faster," he supervised their workouts with the barbells. Hour after hour, he yowled, "I'm going to make men of you if I die doing it." He kicked them in the butt, he yanked their hair, he even occasionally slapped their faces, and when Thel hunched in the gloom at the edge of the garage and wept and begged him not to hurt her babies, he threatened to slap her. "And if I have to go against my upbringing and beliefs and hit a woman, well, I just will." He made her join them in rounds of jumping jacks. Sweat ran off her, down into

the hollow between her huge bouncing breasts, and always she feared she'd pass out from hunger.

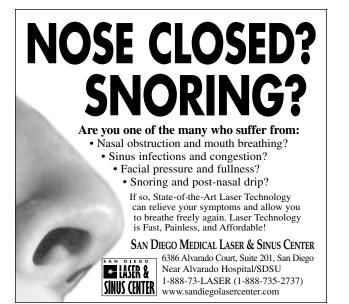
Big Phil kept after the boys until each could execute 25 sit-ups and 30 pushups without stopping. Then he got them outfitted in blackmarket boots and led them on forced marches into the hills above Coraville. He filled khaki Army-surplus packs with five pounds of stones and flipped the packs onto the boys' backs. He strapped onto their belts water canisters covered with khaki covers. He marched them straight up Manashtash Ridge, Little Phil and Perry complaining, dripping perspiration, whining, protesting, and, finally, falling on their badly skinned knees and weeping. The weeping increased Big Phil's fury, and with his walking stick he whacked the boys repeatedly in their fat rumps. That was Week One. On successive weeks, Big Phil added more rocks to the packs until each boy was hauling ten pounds. He sent through mail

order for kids' boxing gloves. Out back, in among the freshly sprayed fruit trees, he lugged the posthole diggers and worried four deep holes into the hardpan and sunk in fence posts. He tied clothesline around the fence posts to form a boxing ring. When the boys had run through their sit-ups and push-ups and lifted their weights and performed their calisthenics, then Big Phil tied the gloves on their hands and

led them out to the boxing ring. He made them box with each other until they both had bloodied noses and Phil had knocked out Perry's loose baby teeth.

When the boys performed unenthusiastically at boxing or rappelling or jumping jacks; when, once or twice, they threatened mutiny, Big Phil punted them off to bed without supper, and on those

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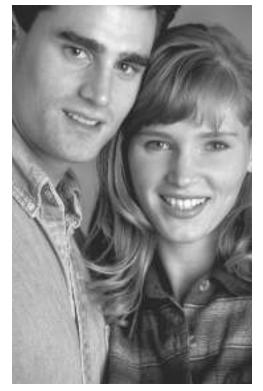


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the same about his father.

Halloween night, Big Phil tossed all the boys' candy treats into the garbage. At Christmas, he threw away their candy canes. Every single evening, before dinner, in the garage, Big Phil led the boys and Thel through 30

minutes of calisthenics. At dinner, there were no desserts, not ever. The diet-and-exercise regime lasted all through the fall, winter, spring, and summer of 1946 and 1947. Thel dropped 35 pounds; the boys lost pudge and built muscle. They responded

rapidly when spoken to, they kept their beds made with hospital corners, their shoes shined, their necks scrubbed, and the wax reamed out of their ears. Then one day in the fall of 1947 Big Phil announced that he was through. He had, he said,

"other fish to fry." What those fish were had to do with a bowling alley in which he'd bought a one-third interest, but that's another story.

Photographs snapped of them at the time show their faces as bleary and exhausted. Years later, studying these photographs, Polly said to Phil that he and Perry looked like the Displaced Persons' children that you saw in Life magazine after the war. They appeared drawn and sad.

From that evening soon after war's end, when Phil's

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father — spit flying from his mouth, his face red, his voice raised — first lectured the boys on sissies and how not to be one, Phil never quite rid himself of the image of the "strange fruits" at Fort Dix hanging themselves. And ever since Matt said what he said about Danny being a queer, Phil has been tormented by film clips that run in his mind. The action takes place in an empty wood-frame barracks building. Young men in wrinkled World War II khakis clamber onto the varnished seats of heavy wooden institutional straight chairs. They reach up and check the noose at the end of the rope they've made by ripping sheets into

long strips and braiding the strips. Huge sweat rings darken the underarms of the men's khaki shirts. They stick their heads into the nooses, kick away the chairs. Phil seems to hear the crash of many chairs - five, six, seven of them. The sheet-noose tightens. Phil sees an entire line really, he marvels, a chorus *line*—of hanging men, chins on their chests, eyes bulging. He does not understand (nor do I) why he sees so many men hanging themselves, why he does not see just one lone sad adenoidal boy from a Midwestern farm town. He does not understand (nor do I) why the boys in this "chorus line" of "strange fruits" are identical, why they all look like his dead daughter Caroline's Ken doll.

Phil didn't hear "Strange Fruit" until he was a sophomore in college. He didn't hear Billie Holiday's recording; he heard Josh White's. Phil was at a party hosted by what his fraternity (Deke) housemother sneered at as "the bohemian element." Students from the drama, art, and English departments made up this element. The party convened in an old two-story house. Maybe 50 people were smoking and

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drinking, flirting, dancing, making out. Jessamine, Phil's date, a pretty and petite blonde Theta, was an art major who mentioned names of painters of whom Phil had never heard. Phil had drunk lots of beer. He was mashing his big mouth against Jessamine's small mouth and Jessamine's small, even teeth when the deep rough voice came to him from the nearby record player.

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root, Black body swinging in the Southern breeze, Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees.

Phil ungripped his sweating hands from Jessamine's delicate shoulders and pulled his mouth away from her mouth. He walked over to the turntable. He gazed down at the record jacket — The Josh White Stories: Volume II. A

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black male face — "Negro

face" is what Phil thought,

because this was the late

1950s - stared up off the

jacket. The man's head was

thrown back, his eyes were

crimped shut, his mouth was

open, the teeth showed. The

man's expression was one of

agony, the way Phil's face felt

to him when he was in the last

moments of jerking off. Phil

listened to the voice rising



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out of the boxy speakers. After the singer finished the last line, "Here is a strange and bitter crop," Phil mumbled, "Excuse me," to Jessamine and ran up the stairs into a dark bathroom and stuck his head into the toilet bowl and vomited. When he stood up from the toilet and flipped on the light switch, he saw that vomit ran down his shirtfront and that his nose was bleeding. He felt incredibly angry with his father and wanted to take the ugly, hairy

little runt out and beat him until his face was nothing more than pulp.

A Josh White 33 that belonged to my beloved gay uncle, my mother's halfbrother, is how I'd first heard "Strange Fruit." Uncle Carl was an organist who taught that instrument and also 16th-century counterpoint in college, and like many organists, he was gay. Nobody knows why so many organists are gay or lesbian, but they are. Ask any organist

about this, and they'll tell you I'm correct. Anyway, 99 percent of Uncle Carl's recordings (meticulously arranged in alphabetical order by composer) were serious, not popular, music titles. The few popular music titles — the Broadway cast albums of Brigadoon and Oklahoma!, an Odetta album, the Josh White — were stacked together at the end of the classical Zs. Why Uncle Carl had the Josh White and the Odetta, I don't know. When

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I played these albums, he grimaced. Perhaps the albums had been left there during a party. He gave many parties. When I played that Josh

White record, I still was so young I wore my hair in braids and my period hadn't started. I was sitting in the long narrow room overlooking Uncle Carl's back yard, the room that he used for listening to music and reading. I was sitting on a vinyl couch, and next to me. I had set down the album jacket with Josh White's photograph. White's big head was thrown back, and he had placed his hand against his ear. His mouth was open, and his upper teeth gleamed white. The cords on his neck were tensed and his eyes were tightly shut, as if in ecstasy or terror, I did not know which and was not old enough to know which. At that age, I knew only about terror.

"Strange Fruit" comes at the end of side two on the Josh White album that Phil heard at the party during his

freshman year at college and that I heard, sitting on Uncle Carl's vinyl couch. "Strange Fruit" is the last in a 12-song list that includes the cheerful, jumpy "Two Little Fishes" and a heartbreaking rendition of "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" (although no matter who sings it, that song sounds heartbroken). By the time the needle reached side two's final circuits, I'd become accustomed to White's deep voice. When White intoned "Strange





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Fruit" 's first verse, I was like Phil: I could never have imagined what would follow. I could not have guessed at the analogy only seconds away from being drawn, an analogy that would make it impossible for me, ever again, to gaze innocently upward into trees and to search in among their leaves for the round blue plums or the brown figs with their swollen bellies. Before Josh White moved to the third line, it was possible for me to believe that fruit was only what grew on trees in beautiful orchards: pears and apples and plums and apricots hung from stems and swayed in slight breezes among green sheltering leaves. And then, as I sat on the slick vinvl surface of Uncle Carl's couch, and as Josh White sang, verse after verse, the story the song told disclosed itself. I felt sick sick sick to my stomach. This fruit was tormented and burned bodies suspended by a rope noose or by rusted wire.

Like Phil, I never could erase this song from my mind. The rhymes — fruit, root and breeze, trees - were persuasive and seductive, particularly, I think now, for someone as young as I was. The fear I felt and the dizzying nausea, a true reverse peristalsis and not simply some oversensitive too highly pitched adolescent's existential vertigo, has returned when I am afraid or sick to my stomach. That I respond in this way seems melodramatic, now that I see it here on paper, but it happened exactly as I said and continues to happen as I said, melodrama or not. I do not know what else to say

Several decades after I heard "Strange Fruit," a troubling footnote attached itself to the song. Abel Meeropol was an English teacher at De Witt Clinton High School and a member of the American Communist Party. Meeropol also wrote songs under the pseudonym "Lewis Allen," the names of his and his wife Anne's two biological sons, both of whom died as infants. In 1937 Meeropol saw a photo of the lynching of two black men. The photograph inspired the poem that provided lyrics for "Strange Fruit." The poem was published in New Masses. Meeropol set the poem to music, and various left-wing choruses performed the song, which Meeropol titled "Bit-

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ter Fruit." A man who produced a Madison Square Garden benefit for Spanish Civil War volunteers was also director of the show at the Café Society, whose headliner was Billie Holiday.

When Meeropol, years later, was asked about how his song reached Holiday, he said that he visited Café Society and played the song for her. Meeropol recalled that Holiday did not seem too comfortable with the lyrics. Holiday, when she wrote her as-told-to biography, recalled the story differently. She

claimed that her accompanist at the time, Sonny White, wrote the music.

Twenty-four-year-old Holiday's recording of "Strange Fruit" made it to Number 16 on the Hit Parade in July 1939 and was condemned by *Time* magazine as "a prime piece of musical propaganda" for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Why this footnote has continued to trouble me is that in the summer of 1953 when Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed in Sing

Sing in Upstate New York, for conspiring to steal atomic secrets, they left behind two young sons - Michael and Robert. After the Rosenbergs' execution, Abel Meeropol and his wife adopted the Rosenberg boys and raised them to adulthood. The Meeropols hid the boys behind the Meeropol name, protecting them from publicity and harassment. In 1975, Michael and Robert's book, We Are Your Sons, was published. In the book the two men wrote about their experience as sons of the

Rosenbergs and about their parents and their belief that their parents, particularly their mother, were innocent.

Julius Rosenberg, who was not innocent of the charges against him and who indeed did serve as a spy for the Soviets, went to the chair first. Ethel, who knew what Julie was up to but whose participation at best was small, went to the chair second. It was the same electric chair where her husband was killed. You can read about her execution (and those of other men and women convicted of capital crimes) in Jimmy L. Glass v. LOUISIANA. "Five consecutive attempts were required before Ethel Rosenberg finally died. After the fourth (shock) guards removed one of the two straps and the two doctors applied their stethoscopes. But they were not satisfied that she was dead. The executioner came to them from his switchboard in a small room 10 feet

from the chair. 'Want another?' he asked. The doctors nodded. Guards replaced the straps and for the fifth time electricity was applied." I have always wondered how, when her sons learned how their mother died, that they lived with this knowledge. She wasn't anyone to me, and yet when I read those sentences that describe her experience in the death chair — the "hot seat" was what we called it when I was a child — I hurry past those sentences the same way that on the freeway I hurry past the wrecked smoking pickup, the ambulance with its back door open, and the highway patrol car hastily parked sideways on an embankment, the car's reddome light pulsing at a rhythm as fast as the heart beats when panic strikes. I slide my eyes over the scene. I swallow hard. I try to forget. I want to forget. Phil too is troubled, although his troubles are dif-

Rosenbergs and their plight don't concern him, and he never learns how "Strange Fruit" came to be recorded, first by Billie Holiday and later by Josh White. He does not find interesting, even though Polly does, that Billie Holiday wore a gardenia in her hair and may have had affairs with women (although anything about lesbianism, when he's horny, can turn Phil on). He never gets over this rage at his father, at being lectured at in that roaring cigarette-choked voice, the lectures replete with claptrap and nonsense, garbled history and science, truth tossed with lies and half-truths in the parental grab bag, drunken opinion as valid to his father as numbers in the World Almanac. His dad's hectoring cadence, when Phil feels unwell, comes back to him and chips away at his selfconfidence. His parents, particularly his father, were gullible. They were easily

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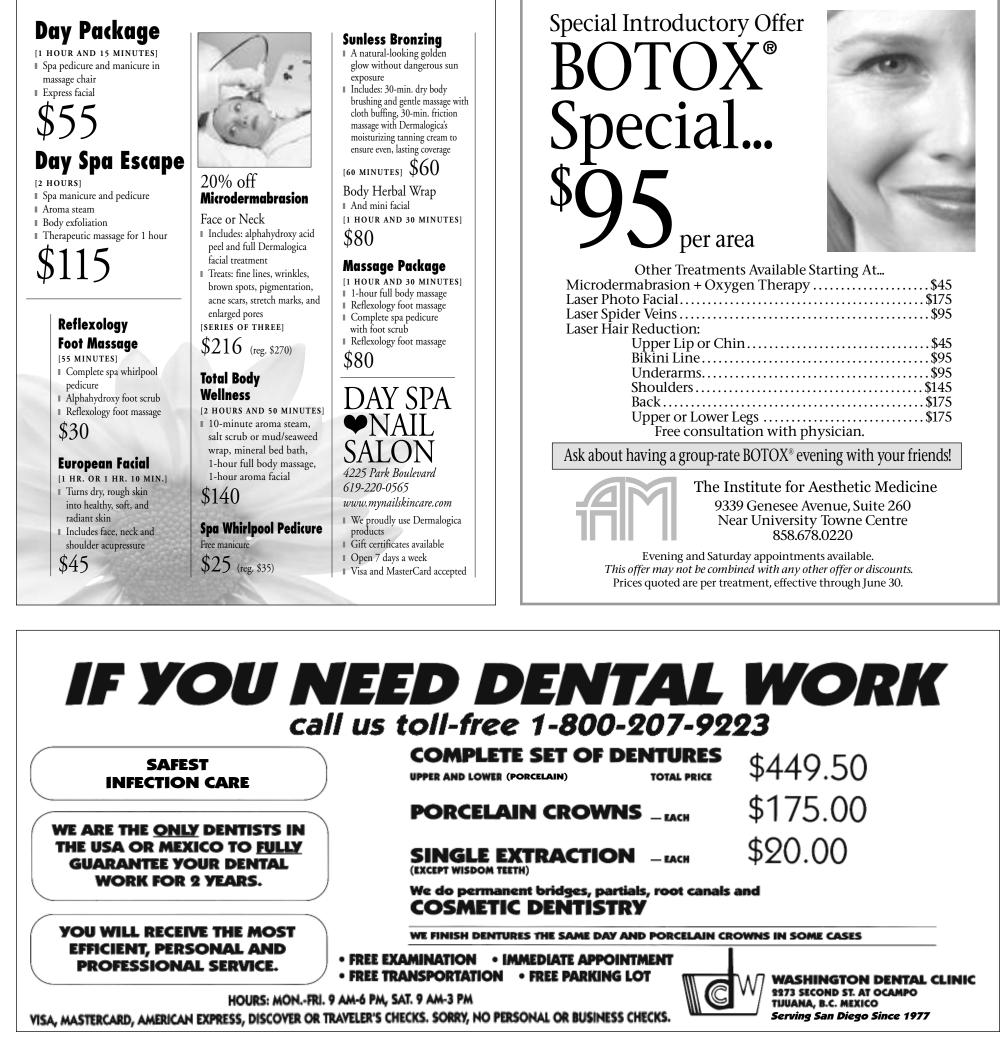
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taken in. Pops got rooked into many a dreadful financial deal, including a bowling alley that in no time went belly up. Phil recognizes that he's vulnerable, too, to hucksters and to tall tales. But that Phil would have confused the two ideas — male homosexuals and victims of lynching — continues to appall him. He has determined he will love Danny no matter what. Should Danny turn out to be homosexual, Phil swears to himself that he will learn all about homosexuality. He will learn what they do, how they feel, where they go to meet, what their habits and customs are, how they figure out who is a homo and who isn't. He will read their magazines, if they have any, and he will learn who is homosexual and who is not: like Michelangelo, who is supposed to be a fairy; he will learn all about Michelangelo. He will read Gore Vidal, who comes straight out and admits he is one, and ditto Truman Capote, and he will read Walt Whitman, even though he does not think that Whitman (with that huge hairy black beard that must have been filthy and full of crumbs of whatever Walt Whitman ate) looks queer, apparently he was. He swears on his heart that he will learn all about every VIP fairy who ever lived and will praise all these famous fruits to Danny.

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By the time he became *naat*, or headman, of the Cupeño and Wilakal tribes, in the 1840s, Antonio Garra had seen half of his people killed by smallpox and other "white diseases." He watched open country become large, land-grant ranchos and witnessed the exodus of coastal natives into the interior, losing their ter-

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ritories and water rights. Those that remained became "serfs," often a euphemism for slaves. With the discovery of

gold at Sutter's Mill, Garra also saw his homeland overrun by thousands of American settlers with a lust, in Douglas Monroy's phrase, for "bonanza capitalism."

The Cupeños lived near Warner's Ranch. Garra's tribe of birth, the Quechan, lived at the confluence of the Colorado and Gila Rivers. Between 1848 and 1850, taking the southern route to the gold fields, swarms of gold-fevered American settlers came to this spot. To the natives, they flowed like an endless river from the east. The Quechans did the ferrying. They charged three fees: one at the east bank, one midroute, another upon arrival.

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In January 1850, Dr. A.L. Lincoln started his own business. "My price, \$1 per man, horse or mule \$2, the pack \$1, pack saddle 50 cents, saddle 25 cents." In three months he made over \$60,000.

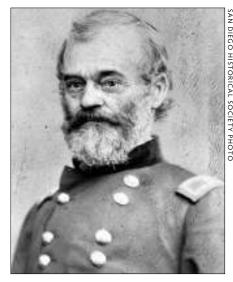
Lincoln's company sank the Quechan ferry. Chief Cavello en Pelo attacked, killing Lincoln and seven others. Three escaped, "eventually reaching San Diego more dead than alive." The Quechans adopted a policy of "continuous harassment" of whites.

When George A. Johnson tried to set

up a ferry business, the Quechan chief Santiago told him, "The white man and the Indian cannot live together. This is Indian country; white men can go through, rest, and feed his horses...but he can't live here."

Hostilities almost broke out. Johnson left the council with his rifle pointed at Santiago. Later, his men dug a trench and built a picket. Phillips: "During the days that followed, they remained continually on guard and kept their howitzer loaded."

In the summer of 1850, Governor Pete Burnett ordered a state militia, led by Quartermaster Joseph C. Morehead, to subdue the Quechans. Morehead demanded the 11 natives involved in Lincoln's ambush be put on trial, plus the money taken from the eight dead Americans. The Quechans attacked, forcing Morehead's troops to fall back to Johnson's trench and picket. "A short time later, the force was ordered back to Los Angeles and disbanded. The Morehead Expedition cost the new state of California (admitted to the union in Septem-



Samuel Heintzelman

ber 1850) \$120,000."

On July 4, 1850, to protect the southern route to the goldfields, the United States government ordered Captain Samuel Heintzelman to erect a permanent military garrison on the Colorado River. He built Camp Yuma, overlooking where the ferries crossed. A year later, owing

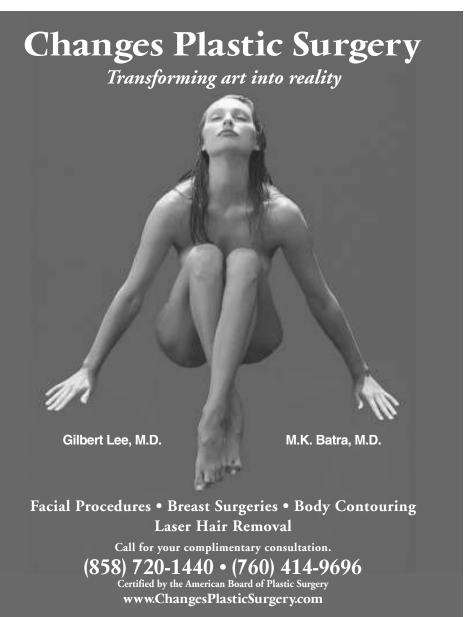
SELECTED QUOTATIONS:

1. Phillips: "The Spaniards had to deal with relatively powerless headmen who were usually inexperienced in white ways; the Californios and later the Americans had to interact with powerful chiefs who often had years of experience in dealing with white men."

2. Monroy: "Food is the fundamental context of California Indian history in the 1850s...the bat-

tles over food — raiding, in other words — brought the most pervasive fear to the non-Indians of all of California."

3. Monroy: "The segregated reservation only accustomed the Indians to dependency — the model ultimately adopted, through ghettoization, for virtually all resourceless people of color in the United States."



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to the high costs of transporting supplies to the outpost, Heintzelman moved most of his troops to Santa Isabel, leaving Lieutenant Thomas W. Sweeney and ten soldiers to defend the region. They constructed Camp Independence, a stockade six miles south of the Colorado and Gila. Sweeney told a council of chiefs they must "submit to the will of their great Father at Washington." If they didn't he "would punish them with the utmost severity, destroy their plant-

ing-grounds, and drive them beyond the Colorado towards the rising sun!"

There were countless motives for the Garra uprising, though most historians agree on two: hoards of American immigrants coming to California and taxation. Agoston Haraszthy became San Diego County's first sheriff in 1851. Even though the natives didn't own land or have legal rights, including the right to vote, they did own livestock. Therefore, Haraszthy concluded, "There is no doubt that the possessions, real and personal, of Christianized Indians, are taxable."

The sheriff told the exneophytes he would confiscate their herds if they wouldn't pay. Phillips: "Many offered cattle, but Haraszthy was not authorized to receive property in lieu of money." Leaders of the Temecula, Pala, Potrero, La Joya, and Pauma sent in 19 head for sale. "The money was turned over to the authorities, but did not equal the amount

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owed. Garra sent his son to San Diego with cash, but it, too, was short of the assessment. Few Americans or Californios in San Diego County realized how deeply the Indians of the region resented being taxed."

Native American uprisings began with the arrival of Columbus. But most, including those in Alta California, were restricted to a specific tribe or border. In 1851, Garra envisioned a universal revolt. Phillips: "Not accepting Indian political fragmentation to be a permanent condition, he sought to create a powerful alliance that would, through careful and longrange planning, eliminate the Americans from the entire region of southern California."

Raised as a neophyte at Mission San Luis Rey, Garra could read and write in Spanish. He married a woman from the mission. He impressed even his enemies as "a man of energy, determination, and bravery," wrote the *San Diego Herald*, "one of the most outstanding chiefs, his power and influence among the Indians is almost unbounded."

Feeling overtaxed and overrun, Garra sent couriers to every tribe in San Diego County, including San Pasqual, Santa Isabel, San Luis Rey, and Temecula. At the same time, he also sent runners to tribes in Baja, the Central Valley, and the Colorado River. His message: forget tribal differences; join and subdue the white invaders. He personally visited the "river Indians to the east" — the Quechans, Cocopas, and even the Kamias, who lived on the Colorado Desert and whose chief, Geronimo, became one of Garra's greatest allies.

For centuries, many of these tribes and lineages

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battled each other, off and on. Some grudges lasted beyond lifetimes. Thus Garra's message was revolutionary in two senses: he envisioned a unified force of all natives — heretofore unthinkable — in "a coordinated descent upon all American settlements in southern California... Tulareños were to fall upon Santa Barbara, the Cahuillas and Cupeños to attack Los Angeles, and the Quechans would strike at San Diego," says Phillips, adding that "only Americans, however, were to be killed."

Garra had no quarrel with Sonorans or Californios. Some suggest that, since many had been dispossessed of their lands as well, Garra thought Spanish-speaking peoples in California and Mexico would join him in the mother of all wars against Anglos. Successful assaults would bring more to his cause. He would form a "grand confederation," writes Monroy, to annihilate "avaricious whites" trespassing in "San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and San Diego."

Garra's first target: Camp Independence on the Colorado River. ■

Next week: Garra's uprising.

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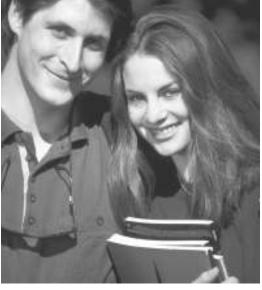
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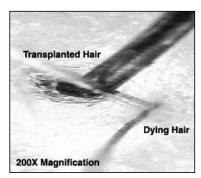
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Border Collies Do the Job

t's pretty seldom that I get a border collie with a 'screw-you' attitude, says terr, ... owner of San Pasqual Stock Dog attitude," says Terry Parrish, want to succeed. They want to fit in. It's harder to get the point across to some than others, but they all want to do the job.'

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gentle cows at the training facility, the

fact is, if one of them has a calf by her

side, she's not very nice. So dogs have

to be able to hold their own; bite hard,

if necessary; then get out of the way, so

Not that sheep are harmless. "I

used to have a big old Suffolk," says

Parrish, referring to the black-faced breed that originated in England. "We

called her Dog Killer. She could read a

dog from 100 yards away. She'd leave

didn't like it. Šhe'd wait for it to get in

the right position; then she'd slam it

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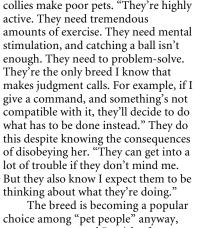
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mistake when herding cattle with dogs, says Parrish. "They use them only during some intense work, like branding or castrating. So every time the cow sees a dog, it goes into fight mode. But if you use dogs regularly, the cattle quit associating them with trauma.' The trouble is, the method takes time. "And most people in the cattle business don't want to do it that way, even though they'd get a lot more accomplished. Just look at my sheep: they're so used to being worked, if I blow a whistle, they come running. They know if there's a whistle, there's a dog, and they gotta come home."

Parrish, who breeds border collies exclusively, will bring one of her "child prodigies" to the sheepdog trials this weekend. "I'm going to run a 'nursery dog,' one and a half years old, who learned almost everything she needed to learn in about four months. Now it's just a case of letting her grow up. I've got her sister, too, who's not doing well at all, although another sister, seven months old, is. Sometimes picking out puppies is a bit of a crap shoot.

Speaking of puppies, Parrish wants people to know that border

collies make poor pets. "They're highly active. They need tremendous amounts of exercise. They need mental stimulation, and catching a ball isn't enough. They need to problem-solve. They're the only breed I know that makes judgment calls. For example, if I give a command, and something's not compatible with it, they'll decide to do what has to be done instead." They do this despite knowing the consequences of disobeying her. "They can get into a lot of trouble if they don't mind me. But they also know I expect them to be thinking about what they're doing."



and Parrish often hears their regrets. 'They say, 'This dog is driving me nuts.' And I always say: 'Didn't the breeder warn you?' " Parrish won't , sell to a "pet home" unless the dog has failed sheepdog school — "because what prevented it from being a tremendous sheepdog is that it wasn't obsessivecompulsive enough. And a failed sheepdog does makes a wonderful pet, because it's still a border collie, except it's not driven to herd. And if it were, it would still be with me."

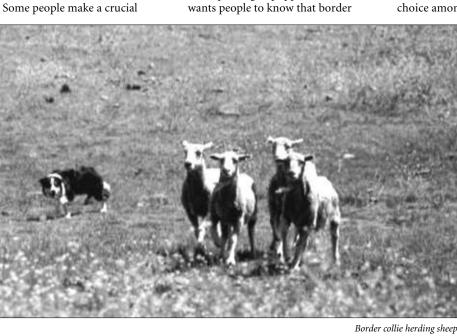
Border collie trial

Border collies bred as pets differ from Parrish's working dogs. "If you see border collies at a dog show, then come to the trials, you'll ask, 'Are the dogs the same?' What breaks my heart is that border collies are the last of the great herding dogs in the world. But the American Kennel Club has undermined what it took the shepherding community in the borderlands of England and Scotland centuries to do. They perfected the dog through a highly selective breeding program, generation after generation. It has taken these fucking AKC people just three or four generations to wreck it."

Why such a short time? "Because the characteristics of a border collie are unique. They used its DNA type in a genome study a few years ago because it's so identifiable. I mean, eventually you're going to have two breeds in this country - the real border collies that work and the stupid fluffy pets."

— Jeanne Schinto

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BAJA

Zarzuela and Songs are promised when the Baja California Music Conservatory performs on Thursday, June 20, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Tickets are \$9 U.S., benefiting the Tijuana Children's Choir. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Vanishing Borders, the Animato Project for the Performing Arts, an organization dedicated to enhancing public recognition and appreciation for the performing arts, plans concerts on June 21 and 22. Musicians in the project are from the United States, Mexico, and Uzbekistan. The program features Schubert's "String Trio in B-Flat Major" and "String Quintet in A-Major (The Trout)" and works by Mexican composer Samuel Zyman including the "Fantasia for Cello and Piano" and his "Trio No. 2 for Piano, Violin, and Cello."

Enjoy the concert on Friday at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-9600). The concert repeats on Saturday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street); call 858-454-5872 for the required reservations. Admission is free. (TJJUANA, LA JOLLA)

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Off-Road Vehicles, Motorcycles, and ATVs will be racing in the San Felipe desert on a 200-mile route around the port when the Summer Record San Felipe 200 takes place Friday through Sunday, June 21-23. One hundred participants are expected to compete, starting and finishing at Los Arcos Monument. Racing starts at 6 a.m. each day. The event is free for spectators. For more information, call 011-52-646-176-1637. (SAN FELIPE)

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¿Langosta for Lunch? Head to Puerto Nuevo for "Lunch in Lobster Village" when Baja California Tours hosts a guided outing on Saturday, June 22. The \$54 fee includes transportation, lobster lunch at El Patio de la Langosta, and shopping in Rosarito and Tijuana. For reservations, call 858-454-7166 or 800-336-5454. (PUERTO NUEVO, TIJUANA)

A Concert is planned by Pancho Barraza on Saturday, June 22, at 9 p.m., at Palenque, Caliente Race Track (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Admission is \$30 U.S. Questions? Call 011-52-664-631-1494 for answers. (TJUANA)

"Sharing" is planned by Dot-to-Dot, an organization described as a "binational collaboration of artists and children dedicated to nurturing creative expression and forming a dynamic cultural exchange by bridging the Mexico/United States border to transform communities." This multimedia art event features artists from both sides of the border sharing their works, and all guests are invited to bring something to share. Family art workshop tables will be available. Events run from noon to midnight on Saturday, June 22, at Dotto-Dot headquarters, located at km 35.5 on the free road (pass through Rosarito and Calafia Hotel, then watch for signs). Free. For more information, call 858-831-1984. (PLAYAS DE ROSARITO)

See the Best from the Sea when the best regional dishes compete during the seafood fair — including food, music, and entertainment — planned on Sunday, June 23. The fair runs 1 to 7 p.m. on Avenida Revolución (between 7th and 8th Streetos). The \$15 ticket includes five food samples. Call 011-52-664-682-8744 for more information. (TJJUANA)

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. (TJJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Magnolia, the Southern U.S. native commonly planted as a decorative street tree in many of San Diego's older neighborhoods, continues to bloom this month. Its grandiose description in some botanical books as the "queen of the flowering broadleaf evergreens" accurately gauges its oversize, white, pleasant-smelling flowers.

June's Full Moon, which occurs Monday, June 24, is sometimes called the "rose moon," "strawberry moon," or "honey moon" because of its tinted color. Especially when seen from the high northern latitudes, the June full moon always stays close to the horizon, where its light is filtered and reddened by the atmosphere. From San Diego, June's full moon reaches a maximum altitude of about 33" above the horizon — about as high as the sun gets at noon in December. If it is clear on Monday evening, watch as the full moon majestically rises over the southeast horizon at around 8:25 p.m.

Summer Solstice, the time when the sun reaches its northernmost point in the sky, occurs this year at 6:24 a.m. on Friday, June 21. The summer solstice not only marks the beginning of summer for the Northern Hemisphere; it also means that the daylight hours are maximized. San Diegans now enjoy approximately 14 hours of daylight, in contrast to the meager 10 hours or so we experience in December. Anytime this week or next, try checking your shadow at 12:50 p.m. (the local daylight time in San Diego currently equivalent to astronomical noon). The sun is then only 10° south of the straight-up direction and casts nearvertical shadows. A lesser-known consequence of the summer solstice is that our twilight periods are longer than usual. Evening and morning twilight periods are now lasting more than 90 minutes.

Explore Historic Golden Hill and Sherman Heights with Walkabout perambulators on Friday, June 21. Participants will view Villa Montezuma and return by way of a favored Mexican bakery. The moderate 1.5to 2-hour walk starts at 10 a.m. at the corner of 25th and A Streets. Bring water; an optional lunch follows. Free. 619-231-7463. (GOLDEN HILL)

Wildflowers and Secrets, even after a dry winter some wildflowers can still be found. Naturalist Charles Hurd leads a hike "In Search of Wildflowers" on Saturday, June 22, in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Naturalist Patty Railing exposes "Secrets of Blue Sky" along the trails on Sunday, June 23.

Both walks start at 9 a.m. Find the park on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. Call 858-694-3049 for information. Free. (POWAY)

Ever Hiked Up Stonewall Peak? Make the enjoyable trek with the Canyoneers on Saturday, June 22. The moderate outing with granite outcroppings and a switchback trail boasts a 900-foot climb and panoramic views of Lake Cuyamaca and the Anza-Borrego Desert.

To reach the trailhead, take I-8 to Highway 79. Park at mile 7.3, and meet the group at 4 p.m. across the highway from the Paso Picacho Campground entrance. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, June 22, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Goodan Ranch Day is set for Saturday, June 22, with all manner of fun on tap. The day starts when Phoenix Von Hendy leads participants on a search for evidence of local mammal species at 7 a.m. Birding maven Claude Edwards leads birding in oak woodland and chaparral at 8:30 a.m.



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At 9 a.m., Brian Swanson leads a walk in search of native plants, while Carol Crafts focuses on the canvon's history. These events all begin in the parking lot at the end of Sycamore Canyon Road (off Garden Road).

There's an equestrian ride planned at 9:30 a.m., starting in the staging area off of Highway 67.

A picnic lunch is available for \$4. The ranch house, now displaying raptors and reptiles, will be open. To make the required reservations, call 858-485-5077. (POWAY)

Rescue and Release, meet a fox and an opossum when a Project Wildlife speaker presents a program at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, at William Heise County Park at 4945 Heise Park Road. Dial 858-694-3049 for details. (JULIAN)

Owl Prowl, spend an evening looking for birds of the night in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, June 22. Meet at 8 p.m. at the visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Bring a flashlight and binoculars. For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Meet Live Hawks and learn about their habitats when Nancy Conney of Sky Hunters Raptor Education visits the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center on Saturday, June 22, at 1 p.m. (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Photographing Nature, take a sixmile hike along a new trail with Heather in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, June 22, at 4:30 p.m. Bring your camera and a snack. For reservations and directions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (ESCONDIDO) Trekking the Refuges, view the migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge when the series hosted by the Chula Vista Nature Center continues on Saturday, June 22, at 8:30 a.m. Free. To make the required reservations and obtain directions, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Cabrillo Dubbed It San Miguel, steel production was later attempted, and tiki-style hotels were rampant in the '50s. Get the skinny on Point Loma's rich past when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari on Saturday, June 22, at 10 a.m. \$10. For reservations and directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (POINT LOMA)

Sing Around the Campfire during the family campfire planned at Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Saturday, June 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. Organizers promise songs, stories, hot chocolate, and marshmallows to roast.

To reserve a spot, call 858-679-5469. There's an easy one-mile walk to the campground; find Blue Sky on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. A \$1 per person donation is requested. (POWAY)

The Art and Science of wildlife tracking and nature awareness is the subject the San Diego Tracking Team offers beginning tracker-naturalist training from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. The fee is \$35. To reserve a space, call 858-672-0584, (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

What Made That Sound? Take in the sunset, full moon, and a moderate three-mile hike along the East Ridge, Chaparral, and Middle Ridge trails in Daley Ranch on Sunday, June 23, with naturalist Larry Allen Tonar. Bring a flashlight and join the group at 7:30 p.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). For reservations, call 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Extreme High and Low Tides for June occur near the month's end and closely coincide with the full moon. The highest tide (+6.8 feet) happens at 8:56 p.m. Sunday, June 23. Lowest tide (-1.4 feet) occurs at 4:07 a.m. Monday, June 24.

Walk Back in Time, rediscover Old Escondido West during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Tuesday, June 25. The outing starts at 6 p.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue, Call 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207 for details. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Grunion Runs this month are most likely to occur after midnight next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. This corresponds to one to two hours after highest nocturnal tide, two to five days after the date of full moon. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only and should be eaten (not wasted).

On Certain Nights, hundreds of the small silvery fish known as grunion wash up onto the shores of our beaches to spawn. Observe the nocturnal habits of marine life on the beaches of La Jolla when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts grunion

run activities on Thursday. June 27. from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The evening begins with a presentation featuring bioluminescence and the lifestyle of various beach-dwelling marine animals, including grunion, and then moves down to the beach to search out the residents.

Prepare for cool, wet conditions, and bring a flashlight. The fee is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 7-13. Bring a flashlight. Call 858-534-7336 for reservations and directions. (LA JOLLA)

Wanna Be a Tracker? The Mount Woodson Wildlife Trackers, the San Diego Tracking Team, and the Fund for Animals host a wildlife tracking workshop on Saturday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. The event includes training in wildlife track identification along with a brief tour of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Children seven and older are welcome The event begins at 18740 Highland Valley Road. To reserve a spot, call 760-788-9949. Free. (RAMONA)



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Zydeco! The Bon Temps Social Club hosts its weekly "Thursday Club" get-together at the Balboa Park Club (take Presidents Way off Park Boulevard) on June 20. Doors open at 7 p.m., with dance workshops (beginning and intermediate/advanced) running 7:30 to 8:25 p.m. Theo and Zydeco Patrol play from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. The requested donation is \$5; kids are free and welcome. Partners are not required. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Bellydancing, Shalimar, Maruschka, Nagwa, and Dhakirah will dance at Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge on Thursday, June 20, at 8 p.m. There will be live music and open dancing by Al-Kimie. Admission is \$5. Find Claire de Lune at 2906 University Avenue. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

'Tis the Season for *Tartuffe!* The California Ballet presents this adaptation directed by Adrian Gonzalez Friday through Sunday, June 21-23. The cast of 12 includes principal dancer Jennifer Curry, corps member Allison Ollila, Andrea Schwanemann, and Kristin D'Andrea.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children and adults. Performances begin at 8 p.m. each night in Theater West at the California Ballet Studios (4819 Ronson Court). For reservations and information, call 858-560-6741. (LA JOLLA)

Dia del Folklor, Ballet Folklorico Jaliscience presents its 11th annual celebration of traditional Mexican dance and music on Friday, June 21, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Educational Cultural Complex (4343 Ocean View Boulevard). Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 619-987-6568. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

New and Experienced Dancers are invited to enjoy a dance party hosted by the North County Swing and Ballroom Dance Club on Saturday, June 22, at 7 p.m., at Dance North County Studio (in North Coast Business Park, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). This month's dance party features begins with a lesson taught by National Swing Dance champion Mary Manzella; there will be an exhibition during a break. Admission is

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\$9 for nonmembers. 619-229-0141. (ENCINITAS)

Join the Sandpipers, the Sandpipers Square Dance Club hosts a dance with calling by Ray Holmes and Peter Gomez cueing on Saturday, June 22, at 8 p.m., at St. James (625 South Nardo). The donation is \$5. For information, call 760- 436-0685 or 858-755-5011. (SOLANA BEACH)

Neither Experience nor Partners Are Necessary for the Latin partner dance workshops planned by Phil Hatcher on Sundays through June 23, 4 to 5:30 p.m., at Eight Elements West (6830 La Jolla Boulevard #201). The fee is \$15 per class. To reserve a space, dial 858-459-0899. (LA JOLLA)

Sevillana dance classes start on Sunday, June 23, at 10 a.m., at the Stage 7 School of Dance (3980 30th Street, between Lincoln and University). The fee is \$13 per session. Call 619-846-5030 for further information. (NORTH PARK)

Swing and Jitterbug Dance Party, Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center hosts dancing on Sunday, June 23, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m.; dance lessons commence at 8 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$\$; free for firsttimers. (BAY PARK)

Expect a Full Immersion into the dances and customs of the 19th and 20th Centuries when the San Diego Vintage Dancers host the first San Diego Vintage Dance Week June 24-

29 at the University of San Diego. Daily dance classes will be interspersed with live music, lectures, and period activities led by internationally known dance instructors and historians. Each evening promises a themed and costumed event or ball. USD is found at 5998 Alcalá

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All Things Swing and More... they'll be dancing the West Coast swing, Lindy hop, hustle, and Balboa at 7 and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, at the Portuguese Hall, and you're invited. Classes are \$12 to drop in. There's dance practice for everyone from 9 to 11 p.m. (\$3 to \$5 donation). Expect DJ music for all dances listed. Find the hall at 2818 Avenida de Portugal, just off Rosecrans). 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

A Variety of Jewish Performances designed "to dazzle audiences" have been presented for this year's Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival. The festival concludes with Klezmer Summits on June 25 and 26. Yale Strom and Klazzj, Second Avenue Klezmer, Hollywood Klezmer, and Freilechs perform on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum Stage at the San Diego Repertory Theatre in Horton Plaza.

The Klezmer Summit Encore (*sans* Hollywood Klezmer) starts at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). Tickets for either show are \$22. For reservations, call 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN, SOLANA BEACH) **Dances from Ghana** with authentic percussion and costumed performers is promised when Abaa Koma, SDSU's African Ensemble, performs on Wednesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chula Vista Public Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5289. (CHULA VISTA)

FILM

Video Vixens, this festival of animation, film, and video directed by women may be seen on Friday, June 21, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. The program includes work by 11 artists; each piece is two to ten minutes in length. The evening begins with an artists' reception and viewing of installations at 7 p.m. and the screening of Video Vixens at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 general. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For information, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

The Horror, the Horror! Gather your rice, 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)

"All or Nothing," the film has its world premiere, presented by Wake Sports Unlimited, on Saturday, June 22, at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Screenings

begin at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$4. For information, call 866-277-5757. (CARLSBAD)

Life, Liberty, and the Politics of Indian Sovereignty are explored in *Boomtown*, Gunnar Cole's *P.O.V.* documentary. The film chronicles the annual plunge into "fireworks season" that the Suquamish tribe takes for the five weeks before July 4, selling fireworks that are officially banned off reservation.

Catch a sneak preview when Boomtown screens for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, June 24, 6:30 p.m. Cheryl Hinton, director of the Barona Cultural Center and Museum, Barona Band of Mission Indians, facilitates the following discussion. Free. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The French Connection, it's the theme for the "Summer of 2002 Outdoor Film Festival" series at the San Diego Museum of Art, in conjunction with the upcoming exhibition, "Idol of the Moderns: Pierre-Auguste Renoir and American Painting." See the Inspector Clouseau/Pink Panther flick A Shot in the Dark on Thursday, June 27. The film starts at dusk. Bring a blanket for seating. 619-232-7931. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

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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

What's the Best Way to Train Your Dog, cat, bird, rabbit, or any other companion animal? Find out when the San Diego Humane Society's Happy Hour Lecture focuses on "Clicker Training — Shamu Style" on Thursday, June 20. Clickers have been used at the San Diego Zoo and Sea World for years because they work. Find out how to make them work for you at 5:30 p.m. at 887 Sherman Street. The fee is \$15. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-7012 x249. (UNDA VISTA)

Explore "Wild Baja" when "Baja Bob" Vinton presents a slide-illus-

trated lecture for the Sierra Club on Friday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). Call 619-299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Three Styles of Japanese gardens will be discussed by Professor Lennox Tierney at the Japanese Friendship Garden on Saturday, June 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The talk is included in regular museum admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"Rock Art Interpretation — Ethics and Politics" will be discussed by Rick Bury when he presents a slide-illustrated lecture with images from polychrome Chumash rock art sites for the San Diego County Archaeological Association. The talk starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

"The Tao of Daily Living" is the subject when Taoist priest and counselor Ted Kardash focuses on the basic principles of Taoist thought from the works of Lao Tzu and Chuang Tzu at the Taoist Sanctuary on Saturday, June 22, at 1 to 5 p.m. The fee is \$60. Find the sanctuary at 4229 Park Boulevard, at El Cajon Boulevard: 619-692-1155. (NORTH PARK)

Art in the Garden, create and plant an herbal garden when Susie Dent leads a class on Saturday, June 22, at 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden. The \$20 fee includes materials. Find the garden at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. To register, call 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Rhythm Culture Around the World" is celebrated when John Clauder teaches a variety of drumming and music styles during the rhythm culture drum circle workshop planned on Saturday, June 22, noon to 3:30 p.m., at Hilltop Center (331 East Elder Street). Admission is \$5. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your own instruments if you have them. 760-723-1899. (FALLBROOK)

Scientific Literacy in the American school system will be explored by two science teachers when the San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry gathers on Sunday, June 23. Margaret Ranch, instructor of cultural and physical anthropology at MiraCosta College and Lynne Miller, her boss and head of the anthropology department, will describe teaching students just graduated from high school.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). The requested donation is \$5. Dial 619-421-5844 for information. (LA JOLLA)

"History and Reminiscences of a Native San Diegan" will be offered by Hadarah Domnitz Chemnick when the Jewish Historical Society of San Diego presents its fifth annual San Diego Jewish History Day on Sunday, June 23. Events begin at 1 p.m. in the Feuerstein Family Activity Center at Congregation Beth Israel (9001 Towne Centre Drive, across from University Towne Centre). Free. Call 619-232-5888 for information. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

"Understanding Contemporary Art" is the subject when contemporary art curator Betti-Sue Hertz tours "I-5 Resurfacing: Four Decades of California Contemporary Art" on Sunday, June 23, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The lecture is included in regular museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"When Does Investigative Research Become Invasion of Your Privacy?" Find out when R.W. "Peter" Peterson speaks for the Libertarian Supper Club on Sunday, June 23. Peterson gained national exposure working out of his offices in Denver and Los Angeles. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. at Coco's Restaurant (5955 Balboa Avenue). \$5. Call 858-759-8389 for information. (CLAIREMONT)

How Does One Use the family search program available on the Internet? Find out when professional genealogist Barbara Renick speaks for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, June 25. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-723-1342. (CARLSBAD)

Hot Topic, the conflict between India and Pakistan over Kashmir continues to grow. Donald M. Gragg, M.D., focuses on "The Indian Subcontinent — Progress and Conflict" on Tuesday, June 25, for the North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council of San Diego. The meeting starts at 10:05 a.m. in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635. (SOLANA BEACH)

What Does It Take to Publish a Book? Authors Lee Silber and Andrew Chapman — with 14 books between them — focus on "Everything You Need to Know About the Writing Business" on Tuesday, June 25, at 7 p.m., at the Creativity Center (243 North Highway 101, suite 10, behind the Java Depot). The fee is \$49. To register, call 858-792-5312. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Mountain Lions and Their Interactions with Humans, Big Horned Sheep, and Deer" provide the subject when wildlife biologist Ken Logan focuses on *Felis concolor* in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park for the Buena Vista Audubon Society on Wednesday, June 26. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. For information, call 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Cooking With Roberta, the Italian Community Center hosts an Italian cooking class on Wednesday, June 26. Find the center at 1669 Columbia Street; call 858-488-9315 for information. The fee is \$20. (LITTLE ITALY)

Stereo Glasses Are Provided when the San Diego Stereo Camera Club meets to share 3-D projected stereo slides on Wednesday, June 26, at 7 p.m., in the Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent and east of Spanish Village). For information, call 619-595-7856. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Get Cookin', the ongoing vegetarian cooking school classes sponsored by the Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine continue with "Breakfast, Brunch, and Pizzas" on Wednesday, June 26, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Grateful Heart Café (at the Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, 10820 North Torrey Pines Road). Chef Lou Ellen Tapia leads the classes, with future subjects including "Cooking with Soy" (July 3) and "Field of Greens" (July 24), among many others. The fee is \$25 per class. To reserve a place, call 858-554-3663. (LA JOLLA)

Planning a Trip to Italy but speak no Italian? The Italian Community Center is offering "Italian for Travelers" on Wednesdays, July 17, 24, and 31, 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will learn fundamental Italian grammar, sentences, and words to gain information and directions, shop, and more. No previous knowledge of Italian is required. The fee is \$65 per person. Find the center at 1669 Columbia Street. Call 619-237-0601 to reserve a spot. (LITLE ITALY)

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Burton has over 20 years of experience in designing architectural spaces. Burton speaks for the series co-sponsored by the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 18. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541. Admission is \$10 general. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Author Laura Glen Louis signs and discusses Talking in the Dark on Thursday, June 20, at 7 p.m., at Bridge Way Books (162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30). Free. Call 760-943-7875 for information. (ENCINITAS)

A Summer Solstice Poetry/Fiction Reading is planned by Steve Kowit and Lizz Huerta on Friday, June 21, at 7 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. Call 858-270-8642 for information. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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Somos Uno/We Are One, it's the theme for the summer binational peace concert planned by the San Diego Peace and Justice Coalition and Humanistas Por Paz on Friday, June 21, at Border Field State Park and at Plavas de Tijuana. Bands will perform on and be heard on both sides of the border, alternating from noon until midnight, when a solstice celebration takes place. Free, For further information, call 619-235-0281 x104. (IMPERIAL BEACH, TIJUANA)

You Must Be at Least 18 years old to attend the reading planned by R.L. Buss, author of Life between Cigarettes, on Friday, June 21, at 9 p.m., at Caffe Salotto (5960 El Cajon Boulevard). Free. For information, call 619-582-5908. (COLLEGE AREA)

Speculative Fiction Author Tina Jens will read from Blues Ain't Nothin': Tales of the Lonesome Blues Pub on Friday, June 21, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Jens will be joined by mystery author Elizabeth Gunn, reading from her fifth Jake Hines mystery, Seventh Inning Stretch. Free. Call 858-268-4747 for information. (CLAIREMONT)

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world-beat tunes on Friday. June 21. at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Tickets are \$7 general. Call 619-230-1869 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

Summertime, and Music's Everywhere, free concerts proliferate at this time of year. The 17th annual TGIF Jazz in the Parks series commences with contemporary jazz by the Steely Damned on Friday, June 21. The concert begins at 6 p.m. in Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches, at La Costa Avenue and Rancho Santa Fe Road). Shuttle service is available. Call 760-434-2904 for more information. (CARLSBAD)

J.D. and the Blues Busters perform on Saturday, June 22, at 6 p.m., at the Carmel Mountain Ranch/ Sabre Springs Recreation Center (10152 Rancho Carmel Drive). For more information, call 858-538-8100. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

The La Jolla Concerts by the Sea promises swing music by Big Time Operator on Sunday, June 23, at 2 p.m., in Scripps Park (at the foot of Girard Avenue). Free. Dial 858-454-1600 for more details. (LA JOLLA)

The "Music in the Park" concert series continues with music by the Bayou Brothers on Sunday, June 23, at 4 p.m., in Memorial Bowl (373 Park Way, just off Third Avenue, between G and F Streets). For information, call 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

"Sundays at Six" — the series continues with the San Diego Choral Club presenting "old-time favorites" on June 23, at 6 p.m., at the Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Bring a picnic basket (no glass) and a blanket. Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

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All About Baseball, head to the Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center on Saturday, June 22, when local authors Scott Blumenthal and Brett Hodus sign their book The Road to the Majors at 2 p.m. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fresh from the Baroque: 1930s -Avant-Garde" - this concert by Les Folies features the sweet-voiced recorder, the *flauto dolce* of the baroque. In the late 18th Century the recorder lost ground and an orchestra seat to the transverse flute, remaining neglected for the next 150 years.

The program planned on Saturday, June 22, is devoted entirely to the modern repertoire. Les Folies will perform works by contemporary American and European composers from the 1930s through the avantgarde, including jazz originals and transcriptions. Ensemble members include Janet Beazley, Inga Funck, Claire Rottembourg, and Ulla Sinz.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$15 general. For information and reservations, call 619-224-5830. (DOWNTOWN)

Ella's Mujer Series, this performing arts series featuring women contin-ues when East Los Angeles poet and lawyer Sandra Muñoz, Sara Durán, and Maria Julia Urias read from their work on Saturday, June 22. The readings begin at 8 p.m. at Voz Alta, located at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Admission is \$7 general, \$5 for students and seniors. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

San Francisco Author Barry Gifford reads from his new collection, American Falls: The Collected Short Stories. on Saturday, June 22, 8 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue) Free. Dial 858-456-1800 for details (LA JOLLA)

The Epic War Novel When Duty Whispers Low will be signed by author John J. Gobbell on Saturday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Gobbell served in the U.S. Navy as a weapons officer aboard destroyers and became a member of the "Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club." Free. For information, call 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Reawakening the Heartspace, a group of musicians led by William Aura united to create the New Age band Heartspace in 1979. Aura and other Heartspace musicians will gather on Saturday, June 22, for a

Heartspace reunion at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). The evening includes a vegetarian potluck (7:30 p.m.), music by the Peter Pupping Quartet, and a light show by Kinetic Collage. Tickets are \$10. Call 760-929-1862 for information. (HILLCREST)

Celebrate World Refugee Day when the Kahley Senegalese Drummers and Dancers perform on Saturday, June 22, 3 to 6:30 p.m., at the Balboa Park Club. Tickets are \$20 at the door, free for children, benefiting the International Rescue Committee. For information, call 619-641-7518. (BALBOA PARK)

The Fallbrook Americana Music Series continues when Peter Sprague and Blurring the Edges take the stage on Saturday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets are \$10 general, \$5 for those under 17. For information, call 760-723-7255. (FALLBROOK)

Summer Concerts in the Gardens, the series gets underway with a Latin instrumental concert by Camberos and Chini on Saturday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Wood House in Heritage Gardens (at Rock Springs Road and Woodland Parkway). Tickets are \$5 general, free for those under 10. Bring beach chairs or blankets for lawn seating. For more information, call 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Old-Time Vaudeville Shows are planned on Saturday, June 22, at the Swedenborgian Church Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). Singers, dancers, comics, and skits may be enjoyed at this fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Performances begin at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For information, call 619-647-4958. (HILLCREST)

Quail Concerts, the summer concert series at Quail Botanical Gardens begins with a concert promising "a little bit of country" by Ken Schoppmeyer and Friends on Sunday, June 23, at 5 p.m. The \$20 ticket (for nonmembers) includes the music, light supper, and coffee. Find the gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. To make the suggested reservations, call 760-436-3036. Don't bring food or beverages, chairs, or blankets. (ENCINITAS)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 10 p.m., on Monday, June 24, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Call 619-296-0616 for information Free, (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Summer Organ Festival, the 15th annual festival at the Spreckels Or-

gan Pavilion continues when organist Felix Hell performs on Monday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call 619-702-8138 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetic Brew, the local certified Slam Team 2002 performs on Tuesday, June 25, at 7 p.m., at Claire de Lune (2906 University Avenue). The sixmember team will compete against 55 other teams at the Minneapolis National Poetry Slam in August. An extensive open reading both precedes and follows the slam team. Free. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Twilight in the Park, this summer concert series continues on Tuesday, June 25, with music by the San Diego Men's Chorus. Razzle Dazzle takes the stage on Wednesday, June 26, and the Sonlight Singers perform on Thursday, June 27.

Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. Call 619-239-0512 for more details. (BALBOA PARK)

Chicken Soup for the Encinitas Soul, head to Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Wednesday, June 26, when contributing author Helise Bridges shares her story from Chicken Soup for the American Soul at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 1040 North El Camino Real: 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

The Self-Described "Demon Dog" of crime writing, a.k.a. James Ellroy, reads from his latest novel, Cold Six Thousand, on Wednesday, June 26, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Free. Call 858-755-2707 for information. (DEL MAR)

Expressions Unlimited, Sylvia Mc-Conico is the featured artist and motivational speaker for this open-mike jam session on Wednesday, June 26, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). All forms of spoken word and artistic expressions are welcome. Free. 619-527-3405. These forums take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. (ENCANTO)

At Ease, Colonel David H. Hackworth discusses his new book, Steel My Soldiers' Hearts: The Hopeless to Hardcore Transformation of U.S. Army 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry, Vietnam, on Wednesday, June 26, at 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Busy on Wednesday? Hackworth will also sign and read from his work on Thursday, June 27, at 8 p.m., at D.G. Wills (7461 Girard Avenue). For more information, call 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA)

World War II Veteran Sanford Margalith recreates a battle in the English Channel six weeks before D-Day in Captains, which he'll sign and discuss at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). For more information, call 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

"Word Spoken," this all-age event starts at 8:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month, including June 27, at Cafe Crema (1001 Garnet Avenue, at Cass). Free. Expect poetry and open-mike opportunities. 858-273-3558. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Author Shannon Richardson reads from and signs *Deadly Deception* on Thursday, June 27, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Call 619-667-2870 for information. Free. (LA MESA)

Take the Stage for open-mike-night fun on Thursdays, 8 to 10 p.m., at Boomers Brew (1404 Garnet Avenue). Free. 858-273-9377. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Every Stage of Jimi Hendrix's Career is chronicled in Steven Roby's Black Gold: The Lost Archives of Jimi



SOT 3 DEL MAR 858-755-3599 Hendrix. The book authenticates the lost sessions, previously unknown recorded collaborations, and rare film and video documents of this influential rock guitarist. Meet Roby when he discusses his book on Sunday, June 30, at 5 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. For information, call 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Talented Alice, head to the Book Works when California cooking maven Alice Waters visits the shop to sign her new book, *Chez Panisse Fruit,* on Sunday, July 14, at 2 p.m. Find the bookstore in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle and by calling 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

SPORTS

Padre Baseball, the San Diego Padres host the Boston Red Sox on Thursday, June 20, at 7:05 p.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. The New York Yankees arrive for games June 21-23, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, noon on Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The next road trip features games against the Giants in San Francisco June 24-27; the baseball match-ups start at 7:05 on Monday, at 5:05 on Tuesday, at 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, and at 12:35 p.m. on Thursday.

Tickets range from \$6 to \$28. For additional details, call 888-MY PADRES. All games are broadcast in English on KOGO (600 AM) and in Spanish on KURS (1040 AM). (MISSION VALLEY)

Factory Stock Cars compete at Cajon Speedway on Saturday, June 22, along with sportsman, street, bombers, and train races. The first race starts at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying runs starting at 5 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located

next to Gillespie Field. Take I-8 to Highway 67, and use the Bradley exit. Drive left for two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to the track entrance. Adult admission: \$10 (west side) and \$12 (east side); \$5 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. For information, call 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

Professional Soccer, the San Diego Gauchos hosts the Northern Nevada Aces on Saturday, June 22, at 10 a.m., in Titan Stadium at EastLake High School (1120 EastLake Parkway). Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for those 14 and younger. For information, call 619-336-9861. (CHULA VISTA)

Railway Hike, see the 600-foot trestle bridge in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park when Hike Bike San Diego leads an adventure on Saturday, June 22, beginning at 7 a.m. The total distance is 13 miles; travel time is approximately two hours each way. The \$75 fee includes transportation, snacks, water, and lunch. (ANZABORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

The group also hosts a moderate 4.8-mile hike up Cowles Mountain on Sunday, June 23, at 10 a.m. To make the required reservations for either outing, call 858-551-9510. (SANTEE)

A New View of East County is promised when the Knickerbikers head out on Saturday, June 22. This 20-mile ride for intermediates starts at the corner of San Vicente Road and Gunn Stage in the San Diego Country Estates at 9:30 a.m. Free; bring money for an optional lunch. 760-788-7908. (RAMONA)

There's No Fair Catch, and no punting is allowed in arena football. The San Diego Riptide meets up with Peoria Pirates on Saturday, June 22, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$50, available by calling 858-404-0232. (SPORTS ARENA) **Everything's Cricket, Chap,** the San Diego Cricket Club/UCSD Cricket Club hosts its next home games on June 22 and 23. The club has teams in divisions 1 and 3 of the Southern California Cricket Association. The first team meets up with the Cosmos Cricket Club on Saturday, and the second team meets up with the Pasadena 2 team on Sunday. Games begin at 10:30 a.m. and last until about 5 p.m. (bring a lunch!) at UCSD's Warren Field. Free. For information, call 619-518-1596. (LA JOLLA)

Hike and Bike to Mount Calavera

when Preserve Calavera hosts the second annual event on Saturday, June 22. The mountain bike adventure starts at the dead end of Melrose on Faraday Avenue, and hikers start at Oak Riparian Park (off Lake Boulevard) at 9 a.m. to meet up at Mount Calavera. The terrain for bikes: single track, double track, dirt road, and several stream crossings; riders should be in good physical shape. Hikers finish at 11 a.m., bikers finish at noon. For information, call 760-599-0655. (VISTA, OCEANSIDE)

An Ocean Kayak Clinic is planned at La Jolla Shores by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego on Saturday, June 22, at 10 a.m. The fee is \$65. To reserve a spot, call 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

Mud Fun, the ninth annual Camp Pendleton Mud Run is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, starting and ending at Lake O'Neill. Racing starts at 9 a.m. Organizers promise a 6.2-mile obstacle course boasting rugged terrain, slippery training obstacles, knee- to waist-deep water, and slimy mud pits. Sound like fun? Call 760-725-6836 for information. There is no race-day registration. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Get Wet, the Kumulani Outrigger Club trains three days a week on Mission Bay. Training starts at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The outrigger cances launch from the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, just northwest of DeAnza Cove. The first two visits are free. For more information, dial 619-497-1506. (MISSION BAY)

More of a northerner? The Makana Ke Kai Outrigger Canoe Club is looking for new members who like to compete. The group practices all summer long at Oceanside Harbor. Workouts for newcomers start at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The first four paddles are free. Call 760-941-0715 x3003 for details. (OCEANSIDE) **Soccer Spirit,** the San Diego Spirit, one of the teams of the Women's United Soccer Association, hosts the Philadelphia Charge on Sunday, June 23, at 5 p.m. Games take place in Torero Stadium, on the campus of the University of San Diego, at 5998 Alcalá Park. Tickets range from \$12 to \$20, available by calling 877-476-220-TIXS). Matches are televised on Cox Channel 4. (LINDA VISTA)

World's Largest Beach Party? It's almost time for the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club's 49th annual Over-the-Line tournament, with competition planned on July 13 and

competition planned on July 13 and 14 (and July 20 and 21). Irreverent team names and "uniforms" are just part of the fun. Tournament play runs from 7 a.m. to dusk on Fiesta



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TWO POEMS BY DAVID LEHMAN

June 19

What is it about the Abyss that tempts the young poet to kiss the air and head for the nearest cliff? This unreasonable attachment to the bliss of falling — what accounts for it? Unlike the hiss announcing a reptilian presence, the word Abyss creates the object of our dread: it exists, it is, widening like the gulf between whiskey and wine, and we, drunk on neither, miss the days when we, too, tumbled headlong out of heaven, pissed

June 22

There's a darker shade of blue in the clouds dragging themselves slowly across the lighter blue of the sky: and the darkness of green as the light leaves the trees, the green of the pine and the green of the yew alike leaking light into the evening: a streetlamp lets pedestrians and predators pass or loiter in the languor of a dark blue summer night,

Island. For more information, call 619-688-0817. (MISSION BAY)

SPECIAL

The Great Race, a contest about precision driving and navigation, not speed, began in San Antonio, Texas, on June 15. Celebrating its 20th anniversary with more than 100 vintage cars participating, competitors are aided only by a speedometer, analog clock, pencil and paper, and no maps, cell phones, or odometers. The competitors follow written course instructions at exact, predetermined speeds. All participating vehicles must have been manufactured before 1951, or pre-1960 for sports cars, race cars, and motorcycles. The race ends on June 22 in Anaheim.

From 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 21, there's a festival and parade designed around the arrival of more than 100 competitors in the Third Avenue district (take the E Street exit from I-5 and head east for four blocks). The race vehicles will be on display after their arrival, along with hundreds more local classic cars, and there will be food, vendors, and live music. Admission is free. 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

Portals to the Fairy Realm Open, and fairies may pass into our world on the summer solstice. So carry a sprig of rue and head to the summer solstice celebration planned on Friday, June 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Adams Elementary/Community Park (4672 35th Street). There will be

dance, food, entertainment by guitarist Jim Earp, the Clovers, City Moves! and other guests. Admission is free. 619-283-8379. (NORMAL HEIGHTS) Barkin' at Breakfast, money will be raised for the Helen Woodward Animal Center when Loews Coronado Bay Resort hosts the third national Bark Breakfast on Friday, June 21, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Breakfast festivities include dog samples from the Loews Loves Pets room service menu, a pet owner's breakfast, tips on travel with pets, a salute to September 11 rescue dogs, and a

"bark briefcase" for each dog. The fee is \$35. For reservations, call 619-424-4416. Find the resort at 4000 Coronado Bay Road. (CORONADO)

Summer Star Party, view celestial objects through the 21-inch Buller telescope at SDSU's Mount Laguna Observatory and see a slide show in the auditorium at sunset on (most) Friday and Saturday nights through August 31. Staff members are on hand to answer questions, and visitors are encouraged to bring binoculars for "sky tours."

Tickets are required for admission and are available free from the U.S. Forest Service visitors' information office on Sunrise Highway in Mount Laguna. They are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis for viewing the same evening (for space availability, call 619-473-8547).

To reach the observatory from San Diego, take I-8 to the Sunrise Highway exit (Highway S1); drive northeast on Sunrise Highway about nine miles to Morris Ranch Road.

but the darkness of the blue is darker than the trees or thoughts of blue men on porches contemplating the blueness of the moon.

From The Evening Sun: A Journal in Poetry; Scribner Poetry, 2002; 160 pages; \$16

The Evening Sun, the sequel to The Daily Mirror, gathers together 150 of David Lehman's favorite "daily poems" from 1999 and 2000 into a chronicle of a poet's heart and mind as the last century ends and a new one begins.

David Lehman is on the core faculty of the graduate writing programs at Bennington College



and The New School. He is the editor of The Best American Poetry series. The Last Avant-Garde, a nonfiction book on the new York school of poets, was published in 1998. He lives in Ithaca, New York, and New York City.

Turn east onto Morris Ranch Road for about one-quarter of a mile to the observatory's visitors' parking lot. Bring a sweater or jacket and flashlight. For further information, call 619-594-1415. (MOUNT LAGUNA)

A Traditional Aztec Celebration of summer solstice and the first days of summer is planned on Saturday, June 22. The gathering begins one hour before sunset north of the Crvstal Pier and promises Aztec dancing, drumming, and costumes. Free. 760-358-7232. (PACIFIC BEACH)

They'll Be Tossing Cabers when the San Diego Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans takes place on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Brengle Terrace Park (1400 Vale Terrace Drive). There will be bagpiping, highland dancing competitions, falconry, drum major competition, sheepdog trials, kids' athletics, and more.

Tickets at the gate are \$10 general, \$8 for seniors and military, \$5 for those 6-16. There's very limited parking at the park, so take advantage of the offsite parking and free shuttles running from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Vista High School (1 Panther Way, at Bobier Drive). For information, call 619-645-8080. (VISTA)

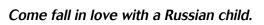
Hit the Streets of OB for the 23rd Annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cookoff running from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 22. Organizers promise continuous live entertainment, dancing, rock climbing, a chili contest, pony rides, an artists' alley, amusement rides, Blues Alley, merchandise booths, and more. Find the

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Have Any Spare Models? The San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts a kit, model, and aviation collectable swap meet on Saturday, June 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Gillespie Field facility. Admission is \$2 per adult, under 12 free (accompanied by an adult). Find Gillespie Field at 335 Kenney Street. For information, call 619-234-8291 x41. (EL CAJON)

Taste of Oceanside, nine area restaurants are participating in events slated for Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., in the 300 block of Tremont Street (between Civic Center Drive and Mission Avenue). Twelve tickets are \$15. For more information, call 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

Whaddaya Know About Wolves? Remedy your lack of knowledge with a visit to the California Wolf Center. The center hosts public programs every Saturday at 2 p.m. Admission is \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Reservations are required, made by calling 619-234-9653 or 760-765-0030. (JULIAN)

The Semi-Annual Threshing Bee and Antique Engine and Tractor Show returns to the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23. See blacksmith and wheelwright demos, grist and sawmill operations, and other vintage skills, along with food, gifts, music, train rides, and displays of antique cars and steam engines. Tractor games are followed by a parade of antique equipment at 1 p.m.

Find the fun at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Gates are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 general, \$3 for those 6 to 12, and kids under 6 free. For information, dial 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Got Koi? A docent will be on hand at the Japanese Friendship Garden's koi pond on Saturday, June 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to talk about koi. For information, call 619-232-2780. The talk is included in regular admission. (BALBOA PARK) Find the church at 3777 42nd Street (at Wightman). Admission is \$15. Call 619-284-4646 for information. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Dream Homes, tour five extensively renovated homes in Rancho Santa Fe, Del Mar, La Jolla, and Mission Hills when the ASID Remodel Tour takes place on Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's a selfguided tour; all of the remodeling was completed within the past three years. Tickets are \$25. For information and tour site addresses, call 858-646-9896. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

The House of Finland hosts the lawn program at the House of Pacific Relations on Sunday, June 23, at 2 p.m. Organizers promise songs and dancing from Finland. The cottage will be open from noon to 4 p.m. offering traditional foods for sale; admission is free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Drum Corps Classic, the San Diego Alliance Drum and Bugle Corps hosts this event on Sunday, June 23, at 6 p.m., at the Helix High School stadium (7323 University Avenue). The show features music and marching performances by the San Diego Alliance, Impulse, Esperanza, Pacific Crest, Southern California Dream, and the USMC band. Tickets are \$6 general. Questions? Call 619-466-6498 for answers. (LA MESA)

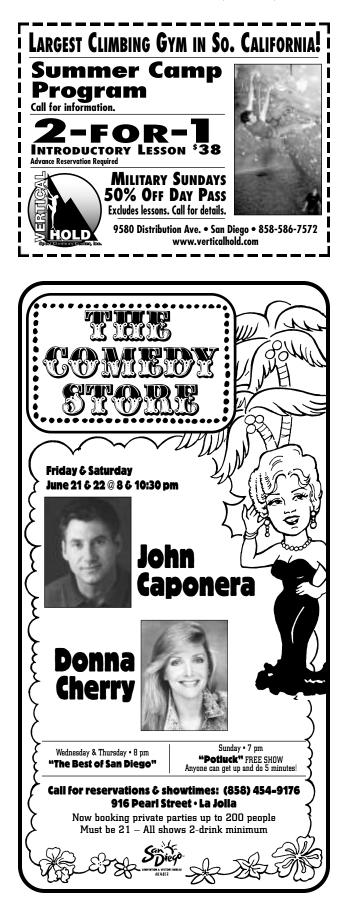
Enjoy Opera, each of the San Diego Opera's productions of the current season is being broadcast on Ian Campbell's *At the Opera* program on radio station KPBS-FM (89.5). Listen to Gaetano Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* on Sunday, June 23, at 7 p.m. For information, call 619-232-7636.

Stamp Collectors Beckoned, the monthly San Diego Stamp Fair is set for Sunday, June 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with many stamp and cover dealers offering their wares. Find it all at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Admission is free. 619–469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

Tasting Time, the San Diego Wine Brats gather for wine tasting on Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m., at Dave and Buster's (2931 Camino del Rio North). The fee is \$22. For reservations and information, call 909-720-1452. (MISSION VALLEY)

Take a Turn on the Bench, meet with pianists "of like skills" for an informal get-together at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25, in the Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (found at the west end of Presidents Way). Bring your music and perform classical music and your own compositions. Free. For information, call 858–483-3939. (BALBOA PARK)

Clear Your Palate and head to Assaggio Italian Bakery & More on Tuesday, June 25. Participants will enjoy four fine wines paired with



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Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls



Harcourt, Inc.; 2002; 296 pages; \$25

FROM THE DUST JACKET: If your daughter has ever come home from school upset because her friends didn't walk with her to lunch, if she has wanted to stay home or has run up to her room in tears and won't tell you why, you may need this book. These may seem like minor problemswho cares about notes passed behind your back, or a nasty look, or a party you're not invited to - but they aren't, and they can have a

lasting effect on a girl's self-esteem.

Rachel Simmons

In fact, as Rachel Simmons shows in Odd Girl Out, the secret world of girls' aggression is just as harmful as the aggression of boys, but it's harder to recognize. Girls are not encouraged to express their anger, and so it goes underground. The importance of relationships to women has long been understood. For girls, losing friends or becoming the object of a clique's derision can be devastating. Yet most teachers don't have time

bread, pastry, and food samples, along with a talk by Marco Barat. The fee is \$18. Find the bakery at 835 Fourth Avenue; call 619-234-6538 to make reservations by June 23. (GASLAMP OUARTER)

Blast from the Past, these car and motorcycle shows take place every Wednesday night, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Third Avenue (between F and Park Way). All pre-1977 vehicles are welcome. Thunderbirds and Corvettes are the featured vehicles on June 26. For information, call 619-422-1982, Free, (CHULA VISTA)

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 June 26, at 7 p.m., at the Fountain Estates apartments clubhouse (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

"Small Works" by members of the Pacific Quilt Artists group are on view for the seventh annual "Showcase of Fine Art Quilts." The show continues through Saturday, June 29, at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Members create and promote quilts as fine art. For information, call 858-756-4438. (DEL MAR)

"Elvis: A Tribute to the King of Rock and Roll" is the theme for this year's San Diego County Fair, continuing through Sunday, July 7, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Scope out over 100,000 entries in more than 3000 categories in numerous competitions and exhibits, including fine arts, livestock, children's art, gems and minerals, and home arts; enjoy the fun zone with rides and games; see commercial exhibits; eat a variety of food; take part in a contest (bubble gum blowing, pie eating, and

many more); and enjoy concerts. Gates open Monday through Thursday at 11 a.m. and at 10 a.m. on Friday and Saturday; exhibit

to notice and cope with the problem, and parents feel frustrated and hopeless in combatting it. Every generation has struggled with this, and often parents still hold on to their own memories of suffering, making it more difficult when the time comes to help their children.

Now, Odd Girl Out shines the light of understanding on the secret lives of girls. By articulating the dynamics of this behavior, she helps us see where it comes from and offers parents and teachers ways in which to help our daughters. Naming the problem is often the first step in solving it. Odd Girl Out not only names it, but describes it, understands it, and offers advice on how to deal with it.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the afternoon that we talked, the effervescent Rachel Simmons was at home in Brooklyn. She told me, about herself, "I was born in 1974 in Washington, D.C., and raised in the suburbs there. I went to a Jewish day school for 13 years. My mom taught there and still teaches there. After that, for college, I went to Vassar and majored in women's studies and political science. Vassar is great. I love Vassar. I graduated from Vassar in 1996. So that makes me 27 now.'

After Vassar, Ms. Simmons went as a Rhodes scholar to Oxford University. At Oxford, she began her research on female bullying and the psychology of girls.

Like many women of her generation, Ms. Simmons has been much influenced by the writings of Adrienne Rich - Rich's prose more than her poetry. Prominent in Ms. Simmons's bibliography for Odd Girl Out is Carol Gilligan's In a Different Voice: Psychological Theory and Women's Development, another important text for women of Ms. Simmons's generation. I asked Ms. Simmons if she considered herself a feminist.

She said that she did, adding, "I grew up as a feminist, although I don't know why because my dad never changed one diaper. My grandmother has been a single mother and is a Holocaust sur-

buildings close at 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (midnight on July 4). The fun zone opens at noon Monday through Friday and at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, closing down at approximately midnight each night. Admission is \$9.50 general, \$6 seniors, \$4.50 kids 6 to 12, free for those 5 and under. For more information, call 858-793-5555

or 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR) Maritime Music, pirate "re-enactors" will visit the sea chantey festival planned on Sunday, July 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on board the tall ship Star of India. Visitors are invited to sing along, pull on lines to help set the massive sails, see rope-making demonstrations, and be decorated by "pirate face painters."

Tickets are \$6 general, with discounts for seniors, kids, and military. Find the Star and the Maritime Museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive (along the Embarcadero); 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

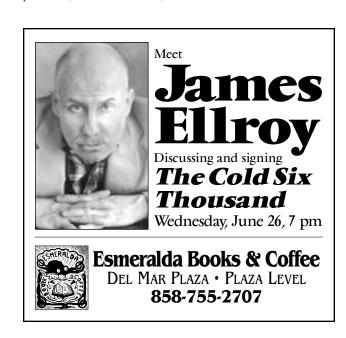
FOR KIDS

Who Is A Dog Called Bum? Find out when Tom Jensen and the Padre Puppeteers perform through Sunday. June 23, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Pick a Flower Fantasy when Puppet Express takes the stage June 26-30.

Shows begin at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5045. (BALBOA PARK)

Never Grow Up, see Peter Pan when Theatre West presents the play June 21-30 at the Hearth Theatre (San Marcos Community Recreation Center, 3 Civic Center Drive). The show was written and directed by Randall Hickman. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$8 general, \$6 for seniors/vouths, students. For reservations, call 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Gather Your Breadcrumbs and head out to see the San Diego Actors Theatre presenting "Children's Clas-sics" on Saturday, June 22, at 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar).



vivor. She is just hard as nails. I used to joke with her that she was my first women's studies professor. Because she really kicked my ass a lot, and my mom is also super tough. My mom was born in a displaced person's camp in Czechoslovakia after the war, and she grew up in Israel. I'm the first-born American on that side of the family. I always grew up as a strong feminist but never understanding why.

"I still struggle with various issues. My brother has to make me get makeup. I had to get highlights. My editor said, 'Well, you're going to go on TV, I want you to see my hair person.' I was, like, 'What the hell is wrong with my hair?' And she said, 'It's okay, honey.' I love her; she's like my Jewish mother here in New York. I dedicate the book to her and to my parents. So I will do anything she asks me to do. So when she said, 'Come to my hair person,' I did it. So there I went to Madison Avenue, terrified, because I'm always down in the Village getting my hair cut by somebody with purple hair, and they gave me highlights, and I swear my mother and my brother almost wept with joy when they saw them. That's my situation in the family." "Your mom," I said, "she must be proud of you."

Ms. Simmons sighed, a happy sigh. "My folks are on the ceiling, yes. I took my mother to The Today Show when I was on that. My mom was high as a kite. Katie Couric let her come down and stand behind the cameras, and I thought she was going to pass out. It was just too funny.²

In late February this year, the New York Times Magazine published an article titled "Girls Just Want to Be Mean" that gave prominent mention to Odd Girl Out.

"In her book," the New York Times notes, "Simmons offers a plaintive definition of relational aggression: 'Unlike boys, who tend to bully acquaintances or strangers, girls frequently attack within tightly knit friendship networks, making aggression harder to identify and intensifying the damage to the victims. Within the hidden culture of aggression, girls fight with body language and

The program features Hansel and Gretel, The Mad Tea Party, Gertrude McFuzz, poetry, and songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

A, B, Sea, head to the Birch Aquarium-Museum for "S Is for Seahorse, offered for preschoolers and their parents on Saturday, June 22, 9:30 a.m. Participants explore this fish that looks like a horse, has a tail like a monkey, and whose babies are born from their dad instead of their mom. The fee is \$20 (with adult admitted free). The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Theater Arts Workshops for children four to nine years old are conducted by the San Diego Actors Theatre on the fourth Saturday of every month, including June 22, at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino Del Mar). Workshops run from noon to 1 p.m., and reservations are required. The fee is \$10. Dial 858-268-4494 for registration. (DEL MAR)

Balboa Park Photo Safari, discover new perspectives, explore new angles, and view the work of professional and amateur photographers. Participants (in grades four through seven) will learn lighting, composition, and on a photo safari on Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee for nonmembers is \$39, plus a \$20 materials fee. To reserve a spot, call San Diego Natural History Museum, 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK) All About Yucca, didia know that a

subject matter and then venture out

little pounding on a few vucca leaves could create fibers to make rope, or that you could use the stem as a container to carry liquid? Tour the cactus garden at Backyard Tourist, identify yucca plants, learn about their care, and then pound! This San Diego Natural History Museum class for those five and older (with an adult) starts at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 23. The fee is \$20 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register, (BALBOA PARK)

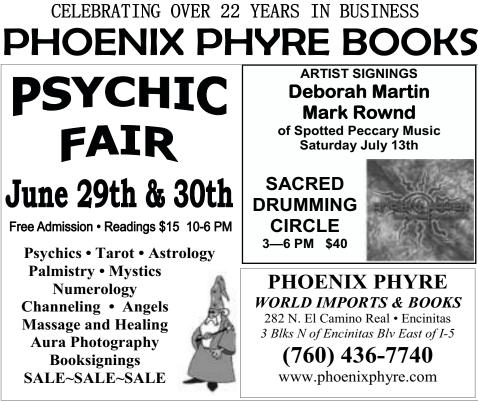
Fishing 101, partnered with local fisherman, fish and wildlife experts, and marine biologists, kids will learn about fishing, marine life, migration of fish and seabirds, and how humans interact with nature when the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department and Seaforth Sport Fishing host "Go Fishing" on various Tuesdays through July. Kids 8 to 15 years old board the 65-foot sportfisher known as the Sea Watch for these outings. For availability and other information, call 619-525-8219. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

Children's Museum of San Diego,

"Warhol Meets Richter" in the latest work by San Diego artist Margot Waller. Waller's work utilizes abstract images, universal themes, and mixed media to combine the playfulness of Warhol with the diversity of Richter. The exhibition includes children's portraiture as well as selections from her "Intra/Heaven and Earth," "Horizons," "Transitions," and "Better Off Ed" series. See the show through Sunday, June 30.

Painter, sculptor, and illustrator Branan Freeman presents "Explorations" during the month of June. This multimedia exhibit features an array of colorful work on paper; the collection of abstract paintings involves color, shape, and design.

The celebration of theater arts entitled "Puppetry, Circus, and Storytelling" features Pam McIntire's puppet exhibit, highlighting four ecades of puppet magic. The exhibition includes more than 100



relationships instead of fists and knives. In this world, friendship is a weapon, and the sting of a shout pales in comparison to a day of someone's silence. There is no gesture more devastating than the back turning away.' Now, Simmons insists, is the time to pull up the rock and really look at this seething underside of American girlhood. 'Beneath a façade of female intimacy,' she writes, 'lies a terrain traveled in secret, marked with anguish and nourished by silence.'

I asked, "Did you get a lot of response from the New York Times piece?"

"I did. I think that the article hit such a huge nerve. When we look back on this, in history, when we write the history of how this issue began to develop its own public consciousness, I think that this New York Times article will have been the impetus, will have been the first door opening. I know that the article has made the rounds, pretty much anywhere you can imagine. It's been there. It's crumpled and passed around among girls and teachers and parents, and I think there was this tremendous sigh of relief that people felt, 'Okay, finally we're doing this. We're talking about it.

Ms. Simmons said that she hoped that "talking about it," for the subject of aggression among girls, would bring change. She hoped that discussion of this issue would cause a change of consciousness similar to the change in how we now think about domestic violence and how we thought about it 40 years ago. "Not until the 1960s," she said, "did we begin to change how we viewed domestic violence. It was seen as an unfortunate thing but basically acceptable that husbands sometimes hit their wives. 'This is just what happens; men will be men.' Very similar to how, now, people will say, 'Girls will be girls.' There's that similar attitude. And then once we really put domestic violence out there, and started talking about it as a society, we really changed the way people think about it and we insisted that the behavior was unacceptable. I think that's what we're going to see with girl bullying. What I certainly hope we're going to see."

unique puppets, props, script samples, backdrops, sets, photographs, and a working stage and continues through June.

Continuing exhibits include "The Book Stop," "Improv Theater," and "Cora's Rainhouse." Find the museum at 200 West Island Avenue. Dial 619-233-8792 for additional details. (DOWNTOWN)

"Pollution and Solution," what human activities impact and affect estuaries? Find out with the Junior Rangers on Thursday, June 27. The program starts at 3:15 p.m. at the Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve. The free program takes place at the reserve's visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) for kids 7 to 11 years old. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

The New York Times article quoted Holly Nishimura, the assistant director of the Ophelia Project. Nishimura said, "We are currently looking at relational aggression like domestic violence 20 years ago. Though it's not on the same scale, we believe that with relational aggression, the trajectory of awareness, knowledge, and demand for change will follow the same track."

I asked, "What is the Ophelia Project?"

'They," said Ms. Simmons, "are an Erie, Pennsylvania-based nonprofit that is working to create a safer culture for girls. Sue Wellman founded this organization after reading Reviving Ophelia, which my editor Jane Isay also edited. What really distinguishes the Ophelia Project is that it has a program to deal with relational aggression. They have two programs: one that works directly with the girls through the use of high school mentors, and one that works directly with teachers and school officials to try to change the culture of the school to make it recognize these other kinds of aggression. They're just a terrific group." Did Ms. Simmons think that girls learned some of this aggres-

sive behavior from their mothers?

She did. "I think, like all kinds of aggression, a great deal is absorbed through modeling. Girls will emulate what they see in the home. And there's no question that girls who live in a culture that refuses to call these forms of aggression unacceptable may grow into women who behave the same way. Many women think that the nice way to be mean is to be discreet or to go behind someone's back. They don't experience these behaviors as equally damaging, as equally wrong, as if they actually said something to someone's face. But, again, modeling has always been seen, when you're talking just from a psychological or developmental standpoint, as a huge factor in why children become aggressive.

'Certainly, when I've spoken to parents, there is a real fear there, particularly among the mothers of the targeted girls. A lot of these moms get very drawn in to the social vicissitudes of their daughters' lives, and they can become just as concerned with

> 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

vengeance as their daughters. For parents who become overinvested in their children, there can be a lot of incentive to deny the reality of a child's aggression.

'And, you can see parallel dynamics springing up between the parents of the bullied and the parents of the bullies. And it's enough to silence a mom if she feels intimidated by another parent. I mean, this is sort of an aside, but it's true that with the parents of perpetrators, there's a huge amount of denial, because to have an aggressive girl is really seen as a violation. We still live in a society that wants our girls to be nice.

"If you've got a 'mean girl,' it's not unlike having an effeminate boy. They're violating the terms of their masculinity or their femininity."

"So if you've got a 'mean girl,' so to speak, it's not unlike having an effeminate boy. The violation is the same, in the sense that they're violating the terms of their masculinity or their femininity, and so there's a lot of shame about it. And obviously part of what I say in the book is that we need to get beyond that and start owning our own aggression and owning our own anger and realizing that not only is it okay, but it's part of healthy relationships.

Anger is a part of how we improve upon our relationships and part of how we're healthier creatures.

As part of the research for Odd Girl Out, Ms. Simmons spent time and interviewed girls in various parts of the country. I asked Ms. Simmons if she thought mothers' emotional investment in daughters was more intense in the small-town schools she went to or the

urban and suburban schools she visited. She thought that the mothers in cities and suburbs tended to (continued on page 78)

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 his-

tory 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, an exhibit of Chinese costumes celebrating the colorful traditions of China's ethnic groups continues through July. "Wear to Be

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be more strongly invested in their daughters. "When you think about it, those kids are constantly being shuttled between their activities, and the pressure on them to perform socially, academically, and in extracurricular activities is tremendous, because a lot of times these moms or dads — well, mostly moms — don't really have anything to do. They may be stay-at-home moms. And all of their resources, financial and otherwise, are really devoted to what kind of person the child is going to turn into. So I think in some ways the bonds may be very intense in a small town, but the pressure can be equally intense in an urban or suburban environment."

I mentioned that I'd been reading several biographies of Emily Dickinson. During Dickinson's time, I said, the sentimental crushes that young women had on each other seemed quite acceptable. I said that, reading Ms. Simmons's book, I realized that young girls still experienced crushlike feelings for one another.

Ms. Simmons agreed. "There's a tremendous amount of intimacy between girls, and I think just as it makes us as a culture deeply uncomfortable to talk about girls being aggressive, I think it makes us equally uncomfortable to talk about the intensity of the love that exists between girls, because we don't really want to go there. We expect our girls to grow into women who will pay attention to men. And it's oftentimes, of course, that intimacy that gives rise to these very particular acts of cruelty. It's the knowledge of secrets, it's the knowledge of things about the person, it's the connection between them that is so intense, that when it's taken away, and when the girl is isolated or loses the friend, that the devastation becomes so intense.

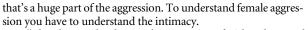
"I often was given notes and e-mails from girls. I have this amazing exchange of letters between two sixth-grade girls, who in their letters are fighting but are declaring their love for each other in the most romantic terms. Saying things like, 'We were meant for each other,' 'I'll never be the same without you.' There is this incredible intimacy. And there's just a lot of anxiety about it. But

Seen" includes costumes of the Han, Manchu, Mongolian, Uygur, Tibetan, Miao, Yao, and Chaoxiang people.

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



There's a new book out, The Secret Lives of Girls: What Good Girls Really Do-Sex Play, Aggression, and Their Guilt by a psychologist, Sharon Lamb. She writes about aggression and sex play. Meaning kissing and playing doctor. She's going deeply into the female relationships in a way that other people haven't.

What I say in Odd Girl Out is that these relationships among and between young girls are their first really close relationships other than those with their mothers. It's disturbing, because as a society in one breath we say, 'Okay, we expect our girls to be caretakers and nurturers,' and yet we turn our backs on these girls who are trying out the qualities on each other and who are really, in my opinion, left to suffer through whatever may happen on their own.

"And as Adrienne Rich writes and really says it best, I think, we really want to impose heterosexuality on these girls, and we do that by ignoring some things and by paying attention to others. So we pay attention to crushes and dances with boys, but we don't really go there when these feelings are between girls.'

Ms. Simmons writes that many adults tend to regard friendships among girls as a sort of preparation for marriage.

'Exactly. They're practice. I came to that from Adrienne Rich's article, 'Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence.' That article, for me, was the most important article I ever read in college. It clarified so much for me. I think it's revolutionary. I think it's the most important feminist essay written in the 20th Century, which is, I know, saying a lot, but I'm a women's studies major, and I have read a lot, and I think that essay is just totally transformative.'

"Boys," I said, "don't seem to be worried about being popular in the way that girls do.'

"I quote Carolyn Heilbrun in my chapter on popularity. She talks about how women achieved status, early on, by whom they married. I think girls similarly earn their status through relation-

the Otay Watch Company. Find the

museum at 360 Third Avenue. For

further information, call 619-420-

Creation Museum, a museum con-

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world views is found at 10946 Wood-

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(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 Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the ships and who they know. And those relationships are incredibly unstable, particularly in a culture where people aren't communicating directly with each other, where there's so much jostling to become close to certain people. Boys, on the other hand, are known for becoming popular through things like sports.' "By doing," I suggested, "rather than being."

"That's right. And for girls the rules are that you have to dress a particular way, you have to display adult social characteristics. It really is about who you are rather than what you're doing. And boys also tend to gain popularity for being tough, arrogant, kind of bad ass, as we would sav now."

I said that I wondered that with a culture in which family breakup is now a norm and in which people move frequently, leaving family and old friends behind, if relationships among girls might not have become more intense and more important.

"I hadn't really thought about that. Early on in the research, I was reading Joan Brumberg's The Body Project. She talks about how different family relationships are now for girls than they were in the 19th Century. She writes that the closeness between mothers and daughters and their other family members has changed. I think that makes a lot of sense. So, yes, I think what you suggest is entirely possible."

"Is there much difference in meanness among girls of different races and socioeconomic classes?"

Yes. In class and in some instances race. But I think primarily it's a class issue. I think femininity is most rigid in middleclass and upper-middle-class environments. Where girls need to and are expected to defend themselves, or are accustomed to having their dignity affronted, or their physical selves threatened, these girls will be much more inclined to be assertive, both physically and verbally. Those girls will often be punished for not asserting themselves physically and verbally by their peers and by their parents. In my interviews I met girls who, if they came home beaten up and did not fight back, would be beaten again for not fighting

early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to pre sent 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

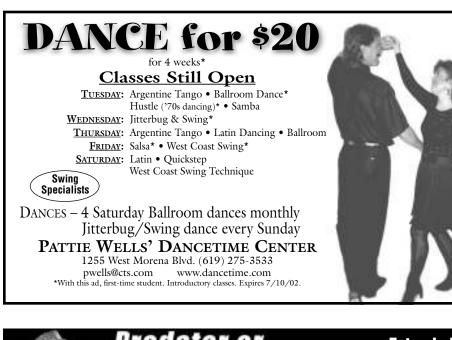
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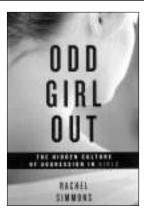
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back and defending themselves. In the middle-class communities, being silent and indirect are the things that make you popular. It's sort of the WASPish repression. But the African-American girls, in particular, tend to be much more assertive, because historically their mothers have been producers and reproducers, and so they have never been able to afford the luxury of silence. African-American women have been shown - and this is confirmed by research — to prepare their daughters to live as black girls and to therefore be insulted and be con-

fronted and be degraded. And so those girls are brought up always learning how to speak their minds. And, in fact - and I mention this in the book - the middle-class black girls that I've met would uncannily say to me, 'My friends think I'm a bitch, and I'm just trying to tell them the truth, and they keep thinking I'm a bitch.' That was one of the things that fascinated me the most about this research was that happened over and over again. This is a clear sign of that tension between how they have been raised and the middle-class environment they were being socialized in by their peers.

"So I conclude that we could all do well to take a note from the African-American girls' playbook. I was just on the phone with two black women DJs, and we had the best conversation. They were so funny, and they were going on and on about their mothers and how they were always beating people up and speaking their minds. It was great. It was totally right-on. The sad part is how often the physical aggression of girls, and in particular the aggression of minority girls, is considered 'at risk' behavior. It's pathologized. And that's very much linked to why upper-middle-class white kids

don't open their mouths, because our aggression, when it becomes physical or direct, is seen as a sign of dysfunction. We're taught to think that it's not okay. That to be a nice girl you can't be in conflict, and basically if I could sum up my book in one sentence, it's really trying to splinter that myth and debunk it.' 'Are vou a nice girl?"

"Yes, I am. But it's a good question because writing this book changed my life. I never was in touch with how much I repressed my own anger until I had to confront it through writing this book, and I became much more comfortable with expressing my anger directly, and it really decreased the amount of resentment and rage that I felt, because I would deal with things up front. Now, I'm not saying my friends can deal with it always.

I actually came into this late. I had this conversation with a girl about a friend with whom she was having a disagreement, and I said, 'I don't understand why you're just not telling her what's on your mind.' And she said, 'You don't understand, I'm always trying to say what's on my mind, but when I do, the other girl turns it back on me and tells me why she's mad at me.' I don't know why this never occurred to me before until the proofs, but I'm so focused on the difficulty females have expressing anger that I forgot completely the difficulty females have in receiving it. Expressing anger makes me feel like a bad girl and therefore in violation; so does receiving it. So it's no surprise, then, that the girls who are hearing their anger are then tossing it back like a hot potato and saying, 'Oh-oh, it's your fault.' So, again, there's just this tremendous discomfort. It's so depressing to think about how much work we have to do to reverse this. If we can.'

"Are there magazines that you think make good reading for young teenage girls?'

"There's New Moon magazine. Which is really good. It's actually for girls. And then there's Girl's Life, which I think is really good. Jane I think is not such a bad magazine. That's not for young girls. Although teenage girls read all the big magazines. Jane and Self are just researching magazines constantly, and then I sort of abandoned ship. The girls devour the magazines, and most of the magazines are so obscenely focused on boys. Back to institutionalized heterosexuality. It's like two-thirds of the magazine is devoted to boys. I went through this period where I was really counting, and it just made me sick. Then I bought this book called The Rules. My editor made me stop reading it. I seriously became depressed. That book is totally advocating indirect aggression and manipulation as a way to get guys. It makes manipulating and being duplicitous and not being yourself and being insincere the way to behave. And it makes it sexually and economically rewarding and socially rewarding. That book totally did me in. Jane was, like, 'Step away from the book.' I still have it, and I can barely look at it, it's just so nau-

both decent. They're not crazy. I had a whole phase where I was

"seating." "So," I asked, "now that you're 27 and you have a best-selling book, what else do you want to do with your life?'

"I don't know. This book has become a full-time job. I'm going to continue teaching and speaking on this issue. I'm interested in the issue of leadership and that nexus of how we're socialized interpersonally and how that can affect our leadership potential. I'm consulting with some schools on that issue. I am doing some work with the author, Gail Evans, who wrote a book called Play Like a Man, Win Like a Woman: What Men Know About Success That Women Need to Learn.

Ms. Simmons paused, then laughed and said, "I don't know what I'm doing. I have no idea. I would like to write another book. I need to take a break. Writing is so intense, and it's such a head trip. I've always loved writing, but I got on this path of being a Rhodes scholar, and then after that I was supposed to go to Yale Law School. I got derailed. This book for me was about finding myself and finding what I cared about. I'm hoping now to stay on that path.'

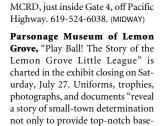
- Judith Moore

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, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The

museum is located in Building 26 at



ball training and fun for kids but to secure their own ballfield." Girls didn't enter the league until the '70s, but Mary Moore, a pitching "virtuosa" of the 1940s from Lemon Grove, joined the Rockford Peaches, whose exploits were the basis for the movie A League of Their Own. 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" pro-

vides 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.

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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.

"The Healer Within" is based on osteopathic medicine, introducing visitors to the body's self-healing abilities and explaining "how you can use these to improve your health." Touch a large model of the heart, take a virtual journey through the body, and test your knowledge of the human body through August.

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Human Body," "Technova-tion," "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

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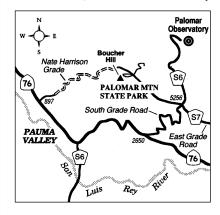
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A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

The 21st Century journey up Palomar Mountain is perhaps too easy, notwithstanding the nauseatingly curvy South Grade Road that leads expeditiously to the top. With extra time, you can always revert to an earlier and more bone-shaking route - the 100-year-old Nate Harrison Grade. If you are physically fit, mountain biking up that road - almost 4000 feet up in less than ten miles — is a significant challenge. But no one will fault you if you wimp out by driving a car on it.

Originally a wagon track designed to accommodate one-horsepower engines of the animal kind, the road is now reasonably



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. (BAL-BOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, Danish-born Olaf Wieghorst's (1899-1988) artistic talent and his love of horses combined from a young age to make him one of the most successful painters of the American West. The self-taught artist created a picture of the West on canvas that "fired the imaginations of poets and pres-idents." Celebrate the El Cajon artist and his Western art in "Olaf Wieghorst: Painter of the American West," on exhibit through Monday, September 2.

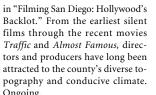
A history of the motion picture industry in San Diego and the evolution of the city's image during a century of movie making is charted

wide and well graded enough for all but low-slung cars with spongy suspensions. The grade is named after Nathan Harrison, a freed slave who homesteaded a small ranch part of the way up the incline. For many years, Nate graciously provided water for thirsty horses and travelers coming up the mountain.

From Highway 76 near Pauma Valley, follow Nate Harrison Grade as it runs upward along a sloping alluvial fan dotted with citrus orchards. The pavement soon runs

out, and you start a twisting ascent of the mountain itself. Pauma is an Indian word meaning "place of little water," which is evident in the area's sparse native vegetation - mostly white sage at this elevation. Relentless climbing on straights and switchbacks takes you to ever-higher vantage points. Downward glances encompass patchwork quilts of green and brown below and broadening views of North County and (if it is unusually clear) the ocean.

Eventually, the aromatic sage-scrub vegetation draping the lower mountainside gives way to oaks. Higher still, the oaks are joined by tall firs and cedars, and you reach the boundary of Palomar Mountain State Park. There you hit pavement again, enjoying the distinctly cooler breeze and the silky



Ongoing. 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.

nent 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 consearch 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, handcarved 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

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Pauma Valley via South Grade Road and

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During World War II, it was determined that the Navajo language could be used as an undecipherable code due to its extreme complexity. Navajo code talkers were able to encode, transmit, and decode a threeline English message in 20 seconds, while previous machines and codebooks took up to 30 minutes. To honor all Native Americans who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, the museum pays tribute to the late Johnny R. Manuelito Sr., one of the original 29 Navajo code talkers, in "Navajo Code Talkers from World War II." The show remains on display through mid-July.

Fetishes are carved objects representing animals or other beings revered by American Indians and others for their beauty and power. The exhibit "Zuñi Fetish Carving: Past to Present," available for viewing through June, celebrates contemporary fetish carving. Expect to learn about fetish history, symbolism, process, and materials.

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 ma-chine)." 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 selfguided 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)

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

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a preframed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)







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sists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete re-



A Time for Tributes

In comparison, many other accomplished performers of the same music seem to be doing scarcely anything.

REVIEW

he La Jolla Chamber Music Society ended another first-rate season with an even more than first-rate concert by the St. Lawrence String Quartet. There has been a long and fruitful relationship between the Society and this

wonderful Canadian quartet (first violinist Geoff Nuttall hales from Texas but has been thoroughly Canadianized, to the point of saying "oot" and "aboot"). Ten years

ago, soon after their formation, they appeared on the "Discovery" series. By now, as the Society's executive director, Neale Perl, aptly noted during his introductory remarks from the stage of Sherwood Auditorium, they have become one of the great string quartets of the world. It was also fitting that, in a tribute to Perl (who, after 13 years, is leaving the Society to become president and CEO of the Washington Performing Arts Society), they should have invited him to join them as second cellist in their encore, a movement from a Boccherini quintet.

The greatness of the St. Lawrence was completely evident throughout their program of music by Mozart, Janáček, and Tchaikovsky. There are a lot of wonderful quartets around. If the truth be told, we never encounter a professional string quartet, in any of our local chamber music series, that is anything less than good. The technical level of all these string players is phenomenal. Their training is excellent. Their taste is informed and intelligent. Their interpretations are stylistically aware. Their musicianship is impeccable. Among all these fine groups, what is it, then, that makes the St. Lawrence stand out, in a way that imprints their performances indelibly on the memory of any careful listener?

Let me give an example from their recent concert of what makes them special. The Menuetto of Mozart's Quartet in E-flat, K. 428, begins with an emphatic up-bow broken chord in the first violin part, followed immediately by a plunge to a full E flat chord in all four instruments. Both are marked f. This striking figure is repeated throughout the minuet section of

with different harmonies and different top notes. Most string quartets, including some of the most eminent (the Alban Berg, for instance, or the Talich), treat this figure as a charming flourish in a shapely and amiable elabo-

ration of a graceful 18th-century dance, and each time it appears JONATHAN SAVILLE they play it in very much the same way, loudly but not too loudly, as a kind of repeated thematic punctuation.

the movement, always *forte*, though sometimes

Not the St. Lawrence. Nuttall and his collaborators (second violinist Barry Shiffman, violist Lesley Robertson, cellist Marina Hoover) subtly - and sometimes not so subtly - shifted the dynamics and the articulation of the figure according to its context. The up-bow flourish that plunges to an E-flat chord was not exactly the same as the identical up-bow flourish that plunges to a C Minor chord. When, later on, the figure is repeated four times in a row, with the upper note of the flourish ascending from E-flat to F to G, the bass rising from G to A-flat to A natural to B -flat, and the harmonies proceeding from E-flat-seventh to A-flat to a diminished chord on A to E-flat) - when, in other words, a great deal is happening melodically and harmonically, the St. Lawrence players recognized that they were dealing with a climax; they got louder, measure by measure, and more emphatic; until the final upward flourish seemed to explode with the strain, with a very slight breath-pause after it to give finality to the subsequent E-flat chord.

This is perhaps boring to read about, but it was anything but boring to listen to. It was terrifically exciting — and it was one of the numerous interpretive devices by which the musicians transcended mere charm and grace and gave this movement some of the dynamic power of a Beethoven scherzo. In comparison, many other accomplished performers of the same music seem to be doing scarcely anything. And this is precisely where the St. Lawrence excels: in uncovering and communicating the underlying musical shape and meaning, giving each musical idea its full res-

onance. This Mozart quartet can be played small and lovely; here it was played big and dramatic — and after hearing the St. Lawrence's version, it's hard not to acknowledge that they — unlike, say, the Alban Berg Quartet — have perceived what the music is really about (or aboot).

One could make similar comments about their performance of Janáček's Quartet No. 1, where the illustrative, symbolic, and dramatic elements of this passionate music were realized with overwhelming concentration and intensity. I have never heard the sul ponticello outbursts of the second violin and viola played with such raucous fury; nor, in the music that ends the final movement, has the sense of emotional exhaustion after violence been rendered so poignantly.

In this regard, I have a few comments to make about Geoff Nuttall's eloquent and entertaining analysis of the work, which (with appropriate musical illustrations) he delivered before the performance. The Janáček quartet was inspired by Tolstoy's short novel, The Kreutzer Sonata, a tale of pathological jealousy and murder. Since the quartet bears this name as its subtitle, it obviously seems useful to know what the novel is about, and Nuttall supplied that information with just sufficient detail to let the audience understand what was on Janáček's mind.

He went on, however, to what I thought was an excessive attempt to find one-to-one correspondences between the characters and events of the novel and a number of the musical elements in the quartet. That seemed to me misguided in two ways. First of all, much of the music is an impressionistic rendering of the emotional moods of the novel, rather than anything approaching a lucid reproduction of the narrative. More importantly, when the au-dience is primed to listen for "the dashing lover," "the husband's jealousy," "the thrust of the weapon," and so forth, it becomes

difficult to let the music work on our reactions in its own way, with its own musical devices and structures. Yes, we hear that sul ponticello outburst ("the husband's jealousy") that we have been waiting for. But 95 percent of the music is not amenable to such an analysis of leitmotifs, and in this state of mind we tend to find all the rest of the quartet somehow muddled and impenetrable, because we have not been given keys

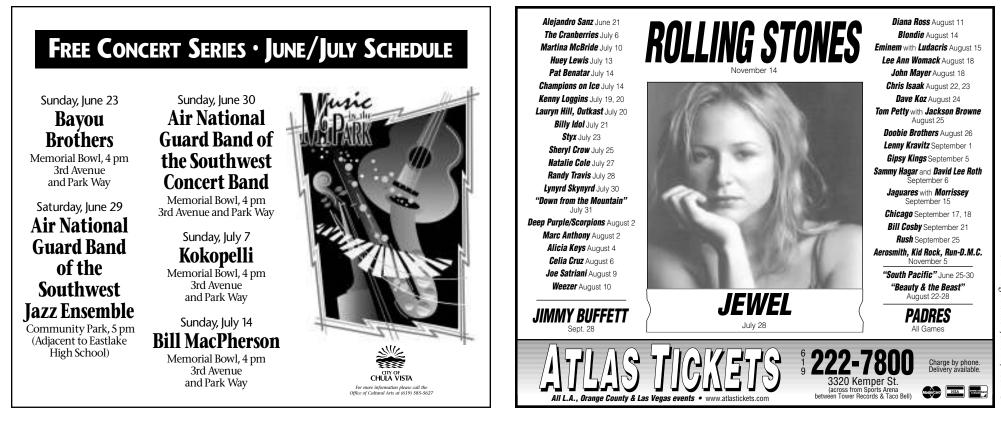
LUSTRATION BY CHARLES POWEL Ianáček

The St. Lawrence String Quartet Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Chamber Music Society "Revelle" series)

Mozart, Quartet No. 16 in E-flat, K. 428; Janáček, Quartet No. 1 "Kreutzer Sonata"; Tchaikovsky, Quartet No. 1 in D, Opus 11.

> to its supposed narrative meaning. This also meant that many members of the Sherwood audience might not have been able to pay full attention to how brilliantly the St. Lawrence Quartet was playing this highly original, inventive, and searingly expressive composition which would have been a grave loss.

> The St. Lawrence have recently recorded Tchaikovsky's Quartet No. 1 in D, which they





also offered on the Sherwood program. I had just listened to their magnificent CD (which includes the Quartet No. 3 as well), and - frankly - I found that I did not want to hear this music again so soon, in spite of the superb quality of the playing. Even a group as good as the St. Lawrence cannot conceal the relative weakness of Tchaikovsky's compositional skills, as compared with those of Mozart and Janáček (and with the Tchaikovsky coming right after the Mozart and Janáček works on the program, how could one not make comparisons?). There are attractive melodies, without doubt, and lively rhythms. But much too much of the music consists of block chords played by all four musicians, or a touching tune played by one of them (usually the first violin) while the other three merely provide fluttery accompaniment; the string writing tends toward a monotonous density; and the device of accelerating rhythmic excitement becomes

poser has used it for the nth time. Even the tunes sound rather insipid, when one has been exposed to them too often (something that never happens with Mozart). I'm glad to own the St. Lawrence's CD of those two Tchaikovsky quartets (there is none better, in my opinion), as well as their earlier one of two Schumann quartets, played with equal passion and refinement. But isn't it time they enabled their many ardent fans (including myself) to hear their Mozart at home. and their Janáček, and their Beethoven?

awfully tired after the com-

This seems a suitable moment for me to pay my own tribute to Neale Perl, who has contributed enormously to our musical life during his tenure here. Under his leadership (and with the cooperation of a generous board), the Chamber Music Society has greatly expanded the number and quality of its offerings. Perl's astute appreciation for musical excellence, especially among young and little-known musicians (a category which, years ago, included the St. Lawrence Quartet), has brought numerous artists to San Diego who have provided us with extraordinarily enriching musical experiences. I am grateful to him and will miss his presence. D.C. is fortunate to get him.

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Evensong and Concert, the Grace Cathedral Choir of San Francisco presents evensong and a concert on Friday, June 21, at 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral. The concert promises choral works primarily by American and English composers. Find Saint Paul's at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). Call 619-298-7261 for information. An offering will be received. (MIDTOWN)

Vanishing Borders, the Animato Project for the Performing Arts, an organization dedicated to enhancing public recognition and appreciation for the performing arts, plans concerts on June 21 and 22. Musicians in the project are from the United States, Mexico, and Uzbekistan. The program features Schubert's "String Trio in B-Flat Major" and "String Quintet in A-Major (The Trout) and works by Mexican composer

Samuel Zyman including the "Fantasia for Cello and Piano" and his "Trio No. 2 for Piano, Violin, and Cello."

Enjoy the concert on Friday at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-9600). The concert repeats on Saturday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Admission is free, but call 858-454-5872 for the required reservations. (TIJUANA, LA JOLLA)

"Fresh from the Baroque: 1930s -Avant-Garde" — this concert by Les Folies features the sweet-voiced recorder, the flauto dolce of the baroque. In the late 18th Century the recorder lost ground and an orchestra seat to the transverse flute, remaining neglected for the next 150 years. The program planned on Satur-

day, June 22, is devoted entirely to the modern repertoire. Les Folies will perform works by contemporary American and European composers from the 1930s through the avantgarde, including jazz originals and transcriptions. Ensemble members include Janet Beazley, Inga Funck, Claire Rottembourg, and Ulla Sinz. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at

Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$15 general. For information and reservations, call 619-224-5830. (DOWNTOWN)

Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces, the series continues when the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra presents a trio of concerts. The programs include Bartók's "Romanian Folk Dances" with Sarah Dautel (violin), the "Violin Concerto in G, Allegro" by Telemann with Carolyn Ingermanson (viola), the first movement of Mendelssohn's "Piano Concerto in G" with Kendro Calica (piano), "España" by Waldteufel, Lehar's "Gold and Silver Waltz," and selections from Fiddler on the Roof, The King and I, and My Fair Lady.

Head to Holy Trinity Catholic Church (405 Ballard Street) for the concert on Saturday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. The symphony performs on Sunday, June 23, at 5 p.m., at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (13541 Stoney Creek Road) and then convenes on Sunday, June 30, at 4 p.m., at St. Gregory the Great (11451 Blue Cypress Drive). Offerings will be received at each concert. For more information, call 619-445-5284. (EL CAJON, RANCHO PENASQUITOS, SCRIPPS RANCH)

"The Pleasure of Your Company" is requested when the Striano Piano Quartet performs on Sunday, June 23, at 2:30 p.m., at the Scripps Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Guests will be treated to compositions by Albert Stoessel, Mozart, and Turina. Free. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Opera Arias, Art Songs, and Broadway favorites may be heard when the Small Opera of San Diego presents "I Love Opera" at the Academy of Sound and Music (3554 Kettner Boulevard). Singers of all ages perform on Sunday, June 23, at 7 p.m., and a professional accompanist is provided. The suggested donation is \$5. Call 619-725-0777 for an audition appointment and information. (MIDDLETOWN)

"Monteverdi and His Contempo**raries**" provide the theme when the San Diego Early Music Ensemble performs on Sunday, June 23, at 4 p.m., at the Church of the Good Shepherd (2990 Bonita Road, at Willow Street). An offering will be received, and child care is available.

For information, call 619-479-0943. (BONITA)

Organ Concert, civic organist Carol Williams presents the weekly concert on Sunday, June 23, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free, (BALBOA PARK)

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Beethoven, Completed, last summer, native son Gustavo Romero presented part one of his 'Athenaeum Beethoven Festival." This year, the pianist returns to complete his Beethoven cycle, with the remainder of Ludwig van's piano sonatas. The "Athenaeum Beethoven Festival," part two, commemorates the 175th anniversary of Beethoven's death.

The series commences on Sunday, July 7, at 4 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jav Hopkins Drive). Tickets are \$25 per concert or \$92 for all four. For reser vations and information, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)





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GALLERIES

"The Plate Show" at the San Diego Ceramic Connection opens with a reception on Friday, June 21, at 6 p.m. View the handmade ceramic plates through Friday, June 28. Find the studio/gallery at 3216 Thorn Street. Gallery hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more details, call 619-281-2529. (NORTH PARK)

"Inventing Agriculture," this mixed-media group show - featuring work by John Campion, Tershia d'Elgin, Diane Gage and Anne Mudge, Becky Guttin, Clemente Orozco, and Melissa Smedley opens with a reception at hybrid on Friday, June 21, at 6 p.m.

See the exhibition through Monday, August 5, from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. Find the gallery at 3813 Ray Street; 619-297-8726. (NORTH PARK)

Artists Will Be on Hand at Jered's Fine Art Gallery on June 22 and 23. Participating artists include Albert Fennell, Margo Thomas (ceramic sculptures), and Charles Knox (bronze sculptures). See the work from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Find the gallery at 4752 Federal Boulevard (near 47th Street); 619-527-6975. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

Nude Human Forms, real versus those sculpted from stone, are juxtaposed in photographer Annaliese Cassarino's "Ideal" series. The large prints are achieved through multiple exposures, visual poems examining "man's idealization of beauty compared to nature's endeavors." Meet Cassarino when her exhibition at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library opens with a reception on Saturday, June 22.

She returns to the library to present an artist's talk on Saturday, July 27, at 1 p.m. Find the library at 4275 Cass Street. For viewing hours and other information, dial 858-238-6627. The show concludes on Sunday, August 4. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Plein-Air 7 — The Seventh Annual Plein Air Exhibition" opens at the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery with a reception for the 13 participating artists on Saturday, June 22, at 4 p.m. The term plein-air refers to landscape paintings painted outdoors on location, usually in one session. Enjoy the show through Sunday, August 18. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The gallery is found at 30352 Highway 78 (at the junction with Highway 79). For information, call 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Mu seum, a wide-ranging assortment of two-dimensional works examining the impact of science and technology on humanity is on offer in "Interface: A Juried Exhibition Exploring Science, Technology, and Art." Show jurors Don Bacigalupi, Sally Yard, and David Ávalos chose for inclusion artists with an interest in science and working scientists with a passion for artmaking." See the show through Saturday, June 29.

The media arts are in the midst of what many have called a "digital revolution"; the technology behind this revolution has affected everything from the tools and distribution channels to the aesthetics and viewing experience of the moving image. "DV Noir: Video Art from Under the Shadow of Hollywood" features single-channel video works by ten Los Angeles area artists who have attained technological expertise in the commercial entertainment industry while maintaining careers as independent artists. The artists selected for "DV Noir" are said to "share a commitment to exploring the conceptual, aesthetic, and sociopolitical boundaries of contemporary art." View the results through Saturday, June 29.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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The James L. Greaves Collection is a unique assemblage of more than 230 pre-Columbian objects dating from the First Century to about 1500 A.D. Primarily fashioned from clay, the collection also includes works in stone, metal, and fiber depicting fish and other sea life as well as fishermen. Many of the forms are musical instruments. "Pre-Columbian Art -Marine Animal Forms" continues through Thursday, August 8.

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, using hired models and teams of assistants, Israeli photographer Adi Nes constructs dramatic scenes set in locations throughout Israel, painstakingly "creating a heightened realism charged with a symbolism, a theatricality, and an eroticism that transcends the everyday." Fifteen of these large-scale photographs are gathered in "Adi Nes," with works examining "masculinity, militarism, and the social sphere," on display through Sunday, July 14.

"Language: Form and Function" explores the use of written language as a fundamental component of visual art. "For many artists, working

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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.

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, the

well-known personal and professional

collaboration between Alfred Stieglitz and Georgia O'Keeffe plays a key role in the exhibit on view through Sunday, August 25. "The Photography of Alfred Stieglitz: Georgia O'Keeffe's Enduring Legacy," boasts 110 images from the 1890s to 1935, including Stieglitz's early European work, images of Lake George and New York City, and portraits. Cameras used by the photographer and a selection of photographic processes — including autochrome, carte-de-viste, carbon print, gelatin silver print, lantern slide, photogravure print, and platinum print — are included to explain Stieglitz's creative processes and technique.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, the fine art of hand-painted guitars and skateboards is explored in "Rock & Roll." Curators are Robert Perine, graphic artist for Fender guitar ad campaigns in the '60s, and Michael Fee, working with the Southern California skateboard industry and designers of some classic skateboard decks. Take in the exhibit through Sunday, August 4, at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, a reinstallation of approximately 40 European paintings from the museum's

collection and from private collections exploring the impact that the politics of war and revolution had on art between 1870 and 1940 is offered in "European Art, 1870-1940: War and Revolution," on exhibit through Sunday, July 28. During this period, there was a tremendous vitality of the arts in Europe. The exhibit illustrates how artists' personal statements expressing outrage at the horrors of war are among the strongest images in the history of art. The works included in the show "reveal how images of incredible power and beauty could be born out of cataclysmic change, intellectual ferment, physical and psychological dislocation, and social discord."

The third rotation of Indian miniature paintings, gathered in "The Way of Rama: A Prince in Exile," follows the twists and turns of the Indian epic The Ramayana from the museum's Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings. The exhibit focuses on the adventures of the Hindu god Rama who, like Krishna, is an incarnation of the great god Vishnu, born as a mortal to bring divine powers into the course of events on Earth. Rama's legendary honor and nobility are witnessed in images made at various courts on the subcontinent between the 15th and 19th Centuries. See the images through Sunday, July 14.

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or much of her life, Gertrude Stein lived in obscurity. With the publication of *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*, in 1933, she became so famous it shocked her. "I want to write a novel about publicity," she said, "a novel where the person

is so publicized that there isn't any personality left." In 1973, in a book called *The*

New Journalism, Tom Wolfe

told budding reporters that people being interviewed have an "information compulsion" and that, once they overcome the sound of a tape recorder clicking away, they open up like a spillway.

First performed in 1999, Don DeLillo's *Valparaiso*, currently at Sledgehammer Theatre, picks up where Stein and Wolfe left off. The media is now a machine that, like a furnace, requires constant stoking. Its fuel: grids of information that network the world. The info doesn't have to be of earth-shaking quality. In fact, quantity is key — the dumber and more distracting the better — to keep a nation preoccupied with trivia. And what would happen if the media couldn't fill the grids? Talk-show host Delfina: "How empty it would be. Suddenly nothing... What is out there? Who are we? Would be infinite winter in our rooms."

Michael Herr, author of *Dispatches* and always a weathervane on matters cultural,



observes in his book on Stanley Kubrick, "They speak about the dumbing of America as a foregone thing, already completed, but, duh, it's a process, and we haven't seen anything yet." If *Valparaiso* is an update, our world has

become Stein and Wolfe's world squared. Now everything is on the record — no off, no deep background. Everything, one

character says, "is the interview." Because things that happen off camera are "unverifiable," they don't exist. Only the camera creates reality, gives things "hyperlife." And since TV makes them more "complete," people want to confess everything. In *Valparaiso*, the villains are privacy and best-kept secrets, and the media functions like a police state.

There's even a new class system: media legends and the rest, who live "un-singular" lives. If the latter can't be a star, at least they can make themselves look like one, which is one reason why Livia Majeski spends most of her day doing "demon reps" on an exercise bike.

Although a "heaving mediocrity" — his reindeer sweater an indicator — Livia's husband Mike grabbed his chance for upward mobility. Instead of flying to Valparaiso, Indiana, as planned, he went to Valparaiso, Chile, via Valparaiso, Florida. Amid this "enormous mistake," he reinvented himself as a human interest story — "an endearing comic screw-



Shonda R. Dawson, Walter Murray in Valparaiso

Valparaiso, by Don DeLillo

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up" — but got more than Andy Warhol's 15 minutes of fame.

He does the talk-show circuit (over 140 interviews in four and a half days), plans to learn Spanish, might have a film in the works. To Livia, TV reveals Michael's "realized potential," makes him "really, deeply there." But TV, bored with cover stories, probes the couple's most veiled secrets.

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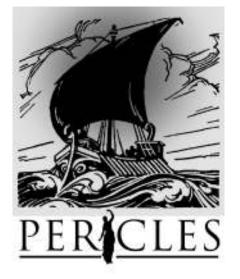
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Weiner's box set and Brian I. Lilienthal's blitz lighting complete DeLillo's inversion of reality. Stage rear: giant TV screen; above the audience: six videos, alternating between standard TV fare and the production. We see the actors onstage, from afar, and on video, close up. The camera angles, lights, and media framing devices make them seem more alive, more epic, on TV. Turn off the videos, and the live actors shrink like popped balloons.

Director Matt Wilder, one of San Diego's best, has encouraged a loud, desensitizing tone from his actors. Though not all are up to the task, which results in some onenote performances, the choice keeps the production at high intensity. In Act Two, DeLillo has a chorus that mouths passenger-jet clichés with unexpected significance . ("Has anyone had access to your baggage?") In a grim but telling touch, Wilder turns the four-person chorus into the Night of the Living Stewardii.

As his center of attention, DeLillo created a devastating portrait of talk-show hosts. "Clinically self-absorbed," Delfina has no being outside her program

("Where do I go, Daddy, when they hit the button?"). She envies people with real lives, she says, because for her "nowhere else is nowhere an Ed McMahon/Paul Shaffer figure — to guide her through the hour, tell her what she feels, because she's just "a trick of light"; you could "poke a finger right

through her." Shonda R. Dawson plays her as a dazed diva, part space case, part information vampire. Walter Murray's one of the production's highlights as the string-pulling co-host, Teddy, somehow calmed by the surrounding mania. In Act Two, Michael and Livia, now pregnant, appear on Delfina's program. Delfina says, "We don't have unborn babies on the show normally." To which Teddy, eager to clarify, adds, "They're not consumers. They take up space but do not spend."

The line is a peach — and a puzzle, because you wonder why Teddy would make such a behind-the-scenes confession. Valparaiso has this annoying, overtly cerebral quality throughout. One character after another performs double-talk. They speak as themselves, then lurch into ironic mode, or make observations far beyond their limited expertise (all begin to sound like Marshall McLuhan: "The smallest

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half-second," observes Michael from the blue, "is so filled and mingled with human miscellany"). DeLillo manipulates his characters as much as Delfina does her guests.

And he do go on. In many ways, the author's voice becomes the central figure, and DeLillo overkills his points with jackhammer repetition. But in the coming Age of Homeland Security, which threatens the extinction of all privacy, Valparaiso is one of the most important plays of our time, if not always a very good one.

THEATER LISTINGS

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Beehive

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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 eves) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production aban dons 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 Pavton-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 thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency. Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY 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.

Blame It on the Movies —

The Reel Music of Hollywood San Diego Comic Opera presents musical sequences from four decades of movies, from The Wizard of Oz to Blazing Saddles. David Brannen directed and choreographed.

CASA DEL PRADO THEATRE, BALBOA PARK (VILLAGE PLACE EXIT OFF PARK BOULEVARD), FRIDAY, JUNE 21, THROUGH JUNE 23; FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Bye Bye Birdie

The Coronado Playhouse presents the musical about Elvis — er, um, Conrad Birdie — joining the Army. Leigh Scarritt directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH JULY 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy

Mystery Cafe's interactive dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Chalk It Up to Murder

In HIT Productions newest mystery dinner-theater show, Texas Ranger Slate Montana must find the truth. Did Butch Spikehorn kill Hank Anderson, as people have long believed, or was it someone else

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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 INFOR MATION CALL 619-561-8673.

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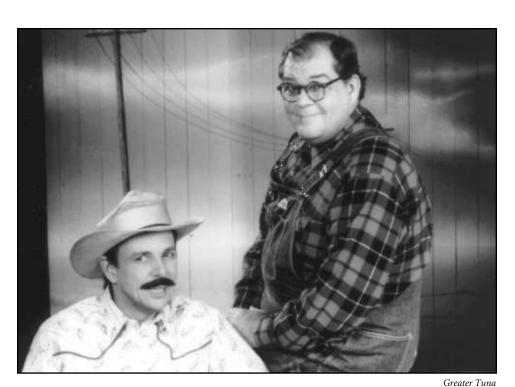
Down South

The Fritz Theater has extended its run of Doug Field's 70-minute comedy. Imagine those TV sitcoms of the early '60s, say, The Donna Reed Show or Leave It to Beaver. Problems arise and vanish; smiles are as prevalent as beehive hairdos and Nash Ramblers. Now imagine the women in these sitcoms, terrified by the Cuban Missile Crisis and the threat of demolition, talk ing openly about their lack of sexual fulfillment — to husbands as shaken by their honesty as by their requests for oral sex. Down South pivots on the cusp of the '60s sexual revolution. Fritz and director Mike Kelly capture the era with a crisp, funny production, ruled by Formica, flash-cuts, and farce. At times the play's notions are stronger than the writing, but a good cast keeps the panic moving briskly. I've never seen Julie Ann Compton perform before but hope to again and again. She's terrific as Jennifer Barnes, textbook-traditional wife who discovers that cooking and cleaning aren't the "tentpoles" of a marriage. Comp ton shifts from '50s chipper to '60s liberated with impressive ease. Robert Borzych (with a smile he wears like a clip-on tie) and Deja Ginsberg do capable work. Paule Doss's precise period costumes and Ginger Harris's sudden-shift lighting (some of the best ever at 6th @ Penn) also contribute. Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH JUNE 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

A Feast of Fools

The La Jolla Playhouse presents the world premiere of Geoff Hoyle's extravaganza of physical comedy, mime, acrobatics, juggling, and music. Richard Seyd directed.



LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH JULY 14: TUESDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Fifth of July

Lanford Wilson's comedydrama — Ur-text for the movie The Big Chill - is about the day after the fireworks. It's 1977, and the '60s are long gone. Jean Baudrillard calls this period "the postorgy world, the world left behind after the great social and sexual convulsions." Wilson explores what happens when hopes don't materialize and, in Baudrillard's phrase, people "re-question their own definition." Family and

friends gather at the 19-room Talley mansion in Lebanon, Missouri. They laugh, drink, bicker, and wonder where it went. One could quibble about Wilson's loose, pseudo-Chekovian writing (you can almost hear a cherry orchard getting chopped down) — and how he breaks tone by injecting melodrama, and forces climaxes with fortuitous events. But under Tim Irving's direction, Diversionary Theatre turns in yet another solid effort. The ensemble cast (especially Dan Gruber as Kenneth Talley and young Moriah Angeline as Shirley Talley), David Weiner's indoor/outdoor sets (the change from one to the other just short of miraculous), and Corey Johnston's costumes make valuable contributions. And K.B. Mercer, as the emotional loose cannon Gwen Landis, is unforgettable. Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE. THROUGH JULY 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

The Goddess of Flowers

Two Filipino-American daughters, raised by their single-parent mother Cora: Carina, whom Cora abandoned, it would seem, at birth; and Flora, the eldest, vehicle for all Cora's dreams. Thelma Virata De Castro's new play examines the tyranny of control Cora sees her daughters as good

and evil angels. Both feel enormous pressure, Carina to find some kind of love, Flora to wrest free from her mother's obsessions and find her own path. Although some of the dialogue sounds recycled (Flora's friend, Shay, says she 'can't help anyone; can't even help" herself), and the first act needs tightening, Goddess of Flowers is a capable script by a promising local playwright. Asian American Repertory Theatre's

opening-night performance, how-ever, was a mix of quality — April Doctolero's arresting portrayal of the perplexed Flora - and amateurism. The cast and technical crew (which spent too much time readjusting the set) were several rehearsals away from the precision the play's scenelet/blackout format requires. The play should plummet forward, as out of control as Cora is controlling, but the pace lagged as well. Goddess opened June 1. With more performances behind it, the production should be worthy of the play by now.

Worth a try.

MMPAC, THROUGH JUNE 29; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Godspell

Must be a local first: due to huge advance ticket sales, prior to opening Godspell, the Lamb's Players extended the show's run a month. The original version (1971) had a humble, minimalist look. Teens at a playground retell the gospel according to Matthew. Over the years, Lamb's has staged the musical three times, each new version expanding the stage. Now Mike

Buckley's set, a prop-rich potpourri of stuff, has become a gigantic trunk that contains the world. And the "Leader" (Rick Meads as a casual, childlike Nazarene) is neither lion nor lamb. He's a cool dude, hip to popular culture, which he and the cast use to retell the story with "found" items. Directed by Robert Smyth, with choreography by Pamela Turner, the show boasts fluid ensemble work, lively numbers (especially when Tracy Hughes grabs a mike and cuts loose), and kaleidoscopic meshing of colors and textures. The show favors the cute, and the first act still goes a parable too far, but the advance-ticket sales were on the nose. If Lamb's could find a home for it away from home, Godspell could run indefinitely. (Note: Lamb's has extended the show's run twice.) Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH JULY 14; TUESDAY THROUGH THURS-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:30 P M FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P M

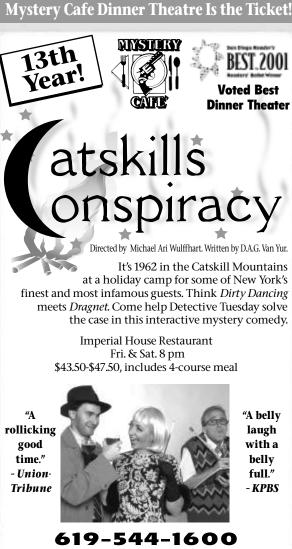
Greater Tuna

Tuna, Texas, thrives at the Lyceum Theatre. DiDi Snavely's selling used guns ("If DiDi can't kill it, it's immortal"), the Tuna High Jaguars, wearing purple and green, got shut out 48-0, Charlene Brumiller didn't make cheerleader, and poor Petey Fisk, a one person humane society, could become inundated by ducks. Garrison Keillor created Lake Woebegone. 20 years ago, Joe Sears and Jaston Williams in-

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vented Texas's third-smallest town, "where the Lions club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies. To broken-hearted Charlene, the outside world's "bizarre." But, book-ended by repressive religious fanatics and the Klan, Tuna's as scary as it is, in the hands of two gifted comic writer/actors, funnv and quite moving. Between them Sears and Williams play 20 people. These come in two groups: those in power, and those out. With just a few touches (and split-second costume changes), Sears plays most of the powerful, often showing that uneasy sits the crown (a favorite scene: Pearl Burris paying last respects to Judge Buckner); Williams plays the town's strays, including recidivistic Stanley Bumiller (he went to reform school and, instead of rehabilitation, came back "meaner than Mussolini"). The actors perform so vividly it's only after than you recognize the skill involved. This is their 20th anniversary tour, which means — along with the treat of fans getting to see them once again — that Yippy, the shrill, unwanted mutt threatened with Humane Society extinction, has enjoyed a 20 year stay of execution. Critic's pick.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JUNE 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Importance of

Being Earnest

North Coast Repertory Theatre opens its 21st anniversary season with Oscar Wilde's uproarious comedy about two gents who bend the truth to put excitement in their lives. Sean Murray and Rosina Reynolds co-directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SUNDAY, JUNE 23, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: AFTER JULY 18, *EARNEST* WILL RUN IN REPERTORY WITH TOM STOP-PARD'S *TRAVESTIES*.)

Infinite Ache

Ever see Compleat Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)? The Bard's entire opus in 90 minutes — "but soft, what light ... signifying nothing...charms o'erthrown." David Schuler's Infinite Ache sprints through a whole marriage faster than most wedding ceremonies. Charles and Hope date, decide not to see each other, wed, separate, etc. It's like skimming through a family album, the only nuance being they're rarely on the same page: one wants more, the other less or none at all. The script wants to be magical (it's all a dream), but unlike the plays of Craig Lucas (which are), Ache feels like made-for-TV Lucas. It forces situations, abandons them, all the while relying on a manicdepressive - now he's up; now she's down — formula. Much more interesting than the play, which remains puddle-deep throughout: how the Globe designers mark the passage of time. Hope (Samantha Quan) and Charles (James Waterston) fill a bare stage with objects. Then must return the set to its original minimalism. All the while there's a play going on, somewhere,

though the logistics of removal steal focus. And except for the housekeeping, and rapid costume changes, and having to account for a script with more flits and starts than a jumping bean, *Ache*'s so fixated on speed it never lets these clearly talented actors explore the deeper consequences of an action. It doesn't challenge them any more than it does the audience.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, THROUGH JUNE 30; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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It's My Party

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Joey and Maria's





Comedy Italian Wedding

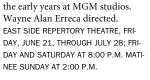
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Louis and Irvine

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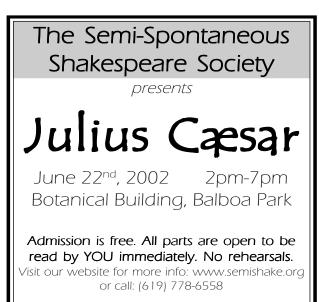
A Midsummer Night's Dream

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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





Star Spangled Girl

idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Com-edy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and Ameri-can 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 award-ing points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMA

TION CALL 619-295-4999.

Othello

Women's Repertory Theatre presents an all-female version of Shakespeare's green-eyed tragedy. Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson plays Othello. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed. ACTOR'S ASYLUM, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH JULY 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, JULY 20, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-282-3277.

Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks! The Tragedies

What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' Medea, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semi-circle. There's some movement, a slight suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek tragedy, on an unfolding

story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free (though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations for new lighting instruments). Next play: Monday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m., Euripides' *Electra.*

Worth a try.

GTH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22. FOR INFORMATION (AND A LIST OF FUTURE READINGS) CALL 619-688-9210.

Singin' in the Rain

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the story of Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont and their troubled transition from silent films to "talkies."

WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH AU-GUST 31; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUES-DAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

Smash

What Jeffrey Hatcher has done to his novel, An Unsocial Socialist, would make George Bernard Shaw roll over in his mausoleum. Shaw wasn't gaga about the book. "A moderately intelligent poodle," he said, could have written most of it. But Shaw was pleased with his hero, Sidney Trefusis, a millionaire/socialist, and his unromanticized treatment of marriage both of which Hatcher ignores in Smash. Hatcher Hollywooded Shaw. Smash is a lightweight, three-act farce (well, two acts, and a long denouement), gutted of the book's politics and slanted, Shavian themes. The watering-down resembles what Restoration dramatists did to Shakespeare or, a more recent example, what Spielberg did to Kubrick. Hatcher retained Shaw's penchant for long, often periodic sentences (which the actors speak, and muffle, faster than the speed of sound). But this is at best imitation-Shaw, just as An Infinite Ache, next door at the Cassius Carter, is imitation Craig Lucas. In both instances, thoughtful design work and production values worthy of the originals only enhance differences.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH JULY 6; TUES-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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South Pacific

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The Star Spangled Girl

Poway Performing Arts Company opens its 2002/2003 season with Neil Simon's comedy about Sophie, an "All-American girl," and the publishers of a protest magazine next door. David Kelso directed.

POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, FRIDAY, JUNE 21, THROUGH JULY 14; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scenemaking, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons, but Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening uses various formats. The show I caught had "Team Sports" - two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five "directors" invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a ba nana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to blackout best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Impro) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

REHEARSAL ROOM THEATRE, MARY-LAND HOTEL, 644 F STREET, DOWN-TOWN, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR IN-FORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

Triple Espresso: A Highly

Caffeinated Comedy Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard,"

or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

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"We're doing our set, and I look up and see the Dahm triplets [Playboy models] in the balcony. They all had matching white

"If a rock band could pick one place to play in Las Vegas, it would probably be the Joint at the Hard Rock Café.... The Joint has had the Stones, the Eagles, Tom Petty, Guns 'N Roses...

Local label Lucky Bastard Records sent out Festerbilt's new CD Super Natural Gangstar everywhere,



outfits. I go up there to meet them, and on my way up, Michael Anthony of Van Halen stops me and gives me a shot of Cabo Wabo tequila. That's Sammy Hagar's tequila company. He [Anthony] told me we did great. That was a moment for me. To get recognition from someone at that level."

Festerbilt lead singer Donovan Nugent said his band doesn't get a lot of hometown love, but they flourish in America's entertainment mecca.

including the Joint. "If you put enough hooks in the water, you're going to

catch a fish eventually," said Nugent. Festerbilt played for 1600 fans at Hagar's sold-out show.

The only catch to the Joint gig was that they didn't get paid. However, they got luxury for free.

'Everything was comped - the rooms, food, booze, security, roadies. We were treated like rock stars. All the band members got a room, and some people from



the label got a room. There

were seven or eight rooms

that go for about \$350 a

night. I had a suite which

goes for about \$600 a night. I

one, but hey, I'm the singer."

radio station KOMP. "We got

live, and they played our new

to play some of our music

record. It was a long interview. I've lived in San

Diego a long time, and I've

before, but we've never been

been on the radio here

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The day of their last

interviewed on Las Vegas

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FESTERBILT FINDS FAVOR AFAR E! Entertainment's Wild On! show "sent out a crew to tape our CD-release party at the Bitter End [in the

Gaslamp] in April. A whole Wild On! show is dedicated to us and San Diego. It airs July 12.'

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Nugent ponders the discrepancy between the band's hometown shows and those elsewhere. "We get our own TV show, and we kill in Vegas. But if you book us in Brick by Brick, we probably wouldn't sell out. But we can play the Viper Room [in L.A.] and sell it out. People do not support

rock bands in this town. — Ken Leighton

"The last night that Jimmy Eat World was

on the tour, everyone pulled pranks on them. Everyone in our band put on Speedos and wigs, and we ran out and started humping [Jimmy Eat World] band members in the middle of their set. We tried to pull their clothes off while they were playing. They got water and glitter and flour dropped on them. That was somewhere in North Carolina."

Chris Cote was describing a day in the life of Kut U Up, the local band that was tapped to play all 56 dates of the Green Day/blink-182 tour that began March 17 and ended on Tuesday.

Encinitas videographer Matt Beauchesne shot hours of Kut U Up's madcap antics. The plan is to edit down the best 45 minutes and release it as a DVD feature that will be sold at retail music outlets.

But it's not rock 'n' roll unless the police show up. "At the Molson Amphitheater in Toronto, Brendan [Raasch, drummer] and Brandon

[Parkhurst, guitarist/singer] ran off the stage and jumped over a railing and fell 20 feet into a lagoon. Three police boats came looking for them, but they got away. The water was pretty bad. Everyone thought they would get *É. coli*. They didn't, but they thought they would either die from that or [get] hypothermia. The water was 52 degrees."

Cote said Green Day and blink members all received Kut U Up initiation rites. "We would tackle them and tear their shirt off and drip hot candle wax on their nipples. Then they would get kissed on the mouth."

Cote said he even got branded for the camera. "They heated up one of those pool [billiards] bridges and seared my butt.' Permanently? "I believe so.



KUT U UP AND BRAND YOU

But bad behavior was apparently okay only if it was for the DVD.

"Some people got kicked off the tour," said Cote, without getting specific. "Sometimes they would have too many girls [backstage].' He said property damage usually got "friends of the band" their walking papers.

Kut U Up did not get a cut of the tour's ticket take, but their expenses, estimated buy Cote to be about \$10,000, were covered by Atticus, the clothing company partially owned by Mark Hoppus and Tom

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DeLonge of blink-182. Atticus will market the finished *spec.* Will the band get a cut of

the proceeds? . We don't know yet,"

said Cote. Kut U Up never knew

what kind of stage they would get until they showed up at each venue.

"If it was in an arena, we might play in a hallway. Or we might play in the parking lot. Sometimes there would be 50 kids. Sometimes 2000."

The tour played both coasts and most major cities in between. Cote said San Antonio, Atlanta, and Tampa were good for Kut U Up. "We didn't go over as

well in Salt Lake City. We curse a lot in our show." Kut U Up shared a stage with Green Day only once.

"Both bands walked into a bar in St. Louis really late. There was this cover band playing to about 10 people in this bar called Pop's that holds 300. Billy Joe [Armstrong of Green Day] walked in and said, 'Give us your instruments. Kut U Up is gonna play and then Green Day.' We both played two full sets."

Kut U Up appears July 9 at the Belly Up Tavern with Snake vs. Wizard and After Party.

— Ken Leighton

"I've been to the zoo there [in San Diego], and my friend threw up in the ladies room," Elisabeth Ames tells me.

Ames, who sings with the Countrypolitans, a Portland, Oregon, roots rock/country band, is recalling her SoCal experiences.

"Some hazy memories came back of the San Diego Zoo.... I was actually in the middle of getting over a breakup. I was kind of out of it. My boyfriend dumped me a week before that. And I went down there, and it was so sunny and beautiful, I felt

like I was high all weekend. "My sister's friend, she had a child about a year after that, so maybe she had



FROM SEX SURVEYOR TO PLAYING WITH WILLIE

school campus is not

"I was 20. I dropped out

of college and moved out to

exciting?

morning sickness or something. She got sick in the ladies' room. Not a very good story, but one of my few memories of San Diego....²

The only other San Diego memory that Ames could drum up was "I tried to hand out a sex poll at a La Jollaarea high school for People magazine, and I got thrown off the property. Those are the only two stories I can think of. Not very exciting. Being thrown off a high

L.A. to live with my boyfriend, who was 27 - It was a total, absolute disaster. I was a senior in college and really had no job skills. I was drinking a lot He worked for People He got me a freelance assignment at People magazine, which was to hand out these sex polls at high schools. I drove down to La Jolla. He actually went with me. We showed up at the school. The editor had told me that the school had agreed to take the poll, to

take a look at it. I got there and talked to whoever - I guess it was the principal ---and he said absolutely not. They were not going to hand out this poll and would we please leave the property? It was, like, '87 or '88.... That was pretty much the end of my *People* magazine career. The editor was really

disappointed that I couldn't carry out the task that he had given me.'

Having recently shared bills with Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson, the Countrypolitans will be at Dublin Square in the Gaslamp tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

— Jennifer Ball

"How many artists are

playing at Humphrey's [Concerts by the Bay series] this year?" asks Marc Geiger, the agent/record company exec who helped launch the series 20 years ago. "Let's say 70. Out of those, how many do you think can sell more than 700,000 copies? Maybe two.

The point, says Geiger, is that 700,000 is now the threshold of units an artist

needs to sell to break even based on most major-label contracts. And while the Humphrey's lineup is filled with viable, household-name artists, the major-label system simply has no place for most of them.

"To the record industry, anyone who can't sell 700,000 units is a loser.'

Geiger, possibly best known as one of the three cofounders of the Lollapalooza tour, has made waves in the music industry with his new label iMUSIC, iMUSIC is an imprint of ARTISTdirect, which he helped launch a year ago. Geiger is vice chairman of ARTISTdirect.

Recently the former UCSD concert organizer signed Blues Traveler, Smiths' guitarist Johnny Marr, and the Tom Tom Club to the iMUSIC talent roster, joining Berlin, Tre (from Pharcyde), and John Doe (of X). Geiger did it with the most basic of business models. He says iMUSIC artists need to have some sort of a proven track record and be able to prove they can sell at least 10,000 units. All iMUSIC artists are signed to a one-record deal,



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and the label and artist split the profits 50/50. Artists who record for iMUSIC own their own master recordings, and they retain complete artistic control of their work.

"It's a lot easier to close a deal [with an artist] when it's a 6-page contract. The standard artist/record company contract is 93 pages.'

Geiger says all iMUSIC artists get the benefit of major-label distribution (through BMG), but they can't expect certain things including a big cash advance, a budget for an expensive music video, or the payola he says is needed to get radio airplay.

"We don't even play the radio game. We send [stations] the record for \$2 [shipping charges]. If they play it, they play it. If they don't, they don't.

He said iMUSIC artists need to be motivated and self-reliant. "This is meant to service the great and growing

middle sales class of artists." Through UCSD's UEO (University Events Office) Geiger made a name by booking shows by breaking new wave artists in 1980–1981. He presented four concerts under his own company called That Kid Presents before he went to work for Avalon Attractions, which was acquired by Universal Concerts, which in turn was bought by House of Blues Concerts.

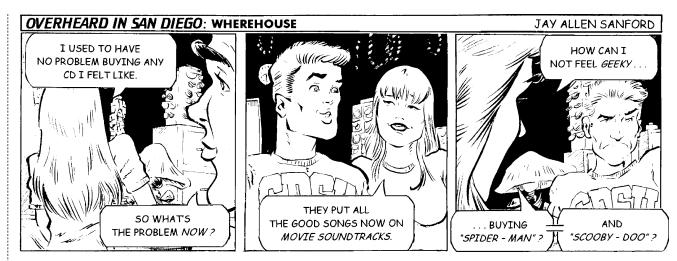
We started an outdoor concert series at the Old Globe. We then moved it to Humphrev's.' Geiger says he came up



LOLLAPALOOZA COFOUNDER STARTS IMUSIC

with the idea of staging shows at Humphrey's. "Then I moved to L.A. like an idiot."

— Ken Leighton



"It's great flattery for them to take my million-

dollar spot and air it on their station," says KSON (97.1) program director John Dimmick. He says competing "Hot Country" (XHCR 99.3) stole the words and music from KSON's long-running TV ad verbatim and aired it as a radio commercial on Hot Country.

"Our program director noticed they had reproduced the ad copy word for word, only replacing our call letters with theirs," said KSON general manager Darrel Goodin. He said the 30-second ad used the exact same song segments from the artists on the KSON TV ad including the Dixie Chicks, Faith Hill, Garth Brooks, and Tim McGraw. Concerned over

copyright infringement and business interference, Goodin said KSON contacted the creator of the TV spots, Tony Quinn of IQ Productions in Atlanta. He said Quinn in turn contacted Clear Channel, which recently took over Hot Country and now controls 1212 stations nationwide. "Tony called their senior

vice president of programming, who said he had no idea this was being done," said Goodin. "They took care of it right away. They were very professional about it." Goodin said the ad only

ran on Hot Country for about 12 hours on June 5. "They want to replicate us song for song." Goodin said the pre-Clear Channel Hot

Country would play classic

country artists, but the new Hot Country is a clone of KSON. "They dropped Patsy Cline, Merle Haggard, Conway Twitty, and Waylon, and Willie. They went from 35 percent new music to 78 percent. By giving up on the classic artists, they forfeited the only distinction they had from KSON. By duplicating our music and our promos, they only confirm that they have nothing special to offer either their listeners or their advertisers."

Hot Country's new program director Mike O'Brian did not respond to a request for comment. O'Brian's most recent programming job was running the Mix 95.7, which played Top 40 hits from the '80s and '90s. Clear Channel pulled the plug on the Mix

95.7 last November due to low ratings.

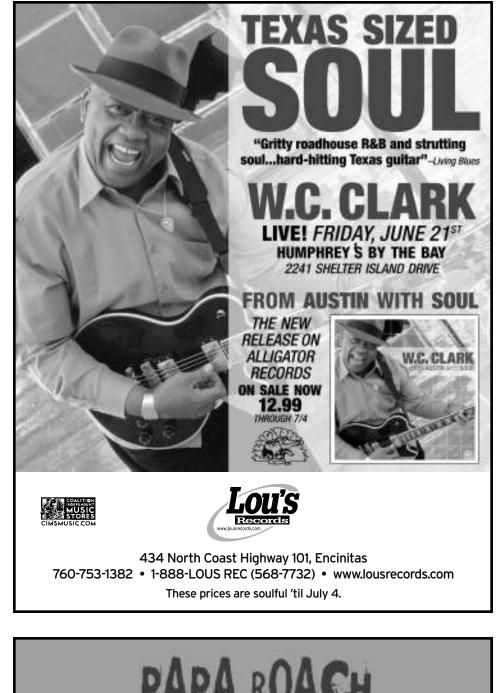
"We were hoping that Clear Channel getting into country would help grow the country format in San Diego with a better product and better marketing, but they just don't seem to be serious about this station. Clearly they view Hot Country as a spoiler. I guess you can afford to do that when you have 14 stations.'

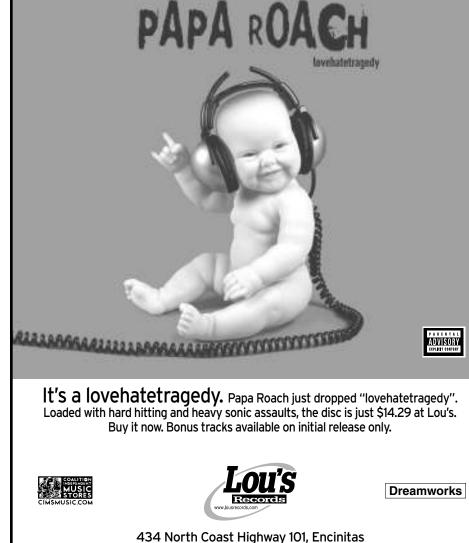
Clear Channel owns eight local stations and operates six others under lease arrangements.

- Ken Leighton

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"I — being low man on the totem pole — was often made to go and tell him to unplug."

BACK

he legal rights to tour and record under the band name "Ratt" belong to guitarist Warren DeMartini and drummer Bobby Blotzer and not former lead singer Stephen Pearcy, according to a ruling by Los Angeles Superior Court

Judge David A. Workman. The decision states that WBS, Inc., Ratt's touring entity, is the sole and exclusive owner of the San Diego band's trademarks, and

thus WBS's arrangement with DeMartini and Blotzer supersedes and nullifies any claims Pearcy may make for use of the name.

Ratt's earliest incarnation, Mickey Rat, formed in the late '70s in San Diego and underwent several lineups. Stephen Pearcy founded the original band and recruited local high schooler Jake E. Lee as guitarist. At the time, Lee was giving guitar lessons to another teen named Warren DeMartini. After Mickey Rat changed its name to Ratt and moved to L.A., gigging at the Whiskey and the Troubadour, Lee left Ratt (eventually replacing the late Randy Rhoades in Ozzy Osbourne's band) and DeMartini, on Lee's recommendation, was invited to join the group.

Ratt's classic lineup, from the days of MTV hits like "Round and Round" and "Lay It Down,' included Pearcy, DeMartini, and Blotzer, as well as Robbin Crosby (guitar) and Juan Croucier (bass). Ratt's self-titled debut album was released independently in 1983 and led to a major-label contract with Atlantic Records. In 1984, the LP Out of the Cellar hit the U.S. top ten, selling over three million copies with its first single "Round and Round," which reached number 12 on Billboard's singles chart. The video for that song was in heavy rotation on MTV and featured the late comedian Milton Berle dressed as a drag queen. They had a string of million-selling albums in America after that, but by 1992 Pearcy left, and the band split. They reunited in the late 1990s, but the group soon became estranged from their lead singer once again.

The renewed animosity between the current Ratt members and their one-time front man seemed to peak in January 2000 when Pearcy walked out on the band six days before the start

of what was being billed as a "comeback tour." The singer claimed in court documents that his ex-bandmates posted on the Internet that he had "quit" the band and caused the cancellation of January 2000 tour dates and that he is an "alcoholic" and/or a "drug addict."

Pearcy contended that the FAGE group ignored him when he in-JAY ALLEN SANFORD formed them in December of 1999 that he would not tour with Ratt

and that Blotzer and DeMartini misled the public by saying that he would. Ratt subsequently hired singer Jizzy Pearl, of the band Love/Hate, and toured Florida and the Midwest.

The bitter legal battle between Ratt and not-Ratt started on February 20, 2001, when Pearcy filed suit against Blotzer and De-Martini and Ratt's former manager Tim Heyne, claiming breach of contract and seeking unspecified damages. Pearcy alleged that his two former bandmates withdrew thousands of dollars from a corporate checking account the trio had opened.

In a surprise turn of events, Judge Workman dismissed Pearcy's claims for trademark infringement, unfair competition, defamation, misappropriation of corporate assets, and breach of fiduciary duty and ruled that Pearcy was engaging in unfair competition by using the trademark "Ratt" name for his own touring group billed alternately as "Stephen Pearcy's Ratt," "Ratt Featuring Stephen Pearcy," and "Ratt with Stephen Pearcy."

An injunction has been placed against Pearcy, demanding he cease and desist

from using the Ratt trademarks, and an order is pending that may force him to turn over profits earned from his unauthorized Ratt tour. 'Stephen Pearcy's Ratt" was part of a summer

2001 package tour called Voices of Metal, which

also included other '80s hair band survivors such as Slaughter, Vixen, and Britny Fox.

In papers filed June 4, 2001, Pearcy was the plaintiff of case #8739 (Stephen Pearcy vs. WBS Inc., et al). However, it was the defendants, including DeMartini and Blotzer, who were granted a preliminary injunction to stop Pearcy's use of the Ratt name while court proceedings were still pending. "In 1985," according to the filing, "Pearcy, Blotzer, De-Martini, and two other musicians formed a partnership, and the partnership registered the service mark Ratt with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The rock group disbanded in 1990, and the members went their separate ways. In 1997, Pearcy, Blotzer, and DeMartini revived



the group, formed a corporation called WBS, and each of them assigned his partnership interest in the trade name Ratt to the corporation in exchange for 3000 shares of corporate stock, 1000 shares each to Pearcy, Blotzer, and DeMartini.



Robbin Crosby

"In early 2000, the parties disagreed over the type of engagement that the group should play, and at a meeting of the board of directors of the corporation which Pearcy was notified of but did not attend, the Directors voted to remove Pearcy as an officer and as an employee of the corporation. Pearcy then formed a competing rock group, which he calls 'Ratt with Stephen Pearcy.' Despite the fact that he had been stripped of authority to act on behalf of the corporation, Pearcy then hired an agent who booked the new group for a tour of concerts extending through August of 2001."

Pearcy tried to claim that "unwritten agreements" promised him permanent lead singer status, and he even filed a brief opposing the injunction stating that the other members of Ratt promised never to use that band name without him at the helm and that he, Pearcy, was assigned, albeit not in writing, to be the sole "artistic director and controller of all live and recorded











performances by Ratt."

Another of Pearcy's unsuccessful arguments was that the public expects and demands that any group going by the name Ratt should have him as lead singer.

"Pearcy produces no evidence of any such secondary meaning," countered WBS. "The evidence is insufficient to show that the public is confused or deceived..."

Kevin Donaker-Ring (who worked at the Clairemont Guitar Trader in the early 1980s) knew several of the revolving Ratt musicians.

"I knew Warren [DeMartini] from junior high and high school - he was one grade ahead of me and one grade behind Bart - super nice guy. However, though Robbin [Crosby] did work there in the mid-1990s, to my knowledge Warren never worked at Guitar Trader. That's not to say he wasn't in there an awful lot In fact, what Warren did was come in nearly every day and practice his Van Halen licks. He was especially fond of playing 'Eruption' all the way through. Over and over. And over and over. Again and again. Cool as it was, the guys there got tired of it, and I — being low man on the totem pole was often made to go and tell

him to unplug.

"Sometimes they just made me go and unplug the amp. Nice guy that he is, Warren was always cool about it. And then, of course, he was on the cover of *Guitar Player* just a couple of years later, so it shows you what they knew."

When I ask what he thinks of the recent lawsuit, he emails, "I always got the feeling (and I could be very wrong on this) that Ratt formed out of a band called Mickey Rat (who also played at least a couple of those dances). I remember hearing something about them getting in trouble with Disney over that name. But I was in 10th grade when I heard that, so in the context of a high school rumor mill, it has to be taken with a large pinch of salt."

In July 2001, during an interview on KNAC in L.A., one-time Ratt guitarist Robbin Crosby admitted that he had "full-blown AIDS" and that he'd been living with the virus for the past seven years.

Crosby said he was diagnosed with HIV in 1994. Crosby said he got into heroin early in Ratt's career and that is how he acquired AIDS and that he was smoking heroin with Mötley Crüe members Nikki Sixx and Vince Neil in 1983.

"Nikki Sixx and I had gotten into the heroin thing together. He was supposed to be the best man at my wedding, and he didn't even come



'cause there was going to be people drinking, and that was when he had just gone through his rehab thing. That really fried my ass."

In July 2001, Crosby was residing at an L.A. hospital undergoing treatments. He was released for a time but was readmitted in early 2002. He told friends he felt his prospects were good for survival and that he was going off his medications soon. He also said he was walking again, something that he hadn't been able to do in a long time.

In March 2002, Crosby posted a message at *liquidsunday.com*, the website for former Ratt guitarist Juan Croucier (who remained close to Crosby and was working on a recording project with the guitarist), writing, "Things are looking up! I'm looking forward to working on new music. Without your strength I would be nothing. God bless you all. When time allows, we will be rejoined again in the sprit of rock and roll. I love you all! Here we go!"

Robbin Crosby died Thursday, June 6, in his Hollywood apartment. As of this writing, the Los Angeles coroner's department is unable to confirm whether Crosby died of a heart attack, as has been reported, or if the guitarist's death is related to his eight-year battle with AIDS. Paramedics pronounced Crosby dead at 11:15 a.m.

Crosby was 41. Funeral and memorial plans were unavailable at press time. Former and current Ratt drummer Bobby Blotzer remained close to Crosby after Ratt's disintegration and reformation without Crosby and reports spending Christmas Eve 2001 with the guitarist.

On learning of Crosby's death, Blotzer posted a message at *therattpack.com* on June 7. "It has been about ten hours since we all lost one of the most kind-hearted, the most compassionate, intelligent, talented, strong... humans to ever have the pleasure and to be lucky enough to have in our lives!"

Stephen Pearcy posted a message as well. "Our dear friend Robbin Crosby passed away Thursday morning. His family and close friends are asking for your respect, prayers, and appreciation. Robbin was a sweet soul, great talent, and he will be dearly missed, rest in peace."

Former Ratt bassist Juan Croucier posted "To a King among men: Robbin, you will always be loved by those who knew you."

On June 7, the Crosby family posted this notice at *therattpack.com:* "Thank you for your interest and generosity. No flowers or cards, please. Send any donations to the only recognized memorial fund, set up by the Crosby family: Robbin Crosby Memorial Fund, benefiting Pathfinders (a halfway house), c/o Regents Bank, 875 Prospect St., Ste. 100, La Jolla CA 92037."

Fans of Crosby and of Ratt expressed their condolences at the Ratt website and at KNAC's online message board, including this June 8 post from screen name B5erik: "Robbin was a great songwriter and a solid rhythm guitar player who added crunch to Ratt's sound. That's the bottom line. The fact that he was also a junkie and had unprotected sex with too many girls just shows that he was a flawed, foolish person as well. He was another person who felt like he had to live up to the Rock and Roll Star stereotype/image."

Local musician Donaker-Ring said, "My fondest memories of Robbin actually come from a band he was in before Ratt - Phenomenon. They were a local San Diego band, playing clubs and high school dances. When I was in junior high school [Muirlands Junior High] — eighth grade to be exact — most of my friends were older and already in high school. Well, Phenomenon played just about every other dance at the high school [La Jolla High School] but never at the junior high. So my friends at the high school would buy me a ticket, and I'd bluster my way into the dance whenever Phenomenon was playing Robbin always played a Gibson Flying V, and he'd be wearing platform shoes. The guy was well over six feet tall, and with those shoes below him and the hair on top, he was an imposing figure. This was the late '70s so they played some serious rock 'n' roll....They used flame pots. Real pyrotechnics shooting columns of fire 15 to 20 feet in the air. Inside the gym! You could feel the heat all the way at the back of the room.

"That he soared higher with Ratt is undeniable, but for me the memory of Robbin playing in a high school gym and the heat on my face from those columns of fire will live on in my memory forever."





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McCarthy and the American political climate were regarded as barbaric jokes.

he harmonica virtuoso Larry Adler died this past year. He was a musical anomaly, taking what was considered a low instrument, even a child's toy, to places it had never been. Adler was the man for the job. Born Lawrence Cecil Adler in

Baltimore on February 10, 1914, the son of a plumber, Adler read a notice in the Baltimore Sun when he was 13 about a new mouth organ group that was being formed. He went out, bought a mouth harp, practiced, and shortly thereafter won a competition at City Hall. His parents were bewildered. There was not a single musical gene to be found anywhere in the family tree. Explaining where the gift came from, Adler would say in later years that he was bitten by the bug just listening to people like Rachmaninov, Heifetz, Casals, and Al

Jolson. The nature of that mix is significant: throughout his career his performances would combine classical and show tunes.

Still very young, Adler dropped out of school and left home for New York City. How many young musicians, successful and not, have taken that first big step? He was turned down for a spot with the Borrah Minavitch Harmonica Ras-AUGUST KLEINZAHLER cals, but, determined not to accept no for an answer, Adler cornered

This weekend!

Rudy Vallee at the Paramount Theater one night. Vallee let him on as a one-time novelty act. Larry Adler would never look back.

He was a terrific performer and probably a good-looking kid, suggested by some of his more celebrated amours, most notably Ingrid Bergman, who, among other kindnesses, prevailed on Adler around 1940 to learn to read music, even though

he had won that first competition at City Hall playing a Beethoven minuet and had a large reputation on his instrument by age 17.

Before he turned 20, Adler made his film debut in Many Happy Returns accompanied by Duke

Ellington and his orchestra. His appearances in Broadway revues began with Smiles in 1931, with music by Vincent Youmans and lyrics by Harold Adamson, Mack Gordon, Clifford Grey, and Ring Lardner, Marilvn Miller, Fred and Adele Astaire all took star turns.

Over the years Adler would appear in numerous Broadway shows and revues as well as films, not merely performing but composing original music along with arrangements of existing material that incorporated what he preferred to call his "mouth organ."

Adler moved among show people, hoodlums, tycoons, politicians, and royalty. Serious composers, composers of the first rank, like Villa-Lobos, Milhaud, and Vaughan Williams, composed works specifically for Adler. When

Larry Adler

REVIEW

Adler played Rhapsody in Blue with George Gershwin present at a party in 1934, Gershwin told him afterwards, "The goddamn thing sounds as if I wrote it for you." Gershwin later authorized Robert Russell to reorchestrate the piece for mouth organ and

symphony orchestra. Adler, a left-winger, got into trouble during the McCarthy era and was blacklisted. He moved to Britain in 1949, where McCarthy and the American political climate were regarded as barbaric jokes, and was an enormous success

among other things composing and playing the main theme and soundtrack score for the film Genevieve in 1953. He eventually returned to the U.S., dving at the ripe old age of 87, one of a kind. His sidekicks included Al Capone and Bugsy Siegel. He played mixed doubles with Greta Garbo, Sal-

vador Dalí, and Charlie Chaplin. Later in life he recorded a Gershwin album with Sting, Elton John, Peter Gabriel, Carly Simon, and Sinéad O'Connor. Overall he recorded over 200 records, from short-playing 78s with Duke Ellington and Django Reinhardt, among others, to mono LPs, stereo albums, and CDs. His concerts ranged from Carnegie Hall to a postwar visit to Hitler's Nuremberg stadium. The Jewish kid from Baltimore must have gotten a kick out of the latter. The Queen Mother is even said to have taken a shine to the talented Mr. Adler.

Adler played a chromatic harmonica.

This variety of harmonica, appearing first in the 1930s, is effectively two instruments, both diatonic, i.e., a C harmonica and C-sharp harmonica, for instance, their access controlled by a spring. Adler was able to manufacture a rich, hornlike sound from his instrument with a timbre very distinct from other horns. Regarded as a learning instrument for the young, both inexpensive and easy to play, Adler lent it a prestige it had never be-

fore enjoyed.

The invention of the mouth organ, a member of the reed-organ family, is attributed to one Sir Charles Wheatstone, also the inventor of the electric telegraph. The date given for his invention is 1829. There is a counterclaim that the Messner firm began manufacture of the instrument two years before at Trussingen,

Wurttemberg. Regardless, the Messner firm was absorbed by Hohner, whose factory remains in that same town and which has held a virtual monopoly

on the production of harmonicas — or, more properly, mouth organs - ever since.

I say "more properly" because, if you look up harmonica in The Oxford Companion to Music you will come upon a wholly different instrument, one often referred to as "musical glasses." This instru-

ment was first advertised in 1746 in the London press:

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It was first played by pass-

ing moistened fingers along the rims of the glasses. As for achieving a violin or harpsichord sound on the instrument, well, false advertising is not a 20thcentury invention.

Al Jolson

But it was American invention in the person of none other than Benjamin Franklin that mechanized the instrument and dubbed it the Armonica. Over time it was transformed into a keyboard instrument and enjoyed a certain vogue toward the end of the 18th Century. Mozart wrote a composition for the instrument, combining it with flute, oboe, viola, and violoncello. He also performed on the instrument in public, notably at a garden concert in Vienna when he was 17. Mozart's father wanted to buy a harmonica for his talented son but couldn't afford it. Later Haydn and Beethoven were to compose for the harmonica. What they all would have made of Larry Adler performing concertos on the mouth organ at Carnegie Hall, one can only wonder.

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Bruce Hornsby [590]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 28, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Martina McBride [801]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 9, and Wednesday, July 10, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra: Concourse Golden Hall, Thursday, July 11, 7 p.m., Third Avenue and B Street, downtown. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

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The Royal Crown Revue: The Casbah, Friday, July 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Loggins (537): Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 19, and Saturday, July 20, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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619-445-5400. Jewel (895) and M2M: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, July 28, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Randy Travis [779]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 28, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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David Sanborn (692) and Poncho Sanchez (646): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 1, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with **Gust Tsilis** and **John Hicks:** Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, August 1, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Marc Anthony [381]; San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, August 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Deep Purple, the Scorpions [538], and DIO: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, August 2, 6:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (716): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 2, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Alicia Keys *(605)*: Summer Pops Series, Broadway Naval Pier, Sunday, August 4, 960 North Harbor Drive, downtown. 619-220-8497.

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Michael McDonald [566] and Karla Bonoff [462]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010. **Celia Cruz** [**788**]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 6, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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Diana Ross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 11, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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The Young Dubliners (438), Great Big Sea, and Seven Nations: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 14, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Ray Charles [979]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 19, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Dave Koz & Friends [676] featuring Norman Brown and Brian Culbertson, and James Ingram: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, August 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Peter, Paul, & Mary: Humphrey's Concerts by the Boy, Sunday, August 25, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers and Jackson Browne: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 25, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497

The Doobie Brothers and Venice [432]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Lenny Kravitz, Pink, and Abandoned Pools [185]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 1, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Al Jarreau and Marilyn Scott [661]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 6, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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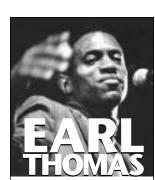


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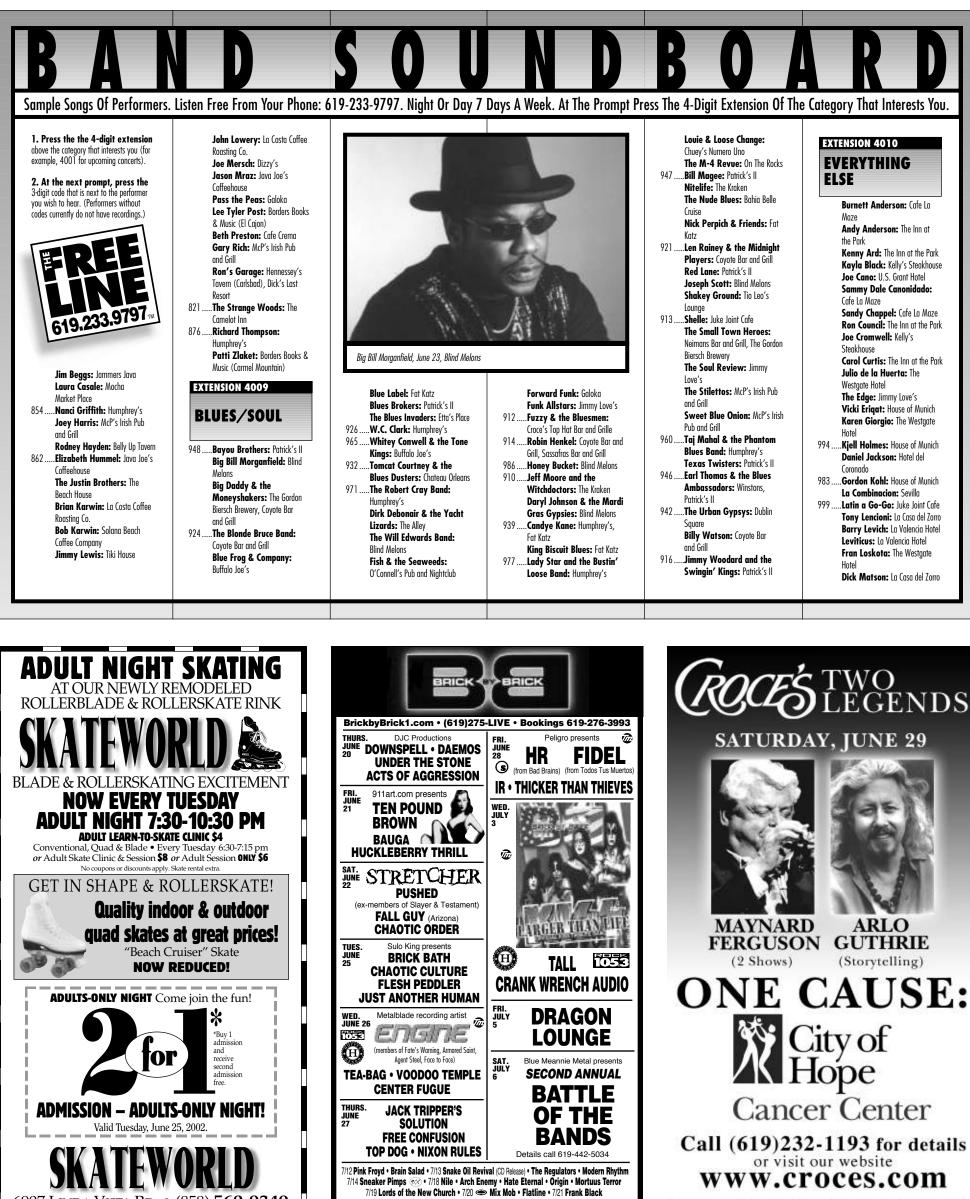






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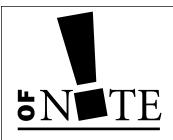
Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Richard D, and BCZAR spin the best of '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Event information, 619-465-5827. www.klubs.com.

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 Tropics: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DJs Kool T and guests spin Latin, freestyle, house, and hiphop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-9402.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Inside her new solo CD, *The Golden Dove*, there's a photo of **Mary Timony** holding a book and pointing out to drummer **Christina Files** what must be a poignant passage. Look a little closer. It's a Wonder Woman pop-up book. Next to Files is a funny-looking toy animal, and there's a garishly painted statue of a blue jay behind the couch. Timony is wearing a hat that appears to bear the inscription, "I Believe in Elves."

If you're familiar with Timony's work, the photo is so perfect it's almost a parody. Through the '90s, Timony's band Helium put out exceedingly strange songs about women and their adventures with vampires, dragons, and unicorns, culminating with the extraordi-

760-729-4996. Wednesdays, DJs Jalil, the Prophet, and Bob One spin nonstop hip-hop at the Boars Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. www.dflppresents.com.

Dragon Lounge: First and third Friday of every month, the finest in breaks and drum 'n' bass. Brick By Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park, 619-687-5779. Event information, 619-220-4944. www.mergelifeandmusic.com.

Eavesdrop: Wednesdays, espionage stereophonics and downtempo DJs with residents SIX8, AKRANM, Jon Wesley, and Somatik. No cover; 21 and up. The Pirates Den, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego,

GLO: Fridays, superstar guest DJs, house percussionist Sacca, and the GLO girls fill the main level with progressive house. '70s and '80s in the Ultra Lounge; R&B and rap in the Gallery Bar. On Broadway Event Center, 615 Broadway, downtown,

760-741-9393.

619-231-0011. *www.obec.tv.* **Karma:** Thursdays, house music

nary album *The Magic City.* When Timony released her

first solo album, Moun-

tains, it sounded like a

stripped-down Helium. (It

even included a reworked

Helium song, "13 Bees.")

The Golden Dove is more

fully realized, but it's filled

with Timony's typical

quasi-baroque melodies

and lyrics about ghosts,

magic, and dryads. (It was

originally intended to be

released as a Helium

rator Ash Bowie, who was

The biggest difference is the absence of Timony's Helium collabo-

also a member of Polvo. But his presence is felt in the song title "Ash and Alice" and the

lyric "the only boy I ever loved turned into a

golden dove and moved to California."

(Bowie is a recent transplant to San Fran-

cisco.) But no matter. Whether she's in a

band or performing solo, Timony is an indie-

rock visionary in a league of her own: part

album.)

619-574-6833. Event information, 619-692-1080.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays, DJ Dizzy D and guest DJs spin hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. Saturdays, Cabana Boy Geoff. 775 Mateuf Street Focondido.

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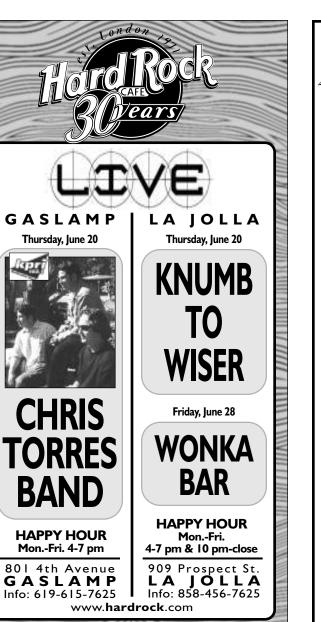
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North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, the New Breed Band, pop, jazz. Wednesday, the Craig Carter Band.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Goldfish*, alternative funk, with *Slapbak* Wednesday, 8 pm, Robert Earl Keen with Rodney Hayden.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Ventilators*, rock, blues. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Robin Henkel*, blues. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, the Blonde Bruce Band, 6 pm to 10 pm, Len Rainey & the Midnight Players, blues. Sunday, 2 pm to 5:30 pm, Billy Watson, blues, 5 pm to 9 pm, Peter Sprague, jazz. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Big Daddy & the *Moneyshakers*, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Northstar*, classic rock.

Fat Katz, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-943-7768. Music is blues. Thursday, 22 King Biscuit Blues. Sunday, Nick Perpich & Friends. Tuesday, *Candye Kane*, blues. Wednesday, *Blue Label*, blues.

Hennessev's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic. Saturday, Hydroplane, rock.

Inn L'Auberge, 1440 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 858-259-1515. Friday, Lori Bell, Ron Satterfield, and John Opferkuch, jazz.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors*. Friday, the Flat Out Liars, rock. Saturday, Streetheart, classic rock. Wednesday Nitelife.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Earth Ride* and Star Shak. Tuesday, the David Patrone Quartet, jazz.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff, 760-943-7924, Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, Jared Mattson, jazz. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, Brian Koehler, iazz.



BY DAVE GOOD

"I started the group as a result of divine inspiration," the pianist Turiya Mareya says of her latest venture. "I was told to start a women's band by my inner wisdom. After all these years," she says, "women are still largely invisible in jazz. I was told to call it Mahaba. I have never heard that word before. I looked it up on the Internet and found many cultural references to it," she claims. "Fitting, because this band includes Korean, black, Latin, and European heritages." And, like it or not, Mahaba also includes a man - multi-instrumentalist David Milard. Longtime collaborator Lynn Copeland plays bass, Linda Kent sits behind the drums with Monette Marino on additional percussion, and Jamie Kim plays violin

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Seagulls. Saturday, call club for Carlsbad, 760-931-1122. Music hours information. Sunday, the lim Rose *Circus* and *Purpleoid*. Tuesday, *Rochelle Rochelle*, *Hot Like a Robot*, 21 are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, Steel Wave, contemporary. Saturday, Mike Cea, jazz duo. Rest, and Kimberly Kills. Wednesday, Happy Endings, Kramer's Rule, Big Bad Zero, and GLE.

Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, Private Domain, rock and roll.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, open mike. Friday, call club

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Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Death On Wednesday, Slut Magnet, and Six Cents. Friday, ir,

Honey Bucket, and Workman. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, Vegitation, 8 pm, Warsaw, Earthride, and Star Shak, reggae. Sunday, 4 pm to 9 pm, Big Bill Morganfield, 9 pm, Daryl Johnson & the Mardi Gras Gypsies, Joseph Scott, and the Will Edwards Band, blues. Wednesday, Emergency Broadcast, rock.

Cafe Crema, 1001 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach. 273-3558. Saturday, Beth Preston, folk.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *A Flock of*

Turiya Mareya's been around the local iazz scene for a long time — she goes back to the days of Daniel Jackson at the Crossroads. maybe even further. After studying at New York's Creative Music Studio, Mareya performed in international iazz ensembles, many of them based in Mexico. She's got a large musical vocabulary, although it's been taken over with the Afro-Cuban and Latin rhythms that drive her Kokopelli Latin Jazz Quartet. Mahaba Jazz

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran

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Chamberlain, jazz. Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Dianna Krall*, Latin jazz.

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Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

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Artists finds her not only on piano, but also reinventing herself with an instrument she has not played in a while: the bass clarinet.

The members refer to their music as being original world-beat jazz, but I call it rhythm-propelled acoustic jazz-fusion. With Latin overtones. I listened to their eponymous debut CD one afternoon with Jamie Kim. What jumped out first was the tight, explosive percussion duo of Marino and

> Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-523-0356. Thursday and Friday, Jason Mraz, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 pm, Elizabeth Hummel, folk, Sunday, the American Folk Singers. Monday, Wendy's open-mike night.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamarar Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8:30 pm to midnight, Rick Ross, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Sunday through Tuesday 8:30 pm, Larry Moore, piano and vocals.

The Room, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. Thursday, *Peanut* Butter, jazz and blues, Friday, Affinity, rumba, Spanish guitar. Saturday, *Stage* 4, pop, jazz, R&B. Wednesday, *the* Sugar Trio, blues and jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, P.K. & Earl's Son. Friday, Mississippi Mud. Saturday, Big Wheel Wipeout, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-mike night. Wednesday, *Jimmy Lewis*, acoustic.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 7 pm, Martin Campbell with Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations, reggae.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822, Thursday, Grove and Rock Fish, alternative rock Friday, the Wise Monkey Orchestra and the Latanya Lockett Band, alternative/rock. Saturday,

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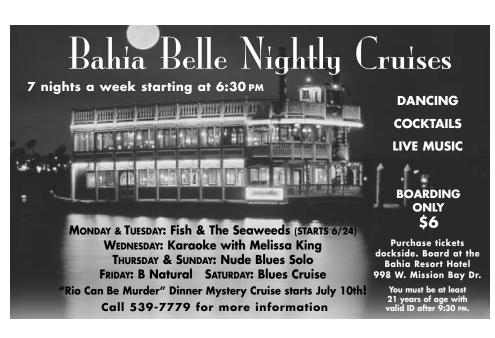
Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 pm, the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 pm. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, the Nude Blues.

The Boathouse Restaurant, 2040 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego. 619-231-0489. Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *the Louisa West-Jimmy Patton* Duo, jazz. Sunday, 1 pm to 4 pm, Dean Paul Ratzman, jazz.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Downspell, Daemos, Under the Stone, and Acts of Aggression. Friday, Ten Pound Brown, Bauga, and Huckleberry Thrill. Saturday, Stretcher, Pushed, Fall Guy, and Chaotic Culture. Tuesday, Brick Bath, Chaotic Culture, Flesh Peddler, and Just Another Human. Wednesday, Engine, Teabag, Center Fugue, and Voodoo Temple.

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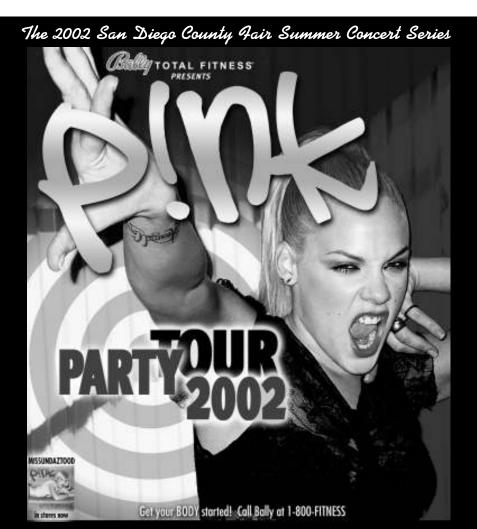
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The Kaiser Kid

My boyfriend has been nagging me for years about one of his unfulfilled desires. "Aren't we ever going to go to a German restaurant?" he pleaded again recently, putting on his most pathetic "hungry puppydog" expression. "They're starting to go extinct, you know — House of Munich closed, Ingrid's in PB is gone, so we'd best hurry...." An actual descendant of the Kaisers, he lived as a child on his Polish-German grandparents' huge farm in Minnesota, so no matter how many *jooks, kitfos*, and Congo-pea pelaus I feed him, sauerkraut and sausage are still his tastes of home.

"I don't really like German food," I protested. "It's heavy and dull, ballast for beer." But then I stopped. Tasting such an exotic cuisine without ever saying, "I just hate this!" would be an interesting challenge to my critical objectivity. And I do love sausages (just hold the kraut). Next thing I knew, we were heading for Kaiserhof. I was ready to face the wurst and the *kartoffelpuffer*— whatever that was— with an open mind and a little help from my friends.

We enlisted Ed and Sandy to join us: Ed, a Pole from Pennsylvania, is a big fan of Kaiserhof's lunches, and his presence guaranteed that half our team would be seasoned tasters of this cooking style. When we arrived at Kaiserhof, its large, partly roofed outdoor patio was overflowing with revelers, every table full. We were seated in one of the two dining rooms, the Wappenstube, which lives up to its designation of the "Crest Room." The utilitarian interior looks like everyone's idea of a German restaurant, its white upper walls covered with wooden plaques bearing the coats of arms of all the German states. There's waist-high wood paneling all around and windows framed simply in the same wood. The waitresses wear Tyrolean-style vests and dirndls.

The menu, typical of the German table, includes plenty of dishes originating in neighboring countries — Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Poland. Ranged along the Danube River, these countries evidently form something of a culinary community, combining local specialties with plenty of cross-borrowings.

While the guys enjoyed steins of Pilsener Urquel, a fine Czech beer, Sandy and I sipped a delicious Spätlese, a fruity German white riding the exact line between dry and sweet. Our dinner started with a couple of classic mitteleuropean appetizers. Beef tartare canapés featured raw ground



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sirloin on slices of a chewy German rye. Despite its load of capers and minced sweet onion, we found the meat so bland that it was actually overwhelmed by the croutons. Then I took a second look at the small steel ramekin in the center of the plate. It held a German mustard strong enough to make your nostrils flare. When I tentatively spread some on the beef, the tartare sat up and began to sing.

Kaiserhof's wine-pickled herring proved rather

sweet and soft (it's the bottled Lasco brand that you'll find in the supermarket). Its requisite dill-pickle chunk was decoratively cut into butterfly slices, and Ed recalled that

when he traveled in Holland, many restaurants served herring sandwiched between two pickle slices. Curious about the possible effect, he added some of the tartare's mighty mustard to his "herring on pickle" mini-wich. Slick move! Usually I can barely tolerate any of these ingredients, but the combination sent my taste buds into pleasurable shock. "It's a chaos flavor," said my boyfriend, "like some of the great Thai dishes where the sum of all the ingredients is greater than the parts." All dinners come with soup or salad (with two choices for each) plus two vegetable sides. The soup du jour that evening was a lentil-vegetable soup in a tomatoey broth, aromatic with celery seed. It tasted like good home cooking. The alternative, a beef goulash soup, was quite the opposite: almost thick enough for a stew, dotted with very tender beef strips, it carried an oddly familiar industrial food flavor that sent us delving into our sense

memories to search out its identity. My sweetie came closest with his guess of hydrolyzed vegetable protein (bouillon cubes), but a hint of caramelized onion reminded me

more of Campbell's consommé. It turns out to be a packaged Swiss "beef base," and it's also used in all the brown gravies here. Its aggressiveness overrode any of the softly meaty flavors that would develop naturally in a long-simmered goulash.

With four of us eating, we got to try one of each salad choice too. The blue cheese dressing for our crisp mixed greens was self-evidently housemade, with rich little puffs of the cheese. (They ought to call this "Kaiser salad.") A thinly sliced

Kaiserhof ★½ (good to very good)

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cucumber salad, marinated in vinegar, dillweed, and sugar, was best saved for enjoyment as a palatecleansing side dish with the weighty main courses.

The evening's special was venison, thin-sliced and very tender. "When I was growing up in Pennsylvania, we sometimes got a wild deer," said Ed, "and it was only fit to be ground up for chili. Too gamy for my tastes. But this - it's the best venison I've ever had." To those of us who do like game meats, the farm-raised meat seemed more like baby beef - but Sandy, a venison virgin, recoiled from the faint liverish flavor of deer-flesh. The meat was strewn with rehydrated dried oyster mushrooms and capers in a sleek dark-brown gravy (made with the above-mentioned beef base) sweetened with pear juice. Alongside was a ramekin of lingonberries in syrup, a Swedish fruit that resembles cranberries but isn't as tart in its natural state. A halved poached pear, its cavity filled with more berries, completed this array.



Calendar Restaurants

A less controversial special that we could all enjoy was a roast duck hindquarter with a compote of apples and raisins. Well done but moist, the bird had thin, crisp skin with just a millimeter-thick layer of subcutaneous fat. Since some of the skin was blackened, we guessed a final stint at the grill or broiler. The Madeira sauce was somewhat coarsened by the recurrence of the dark matter from Switzerland.

Contrary to TV ads for the fast-frank chain, a wiener schnitzel is not a hot dog on the lam. Schnitzels are actually breaded, fried cutlets made of any species of meat (or even fowl), and "wiener" means "Viennastyle" - specifically, pounded veal cutlets fried in butter. Kaiserhof offers four milk-fed veal schnitzels (and a couple made with pork). I zeroed in on the variation called "schnitzel Holstein" (named after the Gateway computers cow or its state of origin). The cutlet is topped with a fried egg, anchovy strips, lemon slices, and, again, capers. (Yes, this cuisine does seem to favor them.) The egg is a noble touch: To eat two kinds of protein — meat and egg — in a single dish is considered a privilege only the rich can afford. That's why the Latin American cognate of the dish bears the ironic name of "*milanese a la pobre*" — "poor meal's schnitzel." With its fine anchovies and the perfectly fried egg to moisten the porous meat, I found it our most enjoyable entrée.

A wurst platte featured three sausages. I especially liked the one called bauernwurst - moist and spicy, it reminded me of some Louisiana andouilles. Its companions were a tame knackwurst (the Old World prototype of the hot dog) and an okay bratwurst (mild, fine-grained veal/pork sausage). The accompaniments were simply cooked red potatoes and a heap of bottled sauerkraut. It's a weinkraut from Germany, pickled in wine vinegar (not just an ordinary salt brine and water), but to my palate it seemed as salty, soggy, and sour as any of its ilk. For me, if this wasn't the best plate, it wasn't the wurst.

There are 13 side dishes to choose from. Nine of them feature starches, including six degrees of potatoes (*kartoffel*), which come mashed, German-fried, french fried, as salad, as pancakes, and as the red potatoes of the wurst plate. It's obvious that they're a German favorite — but that wasn't always the case. For centuries after their arrival from Peru, Prussians grew the potato strictly as an ornamental plant.

As German food scholar Michael Kindt notes, "The fact that it [the potato] became the 'people's food' in Germany is amazing, if one considers how great was the resistance of the population against the 'earth apples.'" Despite repeated grain-crop failures and famines, they wouldn't taste the taters until 1774, when King Frederick the Great sent a wagonful of spuds to the starving citizens of Kolberg - who still refused to try them until the militia intervened. (What, precisely, the militia did to make the people eat them is something I don't know and fear to imagine.)

We spent two of our eight side dishes on the tasty potato pancakes. These weren't *kartoffelpuffers* ("potato puffs" aren't on the menu), but thin *latkes*, made of grated potato, onion, and green scallion tops, served with a little ramekin of a smooth yellow commercially made applesauce resembling Mott's brand. We'd also ordered a side of the applesauce, hoping it'd be chunky homemade-style — so easy to cook and infinitely more soulful — but that was not to be.

German-fried potatoes proved to be the pleasantly familiar sliced skillet-fries of breakfast, made with skin-on new red potatoes. But German potato salad sent my resolve of tolerance down to defeat. Thinly sliced-and-diced white potatoes were doused in vinegar, onion, minced scallion, a hint of sugar, and a hint of oil and then marinated until the vinegar penetrated every molecule. "I just hate this," I said,

shuddering after the second bite. "It is absolutely authentic, best I've tasted in years," my boyfriend countered. "It's not marred by paprika or black pepper, like a lot of German-American restaurants do it, or fancied up

with bacon fat. It's bland and

vinegary, just like my grandmother made it." "But do you *like* it?" I asked. "No, I've never liked it," he answered, "but it sure tastes like

Grandma's." "Matzoh ball!" joked our charming Polish-born waitress as she plunked down a softball-size dead-white orb. It was our bread dumpling, a boiled clod of milkand egg-soaked kaiser rolls (but of course!). Heavy, sticky, and almost flavorless, it was everything I hate about German food. None of my companions would eat more than a single bite of it either. (Was this another militiaforced foodstuff?)

Späetzle — squiggly fresh noodles — didn't make a hit with our group, either. These noodles are to southern Germany what potatoes are to the north, the starch of choice, but they reminded Ed of childhood food pranks. "Worms, we used to call 'em," he said. Served unbuttered, they proved bland and rather pasty. "Absolutely authentic!" declared my sweetie, "but they're an acquired taste that I have yet to acquire."

The nonstarch choices, along with applesauce and sauerkraut, consisted of red cabbage or the vegetable of the day. The latter was the ubiquitous broccolicauliflower-something-or-other restaurant medley that I never want to see again, so red cabbage was our choice. It was the classic rendition, braised soft in sweetened vinegar. No complaints there.

After all the meat, starch, and vinegar, we were ready for something sweet. Most of the desserts on the list are purchased: only the apple strudel is housemade. Don't look for French-style puff pastry; the crust is closer to a pie dough studded with sliced almonds. The filling of apples, raisins, and a little cinnamon was a little syrupy, but, to my delight, not excessively sweet. Unmarred by America's inauthentic white icing glaze, this excellent pastry was served warm, with a side of artificial-tasting vanilla ice cream similar to supermarket house brands.

Whether I like this genre of food or not, Kaiserhof certainly provides some authentic German flavors in a terrifically convivial atmosphere. (We had such a great time, the food was almost beside the point.) And a lot of people obviously love this cuisine, as evidenced by the restaurant's crammed-full state on a normally quiet weeknight. I can understand, then, why so busy a chef might rely on commercial products, and I can appreciate the fact that, for many of them, he seeks out quality foodstuffs from Europe. Still, the food might taste even more convincing— not to mention more varied and interesting — if more of it were cooked from scratch, like the dinners my sweetie's grandmother used to whip up every day.

ABOUT KAISERHOF

Kaiserhof means "The King's Palace." It was opened over 20 vears ago by Horst Bolter, who hails from southern Germany. Since then, many local publications have consistently cited it as the best German restaurant in San Diego. "We started out in Mission Valley and moved to Ocean Beach about 91/2 years ago," says Peter Bolter, Horst's son, who is now chef and partner in the restaurant. Deciding at an early age that he wanted to carry on the family business, he attended the CIA (Culinary Institute of America) in Napa Valley. He took over the chef duties at roughly the same time as the restaurant's relocation. He refreshes his memories of German cooking by frequent trips overseas. "I've been to Germany about 15 times," he says. "I've got lots of relatives to stay with over there."

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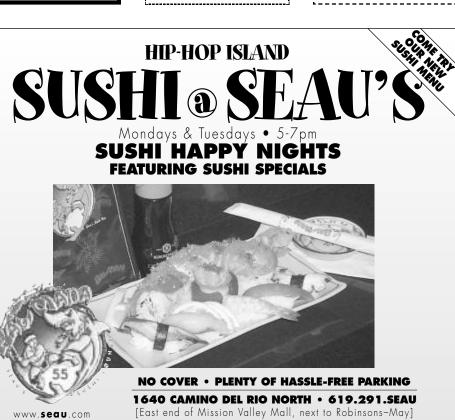
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hat is that delicious aroma? Cinnamon? Cloves? Ginger? I'm up around 49th and El Cajon, standing at the bus stop. Ah, now I see the sign just upwind: Awash Ethiopian Restaurant. I figure I got 20 minutes till the bus.

I come into this white room. Different-shaped gourds hang from branches slung under the ceiling. Pictures of Ethiopia dot the walls. Mountains, people jumping up and down, giraffes, ibex, antelope. Hanging weavings block the street view. I hear tra-

ditional African music but played with electronic instruments. The tables look smart with maroon tablecloths and white cloth napkins and little vases sprouting wheatears and dried wildflowers. Only one thing missing.

Cutlery. No knives, forks, spoons.

I amble up to the little counter-bar. Looks like I'm the only customer right now. "Nibit Honey Wine, A Historical Man's Drink," says the label of a bottle standing on top. I see Ethiopian beers in the glass-fronted fridge. "Harar." "Hakim "Hakim stout.

"Hello." This gal appears. Habiba. She says sit anywhere. I pick a table under a really big mural of farmers plowing fields with their round pointy-roof houses on the horizon. Habiba says the restaurant is named after "the great River Awash" in Ethiopia.



"Something to drink? Tej?" "Tej?"

"It's our honey wine," she says; "\$4.00 a glass." Hmm. Better not. "You can try a little," she says, and pours a dollop into a small sampler glass

from the "Nibit" bottle. I sip. It's sweet, fermented, heady. Defi-

a lunch/dinner section. I basically have a ten-spot in my pocket, plus two Washingtons to get me home. So, just to start me off, I ask for two sambusas, one vegetable, the other

meat. Dollar each. I've had these in Indian places. They call them samosas. Wicked. Love 'em.

"This is kitfo inside," says Habiba, when I bust open the meat one. It's a triangular pastry pocket stuffed with a savory ground meat. It's delicious, especially when you sip the honey wine too. The vegetarian one tastes like it has mainly chickpeas and onions. Good, but less punch.

A couple more of these and I'd be full, but then I'd miss out on what's really Ethiopian. I start reading down.

There's yedoro wot, a spicy chicken cooked in berbere sauce and butter (\$6.99). Yedero tibs is fried chicken with "simmered spices" (\$8.00). The yebegs seem to be lamb dishes, like yebeg wot is lamb cooked in *berbere* sauce and butter (\$6.99) and yebeg tips are lamb cubes fried with onion, green pepper, and butter (\$7.50). And beef has

to be yesiga. I see the yesiga wot (\$6.99) is beef cooked in berbere sauce.

So what's berbere sauce?

"Berbere is a red pepper sauce," says Habiba. "It has ginger, cardamom, nutmeg, paprika, cloves, cinnamon."

That has to be what I sniffed outside.

They have vegetarian dishes, too, but I end up getting what most turistas probably go for, a sampler. Number 21, "Yesiga Combination Dish" (\$7.50), a combo of the three beef dishes.

And what a sight! Habiba lays a big, maybe 15-inch tray down in front of me, with little molehills of meat and vegetables dotted around it. Takes a moment to realize what they're on is one big bread. Injera. A honeycombed moonscape of a floppy loaf.

I look up at Habiba; like, do I rip some off and squish meat into it? "Yes, yes," she says. Right hand, of course. That much I remember. Actually it looks so good I don't want to touch it. I'd love some of that Ethiopian beer with it, but I can't blow the bus fare. I stick to micro-sipping my free tej.

The injera tastes like an English muffin but juicier, more sour, fermented. It forms a pretty good base when I start grabbing at the rich yesiga tibs, the fried beef cubes, the yesiga wot, the beef cooked in that spicy berbere sauce, and the kitfo, a kind of fine-chopped pile of beef cooked in chili and

butter. And, of course, there are one, two...seven other piles of stuff to mix in with the meats. Hotbutter-cooked lentils, swamp-green spinach, chopped cabbage with split peas and lentils, other different-colored lentils, a pile of what looks like cottage cheese but Habiba calls buttermilk. Too much. Then, if you can believe, she brings a side plate of salad, chopped up injera flavored with lemon and mixed in with green and red peppers and tomatoes and lettuce, and more velvety rolls of injera.

I notice people coming in and out, mostly Ethiopians, ordering food to go. A lot just order the injera (60 cents).

One guy comes and sits down. Orders the kitfo (\$7.39). But I see his is raw chopped spiced meat on injera. "The Ethiopian steak tartare," he says. His name's Gary. His dad took him to Ethiopia when he was a kid. It kind of printed on him. He's been back twice since then. "And I'm in here just about every day," he says. Pretty soon, we're both gabbing with his buddy Habtamu, the owner. And a lady named Mamit, Habtamu's partner. "Is this the same food I'd have if I was in Ethiopia?" I ask. "Absolutely," says Habtamu. "We have maybe 5000 Ethiopians living in San Diego," says Mamit. "They would tell us if we were doing it wrong."

Gotta catch the bus. But I make a plan. Carla loves samosas. I'll bring her for a sambusa breakfast. Dollar a pop, how can you lose?

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Sweet Bacon Fat on Bones

"The whole purpose of oak is not just to get oak flavor, but to do micro-oxygenation."

uring my wedding reception (a little over six years ago), one of my guests sidled up to me and offered his congratulations — on my choice of white wine. I had bought several cases of Gundlach-Bundschu

Chardonnay at Trader Joe's (along with a mess of Rutherford Hill Merlot and a deeply low-end French sparkler), loaded the cases into the back of my car, and driven east to Kansas City, there to get hitched and have a party afterward. I had tried the Gundlach-Bundschu Chardon-

nay before buying (the Merlot I bought because I wanted a crowd-pleaser) and found it pleasant enough for social drinking. My impressed guest, I soon discovered, was not so much delighted by what the wine possessed as by what it lacked — oak.

The wine, he told me, had been kept in stainless steel from the moment it left the crusher until the day it was bottled — no barrel had ever mingled with its being. This was the mid-'90s, and the trend in California Chardonnay seemed to be toward using wine as a vehicle for wood — flavors of sweet vanilla and butter riding atop alcohol and a suggestion of fruit. Gundlach-Bundschu bucked the trend, delivering a more acidic wine that actually tasted of Chardonnay.

Today, that trend has cooled somewhat, but oak barrels still remain the container of choice when it comes to aging wine prior to bottling. According to Carol Shelton, a former member of the California Enological Research Association's Barrel Committee and a veteran winemaker now producing wines under her own label, "The whole purpose of oak is not just to get oak fla-



vor, but to do micro-oxygenation." Shelton is saying that when a wine is aged in barrel, minute amounts of oxygen are able to get at the newly fermented wine, oxygen that, among other things, aids in the agglomeration of tannin molecules.

This reduces a wine's astringency, since longer tannin chains do not rake the palate in the same way as short tannins.

Some oxygen gets into the barrel when the wine is topped off—that is, when the bung is removed and wine that has evaporated is replaced. But ap-

parently the barrel keeps breathing even when its mouth is closed: some oxygenation continues when the barrels are turned bung-side down. Notes Shelton, "You can't do that in any other format than a small oak barrel," small because you need a close surface-area/wine-volume ratio to allow the oxygenation to happen.

At least, vou can't do it naturally. Mechanical micro-oxygenation, though uncommon, does exist. However, it is usually used to treat wines prior to barrel aging, because there is still that matter of flavor. Too much new oak or the wrong kind of oak may, as Shelton puts it, "clobber the fruit," but wineries don't pay up to \$600 for a new French oak barrel just because that's the way it was done in the old days. The company World Cooperage has even gone so far as to work up an Oak Aroma Wheel, a system of description and classification modeled after the Wine Aroma Wheel developed at UC Davis. An example: under the class of flavors contributed by the toasting of the oak (as opposed to those provided by the oak itself), one may find the category Smoky, a group that includes such aromas as barbecue, grilled meat, bacon, and sweet smoke. World Cooperage invites folks to submit additional descriptors, promising that "the list is endless."

At the Cucamonga Zinfandel tasting I attended with Shelton recently, one wine started out smelling powerfully of sweet bacon fat - a wonderful smell, but one that obscured most of the wine's other characteristics. Shelton was concerned but admitted that she has an unusual sensitivity to smoke. During her tenure on the Barrel Committee, she and her associates "tried for three or four years to create reference standards for the things that are in barrels. We wanted you to be able to go to your cupboard, get the butter extract out, add it to your neutral jug Chablis, and create something that smells

like butter." Once such a standard existed, "We would all be on the same page — we could all smell the same thing and smell butter. Then you could use that at a barrel trial," sniffing the wine in barrel and comparing it to the smell of the butter sample. "When we tried to create 'Smoky,' we had all kinds of trouble. I would be gagging on the smoke, and other people were asking, 'What smoke?'"

Shelton also describes the way oak can influence a wine's texture. "You can say, 'Well, this wine is kind of bony; it needs a little fattening up. Let's add some American oak to make it fatter.' If you put a wine in your mouth and all you get is sharp, pointy acids, and alcohol and tannins sticking out, that makes the wine seem lean. That's what bony is, and you want to add some flesh to those bones. You want something to take the edges off. Voluptuous curves are very much appreciated in a wine. Oak adds 'middle' more than anything — you're talking about a hollow spot in the middle of a wine that



Oak Aroma Wheel

you want to stuff. It's a sensation of fullness and richness, a filling in of the gaps."

Why American oak? "One of the things the [American oak] barrel is probably adding is oak sugars. They're not making the wine literally sweet, because they're not fermentable, but they are complex sugars that have kind of a sweet impression. Also, perhaps, some glycerol-based compounds that add some viscosity - but that's a guess. [The Oxford Companion to Wine mentions the presence of terpenes, essential oils that are more abundant in American than French oak.] And there's more vanillin, which seems to give you a sweeter impression as well." And while oak-enabled oxygenation tends to soften tannin, the barrel contributes tannins of its own, tannins that vary from oak to oak. "Some of the French tannins don't have the cloaking effect, the robing effect that helps your mouth take them better. I think French oak comes across as just pure tannin of a different type - it tends to be a little more bristly."



RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

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 carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Blvd., 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 vou can take vour 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 Moun-tain 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 restau-rants —namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locales. 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 prepa-ration 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)

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shop-ping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-youcan-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.

IOE'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 ambiance (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. 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 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740 (plus locations in Poway, Encinitas, and Vista). Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a footwide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinna-mon 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,







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which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere un-der 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), Na-tional 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 cleave 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 etouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. -N.W. (2/02) ROCKIN' BAIA 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 frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, sup-port 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, mar-inated chicken, grilled *carne asada*, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tor-tillas, 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 seven days. Friday happy hour free buffet 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 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)*

SAMMY'S WOODFIRED PIZZA You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and din-ner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 858-456-5222. Inexpensive. — E.W.

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, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Pun*jabi*) 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. Ask owner Kulbir about his 14-year-old yogurt culture and its health benefits. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*



BESTA WAN PIZZA HOUSE 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

BISTRO SOLEIL 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. Most French food in Encinitas is of the weighty cream-and-*demi-glace* tradi-tional genre. Soleil offers an alternative with a seasonal menu of light, herbal Provençal specialties. The emphasis is on seafood, and on olive products instead of dairy. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

BUBBY'S GELATO 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingre dients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an everchanging array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinna mon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

CALIFORNIA BISTRO Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. On Wednesday night, an all-you-can-eat French buffet is available for \$25 (beverage not included), half price for kids. It's more California cuisine than French, but there's lots of fresh food and the beautiful luxurious room car-ries the evening. 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.; please make reservations. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)

THE ENCINITAS CAFE 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to closing, with egg dishes, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast, sandwiches and salads for lunch, and American entrées for dinner. Fast, excellent service. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. - E.W.

J. TAYLOR'S L'Auberge Del Mar Hotel, 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-259-1515. Excellent value, good service, relaxing atmosphere. "Small plates" dinner offers well-prepared bargain-priced five-course meal at moderate cost. Otherwise expensive – E.W. (6/00)

JUANITA'S TACO SHOP ESTILO **TEPATITLAN** 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

KEALANI'S 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exte-rior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the side-walk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding "Kailua pig," zesty, smoky shreds of Imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu cov-ers the whole panoply of island standards, from malasadas (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sush), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "lo-cal food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (10/01)

LA BONNE BOUFFE Town and Country Shopping Center, 471 Encini-tas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-436-3081. Boeuf Bourguignon, rack of lamb, frog legs (when available), duck in peppercorn sauce, and Dover sole in lemon-butter sauce are the staples of this French provincial restau-rant. Dinners are à la carte. Charming room and sensitive wine list. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Reservations for weekend dinners advised. Moderate

to expensive. - E.W.

LA ESPECIAL NORTE 604 North LA ESPECIAL NORTE 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit road-house sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cay-man) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.~(5/02)

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an oftenchanging menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom cap*pucini* soup, and *tarte tatin*. Serene atomsphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly Lunch Wednesday through Friday Dinners expensive. -E.W.

PAUL'S PLACE 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

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 coarseground, 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 sfogiliatelle, a light, moist, faintly lemony multi-lay-ered breakfast pastry. The eat-in/takeout menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and deli sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (5/02)

SAKURA BANA 1031 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the most friendly 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 neigh-bors 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 skele-ton 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)



NEW YUKA NEW YORK State State ''... a wonderful find and an impressive value.'' ... 3.D. Home/Garden Magazine Narch 2002 New Far City Steakhouse (Topical Patio is now open.) Dinner Nightly 2137 Pacific Hwy (Little Italy by the Bay) 619-232-9303 FREE PARKING **SAMURAI JAPANESE RESTAU-RANT** 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar," as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

ST. TROPEZ 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love "continental breakfast," this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace croque monsieur and croque madame (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled volau-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a pan bagnat (salade niçoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled panini. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

TIP TOP MEATS 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences, so generous portions are second nature. And weekends after 4:00 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TOM GIBLIN'S IRISH PUB 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234, www.tomgiblins.com. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, blocklong Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/02)

TRATTORIA POSITANO (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA) 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, 16 pastas; won-derful fresh fish, nightly specials; excellent lamb. Very loving management A treasure. Same menu lunch and din-ner. Call for hours and directions. Moderate to expensive. - E.W. (6/98) VIGILUCCI'S 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accu-rate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning: That's Italian. The pastas are luscious — try the comforting cannel-loni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing — and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Additional

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(smaller) branches in Carlsbad and Solana Beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (10/01)

WHEN IN ROME 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations of chicken, fish, and meat. Gorgeous presentation; loving service. A winner. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

ASHOKA THE GREAT 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food firstrate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-caneat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - E.W.

CHIEU-ANH VIETNAMESE CUI-SINE 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chiêu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL GALEON 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffeeshop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are welltreated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albóndigas* soup (lime it up, too.) Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W.* (5/01)

EL TAOUITO MARISCOS 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get break fast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates, or create your own assortment of Baja-style minitacos (of *asado, cabeza, pastor, carnitas*, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering gargantuan cocktails, soups, salads, antojitos, and hot and cold plat-ters featuring shrimp, langostinos, tilapia, snapper, crab, etc. They're beautifully seasoned, if a tad overcooked. Try the lively levanta muerta ("raise the dead") seafood soup and rise again. Open daily, breakfast until late. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to erate (seafood). - N.W. (5/01) THE FIRESIDE 439 West Washington

THE FIRESIDE 439 West Washington Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining rooms is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French-Continental — think duck *à l'orange*, tournedos Rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. All steaks and prime rib are USDA Choice or better, dry-aged for maximum flavor, cooked to your preference. You can taste the difference. Sometimes an octogenarian pianist tinkles out old show tunes. Isn't it romantic? It is. Dinners nightly, with bargain-priced weeknight twilight dinners, champagne brunch Sundays. Moderate. -N.W. (5/01)

THE FRENCH MARKET GRILLE 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway at Pomerado Road, Ralphs Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Don't miss this small but chic French restaurant. The chef/co-owner, originally from Brittany, produces superb nouvelle cuisine, with a menu of fresh dishes changing seasonally. Breakfast served Sunday; lunch and dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Expensive. — *E.W.*

GOLDEN EGG OMELET HOUSE 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasurehouse is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knicknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. N.W. (5/01)

LUNGREN BROTHER'S PIZZA AND KARAOKE 29,000 Lilac Road, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 760-749-2346. This way-out-in-thetulies Italian restaurant is a great place to sing karaoke because 1) nobody knows you and 2) this is country. Just suck up your spaghetti and relax with the locals. Check out the Bay of Naples *trompe l'oeil*, which owner Bob painted from a picture on a place mat. It's all so cozy you don't care that this restaurant was once the cooler room of a turkey farm. The combo of spaghetti with eggplant parmigiana (around \$6) is excellent, generous, and includes garlic bread and soup or salad. Wash it down with the house's gutsy red wine. Other specialties include meatball sandwiches, lasagna with spaghetti, and mini pizzas. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

VALENTINO'S 11828 Rancho Bernardo Road, New Mercado, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-3200. Located in a shopping center that will remind you of Beverly Hills, Valentino's has a lovely interior, good salads and pastas, and fine entrées which include chicken Vesuvio and homemade cannelloni. A separate room holds a pizzeria. Lunch, Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

ALFONSO'S OF LA JOLLA 1251 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-2232. Both the patio and the dining room are lively, crowded, noisy, and festive. The house specialty is *carne asada*, and the quesadilla Mercedes (shrimp over a quesadilla) is outstanding. Extensive menu offers combination plates, *chiles rellenos, sopes*, and *flautas*. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

COME ON IN! 1030 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Delightful 30-seat restaurant in mini-mall serves excellent Euro-bistro food. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The dinners are best bets with first-rate soups, pasta dishes, fresh fish. Try the daily fresh fish or gnocchi in Bolognese sauce. Or select nightly soup plus salad. Open all day Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W. (1/00)

CUVEE 5656 La Jolla Boulevard (at Bird Rock Avenue), La Jolla, 858-551-4090, *www.cuveerestaurant.com*. Seasonal but rather underseasoned California-Mediterranean cuisine designed to accompany an interesting wine list priced at low retail plus \$8 "corkage" per bottle; same corkage for BYO. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. Dining rooms are pleasant, but quite noisy. Reservations urged; a few tables on heated garden patio are available to drop-ins. Small parking lot in alley behind restaurant. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/02)

HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. This landmark coffee shop is noted for its breakfasts, served from opening to closing. The buttermilk pancakes, varieties of waffles made from scratch, and egg combinations are all generous and well prepared. One of the few places where you can still get hot oatmeal or cream of wheat, Harry's also serves freshly squeezed orange juice and entire carafes of freshly ground Kona coffee, as well as specialty coffee drinks. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

INDIA PALACE 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Von's), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133, www.diningsandiego.com/cyber67.htm. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curva cious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea-bass (and a rich, slightly-sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan ko-rma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns karahi, lamb pasanda, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango kulfi (Indian ice milk). Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Service is competent and cordial. Din-ners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. -*N.W.* (6/01)

LA TERRAZZA 8008 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-9750. This pleasant Italian café provides a loving and festive atmosphere. The pastas are delightful and so are the salads. A good place for casual dining. Same menu lunch and dinner except for nightly specials. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

MANHATTAN OF LA JOLLA Empress Hotel, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-0700. If you're searching for a restaurant that provides a sense of gaiety as well as good New York-style Italian food, then try Manhattan of La Jolla. Of the many tantalizing à la carte dishes, some of the best are rack of lamb, superb steaks, and "Seafood Mediterranean." Cannelloni is the best in San Diego. Very New York atmosphere. Lunch and dinner daily. Reserve for weekend dinners. Expensive. — *E.W.*

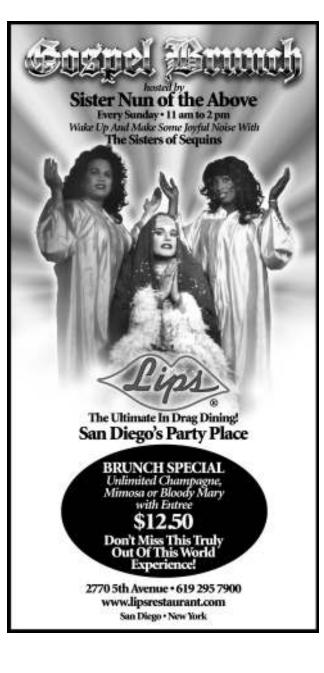
OCEAN KITCHEN 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

SHABU SHABU JIN SANG 7614 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-4545. Shabu shabu is a style of Japanese cuisine in which the ingredients are cooked in boiling water and then dipped into sauces. The liquid becomes a soup, which you drink last. This gorgeous restaurant offers an excellent selection of shabu shabu entrées, electric cookers, patient servers, and an exotic appetizer list. Food is low calorie, low fat. Portions small, but aesthetic. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. At least 21 items, most of







them fresh seafood and fish plus New York cut beef and chicken. Price is \$28.95, \$10.95 for children. Add \$10.00 for one and a quarter pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive. — E.W. (6/99)

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 prepara-tions. 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 everpresent 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 Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (8/01) THE BEST LITTLE RIB HOUSE 4706 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (Di-ane/Ross Center), Clairemont, 858-581-9444. It's small, modest, and lost in a meandering mall, but this lit-tle rib house delivers on taste. You get nine basic rib choices of chicken, beef ribs, pork ribs, or different combos. They also do pulled meat, taken off the bone, on the plate or in sandwiches. First time, take the number 7 sampler: beef rib, pork rib, and chicken, along with cornbread and two sides such as wedge country fries or macaroni salad. The standout is the pork. Some cus-tomers swear by Good-Time Charlie's sauce — a BBQ elixir that Gail's pappy Charlie Coyle perfected 65 years ago. The chipotle, molasses, and mustard seeds will kick your taste buds awake. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

BOLSA VIETNAMESE CUISINE **RESTAURANT** 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Suite 118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Try this fine Vietnamese café with an enormous menu. Espe cially jolly weekends. Open daily for three meals with continuous service, same menu. Inexpensive. — E.W.

HUNGRY STICK 4664 Clairemont Boulevard, Clairemont, Mesa Mesa Boulevaru, Gancinon, 619-272-1412. "Life's too short to drink cheap beer," says the sign. They must mean it. At Happy Hour (weekdays 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.), a 24-ounce glass of Guinness is as cheap as a Bud. Which is nice because it goes great with this pool bar's greatest hit: "San Diego's Fa-mous 1/2-lb. Steerburger." The burger bun is crisp, the big slab of meat's crunchy-grilled, and the tomato, let tuce and raw onion are fresh. The small menu also includes chicken breast on a bun, patty melt, and hot wings. They boast 24 beers on tap, and, of course dozens of giant-screen sports TVs. Open seven days, until late. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

LORNA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN 3945 Governor Drive, Vons shopping center, University City, 619-452-0661, Twenty pasta dishes are prepared here, all from scratch, as well as hot sandwiches and pizza. Fine place for families. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appe-tizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

PAMPAS ARGENTINE GRILL 8690 Aero Drive at Montgomery Field, 858-278-5971. Argentine favorites, steaks, parrillada or mixed grill, empanadas, Italian-style Argentine items, fish, and chicken provide a wide range of choices. Lively atmosphere and good service. Since the grill is very hot, order all items cooked medium or rare, else the beef, listed as organic without hormones or pesticides, arrives over-cooked. Closed Sunday. Open lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (8/00)

SEOUL B.B.O. 4344 Convoy Street. Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Ko-rean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accom-panying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous, go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. -M.N. (12/99)

TOFU HOUSE 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-576-6433. Also at 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-4406. This stylish little pair of eateries is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the soontofu soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom), with raw egg drop you drop yourself, and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food - Tofu House erves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. – M.N. (2/99)

THE BEACHES

CHATEAU ORLEANS 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744, www.chateauor leans.com. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The

lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes - honest crabcakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly ad-vised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. -N.W. (2/02)

CHINA INN 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand streets), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. At least 118 items appear on the menu, which offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties and includes sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. Simple setting; outstanding food. The dinner is always preferable when Andy Kam, the chef/owner, is there. Ask his advice about dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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. -EW

THE FISHERY 5040 Cass Street, Pa-cific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish market, half casual fish menu, it offers fine fish and chips, salads, and fish sandwiches. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

FRENCH GOURMET 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. E.W.

FRONTEIRA BRAZILIAN BBQ 3778 Ingraham (at La Playa), Pacific Beach, 858-581-0200. Live large at this pleasantly plain-looking Brazilian rodizio, addressing a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, even shrimp. (Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade.) The gargantuan spread also includes a U-shaped buffet with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as beef with okra or oxtails with plantains, with exotic but oddly homey flavors. There's always a potful of feiioada, the national dish - slowcooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce from the ledge above the salad buffet). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Arrive relatively early for dinner (some buffet items run out by 8 p.m.). Call for week-end reservations or to request a vege-tarian meal. Open daily. Low moderate, a steal for the quantity and quality. -N.W. (8/01)

KARINYA THAI RESTAURANT 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. The impressive menu boasts 80 items, of which 21 are appetizers. There's also a room with floor

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LOTSA PASTA 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. This family Italian American restaurant seats 160 people. It offers a menu where you can select your own pasta and your own sauces (12 pastas, 18 sauces). Best bets: dinner specialties with dinner salad \$8.95. Only restaurant to offer *timpano* (from the movie *Big Night*). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

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Jose Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surround-ings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

RANCHOS COCINA 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all loca-tions of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: Zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak - in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even,

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an antoiito stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample some-thing with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try any thing else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. -N.W. (6/01)

MIDWAY, **OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY**

BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of littleknown cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu 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 Berta'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-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. -N.W. (4/01)

BLUE FIN GRILL 3770 Hancock Street (near Kurtz), Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. This blue and white cinder-block place hides out near the parking lot of the Sports Arena. It's crowded on Swap Meet weekends, peaceful during the week. The inside is cheery blue, white, and woody, with a huge stuffed marlin on the wall. Try breakfast specials like hamburger steak with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or nice light buttermilk hotcakes, two sausage links, and an egg. But the big draw is fresh Icelandic cod. You'll see the crew filleting the fish every morning for their lunchtime special: fish and chips with salad. Grandma, who started the Blue Fin over 30 years ago, created the "secret" way of cooking them. Breakfast and lunch only, closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

CAFE PACIFICA 2414 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-6666. Superior standards always prevail here. The cooking is clean to the palate and bursting with freshness. For appetizers: Dungeness crab cakes or mussels steamed in chardonnay. For entrées, daily fresh fish, lamb chops, pasta. Ev-erything is memorable. Not to be missed. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HORSE AND COW BAR AND GRILL 2734 Lytton Street, Loma Portal, 619-224-6409. This hard-to-spot place "runs deep," like the customers it serves — submariners. Here is where the "Silent Service" lets off steam — noisily. The H&C has probably the world's greatest collection of submarine memorabilia. Subs' banners, bells, lighters, even the deepest flush toilet in the world (it belonged to the USS *Dol-phin*). The sub-like interior is dark, with walls painted camouflage blueblack. Snacks include mozzarella sticks, fried mushrooms, onion rings, chicken nuggets, and wings. If you're hungry, the flop-over-the-edge steaks and burgers with fries are generous. Not that it matters. What you're really digesting is the atmosphere. Open daily. Inex-pensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

MARDI GRAS CAFE 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun tasso (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and craw-fish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. N.W. (2/01)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson (corner of Arnele), El Ca-jon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but stan-dard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive. Sopaipillas, a deepfried confection served with honey, are omplimentary with meal. Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. - E.W.

CHARLEY'S FAMOUS HAMBURG-ERS 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)

GRINGO'S BREW HOUSE 40601 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-4030. The signs outside read "Americanowned" and "Check guns at the regis-ter." We're out in border-country here, folks. But just ask for Elizabeth, a spunky black-haired Italian-American, who explains that the signs are "a joke for the Border Patrol." For dinner, try for the Border Patrol. For dinner, try the house-rolled ravioli or lasagna. At breakfast, play "stuff-your-own omelet" with onions, peppers, toma-toes, mushrooms, ham, sausage, bacon, or cheese. Pool tables and a smoking room add to the rustic charm. You can now camp overnight in their yard, or park your RV. Inexpensive, open daily – E.B. (10/00)

JIMMY'S 9635 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of San-tee. Thank goodness for this familyfriendly restaurant with good old-fash-

ioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hot cakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Or later in the day, the New York strip and sirloin steaks with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with sultanas and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00) LA MESA OCEAN GRILLE AND SEAFOOD MARKET 5465 Lake Mur-ray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot is really three restaurants in one. One is a basic fish house with encyclopedic fish posters and paper placemats, serving seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, blackened, etc.). Another is an old-style seafood restaurant, with lace curtains, tablecloths, and some richer fish dishes (e.g., with hol-landaise). The third is a slightly hip Italian eatery with a charcoal-gray track-lit ceiling and black-background fish upholstery, serving standards (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.) plus nightly specials. Fish here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are oc-casional missteps — too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat — cool, refreshing and slightly tart. Baked Maryland-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. Moderate. — *A.M. (5/01)*

MARIO'S DE LA MESA 8425 La Mesa Boulevard, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a

smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne* asada; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is stud-ded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

PEARLS OF THE SEA Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. In a quiet refuge from the bustle of the casino, you'll find refined Hong Kong versions of Chinese classics, skillfully prepared in the light Cantonese style. The menu ranges from low-priced noodle bowls (including a dynamite Cantonese take on Filipino *pansit*) up to live Maine lobster and excellent Peking Duck served with beau-tiful little Mandarin buns. The rear of the restaurant boasts live tanks, and if you love good seafood, do step back to choose your fish, which can be sensitively steamed, pan-fried, or deep-fried — your option. (BTW, a whole fish to feed a tableful runs less than a skimpy fillet at any fancy restaurant.) Since most gamblers want to gobble and run, tell the server immediately if you want your meal served in leisurely courses (as the food deserves). No alcohol. Reserve for weekends or large groups. Inexpensive, with a few large dishes and specialties at moderate prices. — *N.W. (6/01)*

PHO HOACALI 4126 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-2620. This place isn't glamorous, but there's an ease about it I like. And the kitchen is dependable, *consistently* good. Try their complex, clean-tasting chicken noodle soup or the light, intricate bungio, a bowl of rice noodles and spring rolls with spicy dipping sauce. The chicken in lemon grass with hot pepper is also particularly good. Their menu lists 24 beverages, which are simple, but art-fully made. I'm partial to their limeade. Pho Hoacali is a lesson in how the plainest ingredients, intelligently balanced, can produce something unfor-gettable. — *M.N. (6/99)*

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POTRERO'S CAFE 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2694. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes or the famous mushroom and onions hamburger with baked beans. Great family country drive destination. Open for breakfast and lunch. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT 6366 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Open Saturday from one hour after sunset to 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon-8:30 p.m.; closed Fridays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

SUNNY GARDEN CUISINE OF CHINA 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the Mu-Shu treatment —

mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. Yu-Hsiang (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly non sweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02) THE WAYSIDE CAFE 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly be-cause it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Serv-ice Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inex-pensive. — E.B. (12/01)

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 - it's a house secret, one the roe) restaurant dangles before vou 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 creamycrunchy 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 Spe-cial 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. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese en-trées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

VALLEY HOUSE RESTAURANT 10767 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plainspeaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded port tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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ANTIQUE ROW CAFE 3002 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate with skins-on breakfast potatoes doing the in-filling. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. And conversation? The fun's in the buzz you overhear from antique dealers in nearby booths. Seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

BALE'S CAFE 3926 30th Street, North Park, 619-293-0772. This bare-bones café offers some of the best Vietnamese-Chinese and American food prices in San Diego County. Owner Mr. Pham and his family are trying a formula that has worked in the Vietnamese community in Santa Ana, offering meals as low as \$1.99. Try the steak and egg breakfast with hash browns or toast. Or BBQ pork chop, egg, and shredded pork with rice. Mr. Pham knows what Americans like before the fall of Saigon he supplied food to the U.S. military there, so you can trust his good, basic burgers. Also good: spicy lemon grass chicken, half a fried Cornish hen with fried rice, or *kung pao* shrimp, *pho tai* (rice noodle beef soup), curry chicken or *chow fun* (thick noodles, beef, shrimp, chicken, with black mushrooms). Decor is sparse, but at these prices, who's complaining? Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

MAMA'S BAKERY AND LEBANESE DELI 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajj*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/99)

OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street, North Park, 619-294-3804. The bestkept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/00)

TRIEU CHAU RESTAURANT 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodi ans come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*koitiow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

VESUVIO GOURMET 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.* THE ABBEY CAFE 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311, *www.theabbeycafe.com.* Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the mustvisit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pew, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the allday breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches i fi you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna New Orleans style (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (12/01)

UPTOWN

BERTRAND AT MISTER A'S 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377, *www.bertrandatmisteras.com*. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Fabrice Poigin's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive, but not bank-breaking. — *N.W. (12/01)*

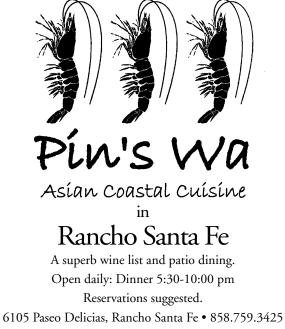
CAFE ON PARK 3831 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoonand-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, ex-

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posed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and over-flowing with fodder. Breakfast scram-bles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown — luscious marinated sautéed ovsters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Seven days. Expect a line on weekends. — E.B. (10/01)

CALIFORNIA CUISINE 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This Hillcrest restaurant Hillcrest, has been around forever, has a durable reputation and an established clientele. Perhaps the flawless waitstaff working their sleek, calm dining room is the rea-son why. The menu is sensible, but the preparations uneven. The appetizers are interesting, but don't live up to their promise. It is California Cuisine's classic entrées that endure despite their menu's excessive range. I recommend the New York steak or lamb loin, accompanied by one of their clever salads. If you appreciate life's finer things, California Cuisine is a place for a good meal. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (5/99)*

EL INDIO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole,

machaca, chile rellenos), Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the carnitas verdes, the beef in the enchiladas. The carne asada sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heav enly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

THE GATHERING 902 West Wash ington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for sur-prises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who enjoys enter-taining his diners. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable and the oblong bar at the center of the room seems straight out of *Cheers*. For Sunday brunch, it's a toss-up between the "Mission Hills Omelet" (snow crab sautéed in butter, sherry, and tarragon, with dilled-hollandaise sauce) and the 'Goldfinch Omelet" (Canadian bacon with sautéed mushrooms, onions, and hollandaise sauce). Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

HAMBURGER MARY'S 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the palapa bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mu-ral comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but ev-erybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles, like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)* HOB NOB HILL 2271 First Avenue

Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter

Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, espe-cially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. Dinners (slightly more expensive) are also generous. Try chilled gazpacho, then pork chops, baked potatoes, and a dessert of mince pie with mock brandy topping, all part of the deal. Also good: Sunday's roast leg of lamb. Open seven days. In-expensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (10/01) IOE'S GRILL 3537 Fifth Avenue (inside Nunu's Cocktail Lounge), uptown, 619-295-2878. Nunu's is a bar with a history. It has always been a tuna fish-ermen's hangout. You still hear Italian and Portuguese in the mornings. But evenings, the neighborhood shows up, along with chefs and maitre d's from the Gaslamp, and the theater crowd — directors, actors, disciples. Most end up going to the hole in the back where Joe serves up his solid, no-nonsense nosh, from meat loaf to his half-pound mushroom-and-bacon cheeseburger to his much-loved pot roast. You won't leave hungry— unless you're timid. You have to shout good and loud through that cubbyhole. Joe's got a lot of noise back there. Inexpensive. -E.B. (9/01)

KEMO SABE 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802, www.kemosabesandiego.com. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou deco-rating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chilpotle cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature Śkirts Ón Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a pi-

cante marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

ONO SUSHI AND PACIFIC SPICE 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excel-lent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (11/98)

PARALLEL 33 741 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — the 33rd parallel. This new ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for their shrewd, thoughtful cre-ativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the mango and ahi appetizer, one of the best I've ever eaten. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or steak strips over mashed potato and caramelized onion show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, thinks with her mouth. M.N. (10/99)

SASSAFRAS 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-4745. This restau-rant claims to serve "Continental Americaine" (whatever that is), but chef-owner Andre Bellard is a son of Lafayette, Louisiana, and knows his Cajun flavors inside out when he chooses to showcase them. The Acadian seafood gumbo, which includes spicy house-made andouille sausage, is one of the best in any town; oysters Bienville resemble the better-known oysters Rockefeller, but Bellard miraculously manages to barely warm the bivalves while he bakes the lush spinach top-ping. Several other appetizers are cre-ative flights on traditional Creole ingredients, and on Wednesday nights, there's an exuberant crawfish feast on the enclosed patio, with mudbugs

shipped live from Louisiana cooked with andouille and corn in a tasty house-made "boil." Alas, the regular entrées are rather simple and not nearly so scintillating. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. High-moderate. -N.W. (2/02)

SAVOR 3687 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-3663, *www.savoronfifth.com*. This cute, converted cottage offers seasonal comfort food with a Mediterranean accent, including an excellent revisionist bouillabaisse (saucy rather than soupy). Seafoods are delivered fresh daily (except Sundays) and are well-treated by this kitchen. Meat dishes, if sometimes over-simple in preparation, arrive in huge portions Weekend brunches on the front patio overlooking the street are wildly popular with the local crowd. Dining room has tight-packed tables and an open kitchen, and can be very noisy. Wheelchair lift to left of staircase. Open for lunch weekdays, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Expensive. N.W. (2/02)

TRATTORIA POSITANO 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. Sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty Italian food but also for loving atmos-phere. Sixteen pasta dishes; many salads and entrées. A treat. Try seabass, salmon, any pasta. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. - E.W. (5/99) THE VEGETARIAN ZONE 2949 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-7302. The V-Zone's motto is "in harmony with the earth." So, sorry — no meat, no bleached white flour, white or brown sugar, or iceberg lettuce. On the other hand, you can be sure what you do eat is "free from chemical preservatives or dyes." Spinach mushroom lasagna and sesame mock chicken are surprise! — great. Even desserts can be yummy, including a three-layer carrot cake and a cocomint pudding. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

DOWNTOWN

12TH & BROADWAY RESTAU-**RANT** (The sign says only "Restaurant".) Corner of 12th and Broadway, 619-232-5998. At these still-scuzzy crossroads, this place shines. Red, white, and clean. The walls are white, the seats are red, and the long U-shaped counter is vast and could seat a platoon. Tiny Teresa Gonzalez has been running the place for forty years and featuring the Breakfast Special (two large eggs, two sausage links, hash browns, toast and jelly) for twenty of those. She's 77, but she keeps this great old-style all-counter eatery going, often single-handed. Try her Spanish omelet, generous cheeseburger, or burrito plate. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

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 nearfishless branch of a restaurant in Flo-rence 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 tast-ing of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice - and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tast-ings" of salads, cheeses and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. -N.W.(8/01)

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 10:00 p.m. Friday and Sat-







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BANDAR FINE PERSIAN CUISINE 825 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-238-0101. The best Persian food in the city is prepared here. It's sensuous, low fat, and a blessing to the sight as well as the palate. Try stuffed grape leaves, yogurt, eggplant, charbroiled filet mignon, lamb, or chicken. Order all three kinds of rice. Enchanting interior, wonderful service. Not to be missed. Open daily, same menu lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W.

BAY CAFE 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bay view terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, breakfast to pre-dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (8/01)

BAYOU BAR AND GRILL 329 Market Street (at Third Street), Gaslamp Dis-trict, 619-696-8747. Bayou has the most expansive (and expensive) Louisiana-style menu in the Gaslamp. Their best dishes are terrific — for instance, their red beans and rice (the washday treat) is the area's sole authentic version, meaty and with a rich, deep heat. Eggplant dishes shine, too, as do seafood pastas and a huge pork chop with dressing. Alas, though, too many dishes are faux-Paul Prud-homme, with incoherent spicing and, at times, too much cayenne added too late in the cooking to cozy up to other flavors. Desserts are frankly, fabulously revisionist, including pecan pie and bread pudding half as heavy and twice

and good as their Creole models. Reservations advisable. Moderate to expensive. -N.W. (3/01)

BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue Gaslamp District, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Family-style, southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is sim-ple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud ambiance is childand teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not for gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W. (6/00)

CANDELAS 416 Third Avenue Gaslamp District, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here: Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in "*la nueva cocina Mexicana*," a luxurious, inventive up-date of traditional Mexican fare, combining French techniques and Latin in-gredients into a sophisticated new cuisine that you've never tasted before but will want to taste again. In a ro-mantic Spanish-style dining room with extremely gracious service, you'll find a menu that emphasizes seafood, including jumbo prawns flamed with three tequilas, sea bass with *huitlacoche* ("corn fungus," but think of it as a mushroom), and a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Meatlovers will also enjoy several dishes, including a thick veal chop with a rose-mary-spiked update of traditional *mole* sauce. Reservations advised, slightly dressy. Expensive. — *N.W.* (11/00)

DOBSON'S 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This rep-utable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, of-ten very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/98)

DUBLIN SQUARE 554 Fourth Ave Gaslamp, 619-239-5818, nue,

www.dublinsauarepub.com. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exte-rior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has au thentically 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, re-sembling 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)

EDGEWATER GRILL 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581, www.edgewatergrill.com. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered - like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner, entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

sandwiches - into a really sexy feast. Lots of kalamata olives, feta cheese,

mozzarella, ham, and tomatoes. Try mozzarella, nam, and tomatoes. Iry "The Moroccan" with grilled eggplant, zucchini, roasted red peppers, raisins, spicy garlic chili oil, and mixed greens. Or "The Spanish" with grilled chicken, manchego cheese, sliced olives, mixed greens, and aïoli. The breakfast menu includes two-egg panini with grilled zucchini, marinated peppers, feta cheese, and orange slices. A must-have: French pressed coffee, a two-cup glass pot with a steel plunger. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Belly dancing, first Saturday of the month. — E.B. (5/02)GRAND CENTRAL CAFE YMCA, 500

West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who'd expect the "Y" to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast/lunch weekdays, breakfast only weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

GREYSTONE 658 Fifth Avenue (G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225, www.greystonethesteakhouse.com. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (in-cluding exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the strato-sphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-ac-count pockets, loudly talking business

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testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. -N.W. (12/01)

HARBOR HOUSE 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. -E.W.

JUKE JOINT CAFE 327 Fourth Avenue (across from Cost Plus), Gaslamp District, 619-323-7685, www.jukejoint cafe.com. This is the closest we've got to a good, funky jazz club in New Orleans Uptown neighborhood (but the Gaslamp is lots safer). They call their cooking "West Coast Soul Food," but it's still mighty South Coast, too, in-cluding a just-about perfect filé gumbo, thick and rich, flavored with genuine Louisiana sausage. Good jambalaya, fried foods (try fried pickles and gizzards for a down-home treat), huge steaks, and live music for a hip crowd make this a tasty scene. Full bar. Reservations strongly advised. No cover charge with dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/01)

LA CASITA 1247 C Street (corner of 13th and C), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue and white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politi-cians come here to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. In the cozy Mexi-

can-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas, or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). *E.B.* (11/00)

LEE'S CAFE 738 Fifth Avenue Gaslamp District, 619-239-1621. This beautiful place is a thorn between two roses. Located mid-Gaslamp with lux-ury Euro-*ristorantes* on either side heh heh - here a big plate of baked chicken, or chicken-fried steak, or baked ham, with gravy, potatoes, veggies, rice, salad, bread and butter — and macaroni and egg flower soup go for almost nothing. Breakfast is a bargain too, offering sausages, eggs, hash browns, and all the coffee you want. "Uncle Lee started 40 years ago," says Lily, who runs it. God bless Uncle Lee. Open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

NAPA VALLEY GRILLE 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp District, 619-238-5440 This new restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals, and the food is very, very good. I sug-gest the calamari plate, and the rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork are both moist and delicious. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheese-cake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experi-ence. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

OSTERIA PANEVINO 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and

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GARGOYLE GALLERY & CAFE 1845 or enjoying raucous office parties in a India Street (at Fir), 619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there's nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows. exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit courtyard all combine to turn a meal here — even though it's mostly modest panini ("small bread")





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REDFISH 731 Fifth Avenue (at G), Gaslamp District, 619-234-7226, www.redfishamerica.com/sandiego.html . At this sprawling New Orleans-style restaurant/nightclub (one of a small national chain), the varied music play-ing over the speakers before showtime is consistently tasty. Alas, one can't say the same for the cooking, so order with care. Best dishes include a rich, smoky crawfish etouffée, interesting okra gumbo, and mainly-decent salads and appetizers. But authenticity and taste blazes in a tomatoey jambalaya with go blazes in a tomatocy jamoura, a the flavor of bottled spaghetti sauce, and in several dishes (BBQ shrimp, dirty rice, etc.) so fiercely spicy, the kitchen might be catering a frat hazing. Smartly (given this impetus to chug-alug), they make their tasty Hurricane cocktails a little weak. Moderate, plus evening cover charge. — N.W. (3/01)

SALLY'S RESTAURANT One Market Place, rear of Hyatt Regency Hotel, Gaslamp District, 619-687-6080. You'll get great fish here as well as free-range chicken, lobster, and beef. Try Arctic char, loin of tuna, swordfish. Side dishes tend to be elaborate. Dinners for 6 to 12 served at chef's table in the kitchen. Open daily. Expensive. — EW

SICILIAN VILLAGE DELI 895 Fourth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp District, 619-234-4002. This was located in the Farmer's Bazaar in East Village until the ballpark knocked them out of left field. Now they're one of the best values in the Gaslamp. Though the owners aren't Sicilian, two of their most delicious dishes carry the flag: the Sicilian Sandwich (tuna, olive oil, capers, tomatoes, onions) and the Chicken Siciliana (chicken breasts sautéed in a brandy sauce with soup or salad, garlic bread, and a choice of fries, rice, or spaghetti).





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watching - a reality-check after Horton Plaza. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01) TRATTORIA PORTOBELLO 715 Fourth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-232-4440. The owners of Panevino operate this chic restaurant with its light menu and wide variety of dishes. You can make a meal from appetizers. The pastas are the best bets. Open daily, lune Expensive. -E.W.lunch and dinner.

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BAY BEACH CAFE Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coron ado, 619- 435-4900, www.baybeach cafe com The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pas-tas, grilled meats, a few sautée items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the 'teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done sim-ply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded: reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend break fast. Moderate to slightly expensive. -N.W. (8/01)

BISTRO D'ASIA 1301 Orange Avenue (at C Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant Coronado. attached to the hardy perennial "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, veg-etarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Reserve for weekend dinners. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (12/01)

CHEZ LOMA 1132 Loma Avenue (at Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-0661. The historic aura of this cute period bungalow remains seductive, but the "French" menu is mired in the more recent past, circa 1970. Some appetizers are sprightly, but entrées are

inconsistent and can be indifferently executed with subpar ingredients, e.g., a cassoulet de mer may pair under-cooked white beans with overcooked seafood of questionable quality. Some best bets are Irvine's signature dishes of salmon with a mild barbecue sauce and roast duck with a trio of sauces. Veggie accompaniments (swampy reheated-tasting rice, limp carrots, soggy sugarsnaps) bear an eerie resemblance to Lean Cuisine. Early bird bargain-priced dinners. Reservations advised. Fairly expensive but not dressy. N.W. (6/01)

THE FAMILY HOUSE OF PAN-**CAKES** 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is fa-mous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00) GALLEY AT THE MARINA 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast fa vorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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STRETCH'S CAFE 943 Orange Ave nue, Coronado, 619-435-8886. Stretch got his name in World War II when he was 6'1" and 135 pounds. Now he wants to get back to that — and he wants you to, too, so he serves strictly nuts and twigs. His menu includes veg-gie salad, chicken breast and beans over brown rice, or a plate frankly named "Steamed Veggies," featuring carrots, zucchini, broccoli, mushrooms, and melted cheese on brown rice. You'll come out feeling so proud that you re-sisted the greasy Slamburger at Danny's bar next door. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

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CAFE LA ESPECIAL 718 Avenida Revolución, between Calle 3 and Calle 4, Tijuana, 685-6654. Robust tacos, enchiladas, chiles rellenos, tamales, egg dishes, and steak have been prepared at this unpretentious but good café for decades. La Especial is a favorite for families who want to eat at low cost. The stairway leading down to the dining room opens on Revolución, and the covered bazaar that extends beyond is a prime tourist attraction. Open Sunday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Inexpensive. -EW

EL FARO DE MAZATLAN 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely but the fish may be too dry. The style



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of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous serv-ice. Moderate. — E.W.

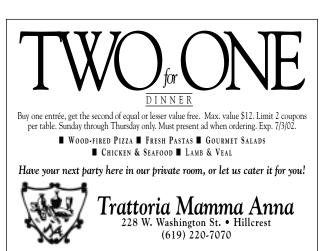
LA FONDA ROBERTO'S La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, Tijuana, 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Por-tions are small, so two people may or-der 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 9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.W.

LONCHERIA LA POCA LUCHA Municipal Market, 105 Avenida Niños Héroes, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's Mercado Municipal is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's* Apprentice. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach Loncheria La Poca Lucha, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de* puerco (pork), chiles rellenos, bisteck ranchero, or higado al gusto (liver), all around \$3. Pescado frito (fried fish), mi*lanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

MR. FISH 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and its wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, souid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild — there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the righthand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. - E.W.

RICA TORTA Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best tortas (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado... it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mex-ican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)







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hile waiting for Spielberg(!), Cruise(!!), together(!!!).... Those who had been backing Doug Liman as a vital new maverick director (Swingers, Go) will

have their work cut out for them on The Bourne Identity, a middle-ofthe-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 "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 DUNCAN SHEPHERD 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 film-



making - if "up" is indeed the correct location of it. (The unaffectedly, subtly expressive Franka Potente, on her own behalf, demonstrates what she was unable to demonstrate in Blow, that the English language is no impediment.) Still, the plot logic is too cloudy to facilitate any genuine suspense: too deferred, to be more exact,

until the revelatory flashback. That's one reason why Hitchcock, a firm believer in keeping the audience fully apprised of the situation, was the Master. And one reason why Liman is but a journeyman.

Cherish, an itty-bitty "indie" of passing interest, is little more than an accompaniment to an eclectic soundThe Bourne Identity

track of pop songs (Hall and Oates, Modern English, America, 10cc, Soft Cell, the Human League, the Turtles, and of course the title tune by the Association), but the songs are better integrated than in most such cases. Which is to say they have a better excuse. The looking-for-love heroine is a constant caller to the request line at





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KXCH, "the Best Love Songs of All-Time," a practice she pursues all the harder when placed under house arrest, on the "bracelet program," with exactly fifty-seven feet of freedom in a large loft in a bad part of town: not much leeway to prove her innocence and catch the real culprit. The confinement to a single room for much of the movie, apart from the pennysaving benefits, impels director Finn Taylor (Dream with the Fishes) to modest heights of ingenuity: fast-motion and time-lapse effects, jump cuts, a 360-degree tracking shot and, most impressively, a 360-degree pan in which the heroine appears to be several places at once. Robin Tunney projects some of the raspy sex appeal of Demi Moore before Demi Moore moved to another planet. In so doing, she goes far toward filling a void. And Tim Blake Nelson, as the sympathetic deputy from Squaresville (the singer whose name goes into his ear as Noe Venable keeps coming out of his mouth as Noe Venerable), assures us, after O Brother, Where Art Thou?, that his acting range extends well above moron.

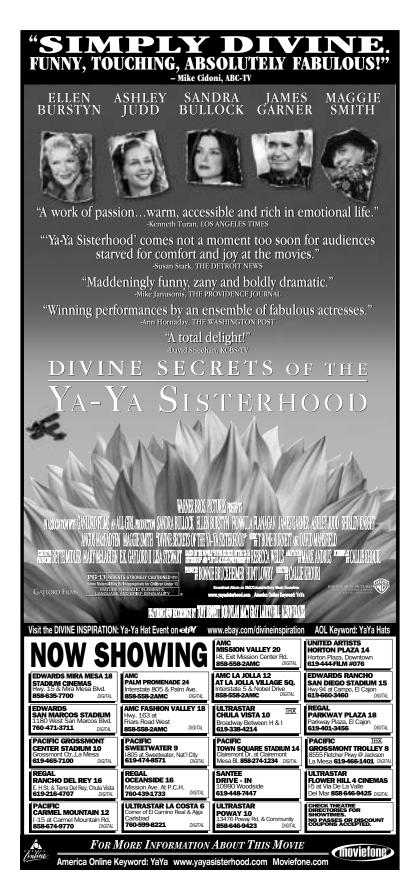
Rain, not to be confused with the long-awaited Baran from Iran (English translation: Rain), nor to be confused with the long-ago Somerset Maugham story of the tropical temptress Sadie Thompson, tells of a family holiday on the New Zealand coast in the early Seventies. Mom drinks, and has the hots for a fancy-free bachelor with a boat. Dad drinks, too, but stays cool, almost comatose. (Nice still-lifes of the arrangement alongside the lawn chair: bottle of booze, bowl of lemon wedges, plate of squeezed lemons, ashtray.) Blossoming young Janey (the unactressy Alicia Fulford-Wierzbicki, not a name tailored to a theater marquee) is supposed to be looking after little Jimmy, but is looking at many other things around her as well. Christine Jeffs, the first-time filmmaker, has something of her compatriot Jane Campion's frank and nonpartisan fascination with female sexuality, and the whole thing is frightfully grown-up if not frightfully professional: stunted no doubt by the low, low budget. The meager, muted background sounds and the breathing-in-your-ear voices give the film a bit of the audio quality of a postsynchronized cheapie circa 1965. This imbalance in favor of the voices does not necessarily make the accents intelligible.

Hot summer trend: hyphenated movie titles. *Spider-Man. Scooby-Doo. Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood. Dogtown and Z-Boys.* Still to come: *K-19: The Widowmaker.* And although the poster doesn't show one, the upcoming *Eight Legged Freaks* surely ought to have a hyphen as well, unless there are only eight total freaks with legs. So ought *One Hour Photo*, unless, again, no more than one photo is to be developed in an hour.

Monsoon Wedding and My Big Fat Greek Wedding, tenacious hangers-on rather than monster hits, bear witness nonetheless to the box-office wisdom of putting nuptials into movie titles.

* * * * The last local fingerhold of the once dominant Mann theater empire (the Cinema 21, the Valley Circle, the Loma, the State, the Grove, the Sports Arena,





the University Towne Centre...) has finally let go: the Hazard Center 7. I'm only surprised it held on so long. That the theater had allowed itself, in recent years, to become a haven for San Diego film festivals (the International, the Latino, the Asian, the Jewish ...) was not a sign of how much it cared, but a sign of how little.

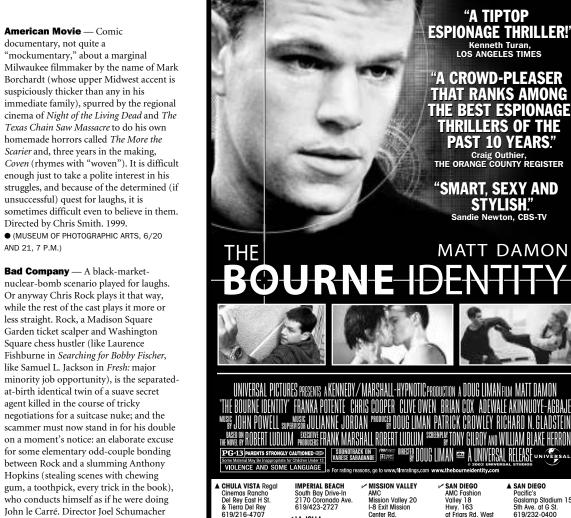
MOVIE LISTINGS

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About a Boy — A conscience-free cad (e.g., inventing a two-year-old son so as to cruise a single-parents support group for dates) is rescued from his self-absorption by a twelve-year-old misfit with a dotty mother. Conventional in form and sentiment, despite such a dark-comic bit as the dead duck in the park (slain by a leaden loaf of mum's multi-grain bread), and despite the breezy, brazen cheekiness of the Son-of-Angry-Young-Man protagonist (Hugh Grant, sugaring every effrontery with his innate sparkle). The dual narrators, man and boy, chain the movie to its literary source (a Nick Hornby novel), though co-directors Paul and Chris Weitz provide a visual touch or two. With Nicholas Hoult, Toni Collette, Rachel Weisz. 2002.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; VOGUE)

American Adobo — Laurice Guillen's ethnic comedy of Filipino-Americans in New York City, with Christopher De Leon and Dina Bonnevie. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)



who conducts himself as if he were doing John le Carré. Director Joel Schumacher keeps the action skittering across a slick surface so that neither he nor anyone else has time to consider the implications. Kerry Washington, Brooke Smith, Peter Stormare. 2002.

• (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)



Bartleby — Modern-dress version of the Herman Melville tale, with Crispin Glover, David Paymer, and Glenne Headly, directed by Jonathan Parker. (KEN, 6/21 THROUGH 27)

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Boys — Independent youth comedy, with Kieran Culkin, Jena Malone, and Jodie Foster, directed by Peter Care. (HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE: FROM 6/21)

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya

Sisterhood — The title alone told you that you needed to read no further in the Rebecca Wells novel. But the screen version, written and directed by Callie Khouri, temptingly makes room for one of our premier performers, Ellen Burstyn, in addition to Fionnula Flanagan, Maggie Smith, and Shirley Knight, troupers one and all. The common lament about Hollywood's lack of use for actresses of their age must be amended with a lament, too, about Hollywood's preferred use of them, however infrequent. Case at hand: an overseasoned jambalaya of stereotyped Southern lunacy. Three out of four of the Ya-Ya Sisters (a blood sorority from early girlhood) attempt to mediate a reconciliation between the fourth one and her adult daughter (Sandra Bullock), a successful though indiscreetly autobiographical playwright. This necessitates a rummage through flashbacks and the replacement of our quartet of troupers with an unmatching set of younger actresses (Ashley Judd for Ellen Burstyn, most egregiously). In short, while the film makes room for Burstvn and Co.,

it doesn't make enough room for them, nor comfortable room. 2002. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Enigma — Second World War espionage thriller, set on the British homefront at Bletchley Park, otherwise known as Station X, the top-secret cryptography center, where they've now got just four days to crack "Shark," the revised German Uboat code, before a convoy of merchant ships from the U.S. enters perilous waters. In other words: same genre, same era, same milieu (more or less) as the nearby Charlotte Gray. We even meet the protagonist, a woolly-headed math whiz ("With numbers, truth and beauty are the same thing") recovering from a nervous breakdown, exactly where we earlier met Charlotte: at the window of a train compartment, which gives way to another train compartment in flashback. And like Charlotte, it belongs in the unglamorous, unromanticized, Graham Greene branch of spy fiction, notwithstanding the love triangle between an ace decoder (Dougray Scott, looking a bit like a young Tom Courtenay), a mysterious willowy blonde (Saffron Burrows), and the latter's

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wallflower roommate (Kate Winslet), fellow employees at Bletchley. Plot convolutions aside, it's historically interesting material, even, you might argue, intrinsically more interesting than the more familiar material of Charlotte, But that's not to say it's cinematically more interesting. Not to say - to take our metaphor from their introductory scenes — that it fits together as tightly and moves along as powerfully as a railway train. Charlotte is a Eurostar, a Thalys; Enigma is more of a huffing-and-puffing handcar. To be sure, the Enigma code machine - a sort of rewired typewriter with ever-changing letters for each key — is an interesting object, as is the primitive computer with its rows upon rows of revolving colored wheels. But these are essentially static museum exhibits. With Jeremy Northam; written by Tom Stoppard; directed by Michael Apted. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Enough — Too much. An empowerment potboiler lifted above a USA Network original only by the star power of Jennifer Lopez, it chronicles the heroine's timelapse evolution from greasy-spoon waitress to satin-sheets bride to blank-check homemaker to cheated-on, battered, and verbally abused spouse. First major warning sign: her husband declines her request to join him in the shower, even after she has already got her robe halfway off. (The men



in the audience will turn on him faster than the women.) Once the monster is unmasked, he's pure "Boo!" Billy Campbell, a television nice guy, going bad in tandem with another television nice guy, Noah Wyle, invests the part with a rub-itin-your-face smugness and sadism: "You wanna fight? I'm a man, honey. It's no contest." You wanna bet? She's J.Lo, buddy. Give her a month of martial-arts instruction and a rematch. (Her getaway plan in the middle of the night is a dilly: wedging a trickling water bottle between the toilet seat and porcelain bowl while she sneaks down the stairs with her daughter, a ruse that can be counted on to buy her a half-minute head start.) Nothing about all this - the narrative poverty, the moral cowardice, the two-faced finale, the common coinage of the foreboding background music, the pep-pill pop songs, the bowled-over trash cans and crashedthrough chain-link fences of the mandatory car chase — would be quite so depressing if it were not coming from a director (Michael Apted) who once did stuff like Coal Miner's Daughter and Gorky Park, and who even now carries on (doesn't he?) the documentary series of 28 Up, 35 Up, etc.

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MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY With Juliette Lewis, Dan Futterman, Fred

Ward. 2002. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

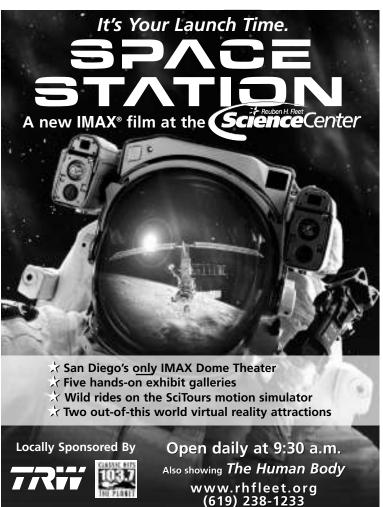
The Importance of Being Earnest -Overfurnished production of the Oscar Wilde farce: so much artifice does not require so much circumstantiation. And the jaunty, jazzy musical score is meddlesome at best, muffling at worst. (In any case it has not remedied the play's sag in the second act.) But the good 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. ★ (COVE: HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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Insomnia — The Norwegian *policier* of a few years earlier, and of the same name, is resettled under the midnight sun of Alaska. Fair enough. (The icy moonscape of the opening aerial shots is no less otherworldly.) Both versions, however, complacently advance a lack of sleep as an explanation for all questionable behavior on the part of the protagonist, a big-city homicide cop helping out on a small-town murder case. Al Pacino plays up the sleep deprivation for all it's worth, and a good deal more, looking as if he's trying to win a marathon staring contest and speaking in a come-and-go drawl that sounds less regional in origin than medical or medicinal. Robin Williams, as the coolly taunting and manipulative murderer (a cliché in any language), keeps himself pretty well under control, though he doesn't bring enough to the role to justify the against-type casting. His smirk could mean he's got something up his sleeve, or it could just as well mean he hasn't: joke's on us. There are a couple of intense action scenes that take full advantage of the setting: the foot chase in the fog over rough terrain (best scene in both versions) and a second foot chase across the logs in the river, and then breath-stoppingly beneath the logs. But a faithful remake, a close copy, is not what we would have expected as an encore from Christopher Nolan after his devilishly clever Memento. (Naming the sleepless cop "Dormer" will not pass as cleverness.) It is, on the contrary, exactly what we might have expected of any foreign-born and/or independent filmmaker who wanted to slither into the Hollywood mainstream. Hilary Swank, Maura Tierney, Martin Donovan. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Juwanna Mann — Basketball comedy inspired equally by Tootsie and Dennis Rodman. The bad boy of the Charlotte Beat is cashiered from the league for acting out a Rodman pipe dream: disrobing on court. The only employment he can then find is with a wig and falsies on the city's women's team, the Banshees. (Dolling himself up as a woman is a stunt that Rodman did dare.) No one, unaccountably, recognizes him. But severe myopia, or borderline blindness, is the most benign of the movie's afflictions. Miguel A. Nuñez, Jr., Vivica A. Fox, Kevin Pollak, Annie Corley; directed by Jesse Vaughan. 2002. • (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; FROM 6/21)

Lilo and Stitch — Disney animated feature about a doglike extraterrestrial in Hawaii, written and directed by Chris Sanders and Dean DeBlois. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 6/21)

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring — Dr. Tolkien's home-cooked myth. First course only. All manner of visual invention, photographic trickery, computer magic, etc., cannot alter what is in essence an overblown bedtime story. They can only blow it up bigger. And the burden of it is more or less tripled by the knowledge that these three hours are just a third of it. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Ian Holm, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett; directed by Peter Jackson. 2001. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Minority Report — Steven Spielberg's futuristic police story, with Tom Cruise,

Colin Farrell, and Samantha Morton. (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; 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 6/21)

Monsoon Wedding - A gathering of the clan for an arranged marriage in modern Delhi. You won't be alone if you have a hard time telling who's who and how they're related: even one of the invitees voices the complaint. It's a standard comic situation (Father of the Bride, etc.), almost a can't-miss one, and the Punjabi exoticism goes far to compensate for all the conventionality. It may not, however, go so far as to compensate for the belated dark turn down the side street of molestation: a new comic convention, but no less a convention, now that every TV sitcom feels obligated to Address Important Issues. The conflict between the old ways and the new, too, is standard for Eastern cinema (Ozu, etc.), although Mira Nair's scrambling catch-as-catch-can camerawork - 16mm blown up to 35 - leaves no doubt, for even a moment, where her own sympathies lie. The movie comes to a somewhat premature climax, albeit a moving one, at the cathartic celebratory dance the night before the ceremony. It would all feel a lot more barren, though, without the delightful figure of the weaselly wedding planner ("Ten minutes," he promises, "exactly and approximately"), with his polka-dot scarf, his leisure suits, his calculator wristwatch, his clip-on pager. By himself, this inch-byinch social climber embodies the strengths and weaknesses of the whole: complacently formulaic yet infused with a palpable humanity. However large a laughingstock, he is not denied his own romantic yearnings and his inhibiting self-awareness. Naseeruddin Shah, Lillete Dubey, Vasundhara Das, Parvin Dabas, Vijay Raaz. 2002.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Mv 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. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Rain - Reviewed this issue. With Alicia Fulford-Wierzbicki, Sarah Peirse, Marton Csokas, and Alistair Browning; written and directed by Christine Jeffs. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 6/20)

Scooby-Doo — Raja Gosnell's live-action big-screen version of the TV kiddie cartoon, with Freddie Prinze, Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, and Matthew Lillard. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; 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, elasticky 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 arachnoid superpowers — is a metaphor of the adolescent-to-adult metamorphosis. And

who better than Maguire to bring out the 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

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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 twodimensional phantom in an alternate universe. And Willem Dafoe's Green

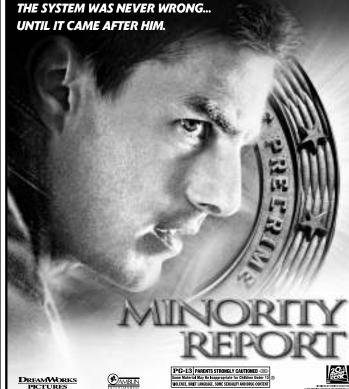
Goblin, riding a sort of aerial surfboard, makes an unformidable and uninteresting villain: Batman's Joker reupholstered in metallic monochrome. Whatever thunder is available to be stolen is harnessed by J.K. Simmons (memorable as well in Raimi's The Gift and For Love of the Game) as the most jaundiced of yellow journalists. With Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Cliff Robertson, Rosemary Harris. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron — A

DreamWorks animated feature in the old hand-drawn style: a horse odyssey after the fashion of the thrice-filmed Will James novel, Smoky, with the four-legged hero falling into many hands on his roundabout way home (which looks to be in the vicinity of Monument Valley, nowhere near the vicinity of the Cimarron River), but with the main difference that in this case the only good master is no master. Even the puckish, Peter Pannish Indian, with whom the horse reaches a mutually beneficial rapprochement, is not granted the privileges of ownership. (The horse is called Spirit because, among other reasons, he can't be broken.) But this is a precociously PC horse: the Indian is good, the white-eye is bad, the railroad is the snake in the Garden of Eden. He is also a thoughtful, if naggingly single-minded, horse: his interior speaking voice is the tranquilized one of Matt Damon ("They say the mustang is the spirit of the West"), and his interior singing

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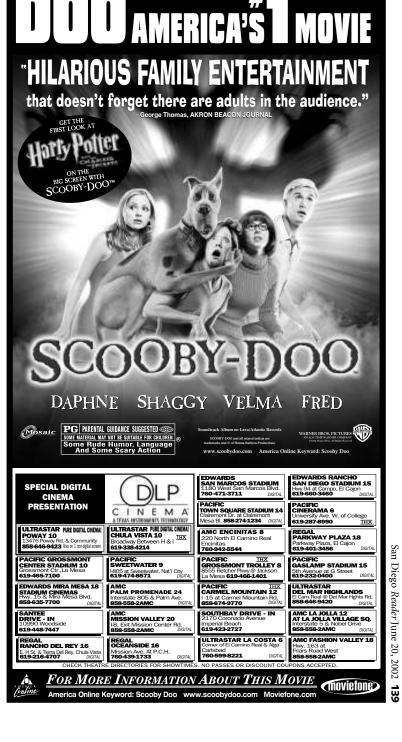
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voice is the constipated one of Bryan Adams ("Here I am, so young and strong,/ Right here in the place where I belong"). Thankfully, there are no cute animal sidekicks, voiced by stand-up comics, on whom to press his views. He keeps himself, as they say, to himself. Some of the images of equine speed and grace — the horse outpacing the shadow of an eagle, for instance — are nicely done. And the drummed-on theme of freedom is irremovably germane to the Western genre. And Hans Zimmer's epic score, with its echoes of Lonesome Dove and Silverado, is doubtless idiomatic. Yet, in its fierce denial of the melancholy complexity of the genre, this is a Western strictly for kids. Of all ages. Directed by Kelly Asbury and Lorna Cook. 2002.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; VOGUE)

Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones — The saga grinds on, in state-ofthe-art digital video: crisp and detailed yet



somewhat overcast, monotoned, seemingly covered in a sort of pinkish-complected

skin, like an unboiled wiener. The particulars - the diminished role of the reviled Jar-Jar Binks; the teen romance between Oueen Padmé (now known as

Senator Amidala) and an Anakin Skywalker who has inexplicably caught up to her in age; the emergence of the latter's Dark Side in the form of adolescent petulance (or in the form of Hayden Christensen's impersonation of Ryan Phillippe); the casting of Count Dracula in the role of Count Dooku (Christopher Lee); the rebel army of identical, skeletal robots whose parade-ground drills are George Lucas's latest extraction from Leni Riefenstahl's *Triumph of the Will;* a new, improved, computer-animated Yoda to come to the rescue at the climax, with inverted syntax intact ("Around the survivors, a perimeter create"); and an up-in-the-air resolution ("Begun, the Clone War has") similar to the middle one in the earlier Star Wars trilogy, right down to the severed limb are best left to the addicts. The unhooked will remain untempted. Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Samuel L. Jackson. 2002. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16;

The Sum of All Fears — A light doomsday snack, unsatisfying even for the duration. One wonders whether, out of post-9/11 sensitivity, or trepidation, or

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7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Minority Report (PG-13); Lilo and Stitch; Juwanna Mann (PG-13); Insomnia (R); Scooby-Doo (PG); The Bourne Identity (PG-13); Windtalkers (R); Bad Company (PG-13); Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sister-hood (PG-13); The Sum of All Fears (PG-13); Undercover Brother (PG-13); Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G); Enough (PG-13); Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones; About a Boy (PG-13); Unfaithful; Spider-Man (PG-13)

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Minority Report (PG-13); Lilo and Stitch; Juwanna Mann (PG-13); Scooby-Doo (PG); The Bourne Identity (PG-13); Windtalkers (R); Bad Company (PG-13); Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13); The Sum of All Fears (PG-13); Undercover Brother (PG-13); Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G); Insomnia (R); Enough (PG-13); Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones: Spider-Man (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

S831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Juwanna Mann (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 4:45, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 4:45) 7:55, 10:15; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:40, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 4:40) 7:30, 9:30; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:40) 7:05, 9:50; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:15) 4:20, 7:40, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:20) 7:40, 9:45; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:25) 4:30, 7:35, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 4:30) 7:35, 9:40; Windtalk-ers (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:10) 5:55, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:55) 8:45

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909) Bartleby (PG-13) Fri. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Lagaan: Once Upon a Time in India, Thursday

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100) Thirteen Conversations about One Thing (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 10:05; **Enigma** (R) Fri. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Mon. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Tue. (1:10) 4:10, 9:55; Wed.-Thu. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10,

9:55; The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys (Not Rated) Fri. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; **The Importance of Being Earnest** (PG) Fri. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; **Y** Tu Mamá También (Not Rated) Fri. (1:40) 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:40, 4:40 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:40, 7:40, 10:10

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) American Movie, Thursday, 7 p.m. and Fri-day, 7 p.m.; What's Eating Gilbert Grape?, Thursday, 9:20 p.m, and Friday, 9:20 p.m

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Bears (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 11:00; Space Station (Not Rated) Fri.-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; The Human **Body** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Bad Company (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:10) 7:05, 10:00; Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 1:30, 4:30) 7:45, 10:30; **Insonnia** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 12:45, 4:00) 7:20, 10:05; **Juwanna Mann** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:50, 10:15; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (09:50, 10:20, 12:10, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45, (05.56, 10.20, 12.10, 12.13, 2.56, 5.60, 4.45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:50, 9:40, 10:10; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (09:55, 12:30, 1:00, 3:45, 4:15) 7:00, 7:25, 10:10, 10:40; Scooby-Doo (PG) Fri.-Thu. (09:50, 10:20, 12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50, 4:35, 5:10) 6:50, 7:40, 9:30, 10:20 Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 1:20, 4:30) 7:15, 10:20; Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G) Fri.-Thu. (09:50, 12:20, 2:30, 4:40) 7:25, 9:50; Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 1:20, 4:40) 7:40, 10:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 1:20, 4:40) 7:40, 10:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:45) 7:10, 10:00; **Under-cover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (09:55, 12:15, 2:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; Windtalkers (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 12:40, 1:15, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:05, 10:35

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Iamacha Road (619-660-3460) Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:30; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 10:10; **Juwanna Mann** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 11:50, 1:00, 2:15, 3:10, 4:40) 5:20, 7:05, 7:30, 9:15, 9:35; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:00, 3:50, 4:10)

7:00, 7:20, 10:10, 10:25; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 12:10, 1:25, 2:30, 3:40, 4:50) 5:55, 7:10, 8:15, 9:30; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:25, 5:15) 8:05, 10:30; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:05, 3:10, 5:15); Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:10, 5:15) 8:30; The Bourne Identity (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:25, 5:15) 8:05, 10:40; The Sum of All Fears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:10, 5:05) 8:00, 10:40; Undercover Brother (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 2:55, 5:05) 7:15, 9:30; Windtalkers (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 1:50, 4:45) 7:40, 10:35

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100) Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:40) 7:25, 10:15; Juwanna Mann (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:15, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:30, 8:00, 11:00; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Scooby-**Doo** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:30) 4:40, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:30, 4:40) 7:15, 9:40; Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:10, 10:20; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:45, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:45, 10:40; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:40) 7:30, 10:30; **Under**cover Brother (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:00) 7:35, 10:05; Windtalkers (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 4:00, 7:20, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:00) 7:20, 10:25

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **Bad Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:50, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu, 7:40, 10:10; **Di**vine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:35, 10:25; **In-somnia** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:15; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:30) 4:00, 6:30, 8:35, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:00) 6:30, 8:35, 10:35, Minority Report (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:25) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:40, 5:50) 8:00, 10:15; Scooby-Doo (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:45, 5:55) 8:05, 10:05; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:35) 7:20, 9:55; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimar-ron** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 1:35, 3:35) 5:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:35, 5:35)

something, the images of a nuclear blast in Baltimore (at a football stadium where "Chicago" is for some reason lined up against "Florida"), not to mention its immediate aftermath, haven't been scaled back and toned down a bit: an invisible tsunami crashing through the windows of a hospital, overturning cars, knocking a helicopter for a loop, etc. After which the color is drained from the screen, and the predominant tone becomes frigid blue, a visual synonym, perhaps, for sad, morose, mournful. The filmmakers (director Phil Alden Robinson and co-writers Paul Attanasio and Daniel Pyne) cannot bring themselves to muster up even a rough estimate of the casualties: the fear of all sums. Our general impression is that they are somehow unprepared to face up to their own chosen subject. Any contemporary "relevance" is in any event fribbled away in a plot ripped not so much from today's headlines as from adolescent daydreams: a neo-Nazi conspiracy to push the U.S. and Russia over the nuclear brink, and one man only who can pull them back, a clean-cut desk-bound CIA yuppie who is thrust center-stage on the strength of a report he once authored on the new Russian president. That man is "Jack Ryan," hero of a series of Tom Clancy novels, though the casting of Ben Affleck effectively severs all ties with the hero's prior incarnations in the form of Alec Baldwin and Harrison Ford (old enough to be Affleck's father). This isn't just Pierce Brosnan slipping into



the Brooks Brothers suits of Sean Connery and Roger Moore, with the twanging

"James Bond Theme" providing continuity. This is as separate as Casino Royale. Affleck

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Juwanna Mann (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:05: Minority Report (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 1:05; Scooby-Doo (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 11:40; Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:55

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

555 Broadway (619-338-4214) Bad Company (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Juwanna Mann (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Scooby-Doo (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Windtalkers (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00

Palm Promenade 24

Paim Promenade 24 770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) Minority Report (PG-13); Lilo and Stitch; Juwanna Mann (PG-13); Scooby-Doo (PG); The Boume Identity (PG-13); Windtalkers (R); Bad Company (PG-13); Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13); The Sum of All Fears (PG-13): Undercover Brother (PG-13); Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G); Insomnia (R); Enough (PG-13); Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones; Spi-der-Man (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16 1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) Bad Company (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:05, 4:55) 10:15; Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, (11:10, 2:00, 4:40) 7:55, 10:30; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:30; **Juwanna Mann** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:25) 7:05, 10:00; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:45, 1:55, 2:20, 4:20, 5:10) 7:10, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:35, 2:45, 3:00) 7:00, 7:20, 10:10, 10:25; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:50, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:05) 7:05, 7:20, 9:30, 10:00; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 3:00) 6:55, 9:45; **Spirit: Stal**lion of the Cimarron (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:25. 2:35, 4:45); Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:45) 7:10, 10:25; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 5:00) 7:40, 10:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:05, 4:55) 7:50, 10:35; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 10:05; **Windtalkers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 1:05, 3:30, 4:35) 6:50, 7:40, 10:05, 10:35

Vogue 226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)

About a Boy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:45; Enough (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 7:45; Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:15,

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In 2170 Coronado (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In 32nd and D (619-477-1392) Minority Report (PG-13); Bad Company (PG-13)

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) **Juwanna Mann** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:55, 8:00, 10:05; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:55, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50, 5:55) 8:00, 10:10; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:10, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:10, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:10, 7:15, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:15, 5:25) 7:30, 9:25; Minority Report (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:50; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 9:55; Sun (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 9:50; Mon - Thu (1:20, 3:30, 5:40) 7:40, 9:35; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 2:55); Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 2:55); Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:25, 7:25, 10:25; Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10, 9:55; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15; Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:20, 9:45; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 4:55, 7:40, 10:20; Sun (2:20) 4:55, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:25) 7:15, 9:40; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; Sun. 5:20, 7:10, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (5:05) 7:05, 9:05; **Windtalkers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:25) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; Sun. (2:25) 5:05, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:25, 10:05

NORTH INLAND BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Minority Report (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Scooby-Doo (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; Lilo and

Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 12:45, 2:15, 3:00, 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 9:45; **Minority Re-**port (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:15, 2:00, 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu, 1:15, 2:00, 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30) 4:45, 5:45, 7:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45) 7:20, 9:30; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:40, 7:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:40) 7:35, 10:15; Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:45) 7:25, 10:25; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 9:55; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:45 10:20; Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10; **The** Sum of All Fears (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:20) 5:05, 7:40, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (12:50, 3:40) 7:05, 9:40; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:15, 10:10; **Windtalkers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:20) 7:05, 9:55

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Juwanna Mann (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Minority Report (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Scooby-Doo (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45; Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30; The Bourne Identity (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; The Sum of All Fears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Windtalkers (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 10:45

RAMONA

Ramona Twin 626 Main Street (760-789-3422)

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Bad Company (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:05, 9:40; Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:35; **Juwanna**

Mann (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:25, 4:35) 7:20, 9:30; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 12:20, 1:05, 2:30, 3:10, 4:45, 5:15, 7:10, 7:30, 9:15, 9:35; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:40, 1:10, 3:50, 4:20, 7:00, 7:20, 10:10, 10:25; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 12:10, 1:05, 2:30, 3:10, 4:50, 5:15) 7:05, 7:30, 9:15; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 5:05) 7:45, 10:20; Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00); **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 3:20, 5:10, 7:00, 8:10, 10:15; **The Bourne Iden**tity (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20, gets strong support, however, from the likes of Morgan Freeman, Liev Schreiber, Ciarán

4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25; The Sum of **All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 12:00, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:20, 7:00, 7:55, 9:40, 10:30; **Under**cover Brother (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, (10:55, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; **Windtalkers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20

NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Scooby-Doo (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:20, 4:35, 6:50, 9:15; Star Wars, **Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:40; **Windtalkers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (760-599-8221) Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Scooby-10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Scooby-Doo (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. 9:45, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30; The Sum of All Fears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Windtalkers (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420) Juwanna Mann (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, (14) FIL-THL 1000, 11:09, 12:15, 11:15, 22:09, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-ThL 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-ThL 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15

Flower Hill 4

2430 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425) Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Windtalkers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Juwanna Mann (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:20 (4:45) 8:25; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Sat. 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45, 9:50; Sun 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (5:30) 7:45; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15; Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. 1:45 (5:00) 8:10; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; Sun

Hinds, James Cromwell, Ron Rifkin, Bruce McGill, and Philip Baker Hall; so strong, in truth, that it stresses the weakness of both protagonist and plot. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Thirteen Conversations about One Thing — Four (or so) intersecting plotlines on the themes of the pursuit of happiness and the quirks of fate, but snipped up and patched together so that events that follow each other on screen do not follow each other in chronology. Additional chopping up and rearranging are achieved through chapter headings excerpted from the dialogue: "Ignorance is bliss," "Fuck guilt," "Fortune smiles on some and laughs at others," "Eighteen inches of personal space," and so forth. There might be something to be gotten from the out-ofjoint 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

1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:35 (4:40) 7:40; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:05; Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 2:05 (5:40) 8:30; **Star Wars, Episode II: At-tack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:40, 3:50, 7:15, 10:20; Sun. 12:40, 3:50, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:50 (4:55) 8:00; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25; Sun. 2:00, 4:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:15 (5:10) 7:55; Windtalkers (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:50, 4:00, 7:05, 10:00; Sun. 12:50, 4:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (5:20) 8:15

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469) The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00; Y Tu Mamá También (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00, 9:15; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. 7:00

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13 431 College Boulevard (760-806-1790) Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:45, 9:50; **Juwanna Mann** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 12:00, 1:00, 2:10, 3:20, 4:30, 5:40, 6:50, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; Minority Report (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 3:40, 7:00, 10:20; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 10:40, 12:30, 1:10, 3:00, 3:40, 5:30, 6:10, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30; Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:30, 7:50, 10:35; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:20, 4:10; **Star Wars**, **Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 3:15, 6:45, 10:20; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; Under-cover Brother (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 9:50; Windtalkers (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Minority Report (PG-13); Lilo and Stitch; Juwanna Mann (PG-13); Scooby-Doo (PG); The Bourne Identity (PG-13); Windtalkers (D) Pacific Generative (PG-13); Windtalkers (R); Bad Company (PG-13); Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13); The Sum of All Fears (PG-13); Undercover Brother (PG-13); Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones; Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G); Spider-Man (PG-13); Insomnia



narrative. The former tends to sound "written" and artificial, while the latter tends to look contrived, uninventive. thesis-driven, illustrative. Somehow it's not surprising to hear that the filmmaking sisters, director and co-writer Jill Sprecher and co-writer Karen Sprecher, acknowledge Bertrand Russell's The Concept of Happiness as a "jumping-off point." The economical, energy-efficient, no-waste performance of Alan Arkin as the consummate sourpuss, suspicious of anyone's good fortune or good humor, so dominates the proceedings as to foment impatience with the alternating plotlines. (Despite the presence in them of such watchable players as John Turturro, Barbara Sukowa, Clea DuVall, Tia Texada.) The office milieu around Arkin — a tight-fisted insurance outfit reminds us that the Sprechers had earlier collaborated on Clockwatchers. Their ambition since then has increased by leaps and bounds. Their charm has increased, too, by at least a hop and a skip. With Matthew McConaughey, Amy Irving, Frankie Faison, William Wise. 2002. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Undercover Brother — Always amiable, sometimes actually amusing blaxploitation spoof, more explicitly a Jim Kelly spoof, directed by Malcolm (cousin of Spike) Lee, in a suitably sleazy style. The free-lance hero (Eddie Griffin, practically licking his chops), an atavistic Seventies superdude sporting a 'fro the radius of a medicine ball, but a master of disguise as well, to enable him to pass in the white-collar world as a fully assimilated Alan Keyes or Clarence Thomas, is recruited by a secret organization abbreviated as B.R.O.T.H.E.R.H.O.O.D. (cousin of U.N.C.L.E.), to combat The Man, a shadowy archvillain and architect of Operation Whitewash, bent on stemming the tide of black influence in the culture, turning back the clock on race relations. and robbing African-Americans of their individuality — in full flower during the big-haired, wide-collared, platform-shoed, gold-medallioned Seventies. The conspiracy, once pointed out, can be seen to be everywhere: "The NBA instituted the



three-point shot to give white boys a chance." The fast-and-loose commentary on, or mere litany of, cross-cultural perceptions and stereotypes has something of the snap of a Chris Rock stand-up routine. Besides which, it's educational: who would ever think of mayonnaise as exclusively a Caucasian condiment? If there's a proneness to self-contradiction the black man losing his individuality at the same time he's gaining influence, the hero alternating between a Bruce Lee and an Inspector Clouseau — it's a testament to the knottiness of the issues. With Aunjanue Ellis, Denise Richards, Dave Chappelle, Chi McBride, Chris Kattan, 2002 ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;

OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

Unfaithful — Adrian Lyne, agent provocateur of *Lolita*, *Indecent Proposal*, *Fatal Attraction*, et al., gets out the blackened oven mitts for his réchauffé of Claude Chabrol's adultery-and-murder dish, La Femme Infidèle. The suburban housewife, Constance (get the irony?), contentedly married for eleven years to the head of a New York security firm (more irony), literally bumps into a French antiquarian book dealer (a nod to the nationality of the source material as well as a nod to "motivation," insofar as a French accent will automatically produce a weakness in the American woman's knees) on a shopping trip to Manhattan in the

midst of a portentous windstorm. The dealer fumbles his navel-to-chin stack of books; the shopper skins her knee (symbolizing her weak point). She really ought to tend to it tout de suite. And the dealer lives just above - see the plant on the balcony? Would she like to come up? Would she like a cup of coffee? (Would she like to be in a TV spot for General Foods' French Vanilla Cafe?) Though she was not looking for an adventure, opportunity has come knocking. Diane Lane, never better, nor better-looking, is eloquently expressive on the frissons of flirting, taking risks, misbehaving, and days later (during the post-coital train ride home) on the mercurial clash of guilt and delight. D.W. Griffith, to overcome the handicap of silence and title-cards, could not have asked more from an actress. (In one area at least, he would not have asked as much: letting her keep her clothes on and her co-star's paws off her breasts.) Lyne, not so coolly and critically detached as Chabrol from his characters, doesn't make things easy on them, or on the spoon-fed mass audience. Madame Bovary was not married to Richard Gere, after all. Nor was her head turned by the Geronimo-haired, Miami Vice-bearded Olivier Martinez ("Your eyes are amazing, you know zat? You should never shut zem"). Then again, Lyne doesn't make things easy on critics, either, balancing one stellar performance and a solid game plan against a landslide of his usual slush: the purple passages (an acrobatic coupling in the men's room while two gal-pals await the heroine at a café table out front, or the more comfortable coupling in the seats at a revival-house showing of M. Hulot's Holiday), the dusty, speckly, almost pointillistic color, the perfume-ad "glamour," the gorging on the Good Life. The would-be moralist is overwhelmed again by the exhibitionist. 2002. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

What's Eating Gilbert Grape — The sort of title that seems highly unlikely to precede a good movie. What follows in this instance does not lower the odds. As a slice of family life in small-town America, the movie is so hell-bent on being "different" as to be unrecognizable as small-town America or as family life or even as a slice. (Lasse Hallstrom, the Swedish director of My Life As a Dog, ought to have felt right at home.) Within its own skewed guidelines, it delivers a couple of emotional payoffs: when the walrus-sized matriarch squeezes herself through the front door in order to rescue her younger son from jail ("My boy! Gimme my boy!"); and again when the

older son stops being Prince Myshkin for a moment and tries to slap some sense into his retarded brother. With Johnny Depp, Leonardo DiCaprio, Juliette Lewis, and Mary Steenburgen. 1993. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 6/20 AND 21, 9:20 P.M.)

Windtalkers — John Woo's Second World War shoot-'em-up. The premise of the film, in contrast to that of any previous John Woo you will have seen (Mission: Impossible II, Face/Off, Broken Arrow, etc.), brings to bear what we could call a pressure of reality, to push against the director's cartoony tendencies, and to produce what we might like to hope would be a fruitful creative tension. Not just the reality of World War II, more specifically the Pacific campaigns on the Solomons and Saipan, but also the interesting and unexplored phenomenon of the Navajo "code talkers," whose language proved impenetrable to the Japanese. Woo, however, is not really interested in cryptography. His principal interest, apart from his customary bangbang, is in the by-the-numbers male bonding between two Navajo code talkers (already bonded at the outset) and their individually assigned bodyguards, whose mission is, at all costs, to protect the code and not the talkers. (Get my meaning, mister? Sir, yes, sir.) An all-out war, of course, grants Woo his loosest license yet for his sustained sequences of high-energy chaos. And to some degree, the pressure of reality has served to woo Woo (beg pardon) away from all that fancy "balletic" stuff, even if a submachine gun is still apt to become momentarily a one-handed weapon. Admittedly this pressure hasn't curtailed his use of slow-motion. Nor has it thwarted that signature moment when two gunmen stick their muzzles in one another's faces and wait for the other to blink. And too often the director's assertive personal "style" comes down to jarringly overamplified sounds and oppressively overmagnified images. (Just when you think the close-ups can't get any bigger, you get one that can't fit both of the subject's eyes simultaneously on the wide screen.) The fervency of expression tends to look and sound a lot like desperation. Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Christian Slater, Mark Ruffalo, Frances O'Connor. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Y Tu Mamá También — Mexican hornyteenager comedy tells of two buddies, one affluent and one not, who, to their astonishment and delight, are able to entice the ripe Spanish wife of a bumptious philanderer to accompany them on a trek to an imaginary beach named Heaven's Mouth. En route, she offers a sexual tutorial that brings the know-it-all boys to such depths of self-revelation as to uncork a geyser of vomit. (The intrusive, thirdperson, know-it-all narrator heightens the feeling of patronization.) Filmmaker Alfonso Cuarón, unlike the makers of American horny-teen comedies, tries at all times to serve the characters and the story rather than simply to twist the arrow off the laugh meter. Or to put it another way, he tries at all times for realism, even when trying for raunch. And the two young actors — Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna - are revoltingly convincing. But the character of the woman — the starvedlooking Maribel Verdú, whose entire intake of calories appears to go straight to her bosom — is something of a contrivance, perhaps a more complex contrivance than some, but not a more believable one, for all that. There are numerous points of cultural interest along the road to the beach (which turns out to exist after all), though the pallid color and casual camerawork fail to make the most of them. 2001. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA PALOMA. FROM 6/21)



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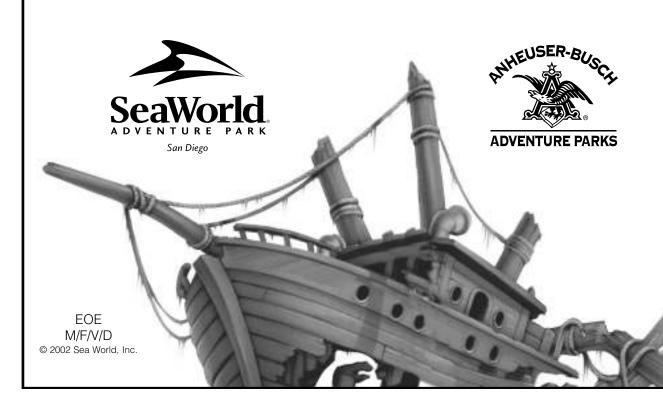
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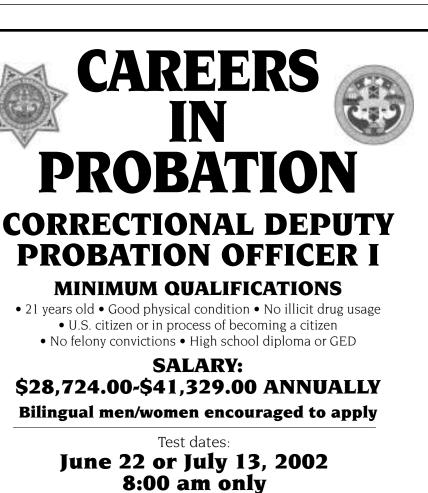
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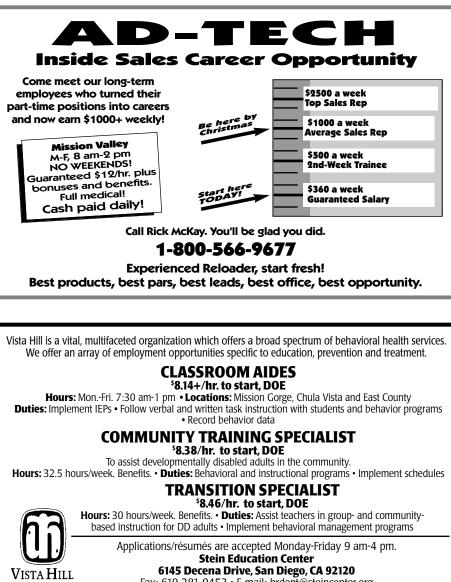
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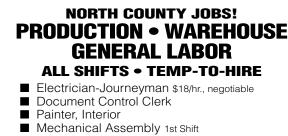
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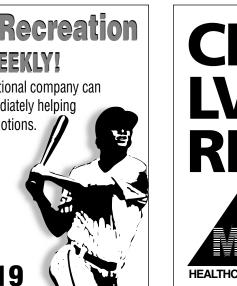
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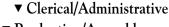


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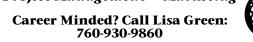
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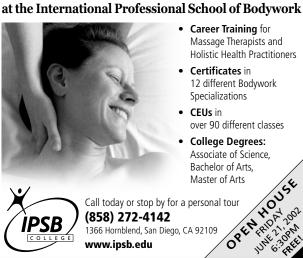
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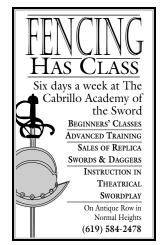
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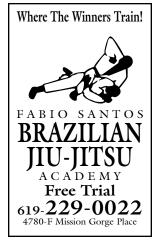
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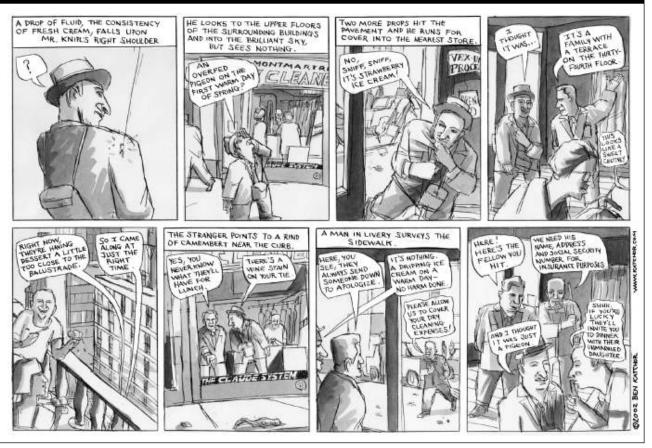
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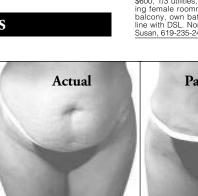
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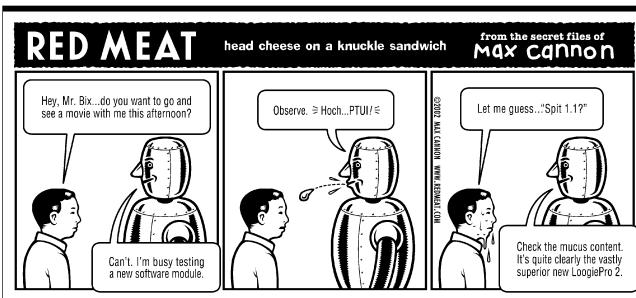
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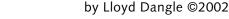
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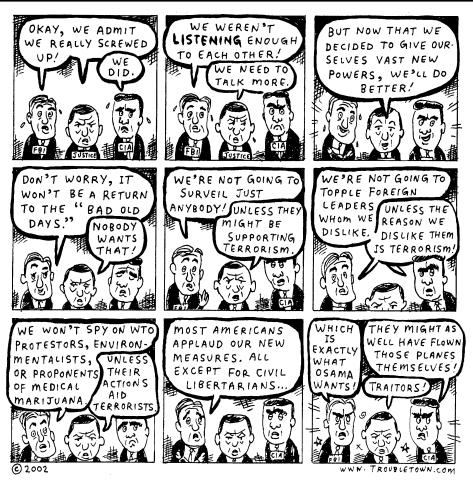
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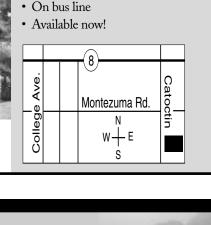
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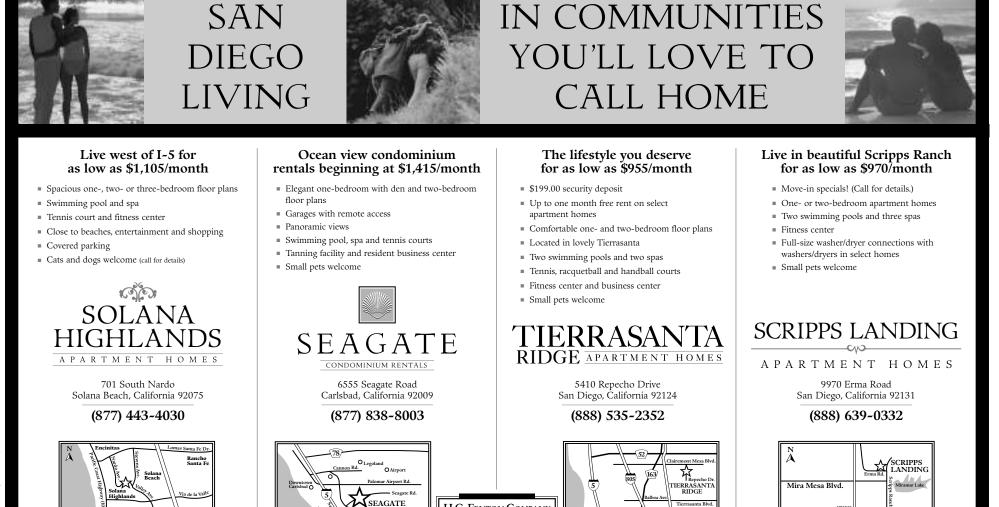
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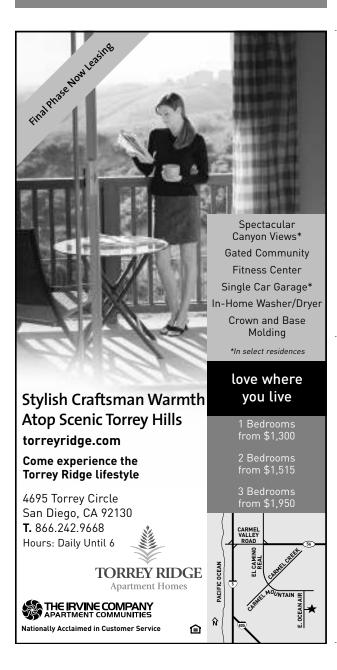
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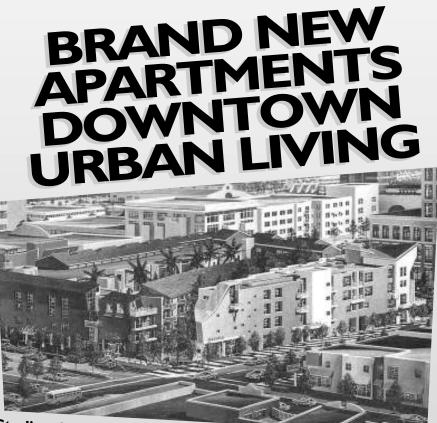
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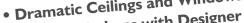
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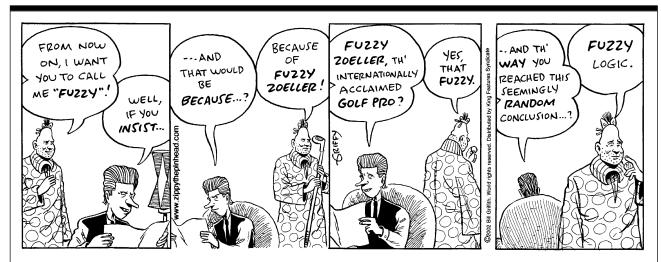




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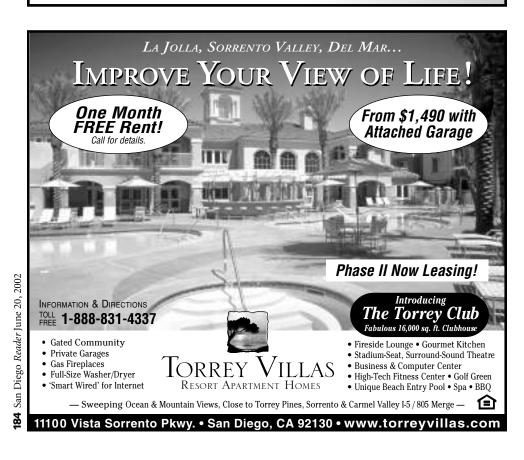
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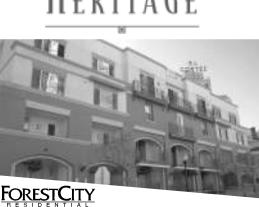


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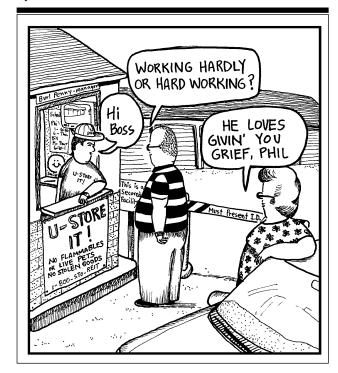
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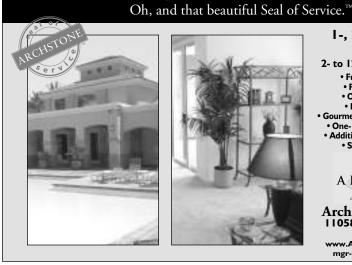
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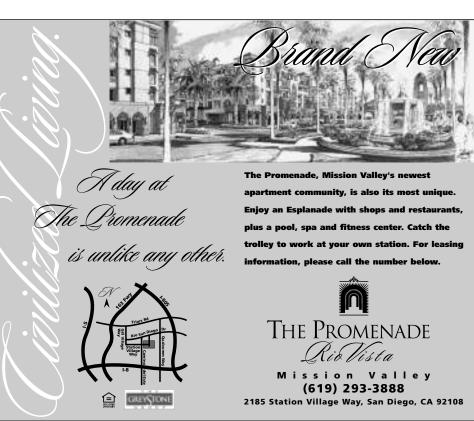


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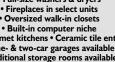


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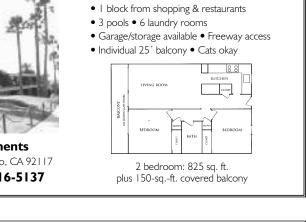
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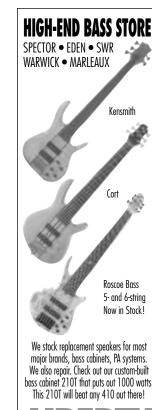
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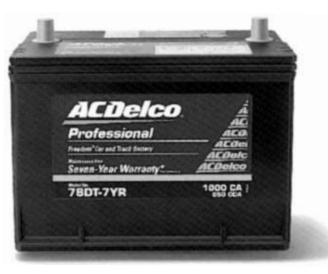
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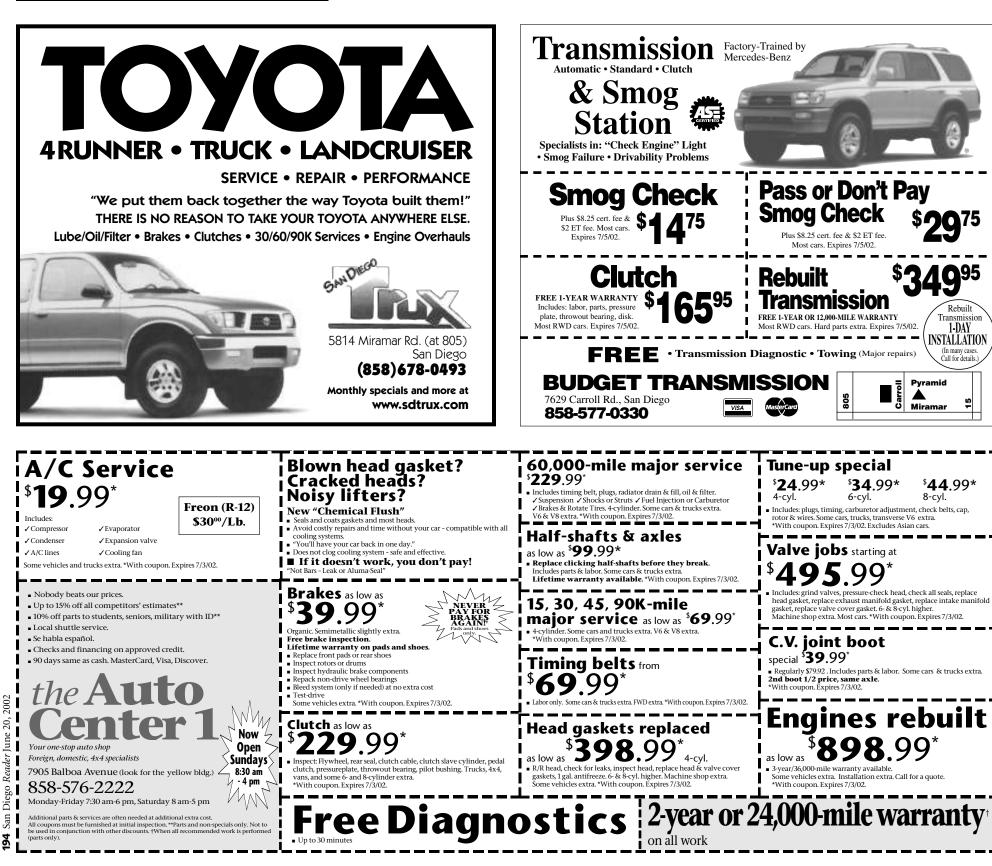
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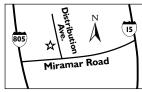
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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

Manhattan, it is said, is a great town for walking, and it's true, if for no other reason than driving makes so little sense there. The veteran New Yorker will keep his eyes lowered, using mostly peripheral vision as a kind of radar to move through crowds and avoid the psychotic/potentially violent whackjob you've picked up almost subliminally from a block away. One moves with a purposeful stride; you are definitely on a mission from point A to point B. To slow down, gawk, saunter at a desultory pace, is to invite all kinds of ill fortune. If you're from out of town, you can exhaust yourself prematurely and induce a headache just by looking at things along eye level - windowshopping, say, or, God forbid, peoplewatching.

But San Diego is a great town to walk in for completely different reasons: aesthetics.

Having lived here for 22 years, I mostly take the sights around me for granted. For several years now I've walked and used public transportation, and it is only every six months or so that I look up from the sidewalk, mentally shunt aside whatever I'm preoccupied with, and notice, once again, what a visual smorgasbord most of the city is.

Since 1977, Walkabout International, with headquarters downtown in the Gaslamp (just above Roger Hedgecock's restaurant), has been encouraging residents and tourists alike to discover and rediscover the imagery this

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town offers: palm trees, neo-Victorian architecture, surf and sand, seagoing vessels of various dimensions and configurations, and the hills and dales and rural-like trails of Mission Valley and Balboa Park.

Stan Folis stepped outside the Walkabout office to talk a little about the concept. "Larry and Gale Foreman had the idea," says Folis. "He was a professor at UCSD and his wife did a lot of traveling. They were active walkers and travelers. They were yuppies, you might say."

I'm speaking to Folis because he is so often the point-man on Fridayevening walks around his favorite neighborhood, Mission Hills. "We meet at a fixed place and walk out in a different direction each time."

When asked if this is also a tour, with a guide pointing out historical landmarks, for example, Folis squints. "Different walk leaders do it differently and different walks sort of establish their own patterns. If one of the walk leaders has an insight into something along the way, they'll point it out. That's true on this Friday night; Pat will take along a real estate ad and walk by a house that's for sale and ask everyone's opinion as to what they think it might go for. Then she'll read the asking price for it."

While Folis steps back into the office looking for batteries for my tape recorder I look over the newsletter San Diego Feets. One Saturday wilderness walk includes the Mt. Laguna observatory for lunch. Another, on Saturday as well, is "The Cozy Corners, Canyons and Cliffs of Del Mar." "Saturday Night Live" is a downtown/Gaslamp hike; on Sunday you can meet at the merry-goround in Balboa park and tromp around the harbor, the downtown area, Banker's Hill, and several footbridges. This is noted as a "brisk pace" walk in bold letters. Beneath that is the key for translating "brisk," "casual," etc. "Half speed" is one to two miles per hour; "casual" is about two to three mph; "moderate," about three mph; "moderate plus," three and a half mph; "brisk" is four mph; and "very brisk" is faster. Before Folis returns, I've scanned walk listings at Crown Point, San Carlos Village walk, North Park Lunch Stroll, and Sunrise Series in Kensington. (Nothing wrong with my batteries, I discover; I had the thing locked on

pause.)

Folis rejoins me. "There's never a fee," he tells me, anticipating the question. "We charge \$15 a year for our monthly newsletter and that just about pays for itself. Our trips where we will go somewhere overnight, we make a little profit on the trips."

"It's exercise and a social thing," he says. "People come to it because it's a good way to exercise, but once you start coming to the same walk repeatedly, you get to know the people and it's sort of like the neighborhood bar scene. You're walking, you're talking, the dynamics of the group will change in motion. You'll



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Folis says that on a Friday night, the walk will consist of as many as "20 to 22 people, sometimes 15. The 'Saturday Night Live,' where we meet at the county building, gets 30 to 40 regularly."

I venture a guess that these groups consist largely of retired people. "Yes," he nods. "It started out, as I said, with young professionals, but it has evolved to become a senior thing. Now we don't like that. We would prefer to have a wider age range, but, to be honest, most of our people are from 50 to 70. We encourage younger people and try to attract them, but we can't deny who we are.'

It is hard to deny where we are as well. After grousing about San Diego's cultural paucity, two ballparks while libraries go begging, and the maddening fact that San Diego seems to have very little sense of humor about itself, I will on occasion raise my eyes from the pavement to rediscover the fact that I have found myself in a gorgeous part of the world. I've been here for over two decades, and I don't recall how I managed that - or if I ever tried to.

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As I creep up on my middle 30s, I've begun to wonder about indulging in some sort of pre-midlife pick-me-up. When my friend Melissa's dad turned 50, he bought a little red sports car. When my friend Michelle turned 40, she opted for breast implants. I didn't want anything so drastic, expensive, or invasive, but as I turned to face the music, I found myself thinking about my face. Since the children started arriving, my once-taut skin has surrendered to the invading lines: on my forehead, at the sides of my eyes, above my lips.

Thumbing through the paper last week, I came across an ad for the MPI Clinic in La Jolla (858-452-2909). The ad said they specialized in permanent makeup. The tiny lines around my lips crinkled up as I smiled. Maybe this was for me - an indulgence, to be sure, but one that would make my morning ritual a little less harried. But I was a little apprehensive as well. What exactly would they be doing to me? This was my face, the face my husband Patrick had fallen in love with, the face my children beheld after they were born. I didn't want to mess it up.

I made an appointment to meet with company owner "Sam" Butcher the next day. When I asked about the nature of permanent makeup, she replied, "It's a tattoo. I use a little bit lighter-weight machine for the face. Not everybody does, but I do.

A regular tattoo machine makes a lot of noise and a lot of sparks. I use a regular tattooing machine when

I'm working on other parts of the body, to cover scars or to work with cancer survivors. We use specially formulated pigments for the face; I get mine from New York. Tattoo pigments seem to be a little bit thinner than permanent cosmetics.

"I have to get the brows to match on both sides; that's

the trick."

Butcher told me the first step in the process was a consultation. "We spend a half-hour to an hour with a person. We show a lot of 'before' and 'after' photos and get a medical history. I want to see the person without makeup. I ask them questions about their

natural color and kind of tell them what they need." She then took me on a tour of my face, describing the possibilities, starting with my eyelashes. "We usually do eyelash enhancement on most Caucasians simply by placing color between the eyelashes. That's what I have on my upper eves ---- when I close my eyes, see how dark it is on the lash line?" I did indeed. "Eyeliner is pretty straightforward. Most people want brown or black. Sometimes I get a

request for green or blue. Once we decide on color, then we decide on thickness. I draw it on, and the client decides if it should be thicker or thinner. Next I drop some drops into the eyes to protect them, and then I apply a strong

topical [anesthetic]. I leave them for 20 minutes with their eyes closed, and then I do the procedure. It takes about an hour and a half, and there is no pain involved."

The brows are a slightly different story. "For the brows, I make tiny hairlike strokes throughout the brow; I can do that with people that don't have brows at all. It looks much better than pencil, because pencil is very flat and one-dimensional. When you get the hairlike strokes in, it's very soft and natural-looking. I spend more time drawing the brows on the person's face than I do on the procedure," which takes about 15 minutes. "I have to get them to match on both sides; that's the trick. That's where the artistry comes in. It takes a long time to learn how to make those hairlike strokes. The brows are the most artistic — and can be the loveliest - of all the procedures." But, she added, "the brows involve a little bit of pain, similar to that of tweezing - unless the person wants an injection. But in my opinion, the injection hurts as much as what I'm doing."

Butcher said that her skills as a painter give her a special advantage when it comes to coloring lips — the next stop on our facial tour. Lips may either be lined or completely colored. (They do require an injection,

because the skin is so sensitive.) "I have the client bring in their favorite color. Now, I could match that lipstick color topically, and it would be beautiful. But once you get it underneath the skin, you've got skin shining over it. If someone comes in with a lot of brown in their lips, they're never going to get a bright color. They'll always have that mauvey color. But if a person is very pale-faced, without a lot of color in her lips, we can get **2** any color she wants."

The artistic skill lies in preparing the pigment to be injected so that it blends with the color of the lip skin to produce the desired shade. "I had a woman come in the other day — whoever had done her lips had used the wrong color," so that her lips had "a really purpley color. It probably didn't start out really purpley, but the person doing it didn't have the experience to realize that woman had purple in her lips. You've got to add orange to counteract the purple." Further, the line around the lips "didn't follow the natural line, and there was a big blank spot here and a couple of dots there. If you're looking for a \$200 job, that's what you'll get, because you'll get someone who doesn't have experience and confidence."

For her part, Butcher has done over 20,000 procedures, and she stresses experience and artistry as important qualifications, especially since California does not require a permanent makeup technician to be licensed. When choosing a technician, she advises, "ask about artistry, ask how many procedures they've done, and make sure they own and operate an autoclave," a machine that sterilizes equipment. "We perform a very clean procedure. We sterilize everything that can be sterilized, such as the cotton swabs and sponges. I use a clean pen on everybody. After I've used an eyeliner to mark the thickness of a line, it goes in the trash. I wear a mask, a hat, and gloves."

I was tempted. Never to have to apply eyeliner again...well, almost never. Butcher told me that "healing time is five days, and you have to keep ointment on it. For lips, you put the ointment on at will. For eyeliner and brows, twice a day: once in the morning and once at night. The type of ointment will vary with the person." Then, the news of impermanence. "People do have a tendency to fade. Some people hold it longer; a lot of it has to do with body chemistry. Also, sunshine and chlorine will cause fading. If you do fade — whether it be ten, five, or even one year — when you come back for a touch-up, we charge

by the hour and not for a new procedure." The good news was that "eyeliner and lips usually last a long time. I had my lips done 14 years ago, but I'm a person that holds color well."

Prices at MPI Clinic: No fee for consultation Brows: start at \$675, go up to

\$1275 Eyeliner or Eyelash Enhancement: \$725 Lipliner: \$675 Full lip done at same time as lipliner: \$725

Other prices around town: — SK Sanctuary and Day Spa in La Jolla,

858-459-2400 Eyeliner: \$375 plus \$50 consultation fee, which is applied toward cost of procedure.

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Saturday afternoon, we went to the fiesta. Every year our parish in San Marcos puts on a three-day "Gran Fiesta" to raise money for parish programs. On the big lawn south of the church, parishioners set up game booths and food concessions and a few kiddie rides. Every year, my husband Jack and I take our kids. I remember the first Gran Fiesta we attended four years ago. We had just moved to San Marcos from our home in Clairemont. Our three daughters, Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy, were five years, three years, and 20 months old, respectively. While the girls rode a tiny train in circles between the booths, I waddled around eight months pregnant with Johnny. Jack bought grilled hot dogs and potato chips and bottles of cold root beer for dinner.

Just before we headed home, we found a cakewalk in a far corner of the fiesta grounds. A few people stood on numbers around a chalk circle in the grass. In a booth nearby, fluffy white-frosted carrot cakes and shiny chocolate layer cakes sat arrayed on a table. "Want to play?" one of the parishioners dressed as a barker with straw hat and cane asked.

Jack shook his head, "No."

I walked past Jack and planted my swollen feet on one of the numbers. "I'll play," I told the barker. I turned to Jack. "I'm going to win one of those cakes."

When a few more people had joined the circle, the barker hit the switch on a boom box. Tinny calliope music wafted over the crowd. "Move to the left," the barker told us.

We marched around the chalk circle. My great prow of a belly led me past the spot where Jack and the girls watched. They waved. The music stopped. I leaned over my belly to see the number below me. Twenty. The barker spun a numbered wheel beside the cake table. "Number four," he called out. A little girl standing on number four sighed and moved away.

We marched again. The music stopped. The barker spun the wheel and called the number. At the game's end, I stood alone. The girls cheered. Jack laughed. I chose a chocolate cake almost too heavy to lift. "I told you," I said to Jack as he carried my prize to the car.

I thought of my cakewalk last Saturday. As we walked through the Gran Fiesta gates, Rebecca grabbed my arm. "I want to play the games." Angela, Lucy, and Johnny eyed the rides, more elaborate than in years past. "Can we go on the Scrambler?" Angela asked. I looked at the children and adults hurtling about at a furious speed.

Baby Ben, 20 months old, strained against the seat belt in his stroller. I consulted Jack for a moment, then turned to the kids. "Rebecca, we'll get you some tickets for bingo. Angela, Lucy, and John, you can each go on two rides. Daddy will take Ben on the bees." Next to the Scrambler, a gentler ride lifted small children and their parents skyward in cars shaped and painted like friendly bumblebees.

We bought the tickets. Rebecca ran to the bingo booth. Jack took Ben to the bees. I lined up for the Scrambler with the three middle kids. Lucy and Angela linked arms in line. Johnny watched the ride for a while then looked up at me. "Will you ride with me, Mommy?"

I watched the ride, too. Three large mechanical arms radiated from a center post. Three cars sprouted from the end of each arm. As the center post spun, the three cars at the end of the arms spun as well. Children screamed with delight as they were flung like slingshots around the circle. Johnny looked up at me with pleading eyes. "Okay," I answered. I thought to myself, "How bad can it be?"

The ride stopped. The riders leaped off and rejoined their parents. I followed Lucy and Angela through the gate. Angela chose a car. She and Lucy clambered in and lowered the safety bar. "Sit in the one in front of me," Angela called.

Johnny and I climbed into the car in front of Lucy and Angela. The operator came by to lock the safety bar in place. "Hold on tight, Mom," he said.

As we waited for the ride to start, I watched Jack pry a screaming Ben out of the bee car. "He doesn't want to get out," Jack hollered to me.

I smiled. A bell rang. The cars began to move slowly. We waved to Jack and Ben, who had walked to the fence to watch us. The cars picked up speed. I discovered that as we circled, the cars on the next arm over hurtled toward us only to miss us at the last second. At half speed, I began to feel woozy and overwhelmed. I clutched the bar with a death grip, closed my eyes, and prayed for the next five minutes. Johnny laughed. 'Look at this, Mommy," he shouted.

I couldn't speak. I couldn't open my eyes. I prayed I wouldn't throw up or pass out. When the Scrambler finally ground to a stop, I stepped gingerly to the grass. "You were looking a little green there, Mom," the operator laughed. Next time, I thought, I'll stick with the

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