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# **Final Notes** on the Only Century We've Got for Another Week

#### MY CENTURY, YOUR CENTURY.

Century's short but centuries long

limited

— "Microwave

slightly earlier. '69 would be a good likely date. If you were born after that and care about such bir, you be all and too bad, yes, 'cause it is too bad—but everything since then has just been Out There somewhere, off the frigging Map. After the century and its representatives tossed if all away. The century where it all went to

hell — but WHAT went to hell? Where the means were found to sweep all windom, all true sass, and most (if not quite literally all) beauty

burnankind's underwear.
Where the distance between the
real and the acceptably fake narrowed
and narrowed to functional
insignificance

New new NEW, lotsa freeking



Richard Nixes

N°E°W, but ultimately (and merely): new bread, new circuses, new repression

But nothing as urterly new, as new wlout historical precedent, as terminal closure. Termination 4-ever. Although Burroughs used to claim it closed, ending all real earthy Possibility, in the 18th century. Or was it the 17th? Dunco. (You could ask him if he weren't dead.)

So many, so-o-o many rinngs happening only to unhappen; to be trivialized and marginalized by failure, success, and the oversight of Crowd Control Central (which you bet your ass exists); to undercut their own

being, deflavor and denature thei own act, to wet-tissue-paper nullity And I ain't just talking rock rock rock and ROLL...

On the shortlist of things/lost, or even not-lost (and possibly lookin' quite healthy), but still g-g-GONE:

The NF f\*\*king L (NB f\*\*king A) (March—ha ha ha — Madness). Boxing as an event staged in

wenues other than cow pastures.

Wrestling, for crying out loud.
Hollywood, anyone? (Independent

Did I hear the word "journalism":

Democracy as even a phantom cliché tendered as a sop to rubes (still the major mega-demographic).

freedom. Civil, y'know, rights.
Public...what was it?...education.
Anybody in the house remember

Watergate, by golly. What'd it lead to besides Nixon being SAINTED? (Century of the Bully.)

ON! Again and again and AGAIN!
(You bet your mom's rosy as he was.)
Capitalism (which in endgame
Hedonism) and Puritanism: two
nasty trains, always running, but now

more existentially calamitous mortifications (like another Depression, or nuclear snuff-out, or no more dirty mags) to keep us neurotic, force us to settle for less dire plights and lower-yield varieties of (ever





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the Stadium Sham." Simultaneously...hitting the stands
with San Diego Union-Tributes,
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Chargers and mayor continuing on Obiture's have any
subliminal meaning!

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I must say the continue of the c

rdition.
You and everyone at the
Reader staff sucks.
Later, you losers.

San Diego

Smart As A Pox!
I read with great interest about the "sham" in this issue of the Reader ("Alex Spanos

and the Stadium Sham,"
December 16). And, I must
commend Bruce Henderson
on his illuminating analysis of
the contract. It seems that
Alex Spanos has inceed
played his cards right... for
him. Much kados for you,
Bruce!
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writes for the Usein, Tableson
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A treend of mine, who writes for the Union-Tribune, with the Union-Tribune, with the Union-Tribune, with the Union-Tribune, and the Union-Tribune it is so. I asked my friend how he paid for this expensive ego trip with the Chargers, as the team salaries were in the 440 million range or more. Well, or million range or more. Well, or million range or more, well, or million range of the tribune and tribune

insulates them from criminal indictment? For exemple, if the "quasi-corporation" for the stadium and its tenants cuts a deal for some "safety net" of deal for some "safety nea" of guaranteed income. can the local officials be indicated for fraud and unlawful enrichment, or does the psyback show itself in the form of election campaign contributions." The ballpark bring developed for another smart businessman, john Moores.

I really respect these men as supersaferam who know what greed buttons to push on our "leader," and how to use the Union Thismes to greate the Chines Thismes to greate the Chinese Thismes the Chinese Thi

P.S.: I love the Padres and P.S.: 1 nove Chargers tool Richard Aaron White San Diego

No PR Weenie
I just read Bill Salisbury's article on the Marine helicopter crash ("City Lights,"

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The case of the pandering pimp A 36-year-old business executive who allegedly ran a nation-wide call girl ing out of his two-betroom Ia Jolia apart-ment has pleaded guilty to federal wire fraud charges in Kansas City, redning a case that for a time thereated to spill some unswory secrets of San Diego's rich and famous. It was back in Deember 1996 when copy in Lenezs, Kansas, just across the state line from K.C., began imaging the assiptious operation of Lenezar Place due to the con-sumptions operation of Lenezar Place due to Place Land. auspicious operation of Leonard Pitock. New Jersey na-tive and one-time Rutgers law school student. Pitock had relocated to San Diego with his father Normann in the lat 1988s, Records showed that Norman for a time ran a stuffe-tory wholesale business called Tilly Collectibles on Mirman Road, which his son cometimes used as a mailing address. Leonard also told his La Jolla landlady he worked there. But Roman Company and the Company of t Kansas cops said Pitock had another occupation. "If yo picked up the phone in any one of several major cities in the nation, and you called the telephone number for an esthe nation, and you called the telephone number for an extensive as was piked up in San Diego, Sergeant Pat Highle of the Leneza Police Department said in 1997, just first he basted Pitock on pimping charges. "They would take the coquest for the person, and then the girls would be contacted by San Diego and dispatched, if you will, to the john. San Diego appears clearly to be the hub." Depending on the city, the alleged operator used a different name in Kansas City, it was Alluring Models and An Absolute Angel. In F. Lundertalet, Forida, it was An Absolute Angel. In F. Lundertalet, Forida, it was An Absolute Angel. The Landertalet, Forida, it was An Absolute Angel. The Landertale, Forida, it was An Absolute Angel. The Absolute Angel. San Diego, it was All American Exort and All American Hospitality, All of the businesses were registered at two La Jola. Diego, it was All American Exort and All American Hospi-slaity. All of the businesses were registered at two La Jolia addresses. Copie in Knassa Giry and san Diego, as well as the Fils. all said that the Pitock case was huge and that others were involved. San Diego had an open investigation, an on-going investigation when we first called them, 'Hinkle said, 'Without San Diego this case would be nowhere. In con-junction with out arrest warrants, they got a let of infor-nation. We just worked on it lonear, we had the manouser junction with out arrest warrants, they got a set of intor-mation. We just worked on it longer, we had the manpower to devote to it longer, and so we got a case to the prosecu-tor sooner. It's a simple as that. I understand they is still trying to get charges filed there. No charges were ever fired in San Diego, though local vice cope are said to have a long-stash of evidence, including lists of testomer amens. Mem-hild, Protock west underground. "He left had not a pro-bible, and the still a set of the still a set of the set of which and the set of t compliant that I'm aware of He felt a letter, dated May 5 of 1977, aware, My company has undergone major changes and 1977, aware, My company has undergone major changes and he was slight, not very tall. He drove a green Camero, and he was slight, not very tall. He dressed nicely, and he was kind of bouncy, and he just seemed like a perfect tenant. Plots, was dismissed on technical grounds, Plots A was laterally and the prostitution cause in state court against Plots, was dismissed on technical grounds, Plots A was laterally and charges, alleging in the plant plant of the process of the property of the property of the process of the plant of the process of th

Garbage in, garbage out How tough is it to nations in the manage out How tough is the find high-tech employees their days but ask the San pixto Data Processing Corporation, owned and controlled by the San Diego City Council. Last year, reports the Riverside Press Enterprise, the data-processing outfit hired Him Hierock, who had just been forced out of his job as chief administrative officer of San Bernardino County. Hisweek was unfer investigation but the Bif or taking brises. Phil administrative officer of San Bernardino County, Hawek was under investigation by the FBI for taking bribes. PhII Thalheimer, a spokesman for the San Diego agency, told the Press-Enterprise that nothing showed up on Hlawek's background check, and his references didn't mention anybackground check, and his references didn't mention ano-thing bad. According to the paper, Hlared, who was mo-staged to the paper, Hlared, who was most another another another and the paper and th

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#### **Television News:** The View from Tiiuana

By Bill Manson

f vou ask Vicente Calderón, San Diego TV news is mushy. "It tends to be extremely superficial," says the veteran Mexican nel 39. Tonight, a Thursday, he's here in the crowded Room 135 of SDSU's Storm Hall, talking to graduate students in the de-

graduate students in the de-partment of Latin American Studies.

He's not saving all San Diego

television journalist. "You [in San Diego] feel you have to con-nect with the people, be more informal, personal, hurnan in your stories. The result, a lot of the time, is stories about harmen rescuing cats up trees. It lacks

Mexican TV newscasts lean the other way. "Our news is very formal. The editorial style has always been very serious, very ceremonial. Our stories are ceremonial. Our stories are about the economy. The price of milk going up. Tortilla prices go-ing up. Who's going to be the next president or governor. That's what people think is im-portant. We wouldn't normally lead with poince stories and

Part of the difference, Calderón says, is who you see on-screen. "The [on-camera] talent in the U.S. market, they're good at telling the story. But they don't have any real power in making the decisions on which stories they'll do, or the angle

they'll take."
In Tijuana, by contrast, Calderón says the anchor on-reen who looks in charge, is in charge. He's not an actor, a hired face and mouth reading what somebody else showed in front of him. "In Mexico your anchor erson is also your news direc-

person is also your news direc-tor. The guy you see on the air is the one who decides what to do with the story." In the U.S., newscasters have to be appealing, cuddly, loveable, he says. "Look at your local wscasts. Most channels will give you the same stories, more or less. Their attitude is, "We're all going to teil you the same thing, but who do you prefer to tell it to you? That's the idea behind the U.S. way of doing it. In Mexico, even though an anchor person's delivery may be bad, everybody knows he or she has to be, in reality a very good re-porter with good journalistic in-stincts. Of course, they may not be very attractive, physically or personality-wise. The person may well be a guy you don't nat-urally want to sit down and chat

with. But you know they get re-spect off-camera as well as on." Calderón, who used to be an anchor himself (for Telemu-ndo's Channel 33), now freelances, covering San Diego and Tijuana for Telemundo in Los Angeles. He has written for the Union-Tribune and worked as a there's this belief that everything across the border, on the other side of the fence, is better. That they are more professional. But side of the tence, to better. I nat they are more professional. But I've discovered it's not necessar-ily the case. For all the money and special effects and resources San Diego television has, I have discovered there are just as many good reporters and dumb re-porters on both sides."

One of Calderón's pet gripes is the way San Diego television news covers his city. "It's lousy, the way they cover Tijuana," he says. "People in San Diego don't understand. A lot of middleunderstand. A for mindler-class and lower-middle-class Ti-juana people — people who live in Tijuana but work on the U.S. side — they want to see what's going on in San Diego. They more or less understand English,

these people have purchasing power They spend about \$2.8 Million eavy year in Sati Diego. Million eavy year in Sati Diego. Incincially, says Calderdon, Tripuan news directors do come hunting for stories in San Diego's Hispanic market, precisely because it's good policy. "National sales, the big advertisers like Ford, El Polilo Leox, McDonald's, Pepsi, Coles, are spending money at the [Tripuana] nations to reach those the proper section in the San Diego market. But the English-speaking [San Diego] television stations often will not even include Tijuana in their weather maps.



erage too, according Calderón. The only Tiju

#### **On-Demand Santa**

By John Brizzolara

Subjected to the rational teachings of others, the child only buries his

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'true knowledge' deeper in his soul and it remains untouched by ratio nality, but it can be formed and informed by what fairy tales

have to say."

— Bruno Bettelheim: The Uses of Enchantment

This guy is not easy to get to. You know what I mean if you've ever tried it. Santa is mobbed in his makeshift little booth across from Macy's in Horton Plaza. His pavilion, sponsored by Rainhow Productions, a pho Rainhow Productions, a pho-tography business here in town, is cluttered with camera equip-ment, lights and reflectors, a laptop computer, and an elec-tronic photo-lab specialist working at high speed for in-stant quality pictures being printed out one after the other. Also, there are the children. Sometimes as many as three

Sometimes as many as three or four will pose with Santa at a time. He will lean forward and listen carefully to what they're listen carefully to what they're saying or trying to say, he has a way of putting flom at ease very quickly. Their mothers (I didn't see any dash this Sunday afternoon) are fluttering, hovering at the tent flap of the booth on the platform just outside. Strollers and shopping bags contribute to the obstacle course between the jolly one and me.

and me.

Three kids are still hanging around after, talking to the bearded wonder. They are blowing up their little plastic antlers with a chin fastener that Santa

gave them. A little kid named
Mathew, maybe six, asked for a
Gameboy. He can't remember
what Santa said (some posthypnotic suggestion possibly), what santa said (some post-hypnotic suggestion possibly), but he's pretty sure he's going to get it. The older girl with him, Gabi, asked for the same him, Gabi, asked for the same thing, only with a camera. She's smiling like it's in the bag. A lit-tle blonde named Amber next to Gabi is, I'm going to say, seven or eight. She wants a Gameboy too and exposes her braces in a show of confidence.

A grown woman is in line without kids. Her name is Ronette, about 30. She's going to ask Santa for a car, a Geo.

I push my way past a few mothers, knee a couple more kids to the side, and manage to mothers, knee a couple more kiks to the side, and manage to get Statts my card. I ask him for an interview at 750 p.m. when he gets off. He agrees, I kill the rest of the affermon at a James of the side of the sid

(or Saint) has young, bright-blue eyes, no wrinkles I notice. I introduce myself and ask him

his real name.

"My name is Santa Claus," he looks surpsised at the question. His woice is deep, "How long have you been doing this?

"Every day since a week before Thanksgiving, Two weeks solid. The between the code, and Christmas Bev, when I start delivering the toys around the world."

That's not what I meant, but fine well faller is his week. "See

fine, we'll play it his way. "Are you in a union?" I ask him. "A San?a union?" There's

that look of flickering puzzle-ment again. "Santa doesn't have a union. There is a group of my associates who do this at several malls around town, if that's

what you mean."
"Do you really like kids?"
"Oh, I love kids, they're

great."
"All of them?" This guy's a real politician, I can see that now.
"It's the fun part of the job.

"It's the fun part of the job.
They come up here, and they
twist their fingers and they can't
remember what they want. I'll
say, 'Pokémon,' and boom,
they're your best friend."
"Pekémon is the big thing,

eh?"
"Ninety-nine point nine
percent of the kids have asked
for Pokemon stuff. Either cards
or pillows or movies or whatever. Girls, boys, all of them. I've got a few requests for Game

"Do you scare some of these kids?" I was flashing back to the traumatic stress I was expose to at Marshall Field's in Chicago in 1955 when my mothe in 1955 when my mother pushed me toward a giant pur-ple Easter bunny with leering buck teeth and a psychotic yel-

"If they're two years old, they're scared. But if you can coax them in, make them feel warm and break the ice, they'll come around. Some won't even come through the door,

though."

"Just between you and I," I
ask him, "don't some of them

get on your nerves?"
He laughs, "Actually, no. I've got a lot of patience. No one's come in here and tried to pull my beard off or anything like

Does Santa have any kids of his own?"
"None that I know of. Ho ho ho."

"How old are you?"
"Five hundred ninety-two
years old," he answers without
hesitation. He exhibits no willingness to talk about his 1700-year history, his stint as a bishop in Turkey, his presence at the Council of Nicea, where he defended the divinity of lesus Christ, the smear campaign he survived at the hands of Mar-tin Luther.

"You have no recollection of

events before that time?"
"No, not really. I'm a pretty

old guy."
"So there's a little senility factor possibly? A little Alzheimer's thing going on

"Yes, exactly, Ho ho ho."

"What do you do during the rest of the year?" "I'm a professional entertainer. I do clown work and character work I do balloon and magic. Birthday parties, company parties, malls. Like, I'll fill in for the Easter bunny once in a while if he needs it."

I tell him about my thing with the Easter bunny, and he seems genuinely sorry. "Some kids aren't as afraid of the Easter bunny as they are Santa Claus. That is unfortunate."

santa went into the enter-tainment field, he says, "Fitnern years ago. it's not making me a millionaire, but I love it, it's fun. I love people, I love kirls. It's something different every day."

I am dying to get to the one question in my notebook that goes to the heart of the Santa business as he's conducted himself for most of the 20th Cen

tury. To my knowledge, no re with this, I'll be the first. But I'r losing my nerve. I have to re-mind myself I'm a professional:

I've talked to plenty of celebr ties. Where's my killer instinct Instead, I lame out and asl him if he has any seasonal ad-

vice for readers. "Don't stress out," he says "Enjoy the season, that's th

"Do you really know when kids are sleeping and know when they're awake?

"Always "That's kind of creepy, isn't

it?"
"Yeah, it is." He glosses over
this masterfully. "A lot of kids
ask, 'How do you get around the
world in one evening?' They
don't understand that there are time zones. I actually have more than 24 hours, more than the 8 hours of darkness at any given place in the world. I actually have 36 hours. That gives me a little extra leaves. little extra leeway to get around the world."

"How is the sleigh powered?" "Magic," he fires back. "Ev-erybody asks that. Of course, erybody asks that. Or course, there's the magical reindeer too. Rudolph, who leads the sleigh, and the magic of the sleigh it-

self. I can't reveal that I've been stonewalled before and I don't like it. "Rudolph was a concoction of an advertising copywriter for Montgomery Ward in the 1939!" He says nothing, just smiles at me as if nothing, just sinnes at me as a saying, "If that's what you want to believe, that's fine with me." His smile makes me uncom fortable and I immediately re-

i look at my notes and again



anchors are mere puppets. ("I admire KNSD's Marty Levin. When he wants he can be a good reporter, though he doesn't do much [reporting].") And he's not saying Mexican TV news is better. But he is surprised at the control of the property of the saying forms and the saying the

so they watch the San Diego newscast, as well as Tijuana newscasts. But these viewers don't show up on the San Diego rating [surveys]. So to San Diego news producers, it doesn't make cover what's going on in Ti-

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"I am trying to convince them to do better stories. The sexy ones — the shootout, the killing, the child prostitution, the narco-execution — for these

they will be paging me all over [to help cover the story]. But then earlier this year I tried to interest them in a local boxer who has become the WBC [World Boxing Council] junior feather-weight world champion. Erik 'El Terrible' Morales. He's from the Zona Norte, one of the townsteat neighborhoods in Ti-

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juana. Now you're getting his title being disputed here in Tijuana. You have FiBO or ESPN
brossdeasting from here. But you
can't get any of the local San
Diego newscasters to show any
interest in him it's add."
When San Diego TV stations did cover the MexicoColombia soccer match at Qual-

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And that's an irony, because most San Diego stations, when they do do stories about Ti-juans, tend to send reporters who have a Hispanic surname. They think they'll understand and communicate better in Ti-juans. But that's not necessarily the case. What happens is Lati-communicate that they are the they are the they are the they are they are they are the they are they are they are the





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**View from** Tijuana

nos (growing up in San Diego) keep Spanish as a personal lan-guage. But their professional language will be English. So it's risky to send many of these reporters to, say, an all-Spanish

Calderón doesn't want to leave the impression Tijuanans don't like San Diego's TV news-casts. Quite the opposite. It's like eye candy. And that's what wor-\*People in Tijuana like the

"People in Tijuana like the American newscast, because they have a lot of visual elements. They're always looking for those eye-grabbing shots. In many cases [the stations] go too far in

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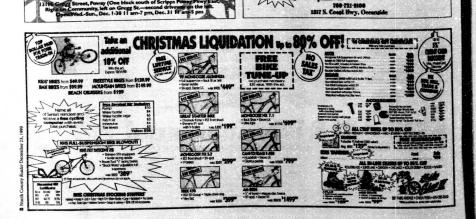
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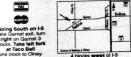
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I talked with Millow, 45, one afternoon in the lash above of this home? Strom entry. His stocky frame, short-enopsed brown hair, and alert brown eyes suggest the energy required to do many jobs. Besides teaching, he represents part-timers for faculty unions in two community college districts. As the Mass College adjunct rep, he works with the Man College adjunct rep, he works with the American Federation of Teachers (APT) team, which negotiates with the San Dicentification of the American Federation of Teachers (APT) team, which negotiates with the San Dicentification of the American Federation of Teachers (APT) team, which negotiates with the Millo Costa College District. On the Millo Costa College District.

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class at Mesa on Saturdays.

His total weekly hours in the classroom are 26, i1 more than the normal full-time community college teaching load.

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On the day before Halloween last year, Milroy endured one more hazard of adjunct teaching. While substituting for another teacher in a morning loss at Grossmont, he fell ill. He took a class break at 900 am. By 9.15 he was stretched out on the floor in abdominal agony, by 10.03 the UCSD emergency room was examining his symptoms. And by 6:00 that evening a surgeon had performed an emergency appendectomy.

Milroy had no immediate way to cover the bill, at the time, none of the college districts for which he worked gave him medical benefits. With the help of substitutes, he was able to get back to teaching in two weeks. But he was left with a \$16,000 bill, which started arriving in tages the following weeks from the surgeon, the anesthesiologist, the UCSD emergency and hospital rooms, and other providers. They all wanted Milroy to begin paying at once. He shouldered the burden slowly from his psychecks and savings. Milroy has a masters' degree in French literature from SDSU. The University of Air en Provence in the South of Frencé selected him for a teaching-exchange assignment. From 1986 to 1987 he taught English, translation classes, and American thistory. During that time he also directed American theater, putting on productions of Pygnalion and The Philadelphia Story, Milroy calls his time in France "the highlight of my life." When he came back, he directed French theater at SDSU for several years. Today, he teaches first, second-, and (occasionally)







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third-semester Frenc's, as well as French conversation.

We discussed the diferences between French and American students in their attitudes toward learning foreign languages. While many American students complain if their school requires two semesters of

one foreign language, Mil-roy says, "My French students would have had eight years of English in high school and then one or two other languages. Californians are probably better than other people in the United States for having an international we probably should learn English and Spanish equally well and then learn a third language.

"I think students should be required to have at least two years of foreign language. Two semesters of a foreign language is nothing. You haven't taken it long enough to use it. I'm all for upping the requirement.".

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where they're coming from.
it's a good thing the union's here to protect the schools."
Community college districts appreciate adjunct Instructors for their lower salaries and benefits costs. Last year the AFT won full health-care benefits for adjuncts in the San Diego of a full-time load, on aver of a full-time load, on average. (Unfortunately, they did not win the benefits in time to help Mikoy with his appendectomy expense.) Yet adjunct pay lags well behind what full-time instructors get. For every 15 hours in the classroom for which the district pay adjuncts, it pays full timers for 40 hours. Of those 40 hours, adjuncts only put in 10 hours less than full-timers.

10 hours less than full-timers. The AFT is working to move adjunct aslaries toward full pro-rate pay. That would mean, whether the instruc-tor is adjunct or has a full-time contract, the only dif-ferences in pay would be hours teaching in the class-room, graduate degrees, and time of service. The amount for the contract is mostly out. of money that it would cost the district to give us all pro rata," says Milroy, "is insignif-icant in their overal! budget. They have a surplus far greater than it would cost them. Every year they have a new \$5 to \$10 million sura new \$5 to \$10 million surplus overall. They're supposed to have \$60 million surplus overall. They're supposed to have \$65 million. The state says you need to have 6 percent of the operating budget. That would give them \$6 million as a cuthion. They have ten they make it look life they spend every doller. They say they need \$100 million. They spend \$500 million and they'read \$500 million and they'read \$500 million. spend \$90 million and they have a \$10 million surplus. The next year they say, 'Oh,

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"I'm quite public as it is," he says. "When we have there with bullhorns yelling photos are all over the place. The administrators know who we are."

Is it paranoia, then, on the part of those adjuncts

I've interviewed who want

"Not at all. So far, the in the departments have been pro union. But, in the say, 'If you want something from us, then you have to play ball.' I have no doubt that Machiavellian adminwful lot of control behind istration activities manipu-

Milroy gets a stipend of \$300 per month for his participation with the AFT in San Diego. "If you're full they have the power of the purse. They decide who gets money and who gets the full-time positions. On the surfaculty, though," he says, "you get release time of 10 face, everything's collegial. to 20 percent, and since they

\*At Mira Costa we don't get paid for anything. That's on my own free time. What's interesting is, I'm sitting at the table across from admin-

istrators who are paid if they're sleeping at their desk, and they're asking, 'Why don't you contribute! What's a tenth of what you do

tional ways. He has been the faculty advisor for the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Union at Mesa College, "and club advisor is something," he says, "that, if you're full-time, you block into your schedule, and that's part of your paid time. Well, if you're adjunct, it's been out of the goodness of your heart. At the last contract, we negotiated a stipend of \$500 a year for people who do extra activities, one of them being club advisor.
I've been doing it for ten
years free." Little wonder, then, when Milroy discov-ered this fall that he will not continue in the future as a continue in the future 43 a club advisor, since the Mess College administration recently determined that only full-time faculty mem-bers will be club advisors. The second "donated" activity Milroy says he'd fight to keep. For the last six num-

to keep. For the last six sum-mers he's taken a group of 20 Grossmort students to Paria. "That's my special roys," and I work all year long promotting, ror tailing, developing, If I were a full-timer, hey'd say, 'Oh, you're work-ing on a project? We'll give you two, three hours a week credit." But because I'm delinest it." You cannot do the work and not go to Paris.' Or, 'You can do the work and shut up about it.' So we asked at Grossmont College for a stipend. They gave us \$300 for the year. It will work out to about five bucks an

sked Milroy whether he goes to language-depart-ment meetings at any of the

"Some schools pay adjuncts to go to depart-ment meetings. One of them recently decided to do that. They worded it nicely: We will pay you for anything that you are required to go to. So they probably won't

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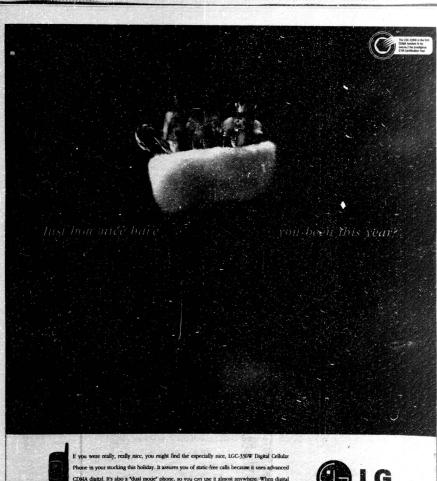
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school? They keep impress-ing on full-time faculty, Your Milroy and I talked job is more than teaching; about the history of colleges using adjunct faculty. In the tees, and there's so much important stuff that you 1950s, full-time instructors have to do.' But then they le taught most college classes, though they used a few partthe full-time faculty dwin timers for flexibility. Administrators might have wanted important work? If it's so

would not require a full-time position. "Then they hiring more people to do used adjunct part-timers as they should be used," says realized. 'Hey, look at this

Right now, claims Mil roy, the average ratio of adjunct to full-time faculty in most community college gap is getting bigger, because when a full-timer retires, they hire several more part timers and save a bundle.

schools have made their adjuncts full-time and gotten a high percentage of full-timers. Some schools hire within the ranks of the part time before they go out looking. It's something adjuncts are hoping for, so that when you've taught in the school for 15 years, and there's full-time position, you're not going to be replaced by

the street with a BA degree. If you became a full-timer, you'd be expensive, because you have a doctoral degree and 15 years' experience. And they hire somebody who just got their degree and give them the base salary

several community colleges. "It's strange," says Milroy. They all work for the state poorer for it, but they save The districts all are under I mention to Milro munity colleges of the State of California, but they're all that a union rep told an adjunct that administrator one person, the chancellor, full-time jobs elsewher adjuncts, he said, just teach for a little spending cash schools, and they all-have "They love that myth," he their autonomy. If they were says. "That eases their conclosely, they'd realize that they don't need to offer any we are all employees. This only part-time. And we don't

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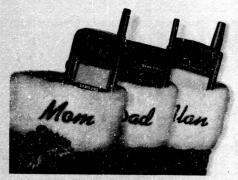
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But many, if not most

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began to represent San Diego for the California Part-time behalf of adjunct college man (D-San Fernando) time faculty members with similar teaching assignments." But Governor Davis refused to sig., the bill until such pro-rata language was removed. The bill he finally signed into law on October

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The problem is, says Milroy, that "adjuncts are a group of people who are not attached to a single campus and are running around for them. And if no one is, like crazy hoping to get a then they're only cannon class. They dash to a campus, they teach their class. fodder. But fortunately, now and they have to leave. So there's not a lot of association with a campus. Most adjuncts don't know anyone else except, maybe, the person they share mailboxes with or teach next to. They are so desperate for work they'll take anything, and

tion it. They are prime can-didates for exploitation. The school says, 'Hey, will you be happy to work for nothing? 'Yes.' 'Will you be happy with no benefits?' 'Yes.' 'Will you take this class?' 'Yes.' Adjuncts are scattered, they don't communicate, and they don't think anyone's watching out

the AFT union is looking out for them." Six years ago, Milroy and about 40 other parttimers founded the Adjunct Faculty Association to lobby on behalf of adjunct issues exclusively. At first, the organization began to work against the AFT, which emphasized full-time contracts, as much as against the San Diego district. Then its members decided to join the AFT for maximum influ ence. They eventually helped to bring in a new slate of leaders under lim Mahler, the AFT's current San Diego

"The new contracts we

negotiated now give you priority of assignment and seniority, so that you can work toward getting 50 percent of a full-time teaching load, and at 50 percent you get full health [though not dental and vision] benefits. We used to have shared pre mium. The school was happy to keep people at 20 percent or 30 percent forever. To show you how they negotiated contracts, if you got 60 percent, you got free health benefits. But the second notice to go out? No one will get over 40 percent. So, thanks a lot for nothing."

I express surprise that the small Adjunct Faculty influence as it did. "You get some unhappy people," Milple to stop and focus long enough to say, 'Do you kn why your situation's so bad? What do you think we can do about it?' And you get enough of those people together. Had the union not changed, adjuncts still wouldn't have a voice, because it takes power to negotiate things. Otherwise, you'll get lip service and polite little phrases till you're blue in the face, and then they will give you nothing tlement I'm happy with, because we held out and were visible. We had 250 people-plus at City College with signs and bullhorns screaming and showing the going to go away. We were in the newspaper, we were on television, and then the district and the board of trustees, who run the purse strings, said, 'Maybe we better do something.' And it's only then, with their backs against the wall, that they

let go. "The board of trustees thinks they're doing a great job when they get the money

surplus of millions of dollars, and they tuck it away acting as if it's a profit orga-nization. Well, it's supposed to be a nonprofit, where the money is spent on the teachers, on the students, on the money we're stashing away, and we can do even better if we don't spend it on full-timers. If we don't give bencollege? You're supposed to be providing education in





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The old movie up on the screen in the darkened theater is someboo

before time, before the present

dressed in black too big for us,

not selves, but shadows of selves a

play on the lit surface of things, our stories

toe happy for words, or too sad, and so fervent, we flickered and fell.

But before the end, before the t

of our passions trilled its last,

and then there was light and dis

as they emptied us blinking into time (first published, Poet Lore, 1992)

put on its coat of many color

double exposure

It could have happened this way: My father, who can remember the great San Francisco earthquake of 1906 but no where he watches from his La-Z-Boy my sister-in-law, and I - sit on the rus sorting through piles of snapshots spilled from old shoeboxes. Most were taken before the advent of color and show the symptoms of age: rips and wrinkles (as

and thought...) and on some a nole senia

wash, like a layer of pathos. And the

clothes (I am tempted to use the word "costumes") — the men in thick, fune-

that cover from neck to ankle. Among

Model T in the background makes the

smiling for us and for the record - the

family faces - grandfathers, grand-

ile eternity one lamina deep. The faces

of strangers or of the unremembered we hold up for my father's inspection. Some-

times he provides a name to match the face; often he shakes his head or shrugs,

mothers, parents, aunts, uncles, o nieces, nephews - staring out from a frag

nned reveiations, an occasi

But here they are, posing for notice,

een then and now seem absolute.

handsome young couple, he gives no sion of heightened interest, no brightening of the eye, only a faint smile at the corners of his mouth, as though, oh, yes, he knew that pair, was even fond of them

this photo, which robs her of her most striking feature a head of lustrous red beir

to the pile of unsavables.

I think my father is less troubled than I am by these lapses of recognition. Maybe that's because he has given up trying to make things signify, is content to let them be what they are - not his responsibility anymore. Confronted with stranger), he hardly alters expression his look that of vaguely bemused detachment, as though all experiences, after 96 years of them, have come to merit the same response: remote, ungrasping acceptance.

When we hold up a picture of a

My mother's hair appears black in

so thick and long that, during the Great Depression, she sold hanks of it to wig makers. When I was a small child, a white flour sack hung from a nail in the garage, overflowing with that precious stuff. To

am reluctant to ask, am suddenly shy. It

is strange to realize that my brother, seated less than two feet away from me. knows nothing about this. He had yet to be born. It is likely that only in my mem ory the potent sack still hangs there await-

My father, watching us sort, says very little, clears his throat from time to time - but he was never a conversa tionalist. Now, he does with a nod, a yes or no, and a few formulaic phrases, espe-

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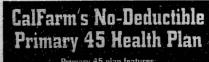
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me, the sack contained mystery talismanic power, to be passed with eyes averted. Does my father remember? I cially when asked about his health: "Fine, but the legs..." So I was surprised when, not long ago, he turned to my wife and



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and proudly jealous. Certainly my mothe could be these but less out of red-haired genes than out of life-spoiling disappointment. When she spoke, adoringly of her own father, she could always be counted on to menballet slippers he had bought for her as partial realization of her dream of becoming a ballerina, bought her these and suddenly died of what was then called "galloping forth to be a life of hard work to help keep the big family affoat, and she her mother's least favored among the many offspring. My father's proposal must have seemed a one-way ticket out of a future of more dullness and drudgery. Besides, he was good-looking and, of course, danced beau tifully, two virtues that proved less than helpful in making a marriage work.

I had thought all these years that I pretty well understood my parents, could sum them up in a sentence or two They were fairly simple people. They had no secret selves to show, no breath-catching surprises. But how much o their lives did I actually know - and how much of muttering through a wall are known, muttering that could

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break up in hysterical giggles or rise to a pitch of scary rage And then there were unsettling facts that I learned long

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The author and his father

after. My brother tells me, for instance, that while I was in the army during World and moved out of our little house in El Monte, a poorish suburb of Los Angeles Only my father would be able to tell why, and why he came back. Or maybe not, Forgetting can be an unspoken

point, which is to sit here and edit my father's old life to fit new circumstances. We are in the process of moving him hotel," far from his immedi ate family, to one much closer this move were afraid that it might frighten him, that he of resistance. But he seems less fearful than merely confused, repeatedly asking where we are going to move him. face of this question there is is a grateful stoicism, not a

bad tactic for one so utterly

dependent on the good will

In my mind's wander ings I see him as an aged pilgrim, bent over his cane, trudging slowly ahead, haul-ing a leaky sack full of memories, the sociable, good-looking, athletic dancer become the ruined future of himself, who asks yet again: "Where are you going to move me?" We explain again and explain again how much nicer the new place will be (and it will). how much closer to the lov ing ministrations of his close kin (and it is). And while we truths (which taste in my mouth like well-meant, con riding lies to calm a wor old photos into a pocket of

#### IMAGINARY CONVERSATION

You point out to me vari places that gave your young Ballrooms, the Victory, the Liberty, where you dipped, leaned, and whirled to the cadence of the orchestra ber and well-muscled, you took midnight swims. The majestic Hotel Del Coron ado, where a friend bought you, then so poor, a fancy

You say you are shake about the past behind this present past, know only that the family, your side, goes sia, that its surname was originally Saminsky, reduced to Samins (have I got these right?), in America, to Nathan Israel (of ancient days) to lack (of the brand-new world). And the westward trek to the San Francisco Bay Area, and

ining these home

finally to San Diego, where your father dealt in "men's furnishings," and you went to high school and worked small-time jobs — paper boy, bellhop, elevator boy in a bookstore, printer's assistant — before settling in Los Angeles and raising a family of your own. All this — little enough — comes from notes I have scratched on a yellow pad. Hardly a life at all, one thing happening after another with no obvious links of cause and effect.

My father lived for some years as a widower in a spacious estab-lishment in the Southern California town of Arcadia, whose builders had gone to some effort to give the place an air of cheerfulness and style. The floor of the lobby was marble, and there were comfortable benches for the hotel's "guests," most nen in flowered prints, to sit and wait for visitors, or iust to wait. To the left of the lobby, a generous staircase curved up to the second floor; to the right, a few steps in, was an nense dining room with glittering crystal chandeliers. My brother and I, occasional visitors from Berkeley, join

Just like the lives of most of us, I am tempted to say.

my father for a few meals there, though we preferred to take him out to a restaurant, not because the food was blandly instirutional, though it was, but because of the unabashed eyeing tutunia, taougn i, was, but because of the unasonated yetuing of us from other tables. This was not the assessing gaze of per-sonal interest or the rude gawk of childish rubbernecking. It was neither inviting nor hostile. It was more intense than any of these, so much so that I tried to avoid eye contact when we entered and left the dining room and, during the meai, kept ny eyes studiously bent to the food before me, thinking that perhaps my self-consciousness was magnifying what was merel passing curiosity. But I didn't really believe this. I believed, or icular evidence, that the intensity of those looks expressed sion, consequences, and that my brother and I were expected to be bearers of news from that world. This thought both appalled me (and appalls me still) and made me feel embar-

ingly young (in my 60s!).
The discomfort on one su mfort on one such occasion became so oppressive that I rose before the meal was quite ended and, mouthing some lame excuse, left the room, looking neither right nor left. But once beyond the dining room, I decided on a route that I had not used before but seemed to point more directly toward my father's first-floor room, perhaps a shortcut there (though his room was not all that far from the dining room), a short-cut that would, I hoped, spare me more unwanted looks.

cut that would, I hoped, spare me more unwanted looks.

This route led through an exit to a stairway down (perhaps up also — I don't remember), at the bottom of which began a long, well-lit corridor stretching a surprising distance ahead. The walls were painted beige, the doors on either side also some neutral tone, most with names inserted in nameplates in which

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a small twist of plastic flowers or some hand-wrought bauble had been tucked to defy the sameness of everything, a little token of individuality in the beige continuum. Brave but futile, I thought, and my pace quickened, driven by a growing sense of unease, by the feeling that this was not a hall so much as a ny layers below earth's surface. And the word that suddenly filled my mouth but wouldn't sound was

There was a turn up ahead that I all but ran to and encour tered the same walls, the same doors, the same fragile attempts at cheer, perhaps the same Mary Annes, Dorotheas, Lillians Wilmas, none of whom I had so far encountered but would have welcomed meeting just to be sure that I was not absolutely alone in this world. And what must it be for them to have to find their way out and back into this corridor become a tunnel, on the way to becoming a labyrinth, and do it every single day at least three times a day? I couldn't imagine such a

I think I must have stopped along about then to listen for ome human sound: conversation, shouting, tears, music from a radio or TV, footfalls of some restless pacer. The silence was deadening, was not the silence of peace or repose. A thought born of panic and guilt: Perhaps everyone had gathered in the dining room to witness my staggering return from the under-ground, the wild look in my eyes brought on by arrogance, less, and the naïve belief that I was somehow diferent from them, the starers, that I was exempt from the infirmities that had brought and kept them there.

I don't remember (nor could I invent) how finally, around two or three more turns. I found myself a way up and out. Nor did I ever figure out how I had walked so far and gone so little ways from the dining room and toward my father's room, where he was waiting for me with my brother. I explained my delay by turning the experience into hyperbole, farce (and how easily it lent itself to these forms).

I am not sure that this visit is the same in which my brother and I, finding nothing more convenient, rented one of the retirement hotel's guest rooms for the night; one, I should note, whose door sported no name and no twist of cheer, though it was on one of the underground levels. Turning down the covers of my bed, I found a rusty stain of dried blood on the bottom sheet. I said nothing about it to my brother, but when I showed him the stain in the morning, he winced slightly, and we had no need to explain our thou

There is this little house somewhere in the past, all but forgotten. with ghosts who do not know they're ghosts

A record plays its end over and over, hysterical, but no on seems to notice. Father yawns Mother vawns too but hides it

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'I was — how old? — maybe seven. It was a hot summer's day, the long vacation time for schoolchildren. I had been playing alone, imagining myself one thing or another, in the tall weeds of the backyard. Suddenly I stopped, aware of something amiss, of a feeling spreading in my consciousness, a feeling of unhappiness and with no proximate cause.

I waited for it to pass, but it did not pass, so I walked slowly to the tiny storeroom off the kitchen (itself tiny) where we kept the icebox, pulled open the creaky screen door, and announced to my mother, who was ironing there to catch any possible breeze, that I was sad ('blue' was the actual term Lused). She looked up from her labor, brushed back a strand of her long, coppery hair, and told me that at my age I should not have such feelings and that I should enjoy childhood while it lasted. This was not profoundly consoling advice, but what else could she have said? It was the era of the Great Depression, and all lesser depressions had to make the best

"So she went back to ironing and I went back to play,

neither of us the wiser, both alone with our thoughts. It was also the era of reserve, when what had to be suffered was to be suffered was to be suffered. It was the compared to the suffered was the broken that taboo by confessing my sadness so penly. New, of odd years later, I wonder if my mother's words — write of the own the words — when the

Here the old poet yanks the page out of the archaic Royal he reserves for prose, crumples it, and drops it in the wastebasket by his foot. "The pity of it," he mumbles, "the self-

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pity of it." Then he reaches down to fetch the crumpled page, smoothes it on the desk, and pushes it onto a pile of other rejected beginnings, false starts. Maybe there is no true one.

"I was born before the age of color," he begins once more, "before we, badly educated laymen, grasped, so far as we can grasp, the distance between star and star, between atom and atom, person and person. We could, with the father of the possessed boy in the gospel according to St. Mark, cry out, Tord, I believe, help Thou my unbelief. "We were yet to learn to dread nifnily and the nothingness beyond infinity. Some of us, before we knew we were deciding, decided to hide..." from what, he wondered. Here he recalled an incident that his father had sometimes related, as an occasion for amusement. The son found it otherwise. It seems that one day when he was a very small child,

he is estem that our car ywhen in two as very small curles was sitting on the toiled lid, watching his father shave before the mirror. He watched a long time in silence and then abruptly asked if his father would put a hand on his son's head to stop him from growing. There is little consolation in this incident for those who believe that the child is the father of the man. The old poet wished he could question the boy, but the latter would not understand and maybe cry. What did the boy study so intently that made shim shrink

What did the boy study so intently that made him shrink from his right and duty to grow my? There was the ranor leveling the black stubble, perhaps nicking the flesh, drops of bright blood forming at its edges. Mortality, And there was bigness itself, power and clumsiness gathered in the bunched muscles of the shoulders and upper arms. In the next room his mother was dusting or sweeping or scrubbing or preparing meals, tasks that would drive her till bedtime. The research of related were everywhere, most starkly for the boy in

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those late nights his mother and he writted in the car for his father to be done with his job, feeding presses. Now and then, his find would come to the second-story window of the old stone building on "pring Street that housed the presses, look down, and lift a hand—like a prisoner, the boy imagined, waving at those who have come to comfort him with their presence.

But if the boy couldn't stay small, he could perhaps invent a variety of the smallness was at home, far away from the a gigantism of the new dispensation, and miniaturized to a scale he could master or at least be safe with. And in trust, he never stopped inventing such a world, peopling it with creatures that would never encounter the woe of the greater world, the world of grown-ups, the world of hard-mouthed prose. But why then was there also unhappiness in the world he had invented for the purpose of excluding it?

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My fater lens forward in his La-Z-Boy, lifts an arm, and points at me: "You write porty?" Despite he leveled finger, the question does not seem accusatory. The tone of its asking is neutral. "Yes," I say and, lowering his arm, he leans back, apparently satisfied. But before I end my visit, he will repeat the ritual; why, I don't how. Perhaps the gesture is a vestige of a less accepting one, become over the years a habit or mental tic. It must, from his perspective, still seem mighty odd to have a poet for a son.

But there was a time, almost 60 years ago, when it was more, or worse, than odd. That was when I announced to anyone who cared to listen that my life's work would be making poetry. And had anyone cared to know why, I would have recited

The awful shadow of some unseen Power
Floats though unseen among us, — visiting
This various world with as inconstant wing
As summer winds that creep from flower to flower.

Like moonbeams that behind some piney mountain shower, It visits with inconstant glance Each human heart and countenance;

Like hues and harmonies of evening, —

Like clouds in starlight wide

Like memory of music fled, — Like aught that for its grace may be Dear, and yet dearer for its mystery.

or

She dwells with Beauty — Beauty that must die; And Joy, whose hand is ever at his lips Bidding adieu; and arhing Pleasure nigh, Turning to Poison while the bee-mouth sip Av. in the very temple of delight

Ay, in the very temple of delight
Veil'd Melanchoiy has her sovran shrine,
Though seen of none save him whose strenuou
tongue

Can burst joy's grape against his palate fine; His soul shall taste the sadness of her might, And be among her cloudy trophies hung.

To do such things with words - to make them sing so beau-

tifully beyond themselves! That Shelley and Kests suffered much and died young and that I hadn't the slightest notion what it might late to be a poet—free mere facts did not in the least weaken my resolution, just the reverse. Moreover, I received encouragement from a sympthetic teacher, had a received a would-be poet. And one morning I found myself standing before the barboroum intro. (Raging twith my bestem at received introduced and the contraction of the standing before the barboroum intro. (Raging twith my bestem at received introduced the standing before the standing before

My parents' first response to my stateousced calling was disbellet, followed closely by ridicule: Poking around in my room while I was absent, my mother came across one of my first attempts at a love poem and read it back to me, undersoring by cruel exaggeration in help to they presente, its apply posturing. The critique might have proved useful had it been delivered with a little charily and by someone, anyone, eise—it tooks very long time for me to forgive my mother's trespue. Twitting having failed, they resported to rational menace:

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Years later I went to an analyst who listened to my worries and told me that I could be helped and that when I was, I would be writing prose not poetry. As the analyst put it, it would be like trading in a Ford for a Lincoln.

I'm afraid I slept through all of this sound advice, though with eyes wide open. My mind was elsewhere — a much less *M*ore minutes. Same money.



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ambiguous sign of poetic vocation, had I had the wit to recognize it, than babblings in the lavatory. Or as the Polish writer Czeslaw Milosz has it: "The poet: one who constantly thinks of something else." ("Reconciliations." Provinces, 23)

The habit persists. Sixty years back I was inattentive; now I'm forgetful. One self, a skulking rebel, still follows the shadow of some unseen Power; the other, a fairly dutiful son, waits, hat in hand, for his traveling orders.

Someone clearing his throat wakes me up. It is my father leaning forward, arm lifted, finger pointing, "You write poctry!" he asks. "Yes," I say, and blush.

#### HOTEL HAPPINESS

In the next room party voices flicker then go still like candles put out one by one, leaving only the whisper of a last goodnigh perfore the silence of a shut door.

I'm so close, the party could have been mine the happiness mine also and now, mine also the loneliness of empty bottles that stand around. shrugging against a hardening cold.

Whose life is this anyhow? -Someone, I think, always on his way from one forsaking to another. one traveling light but bent under what he has had to leave behind. Someone gone before he's missed.

#### THE KEY IN THE FOUNTAIN

When they opened the door to the apartment on Coronado Island, their home for the week, they were met with a dusk utterly at odds with the sunny world outside. The windows were few and small, the blinds drawn, the pale walls gray in this light. The poet's wife was quick to name the atmosphere they both "Bogart," she said and giggled. That was precisely it: They were standing in what could have been a set for a '30s detective story, a drab room with achromatic furniture to match. All that was needed to complete the set were two or three ugly iron floor lamps, ashrays welded to their skinny sides and, of course, sticking out from behind the sofa, the polished shoes

of a corpse.

Blinds opened, the room seemed less theatrical, more a serviceable base from which to see the sights, in which to sleep and eat. But that first impression never quite left him, and he could not stop feeling like an intruder.

The night of their arrival he woke to the sound of voices and the plash of the fountain in the tiny patio. The voices were young, happy, full of plans for the next day. Envious, he tried to imagine faces to match the voices but fell asleep trying and then woke up to their absence. He lay a long time before rising and shuffling into the front room, where he sat down at the writing table and made an uncompleted gesture toward the desk lamp. Sirting in the dark, he summoned up imagined earlier tenants: a couple, their ears to a radio whose shape is that of a tombstone, perhaps a child between them on the sofa, anxiously listening through static to news long buried under the ashen fallout of later news. Or a woman, sitting on the the ashen fallout of later news. Or a woman, stung on the code of the bode has just left, cyring the bitter tears of the forsaken. Or a man in a rage of disappointment, pacing then sterming out, slamming the coor so hard it files open again. Others came forth, but he shut them off, feeling like an alien presence, a ghost from the future to tell them that it was the control of th

just as bad as they thought it would be, possibly worse.

He began to dream even before he got back to bed. Or so it seemed. In the dream he was writing the script for a detec-tive movie, had all but done it, but couldn't find the ending. perhaps didn't want to. A friend explains to him that the key is in the fountain. Listen to the fountain. He does, wakes up listening to it, listens to its babble until he understands that

what he is listening to is babble. Leaving 'he apartment that morning, he glanced at the fountain, just to make sure there was no literal key lying in its basin. Out of the fountain's babble and other such hints, he hopes to get a poem.













It is in fact autumn, rain becoming a silvery mist, trees a forest of dark silhouettes. His study window is an invitation to stay put, everything just as it is: perfect, like the still-to-be written

em. In it, the weary traveler will find rest after miles of fallen

leaves, trampled red and gold.

"Let prose have the colors," types the old poet. "I will be content with the shades of gray, saving them so far as I can."

By chance I was the first of the family on the scene after the rest-home attendant, who found my father, and the police officer

who answered my timid knock at my father's door a little after six in the morning. The officer politely asked me to wait out-side the room while he took care of certain things (or words

to this effect). He was a big, burly, quiet-spoken man, tattoos

teous policeman, having set things in motion, had gone on to new crises, leaving his card in my hand.

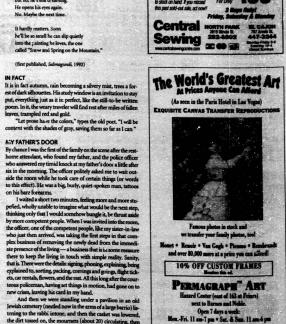
tening to the rabbi intone, and then the casket was low the dirt tossed on, the mourners (about 20) circulating, the going their ways.

But the dream — I revised all this in a dream. In it I am

And then we were standing under a pavilion in an old vish cemetery (nestled now in the arms of a large barrio) lis-

ALY FATHER'S DOOR

on his bare forearms.





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alone and enter what appears to be a park, Tilden Park in Berkeley, a ten-minute drive from my house, but it is also not Tilden: everything about it is on a much greater scale, the trees directly ahead of me looming massively tall, though somehow not daunting. I notice to my right a vast sward smooth as a golf green. At its center my father lies in an open casket but curiously indistinct. I walk (or perhaps float) too ward him and when I reach him feel an overpowering grief, which I did not feel at the burial, where my most acute emotions were fear that I would somehow miscue with the shovel, there for mourners to cover the lowered casket, and regret that I had used the shovel, not

Now in this strange but familiar park, my grief is such that I sink down and embrace him, lamenting not my loss, but

his absolute isolation, his utter powerlessness to respond.

When I waken, a few tears are drying on my cheeks, and before dozing off again, I wonder if this dream is by way of comgrave, poor showing as a son.

and another dream a few days back. In it, I am an elderly estate manager for an absent lord in a film version of (an unwritten

floor of the estate; below me some peasants are making a jovial racket as I grumble bitterly over my books and over the general condition of the world — bad, bad — and here these ignorant to do not not be would be as to be a superation, I shout at them to stop at once and wake myself up, a pettish anger, an old man helpless anger, persisting in my breast and the sense that all this is acting, and I am a character in a farce, my antics the stuff of is acting, and 1 am a Character in a nate, more comedy. When I look in the mirror for some gray-bearded Dimitri or Alexander, I find instead my own face rather strange. 

— Leonard Nathan

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# **Final Notes** on the Only Century We've Got for Another Week

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John F. Kens

Kicks??? A concept nuked back to the Stone Age; a shell game, at best, translucent as a broken bay window.

A century in which some odd couplings have occurred, where (for most intens and many purposes) a familiar face named lessus, for inst, got metadown the same of the same of the same intension of the same of the same and the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same of the same same of the same of the same of the same of the same same of the same same of the same same of the same same of the same o

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PROPHECY AND POSTPHECY

"2000 Man" — who'd have thunk it?
What seemed at the time like a bit of comic relief, a topical joke on side one of Their Satanic Majesties Request, the Rolling Stones' entry (11/67) in the Sq.



The Rolling Stor

Pepper overproduction sweepstakes, now reads like one of the great, and maybe the last great, documents of future-think.

"My name is a number, a piece of plastic film"..."I am having an affair with a random computer"...even a dose of multiplanetary multiculturalism: "Oh Daddy, proud of your planet, oh Mommy, proud of your sun" — how's that for nescioned.

who'd've thought such a lampoon of future-think would come to pass so quickly, so thoroughly — or was it a truism even then? — and nobody'd

And that other more-thar-date:

1984. By which time, compared to the hand history had actually dealt, "1984" (the concept) had become a mild little what are-you-complaining-about, the Orwell vision having been superseded by something far more weasely and malevolent. Big Mean Uncle certainly did watch you. but more than that you were watching him (his 8-tring circuses, his news and commercials, his Master Progr "m.), addictedly, on a monitor YOU paid for, (More effective and cost-

And the year itself, diggit: Reagan had to be Prez; the Olympics had to be

staged in L.A. (Vegas wasn't ready yet). There was no irony left in the world.

A year later, when Terry Gilliam's Brazil came out, a reviewer or two copped to its taking bace, perhaps, in nots omuch the future as an alternate present, but nobody picked up on it as a film in fact about the past—1965, say—a time when Control was still analog, and occasion ally (in both theory and practice) fallible. A nostalgic little period piece.

AS I LAY DEAD (CHAPTER FROM A NOVEL THE CENTURY WOULD

NOT LET ME FINISH)

It's 2035. I'we been dead 30 years. Welcome to my treasure trove. My handchiseled mausoleum. You and eight or nine others have stumbled in here: lots of goodies, take 'em and enjoy! Antake your meny time, they ain't going anywhere. Where the hell were you when I was allow?

when I was alive?

Ah! the thudding frustration of 
"slipping through the cracks" — "dying 
invisible" — or even worse being branded

like caves and dungeons. Moonlight); the bitter exhaustion of having to cheer-lead my own act, my so-called career (why do we strive?)—fuck me. Luck was never mine. Whatever could go wrong, did. You don't need a sob story. Not the complete ore. Now that it's over, what's the diff? What ever was the diff?

But anyway, come in, take your shoes off, probe and grope me. While I was alive I didn't care much for the notion of scoring — being "discovered" — after I died. It means nothing to me now. "Me" doesn't exist, not anymore, "I" don't either, and "we" never did.

Don't wanns sound like a frigging solipsist (I die...i's over... faste it all with me), it has nothing to do with such biz. Obviously life goes on — the last reader inst 'dead yet — so here's how we maybe should play it: I was generous then (i.e., now: my now), always gave the whole wad away, squandered my fluids on writerly whims with but the most enoteric of payoffs, spent 5-6-7 years on books that didn't get me laid, didn't earm me a can of clams, and the bounty of that gener. sky lingers on. If I can have a coppe, if I can have a coppe if I can have a cop



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so can my work...consider it dead. Bountifully. Does death fascinate you? (While we're on the subject, I sort

(While we're on the subject, I sort of doubt my corpse wishes were heeded to be left naked in the street for the flies to feed on. Please be sure my grave is kept clean.)

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Anyway, here 'tis: a gen' rous help-ing of smut, rant, provocative grocery inst, creives of wrestling and habricated condoms, bon mosts, lively filler, evidence galare of the author's baving ripped the eyes off his face, ripped the shin from his bones and poked it with an iceptick, hammered the bones with an iceptick, hammered the bones with a calew harmer, lopped them with poultry shears... a carload of fine "stuff" from a deadman who knew how!

Hey, I was a contender — almost in the final uneasy days of writing as we the still-living know, er, knew it. Or am I lucky I ever got published at all? None of which exactly matters,

am I lucky I ever got pubsished at air.

None of which exactly matters,
y'understand, but it can still be a pisser,
still living, to live with it. The taint of
"failure." Non-recognition. Something
almost like "shame." A cheery buiden
on waking consciousness. (Fuck me
fatuous.)

And why do we strive? Why in the face of schecks and etc. there aren't sticks (bats) (clubs) enough to shake at, do we persist in believing it matters? Damned if Iknow. (Don't give me any hogwash 'bout the 'indumitability of the human spirit.")

the human spirit."

Listen, I grew up at a time when
TV was new...noen inny home till i was
five years old. Imagine such a woold (a
world also without rock-n-roll). Now
you're probably uis steps beyond laser
diese—I'm talking your now. Do 'nuid' exist anymore Books as such (without compulsory audio/video/medlorams)!
Is 'text' just something you at your
option download off a CD-ROM,
database X or the Internet, or whatever's replaced them! (Do eyes exist
anymore; Do teth!) This is not a science-fiction novel. O'r maybe it is..!
don't care if you don't.

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In any event, behold the document:
a "kitchen sink" (as we might once have

called it) of life-wish and death-wish and grandiloquent nullity...a swag chest knee-deep in glowing all-for-naught...a

Farly in the final decade of the last century, I got interviewed for a Fanch documentary about a 1960s band called the Doors. Their singer was hot shit for a while. "How," I was asked, "would you describe the sexuality they projected?" Well, 10d the guy, making they as I went along, it wan't basic rock whiteboy ser of either the '50s or '60s, it wasn't black, Yknow, R&B sex, the blugs, and it wasn't british-style another in the style of the style o

tion of MY OWN dick.
May this heap-o-pulp likewise serve
as the ur-expression of YOUR vanity.
A foretaste of your own aftertaste, of
your own extinction. Don't be shy: use
me. I don't mind at all being useful. Let
my legacy be your legacy. Fuck legacy.
Puck fack.—I'm a duck.

#### CONSPIRACIES (1)

Personally, I don't think the CIA killed JFK, and the first click in my head after something reminds me of his sunfout is its position, of all things, in sequence with the rebirth of rock and roll. The sunfourred in November '63, late, and by the dawning of '64 rock was back again, full force, after being dead in the wast since 1958. Really, trust me on this, that sets the sequence, one two, bing bing, in the consciousness/mindset of callow American whiteys my age (18–19) — I was THERE, believe it.

Anyway, back again doing its trademark mind-body-heart-soul redemption number: the second flowering of rockroll as such, as an officially so-named whatsit, or if we're talkin' real history (or izzit prehistory?), counting the '20s — Delta blues — as the first, and

mono

#### THE LIVERPOOL BEATLES ALBUM



postwar Chicago as the second, early '50s R&B as third, maybe throw in '40s jump blues too, we're looking at possibly the fith or sixth time it happened (no sweat, tho—it worked): but in any case also its LAST flowering (punk as

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The frigging SIXTIES — the buzzword, the stereotype, the nouneas & phenomenal — plenty of bullshit, too, of ones (too kneejerk an Uis-vernusfrom, too fast and specific a brand-new spie sheet) — but what did happen was elemental and massive, involving tens of millious of people, a third (casy) may be even half, of the youth of Asynrica, in a just-say-no to toomany things to groceryist here, and e hogwild helyes to even more.

If you wanted to, heck, you could try and isolate a few of the chickens and eggs, some primary causal "culprits." Drugs (natch). Consciousness as a tan-gible whoozit (and nascent Force). Probover Kennedy. The un-loathsomeness of (revealed!) (along with the means, and the warrant, to burn every BRIDGE to it). The hoodoo of the too-long "forbidden," its allure magnified by context to the breaking point: forbidden no more. The demotion of God (from boss to player) in the court of the cos mic and eternal. A provisional end to manymost variants of Judaeo-Christian guilt. Vietnam, the last war with a draft (fear of death at its most functional) gave the whole show mega-sufficient urgency and gravity, but England and Canada didn't have 'Nam, and it happened there just as elementally,

and maybe even as massively.

And one of the most telling, and most underrecognized, aspects of the whole business is kids, the cognoscenti,

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When at last it finally did end, it was clear it was over. Thuddingly: By the spring-summer of '69 (Easy Moonwalk), everything in counter-land was down the tubes, the toilet, sixty feet under, and with it the last vestige of interest ('cept to necrophiles, archivists and profiteers) this century. Events after that, from within and without, were just nails in coffins, coffins, too many



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order...like he was one of our more RIGHTWING post-war presidents, f'r godsakes, and one so natural to the PR of it all - the source of Reagan! - he had the masses considering him "liberal," a a "splinter group," some bun-cha renegades, acting inde-pendently — against the dominant Agency grain — you've gotta imagine there would've been repercussions, retribu-tion and whatnot, heads bounced, conspicuously...and mustn't Kennedy have had his PARTISANS inside the Agency? wouldn't there have en some ripples of reaction from them? anti-Castro Cubans as perps? - while meanwhile, way after the Bay of Pigs, which the Agency hed, not him, he'd never lost his enthusiasm for KILLING CASTRO checking the agency's progress towards which was a daily task assigned to brother Bobby - I'm not sure why we're s'posed to believe the Cuban faction wasn't a party to, or at least privy to, that

nore their own than their

founder Truman's, for inst -

and expect to retain the social



number...as to the need to even shoot the prez, make a martyr out of him for whatthere had to 've been e-z ways to neutralize and sub-due him - White House fuck tapes? photos of him "doing" Marilyn? — if in fact there was much of anything to subdue...heck, if the Agency, if some agency, had a hand in undoing Nixon w/out murdering his weird ass, why the need for our lets with Kennedy?...not to mention he was a literal IVY LEAGUER like manymost of them, an elite goddam player from the getgo, unlike lke/Dick/Harry/et cetera ... whereas the prospect of, say, the Mafia — some mob





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When at last it finally did end, it was clear it was over. Thuddingly. By the spring-summer of '69 (Easy Rider, say, then the fucking Moonwalk), everything in counter-land was down the under, and with it the last vestige of interest ('cept to hiles, archivists and profiteers) this century. Events after that, from within and without, were just nails in coffins, coffins, too many coffins to count. And Man-



son had nothing to do with

Anyway, I don't think the CIA killed JFK (with a chessplaying org so con-cerned with Control, it's hard to believe you would take the KING, and I don't mean Camelot, off the chesswhose politics were prob'ly

order...like he was one of our more RIGHTWING post-war presidents, f'r godsakes, and one so natural to the PR of it all - the source of Reagan! — he had the masses considering him "liberal," a a "splinter group," some bun-cha renegades, acting inde-pendently — against the dominant Agency grain — you've gotta imagine there would've tion and whatnot, heads would have rolled or at least bounced, conspicuously...and mustn't Kennedy have had nis PARTISANS inside the Agency? wouldn't there have been some ripples of reaction from them?...anti-Castro Cubans as perps? — while meanwhile, way after the Bay of Pigs, which the Agency botched, not him, he'd never lost his enthusiasm for KILLING CASTRO checking the agency's progress towards which was a daily task assigned to brother Bobby - I'm not sure why we're s'posed to believe the Cuban faction wasn't a party to, or at least privy to, that

nore their own than their

founder Truman's, for inst-

and expect to retain the social



number...as to the need to even shoot the prez, make a martyr out of him for whatever the hell he was or wasn't, there had to 've been e-z ways to neutralize and sub-due him — White House fuck tapes? photos of him "doing" Marilyn? — if in fact there was much of anything to subdue...heck, if the Agency, if some agency, had a hand in undoing Nixon w/out murdering his weird ass, why the need for bul-lets with Kennedy?...not to mention he was a literal IVY LEAGUER like manymost of them, an elite goddam player from the getgo, unlike Ike/Dick/Harry/et cetera ...whereas the prospect of, say, the Mafia — some mob



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#### FINE TIME TO BE BORN

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recorded in New York.

arguably the greatest drum-mer jazz has produced (more sizzling in context, it could be shown, than Elvin Jones days earlier, my parents would later claim, they'd've named me Victor - for Vat his Coltrane-era best), and it's probably produced

more great-great A-1 drum-mers than A-1 alto sax play-ers. Parker, 24, the highwa-

ter mark for alto, jazz's most mind-blowing soloist (any instrument), and prob'ly the

greatest musician (period)

ever to record a note, would

be dead in less than 10 years.

Gillespie, a more cautious breed of hellion, would live to perform "Salt Peanuts"

at the White House, with

guest vocal by once and future

peanut farmer limmy Carter:

E Day — lucky me. And luckier still for THIS, and its ilk, to have been the music vibrating the air, if not down the block air, it not down the block then close enough, in the very town where I entered this life, though it would be 17 years (during one of rock's major down times) before I would fortunously get t' hear it frenzied, frenetic, frantic — stop, start, fly, floop, over and out — go 'head, call it maty. But not nutty like Spike Jones, or Hellzapop-pin or a Bugs Bunny car-

I'm one day old.

If I'd been born just two

#### NUTTY.

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THERE WENT UN-CTIYT. (Trumancapoteville: g-g-g-gone!); HENCE U RENT TWITTY (y'need. Conway for a party, so you pay for him); WHUT TEN-CETERNITY? (what endless import, 10 centuries? — "millennia" debunked); IRENE NETTY "T.W." CHUT (1914–76, proponent of "tough weakness" therapy for substance abuse); TENT-CUT THY WIENER (so sayeth Leviticus, one O.T. scholar insists); W.C.T.E.: 'NUTHER ENTITY? (is the

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perance Enfederation really diff rent from their Union?); HYTRICE WENT T' UTNE (Hyman Trice, co-founder of the Utne Reader, went there straight from McCall's) WETTEN-INCH RYETUT (medium-size Egyptian nov-elty bread, after the rain); TENTH WETT-URINECY. (nine, make that tencyclopses, dryy); CHEWY TINT-NET-TRUE (no lie about edible colored women's hose): TUNNEY ET IT W/ "H" CERT (Gene followed lobster with a beroin-flavor breath mint); HEY, T.R. WENT T' TUNECI (no shit: Teddy Roosevelt attended classes at the Technical Univ. of Northeast Connecticut Illimantic); NEUTER THE WITTY N.C. (Noël Coward should be desexed, humorless critics contend); TEEN WINE TRUTH: C.Y.T. TWIN TRUENCY TEETH (geez: she cut school twice

t' visit the dentist!); RECENT N.U. WYETH TIT (exceptional breast painting by Andy Wyeth's unheralded cousin, Napoleon Ulysses Wyeth); WUTHERIN' TENCTETY (Ernily Bronte's turgid, yet still unpublished, sequel to Wuthering Heights); T. IN THE EYE, TWURN'T "C" ('twas only English fuck): TUNE THE Y. WIRE (CTNT) (made-for-Cana-'93): YET THE WINTER

#### RAUNCH

Obviously, centuries don't exist. Not like days, nights, seasons, or years do.

Ten fingers (Caesar had them, as do we), hence the

In long retrospect or short, sequences, chronologies, linkages could doubt-less be otherwise. All ascription of the squawk of moment, of its raunch correlation with neighboring moments (and the longer haul), more than, oh, two years after the fact is purely

or '57, unencumbered by the anathema such truck would entail today, we could even in this exalted week! gross inanities like GREAT CHICKS (HOT BROADS) (BOSS BABES) OF THE CENTURY (Josephine Baker...Harlow...Lana...Ava .. your ballot on page 52!); might even be proposing, in the afterglow of her lurid

grossly revisionist, in a very

through The Girl Can' Help It (co-starring Little Richard), Jayne Mansfield as THE manwoman of the whole cha-cha-cha.

It so happens the 20th ends now. If it ended in 1956

menu of options — con-texts — perspectives is "legit-imately" considered?

#### THE TOWEL

Complicity.

We all comply at times in our own undoing.

Lots-o-persons in most lines of etc. have thrown in the towel, but for writers to have done it as early as they how quickly and nastily all the dominoes would fall.

least in theory should know words and ideas and such crap — keepers as they are of the oldest flame going: the flame of MEANING bear a certain, uh, respon-sibility for and to the welfare of all livingthings, well they should aknowed right

off the bat what it meant.

Publishers of newspa-

pers & mags, to save money, make things "go faster," started firing typesetters, and the writers for these rags became typesetters, what ey turned in was already set, but no savings or perks of any sort were passed on to them. Editors, editing on these little screens, fucked up more than before, stupi-

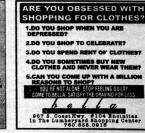
der typos, more ridiculous line breaks, as copy routinely

got mangled. The only side of writing that one could argue had been improved was the clerical side (hey, y'mean I don't gotta retype! it'll check my spelling!— cosh), never the creative side.

IN all this ugly machinery, the equivalent of a washer-dryer-airconditioner. And that dickety-dack typer that'd tric - well it won't write to disc or double as a printer,

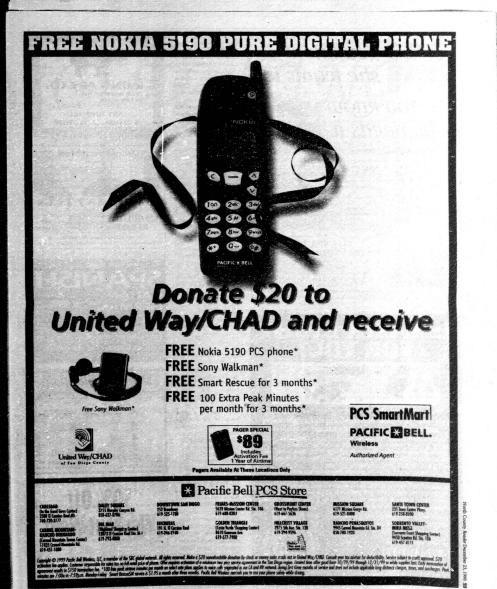
so chuck it: a useless antique.
In '91, after being told
by every paper I worked for
that if I didn't submit copy on disc I would hafta come in and retype it into their computer anyway, I suc-cumbed to the coercion and bought my first computer Not wanting to be distracted by superfluous opticals — I'm a writer, 's not a hobby.













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I got a monochrome monitor. My first impression was to work at home. A bleary eyed commuter. It made the process of writing so unpleas-ant that the genesis of paragraphs, pages, pieces ulti-mately took me longer. Today, with e-mail and

of unwanted "applicators" and vid-games and Zip drives and scanners and all the standard compulsory whatnot — shit I don't want, and don't want to need — it feels like I've bought this car that war until for your page and I also with the standard page. out of my range, and I also had to shell out for 7000 teddy bears and a million pairs of purple socks and a 300-year subscription to Field and Stream. Ninety-nine percent superfluity. (Every sec-ond I'm sitting at the fucker, I feel like I've been HAD.)

"Personal" computers: nobody needs th'm. It isn't about need! Well, animators for the graphics on Monday Night Football need th'm, but FUCK the animation on Monday Night Football. The world would go on fine with-

Coercion. Fooling osten-sibly all of the people closer, ever closer, to all of the time. Soon we'll be expected to pay our goddam bills online, and if y ain't on it yourself you'll have to subscribe to a service that does it for you. How long before we gotta pay to breathe? Don't know your take on this madness, but it's the bitter END of mammal life as I used to

The stations of my

loathing...
I basically haven't watched TV news since 1980, or about the time Jimmy Carter reinvented the Cold War, table-setting the Rea-gan years. The fraudulence of this prick's daily TV PER-FORMANCE, the sick macho gesture of an Annapolis wass who'd used coverage of Three Mile Island (him in a space-Cuban Missile Crisis had been to others...never again. My decision wasn't driven by My decision wasn't enven by escapism — an attempt to avoid knowing "what was going on." I simply no longer wanted any part of Master Control's by-the-numbers







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puters, it is not bad enough that they exist and are heinous and more or less mandatory. Knowing that is merely knowing that, but to SEE its ubiquitous face is to BE THERE yourself, witness to the SAME pinks, luminous greys, cerulean blues, all the dings and dongs from cyber

universal workspace of the damned, lockstepping to the horror, the horror.

A future-vision straight out of Disney, or to be precise, Disneyland the original weekly series. Several times each, they'd served up pap from Fantasyland, Frontierland, and Adventureland

they aired the first Tomorrowland segment - some unremarkable animations of space flight shown-andtold by Werner von Braun. national sacrifice, said the denazified Nazi of the hour, we might make it to the moon by the year 2000 ... ooh.

Well, they never did get us there, the bastards, but they also never lost the pre-rock fiftiesness of the dream, which they assault us with today WITHOUT MERCY: the word "shit"!: mall-world before malls! A perfect formica

mo' - that's what I see on know bout yours). On which must be endured an endless sion of ads for shit I is a product i.d. How long before you click on "save" fucking bank?

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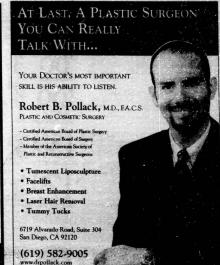
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now to unplug from the pre-PLUS: the root beginvailing "real world" scam than there was in the '60s Are you man/woman The year instant replay became standard for major league baseball, not merely for homers and crucial fielding plays but practically ever pitch ("Curve ball, low and of the IFK funeral some five plus years before), a follow An accursed season not even redeemed by the up-

from-the-sewer N.Y. Mets snatching the World Series. masses, bub! This wurn't no simple

gratuitous recoverability number, like reruns of old films or "cidies but goodies " the concept/package introduced on AM radio around 1960. but something (in the scheme of things) genuinely perni-cious: the undermining of spectator consciousness.

way, Ralph").

enough

An end to unidirectionality... to events in time heading somewhere...to time/expired actually meaning something.

nings of nonstop cross-cut sports editing (with hyperactive fans and players' wives and the crippled kid who's got a month to live and all o' that), employing "cinelate the perception of realtime events in real time, thus unreal (first done "experimentally," and with major malice, in the live broadcas the-dots aimed at more than

the stay-at-home sporting Our first taste of such a STANDARD MALICIOUS BROADCAST PROCEDURE.

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In his first novel, the Les

than Zero of its time, F. Scott

Fitzgerald plays the hole card

of socialism, only his social.

A very early warning.

not just the way it might transmute into something like fascism, y'know down the road, like when Stalin would go and do all these purges (and pogroms) in ar tance. Or much resis excess of institutional whatever, but fascism already originally, pretty much by In short order. This Side

of Paradise would seil 2 million copies, a prototype o the literary killing for ages to-come of young American doodooheads, and make its author (the emperor's new especially, that somebo oint, by hook or by crook

F. Scott Fitzge

trend-think; jock-sniffer to th Rich decades before Capote, Tom Wolfe, or P.J. O'Rourke; debaser of the concept of 'iazz" before it was even a third of a concept; grandfa-ther, godfather — or simply harbinger? — of the Yuppie) the toast of who fucking gives

Imagine the play he'd'v got on Entertainment Tonight or PBS. 'S a good thing, in those days, only the liter were subject to such crap.

much of a politics, among

and up) anymore?
AIDS, Not too many're claiming anymore it was cus-tom-designed — scientists (outside of fiction) just zin't that ingenious - or even, fact invented it. It would still seem, howey, that at some 'accident"? "discovery"? "engineering"? --- whoever they were had something on their hands this virus this bug - what t' do with it? First off, let's see what it can do - who'll we test it on? And why does it seem

likely it was tested? 'Cuz epidemiologically, ha, there apparently is NO WAY (contrary to the usual "explanation") for AIDS to have gone from being a heterosexually based epidemic (in Africa) to a homosexual one (in the U.S. "via Haiti" or so the story went) as apidly as it did. It isn't even a longshot — it's off the actuarial page. Dernographic breakdowns on early HIV distribution — the earliest hints of outbreak — point, out of all proportion, to

From genocide to mass

manipulating the living. Once the virus was out there, the

policy among the elite that

tle) was to let it flourish, reveal

nothing that might prove helpful in saving a life or umpteen thousand. If junkies

and hookers were soon get-

ting sick, fine, that's cool -

#### CONSPIRACIES (2)

Why do you think Nixon abolished the draft? Not from compassion, that's for sure. No draft = no draft resisor protest - as opposed to mere objection — to anything, really. Why do you think there's no perceptible leftist presence, nor even the formerly draftable (18

who needs either o' them either? By which point new the plot, hopping the band wagon, to make damnsurthere would be no needle exchanges, no free con doms, no encouraging peo-ple to just beat off already, no advice to anyone except just say no, and by all means keep away from queers --demonized this time around as the source of pestilence (And what, pray teil, is the Ameri-Christian beef with homosexuality? That it is, bottom line, from their tightassed perspective, prima conjures up images of sex acts — sperm flying all over the place — while the fact of Donnie Osmond, say, as a professed heterosexual evokes nothing.) When the bandwag reached its broadest mass-media phase, the and the woal, dearly, became recipients of an experimental hepatitis B vaccine tested the SEX OUT OF EVERYexclusively on gay U.S. men, and of a tainted batch of ONE Hedonism = freedom...fuh...it'd gone on dom...fuh...it'd gone on long enough. One custom-designed consequence: an upswing in hetero monogamy — gee, how sweet — to nudge the birth rate up another notch. Disposable diapers. As the '60s were waning, the American birth rate was at a tered by health workers in on a pair of population groups — blacks and gays — deemed expendable.

nostwar low This at a moment when young'uns were fucking like krazy and abortion was still, in most places, illegal — so how to 'splain it? More important how for corporate Ame

babies to the sex urge? - get in, go with the program (betsome economic mileage out ter to stick your nose in a of orgaz and ejaculat haddaya think the REAL near the bottom had to be objection to abortion is in high U.S. places? Squeezing 'em? To dissuade that margin votes from the most ea minipercent to whom such led of constituencies is small potatoes - there's always deciding factor, voilà: to pull those people's chains. Nah, chalk it up to corpo-

rate greed. Corpor

and suburban

always want MORE mouths

sell cars and gas and garage door openers to, and more

occasions to market symp

tomatic relief to more sul

pitable every day. If it ain't

more, it's as bad as less. Plus:

nore unwanted (and unter

minated) pregnancies means

which means more con

sumers consuming neurot-

ically, thus micro-manage

ably, on corporate dotted

during Reagan's first term, and no diff due to a Demo-

crat taking office, the U.S.

has done its utmost to dis-

mantle every third-world

birth control program it

helped initiate in the first

place. Keep 'em hungry, keep 'em needy, sell 'em more and

bigger Bruce Willis movies

keep those debtor nations

under our boot! The Popu-

ation Explosion, that late

'50s cause célèbre - when

there were only two billion

people in the world - what

ever happened to THAT? (And don't teil me Ben &

Jerry name flavors for it.)

60s...down ...how come

So anyway...births.

For the record: startin

ferers from a life more in

won't they pollute the earth?) - who could ask for Since then we've had

ovarian vogue...the culture

of babying...10 billion baby films...a population increase of 45 million (U.S. aione). Dominoes, anyone?

#### RED HERRING OF THE CENTURY

Child abuse. Child abuse! All parenting is abuse. (Sure as meat is murder, property is theft.) Physical abuse bothers

you? Well, what about spiritual abuse? My idea of a major

felony: inflicting on a child, age 0-12, the concept of eaven and hell. Especially hell. "Teaching" a kid hell

minimum of 20, no. 30 years On a fuckin' chain gang. No lunch breaks. (Don't le nobodysay I'm soft on crime.) In its sorry, sordid end run, has "religious freedom" as practiced in this country ver done much more than the bloody hell, in theory or buck up the right, the compractice, that even is (though pulsion!, of various afflicted 'ligion, like all others, f'r grownups to perpetuate the sure), can be systematically gerinplasm of whatever strain denied Constitutional proof fire-and-brimstone they tection, then phuck its handtherevelves were once branded in-glove "opposite" number. with, i.e., to inflict their ongo-

cates on this one?

ing dogma on innocent, ozone, crowd control from unmolded lumps of dough? hell.) And what of the rights of goddam dough? Where are all our "victim's rights" advo-The "threat" of pornography to today's unwashed

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Dunno about you, but I wouldn'ta made it to 13 without pics in smutmags to cue me to what the whole wide world of carnal oo-poopa-doo was ABOUT.

The aforementioned Jayne! Mansfield! - hoo weel - tits out to HERE -first nipples I saw on anyone 'sides my mother: oh nurture! Just a peek, mind youmags back then didn't really show that much - but oth erwise there'd've been no peek, nothin'.

1956, forty-three years ago. We're supposed to believe preadolescents need this shit less TODAY? (Pshaw.)

Denving them porn would be abusive.

#### MODS

Some cheezier modifications of the record:

Cus D'Amato as a "fine boxing mind" — as opposed to just the formulator of an ultra-safe "Floyd Patterson strategy." Floyd lacked ferocity ("killer instinct"), grit, guts, nerve, much of a punch. a lot to cover for. All he was was fast. So Cus matched



Roy Harris, Pete Rademacher — and even

these clowns embarrassed

Floyd, knocking him down

in early rounds, though

through the accumulation

of punches he ultimately tri-

umphed - big deal - the

most unloved heavyweight

Only because of his

hort-lived connection to

Mike Tyson, whose stock-

in-trade, when he was still

on, was unleashed ferocity,

plus enough power in either

hand to take out a mule,

things beyond being taught,

was Cus, in his lifetime, ever

regarded as anything but a

The title of an article in

marginal schmuck

champion since Jack Sharl

Sport magazine around '58 or '59, before Floyd got KO'ed by Income. In by Ingernar Johansson, whom Cus regarded lightly (he was European, see) or he said it all. The Terrible World And try this on for size The Beatles will not fare

only 'cause the full gamut of their once-accessible sonic past no longer exists. 'Cept on warped, scratched vinyl, and when they stop making record needles, that's that, By going beyond normal remastering to REMIX cer-tain "classic" Beatle cuts for CD reissue, Paul McCartney has canceled any ongoing role for them - except as an adjunct, largely mythical, to his own vanity. Devastated in the process is music (yes: music not recollected youth! not sociology!) an even billion people have got stored in their heads, their hearts,

their bones - and can imag-

rized every nuance - but

will never HEAR, as vibrat-

ing columns of air, again. (Unless they're enterprising

lingering undebased analog

ine verywell, having me

sources and do what they fucking want, formatwise with the sonic genepool. Oth-erwise, from here on out there is no sonic genepool.) Which is kinda like tak-

ing some print classic like Huckleberry Finn, something read and reread for the last 100 years if for no other rea son than it's always been they make gag. there, burning all copies, then issuing it in BRAILLE ONLY, or on the backs of oatmeal boxes (in Greek)

For ex.: "Penny Lane," a full half, along with "Straw berry Fields," of the second greatest two-sided hit of all time (after "Hound Dog"/"Don't Be Cruel"), was originally a very decent tre ble-heavy song, but in remix up, and the drums feel different too, and it all sounds between two places (aimost like the Drifters' "There Goes My Baby," an early, not totally successful, rock experiment with strings), which it didn't not the same song, not even sive when we get to a Lennon song, "Baby You're a Rich Man," on which John played

this squeaky, spooky, very

demic slime Norman Pod-horetz called them leather-(a clavioline?) - it was WHAT made the recording so engaging — that's now mixed down, and Paul's bass jacketed savages with zip guns: these too-generous is up again — it sounds like crap. (Plus John is dead, ch?) These two cuts heard in sequence, on the CD version of Magical Mystery Tour, are particularly exasperating, uplifting, if less instanta neously masical (you had to spend time and read 'em).

What's this cheesepuff solipsist worth, 8 billion dollars? Why can't he leave this

#### BEATS "R" US

Mea culpa, mea culpa. Yes, I have colluded in denigrat-ing, sullying, STINKING UP the Beat archive. Can't you

The redolence of coffee. of Starbucks, and of coffee

There's probably been more unmitigated bullcrap written about the Beats tha any quantitatively similar culture scene, including white probes of black music and exploitations of the hippie '60s. John Updike scolded

olved children; that aca 00-virtuous rogue pilgrims whose writings were as per-fect an antidote to '50s Drear as rock & roll, as sublimely

And NOW, folks: the offee table scuzz of The Rolling Stone Book of the Beats (1999). While not the first ct Beat book - Allen Gin berg did at least three c.t.'s on his own (as opposed to just large format, 9x11, like the posthumous Kerouac whatzis, Some of the Dharma) — one text than pixtures...I've got

the longest thing in it.

An edit-down of a fiveyear-old article originally called "Another Superficial Piece about 176 Beatnik Books" - they cut me do to 158 - but it's anything but superficial: a stone-seri ous take on Beat as writ and published...text as direct emanation of self...the inte concern...the litrachoor of let's-get-naked-for-10-mintruth - if we fail, at least we tried, y'hear? I talk about all these books and point out how like On the Road is really



fifth or sixth best novel, after Big Sur (one of the two or three ur-masterpieces of the English language), The Sub-terraneans, The Vanity of Duluoz, Tristessa, and pos-sibly The Dharma Burns...so maybe you don't read the wrong one first, just 'cause you're s'posed to, and get discouraged, and never read Jack again. Nothing on my part to be embarras I guess, but, but...I dunno.

Shoot, there were som very suspect early Beat col-lections that included people like NORMAN MAILER. someone about as Beat (or Beat-cognizant) as Tony Cur-tis. Thank heck he's not in this one, but take a look at the sad parade of interlopers, slummers, and party poopers who are: Yoko Ono, Johnny Depp, I ee Ranaldo, Deborah Harry, Graham Nash...Graham Nash? My stwhile pal Patti Smith, as phony as 80 days are long, ing Ginsberg "that Jew queer," contributes the gushing, almost toesucking "De Allen" (p. 274). On p. 307, hepcat wanna-be, the 2nd or 3rd jivest person I've ever of ierks who have made the term "cool" useless till the end of time, makes the claim that "Any serious discussion Lord Buckley and Lenny Bruce" - no it doesn't!

Nor were the Beats themselves especially "hip-sters" — sure they were, but they were also distinctly (and distinctively) not-that, and some — Ferlinghetti, John Clellon Holmes, Carl Solomon - were not-that. period. Kerouac once presented his take on karmin responsibility as "No rest until every sentient being is redeemed" — show me the hipster in them apples, Don.

Listen France Beatnik born in '45, you can't be one in much more than spirit (unless you're Anne Waldman, who based on her connection to Ginsberg at Naropa, though she isn't even small-b beat, often gets tapped the youngest "actual" Beat) (Trixie A. Balm, eat yer heart out) - but at least I've got some respect, see, for those

Ain't ne Buddhist, but I hold this stuff sacred, okay? feeling to be in a volume so brimming w/ not only cof-fee grounds but COOTIES. So why am I in the damn

and Rabelais.

thing? Why have I given it my consent? Hey: I even par-ticipated in a reading at Borders to hype sales. I give it my consent for the illusion of visibility, the self-deception of a mission of truth, and last but not least, a mess of pottage.

#### WHALE OF A POET

As dandy a poet as Sap-



pho, Shakespeare, Blake, Baudelaire, Rimbaud, Dickinson, Whitman, Pound, Ginsberg, or Ogden Nash.

Now that everything he science to hermeneutics ("interpretation"), while Jung is classed (and revered) as some weird sort of pagan mystic, and frontline beatniks never lost their affection for Reich, let's just keep Siggy around for what he most IS: an ole-fashioned coke & tobacco motherfucker whose unabashed MAG-NILOOUENCE puts him up there with Freddie Blassie

Poetry: the root, if not

route, of ALL philosophy (and science!) worthy of the

#### ED WOOD VS. COCTEAU:

WHO WILL WIN?

#### The notion of Greatness -

the judgment, the sentiment, the nervous tic: great albums, great cinematographers, great need to waste our time on that worn and weary road? Is it any longer an attribution of anything pertinent -- ger mane - worth a ding dang

Charisma As in the charis matic Brad Pitt - a dishrag who "looks like James Dear The April '98 Gentle

men's Quarterly, a "special collector's issue," pays trib-ute to the Athlete of the Cen-



tury, Muhammad Ali, There was a time, back when I was when I'd've called him the

PERSON of the Century Of course, no doubt, beyond all hype, he is the sport of the 20th, just as he was with 25 years still remain ing, and his '74 knockout of Foreman in Zaire stands as one of the two or three most conspicuous public achievements since, well, after my own arbitrary cutoff date

Man, the Manwoman, the

'69-'70. But achievement. merit -- what is the cash value (in the William Jamesian sense) of either of THOSE curios at century's end? Possibly they never meant a fuck of a lot without the requisite hype, without a coercive lesson plan for dumbass mortals, a hierarchic see-Spotrun of canonical More to our abject Less...so good riddance. And in one sense at least, if still below the level of reflexive consciousness of our common awareness,

I think we are rid of one twang of the shuck: "high" art vs.

And I don't mean 'cause people in gen'ral seem more, to lowstuff like gothic romance or yuppie sitcoms or whatever, which isn't really even the low I'm getting at (that stuff's just lowest common denom, and what's at issue here is lower than the denom - low as in lowlife: gutter stuff) - I mean that among incrementally more of those who not long ago would've been patrons of as systematically, or as automatically, exclusive (with or pleasure"). And like I said not too many of these geeks are actually, wakingly aware if it, but habits of valuation have changed - slightly there's a certain piecemeal laxing of the rigor - even among those of 'em you can fool all of the time.

DADA come home to roost? Duchamp (et al.)

Marcel Duchamp, who abandoned "retinal art" not long after painting the archretinal Nude Descending a Staircase, was one of th supreme foreshadows of the early 20th, even begetting a workable copy — a xerox – a silk screen, anyway --- in dom, his shrewdness, his cool-customerhood would have been as zilch without an adventitious mass means of activating some mighty riffs (as infantile as they are intellectual) hurking in every one's art-critical toolbag, of deconstructing sundry impractical (but ingrained) valuational norms, of deliv ering the package on a bedrock of common utility, of normal situational perception. and that means was/is/has been - to the extent that it has been AT ALL - not the beats, not Pop Art, not the hip pies, not punk, not specifically anyway, but rock & fact. ing roll — the Whole Damn Thing -45 years down its long & winding pike, still rolling (clunkily) on.

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high and low, we've needed more years of rock than it's actually functioned as rock (as opposed to as Big Culture, cr as Typical Showbiz, or as Monster Trucks Soundtrack) the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, and '90s...longggg after it ceased being useful for much of anything else...

tions in the public eye between

If you view them with an open heart and an uniaundiced eye, Jean Cocteau's Orpheus, the celebrated "art pic" of 1950, and Edward D. Wood's Night of the Ghouls, "celluloid trash" from '59, offer surprisingly, yet unde niably similar takes on Death he's a Cocteau pulling no



résumé!) COCTEAU WITH-OUT RESTRAINT. Testament of Orpheus, meanwhile,



BOBO

Carl "Bobo" Olson, born July

11, 1928, Honolulu. "The

Hawaiian Swede." Champion? Also-ran?

Great? Not-great? Not-

Overreacher? Under

Interesting? Interesting

In '53, following the retirement of Sugar Ray

Robinson, won 15-round

ons over Paddy Young

achiever? Overreacher.

than flattering Ed Wood, '94, which doesn't completely mock the guy's work, heck-

and Randy Turpin to gain recognition as world mid-dleweight champ. June '55, moving up in weight, challenges Archie Moore for the lightheavy-weight title and is knocked out in the 3rd round. In December, Robinson (unretired) KO's Bobo in 2, recapturing the middleweight crown, and in the rematch six months

later, in 4. 1960: campaigning as a lightheavy, with pretensions of moving up to heavyweight, he is kayoed in 6 by an upand-coming Doug Jones, the first serious challenge (two years later) for the young Cassius Clay.

92-16-2. In the end: broke.

STALER BREAD,

My wife's been sick, the

No more Art (sent or received) on a pedestal wouldn't that be nice!

young'uns too, And I'm durn near down with the flu, The cow's gone dry and them hens won't lay But we're still a-livin', so

ever'thing's okay.

"Everything's Okay,"

Luke the Drifter (Hank Williams commoditization

despair...the "populism" of universal slip-slide .the nofuture of an illusion...the mega-marketing of leaner

pickings.
In 1980, during the Iran
hostage crisis (and the CIA's Afghan incursion), Slash edi-tor Claude Bessy, a/k/a Kickboy Face, punk-rock's hottest voice-in-print, announced, without a trace of grief: "We will not live to see the end of this decade" — he fig-ured Carter would be blowing up the planet any day. "I only regret," he added; "that I won't live to see enc gh of the horror." Slightly .ater, after the threat had subsided

(but why forget its sting?), Slash reviewer Chris D. hailed some German punk LP as "adequate sonic preparation for the heat-death of the world." Torment, torture, and subjugation as the trip...dig it. The X Files: of course they lie to us — or is it sim-ply we'll believe anything? Either way, the endless well-

Career continues through '66. Final record: Rumors of bigamy? Of two entire families in differ-

ent cities? Um...uh...that's more or less correct.

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David Cronenburg's

eXistenZ: the abhorrent yuck
of what cybershit hath wrought, and of what we've been duped into demand-

spring of a real kink of a show...both ABOUT the

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Richard Meltzer is author of the nonfiction books *The* Aesihetics of Rock, Gulcher, and LA Is the Capital of Kansas. He has written for the LA Weekly, LA Reader, Rolling Stone, Spin, and The Village Voice. His most recent book is his first novel, The Night (Alone). In the spring of 2000, if the world still exists, the massive anthology A Whore Just Like the Rest: The Music Writings of Richard Meltzer is scheduled for publication.



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authority (5000 hours is a lot) rather than some PR weenie, and it pulled no punches.

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Children ('Kid Stuff'), I want
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Excessive Vitriol

Apology
John Brizzolara does so know
me, or at least he did (Letters,
December 16). ! wrote SF under
the previous slave-name of Pg
Wyal until being blacklisted

and ostracized for criticizing gayness and being a Red. I attended one of his parties in 1982, where I had dumb argu-ments with SFsketeers Ray Feist and David Brin. I alien-Feit and David Brin. I alien-ated him by being anotty about an early manuscript he asked me to critique, a task at which I admittedly stink. I probably one him an apology for excessive vitriol, but I did submit a piece called The Odd Man Out, which was bounced by (I think) Robert Mürzchi. Maybe John saw portions or Mürzchi repeated some of my Mürzchi repeated some of my

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Double at the beach

by Wade Miller. The story was something I looked for-ward to every week and could not miss. I hope you decide to continue the concept; it made continue the concept; it made me get the Reader every week without fail.

I Love D. Barcheers Jay Allen Sanford's December 9 "Overheard in San Diego: Off the Record" strip portrayed a

character wearing a T-shirt embiazoned with "I love D. Barcheers." I would hope Mr. Sanford was unaware that D. Barcheers refers to the notorious Danielle Barcheers,

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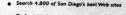
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Ms. Neary's letter, I found
mysell nodding, remembering
Dr. Tsylor's plastic cargery ad
and remembering that I, too,
found the ad offensive. So
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two complaints in your over
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17 years of advertising. Dr.
18 years of advertising.

jun so you get it.)
Then I read Dr. Taylor's reply, So, Ms. Neary is grim humorless, and judginemal because sin found your ad Dr. Taylor, to be in poor taste (But then Dr. Yuplor, you would do some real judging, finding Ms. Neary to be unplessant to her friends and neighbors, that society in "afflicted" with her, that she is "not a hupowerson." "ed."

considered an offensive adver-tisement. As I mentioned, I agreed with Ms. Neary. Calling a person with an older-looking, saggy neck a "turkey" is just as insulting as calling sormeone a pig or a dog. And, as Ms. Neary correctly points out,

pig or a dop. And, a ss M. Neary correctly points out, not everyone can affect points out, not everyone can affect points. And how did Ms. Neary made? All die did was mention it. I don't get then at all the mode? All die did was mention where the second of the did was mention in the second of th

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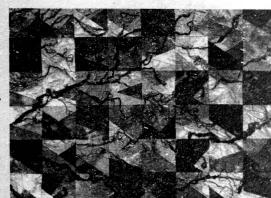
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New Quilting from a Vista Farm

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goats and shaphered chickens between coursework) to divorced soologis-witters to fell-time quiltranker. While it certainly in it new for a good quilter to be a woman who can wring a chicken's neck (quilting was, ther all, there is no experiment to call berself an artist.

That's partly because quilting has been a household craft for centuries. Museum curstoon didn't begin to regard handmade quilts as works of art until the early 1906, and it want's until the carly 1906, and it want's until the 1906, and it want's until 1906, and it want's u with names life Dow at the Window and Handy Andy.

Most quillers learn — and continue to practice — their craft by executing copies of these classic design but Tailing was self-taught, and the didn't use patterns, unless you count to have been one design square.

Otherwise, he methods were traditional, which is to say, primitive tax didnost, which is to say, primitive the cut nices one by one with self-tailing.

In 1984, Tinling became so acquaintances. A job teaching in a local quilt store led to a job teaching at

and the second of the section of the putting it in her own work. Last year she quit teaching, and she hopes to survive on the sale of dyed cloth and the money that comes from designing and making her own quilts. For all that, what attracts her to

This Tuesday, in conjunction with the Annual Juried Exhibition for Local Artists, Bonny Tinling and wood sculptor Larry Kline will talk about the relationship between craft and art at the new Carlsbad library. Four of Tinling's quits are displayed in the exhibit, which runs through January 5 in the library's 2000-square-foot William D. Cannon Art Gallery.

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the more distinctive bandles (South-erro California's native chapperal plant community, is now flaunting clusters of bright and personal plant form the holphic appearance of his from the holphic appearance of his from the holphic appearance of his loopen can be assulfy be found wher-ver large patches of native vegat-tion survive, but especially in the thick chapperal covering more mort-facing alopes. Toyou branches may wreath—but they're protected by California state law. mountains. As the clouds are clear-ing, you may be able to take adven-tage of good aking conditions along Highway 79 through Cuyamaca Ran-ton-Constate Park and along Sunrise Highway through the Laguna Moun-tain Receasion Area. More limited opportunities exist on Palomar Mountain and on the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation (home of San

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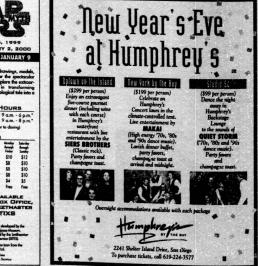
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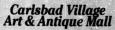
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Perhaps in an Effort to Illustrate that there is nothing new under the sun — millennium, Y2K, etc. be damped — TCM is hauling out the damned — TCM is hauling out the renaises, and it's somehow comfor-ing to us, weary as we are of the hoopla and expectation. To curl up with old movies — that's what we need. Little Women (1949) airs to-day. Thursday, December 23, at 1 p.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Channel 74.

The 1999 Version Featured Lit Typ-ler in her lovely youth, along with June Allyson, Maggaret O'Brien, and Junet "Dybba" Leigh, but how could anyone compare with Katharine Hepburn in the part of a conflicted tomboy/mother figure who wants excitement and domestic tranquility at the same time They coulds: Lit-ial Women (1933) aim today, Thurs-day, December 22, at 3 p.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Channel 'A.

Connecticut Is the Ultimate Subarb, serving as it does the capitol of dammon, New York City, and so Mainmon, New York City, and so Connecticut is where we expect to find our queens of domesticity — Martha Stewart is no sccident. Her kind has been generations in the molding. Christmas in Connecticut sends her up — sort cf. Airs Friday, December 24, at 7 p.m. on TCM, Cor Cable Channel 74.

It Sounds Sentimental and Sweet — "I like to look for God in a garden — you can dig for Him there." But given George Bernard Shaw's less than worshipful take on



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the Aim gitty, one has to wonder.
Still, gandens are a little heavenly—
useless in the best-sense, and beautiful. The Secret Ganden airs Saturday,
December 25, at 4:50 a.m. on TCM,
Cox Cable Channel 74.

How Strange That the Marx Brothers, self-professed old vaudeville hams, should be embraced almost to the point of strangulation by the highbrows, the very people they send up. Is it simply because they deal in more sophisticated environs than the more sophisticated environs than the Three Stooges? Because they rely more on wisecracks? A Night at the Opera airs Sunday, December 26, at 9:30 a.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Chan-

Race: airs Sunday, December 26, at 11:15 a.m. on TCM, Cox Cable

Channel 74.

Clars Bow Hus Been Called Hellywoods's Flest Sex Symbols, the first "it" gilt, the first for glots the first or chronology! Gapper, and a bunch of other things. She made 58 flines between '22 and '33, then retired for good (or bad) at 26. Secher decide to Down to the See in Ships, airing Sunday. December 26, at 9 p.m. on TCM. Cox Cable Channel 26.

What Inspires a Remake? Rework-ings, retwistings, and improvements (The Front Page to His Girl Friday) are one thing, but did anyone need to see Vince Yaughn and Anne Heche do their Tony Perkins and Janet do their Tony Perkins and Janet Leigh impersonations? At least the '54 Rose Marie has Bett "the Cow-ardly Lion" Lahr. Rose Marie 1936 and 1954 air Tuesday, December 28, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Channel 74.

passing world. And when it's two artists — Robert and Elizabeth Browning — so much the better. The Barretts of Wimpole Street 1934 and 1957 air Tuesday. December 28, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on TCM, Cox Ca-ble Channel 74.

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Anna threught the Decades, Leo Tolstoy's noord Anna Karetinia has been made and remode for the screen (once for televism) 21 times. In the 10s. 8 times, the 20s. 0, in the 20s. 1, in the 40s. 1, in the 40s. 1, in the 40s. 1, and once in the 50s. 4, in the 70s. 2, in the 50s. 1, and once in the 50s. 4, once Learning 1935 and 1947 air book to bed. Timeday, December 28, at 8 p.m., and 7 p.m. on TOM, Cox Cable Channel 74. How Do You Know the classic de-

How Do You Know the classic de-vice of a rysal and a commoner who-look hilke is a classic! Disney used it in The Prince and the Pauger, Seri-ously, The Prisoner of Zenda has been made seven times. The best — 1937.—starred Ronald Celman and Douglis Fairbashs Ir. The Prisoner of Zenda 1937, 1932, and 1932 air Toes-day, December 28, at 9 pm., 11 pm. day, December 28, at 9 pm., 11 pm. Channel 74.

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urday and Sunday, January I and 2, 2000. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. For details, dial 619-685-5045. Regular admission is \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for children, free for those under two. (BALBOA PARK)

tor those under two. (BALBOA PARK)
How Did the Grinch Steal Christmas? Find out when the Cat in the
Hat — no stranger to mischief himcelf — recites How the Grizok Stole
Christmas at 5 and 6 p.m., through
December 24 in the lobby at Loews
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sion, all 18-44-400, (CONMOD)

Children's Measure of less Diego, this west's workshops include New Tear's Student as I par, on tw Vederarday, December 29. The fee is 22. The fee is 22. The fee is 23. The fee is 24. The fee is 25. T

Vote for 'The Bird of the Century' Vote toe The Bard of the Century when the Junior Rangers meet next Thursday, December 30. The Tijuana Estuary visitors' center hosts these mini-workshops for kids in kindergarten through sixth grades from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. each Thursday.

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tion, cill 760-452-9110, LM, 2013.)
Bear Necossition, tuke in some bear tales and color pictures of your favorite bear charactets during the events planned at 12:30 p.m. on Sturday, January 1, 2000, at Barnes and Nobele (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free, Call 619-220-0175 for details. The activities are for those two to seven years old, 0485300 NALET)

Guell Trail, head to Quail Botanical
Gardens on Tuesday, January 4,
2000, at 10:50 a.m., for a general tour
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8 pm



Stingray Batherball, over local in-ternational Batherball League team houst the team from New Mexico on Monday, December 27, and Thurs-day, January 6, 2000, at the San Diego Sports Areas. Both matches begin at 7 pm. Tickets range from \$5 to \$25. For tickets, call 619-299-0142 reasons of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of th

0143, SAN DEEDO)

Haldey Bewf, the University of Washington Huskies meet up with the Kansas State Wildcats on Westnesday, December 29, in Qual-comm Studium. Kick-off is at 5 p.m. A fireworks display follows the game. For tickets and information, call 519-283-5808, MMSSON MALEY)

Take a Break from Work and take part in the Holiday Bowl Parade Sk on Wednesday, December 29, start-ing at 10 a.m. at the B Street Fier (on Harbor Drive), Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. For information, cali

8:30 a.m. For information, cali 613-689-8990. (DOMGOME) The Last 16k Run of the Century (in our humble burg) is set for Friday, December 31, starting at 7:30 a.m. Ingram Plaza. Registration starts at 6:20 a.m. Find the plaza on the for-





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Depending on recent rainfall, the carryon streems may or may not be flowing by late December, but there's almost always plenty of water in late winter and spring.

The starting point for hilves into either fork of Sheep Caryon — Sheep Caryon Primitive Caryo — is accessible only by the toughest kind of four-wheel drive vehicle. Witrout this you see about three miles of final approach by horse, foot, or mountain bike.

Drive north from the north end of paved DiGiorgio Road in Borrego Sprir onto the unpaved, sometimes rough road along the east side of Coyote Canyon.

daily, \$10 for three days) at a machine to will accept cash and credit cards. After 5.5 miles on dirt and after three vicrossings of Coyfite Creek, you reach a pobelow Lower Williows where the road tursheeply left (west) to climb a narrow, ste-

The steep, notify segment of the road sheed has claimed many an oil pan and broken has claimed many an oil pan and broken many a shock absorber; nonetheless, brave four-wheelers bitting continue, negotiating an extre-nely difficult but short stretch. Thereefler, the road becomes smooth and the going is easy all the way to the Sheep Caryon.

campgound.

After all this trouble it makes sense to stay at least one night at the campgound whether you've come by car or backpacker in. Your hiking excursions into the carryone can be as short or as long as you like.

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campground it is only two miles — and an elevation gain of 900 feet — to a point when you enter a broad, beat-shaped valley. This is a good place to enjoy the view of nugged peeks in every direction before turning around. Around the margins of the Dust, seasonal springs can be found in several of the small tylutaries.

South Fork Sheep Carryon is, mile for mile, perhaps the most difficult carryon to explore in the whole county. The rewards for exploring it in depth are a close-up view of an idyfile 30-foot waterfell, gilmpses of a fall-drozen more caccades, and the pleasure of exploring a hidden, upper valley seldom vished by humans.

mer Naval Training Center. To reach the spot, take I-8 west, exit at Rosecrans. Turn left into NTC at the traffic light at Gate 3. For more details, dial 619-292-7400 groups coass.

Cycle a Century on the First Day of the New Century, join the San Diego Biocycle Tournig Society — and Se the West-Quipped with water, tood, and new tites—for the 2000 Millennium Century 100-mile role planned on Santridy, January, 1000. Richer begin this 59- or 100-mile conting at 7-56 a.m. at Doyle Parts (1873 Engests Road), and head through Powey, Excondido, Bonsall, Censurido, Horsall Censurido, and bed. Free, 619-426-8192. Prec. A. AOLU.

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Kidd' 2000 One-Miler (for those 7 to
12 starts at 10 am. For information,
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Tour the Allaring Sites of Balbo Park during the Balboa Park Exposition 2000 Millennium 5k fur run/walk set for Sunday, January 3 2000. Event-day registration starts a 6 m.m., with the race stepping off a 8 m. Questions? Call 619-235-110 for noneyman manufacture.

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Light Time of the Year, more than 100,000 multicolored light are part of the attraction during the Festival of Lights at the San Diego Wild Animal Fals, continuing today, Thursday, December 23, and Sunday through Thursday, December 26-30. There are holiday crafts for kids, 20,000 pounds of new snow made 20,000 pounds of new snow made 10,000 pounds of new snow made 10,00

on grounds until 9 p.m.). For additional information, call 760-796-5615. Find the park at 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road. (LSCONDIDO) Qual Botanical Gardens is trans-

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Organizers of the Holiday of Lights at the Del Mar Fairground boast of "the largest drive through light slow extravegana on the West Coast," with holiday-thermed displays through Saurelay, January 1, 2000, Hours are 5 to 10 p.m. Sanday through Thumday 5 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admissions is 50 per whick (up to five people), 333 per whick with size or more people.

A "Spiritually Based Public Art work" ensitted Merkoon Mandals is being installed on Sturdey, December 25, from noon to 6 p.m., a Scripps Park (found above La Joli Cove). The 2500-square-foo abyrinthine mandals will "eplicat the Star of David." Free. For more de-

talk, dai 619-297-6914 x, 0.A 2021A.

These the Bissess, we're coming up on whale-watching season, with two-hour cruises narrated by Scripps naturalists hosted by the Birch Argustram Misseum artering on Sundays, December 28 and Jenney 2, 2000, and the state of the

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call 619-283-5808, (ICOMPTIONS)
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Celebrate "Day Five — Purpase" during the Kwanza fistivities planned at Mised Media Art Studio and Gallery from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tsunsky, December 30. Organizers plan an "Afrocentric Celebration of Community, Culture, and Families." Admission is free. Find the studio at 4576 Federal Boulevard; 619-527-2508, RAM DEGOS.

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Family Day is set for Saturday,

New Year's Day. A children's parastarts at noon, running across il Luurel Street bridge to Plans Passass and south into the Speech Organ Perillion. Several museur will be open with free admissifrom to 5 puns, and there will all manner of live intertainment dessonstrations, and hands-on a

Millennium Internationale is slated for Sunday, with antertunment by regional mudicians and entertainers from both sides of the border representing the international cottages within the park. For details on any of these events, call 619-615,1000 and mean same.

First Highe Hearth, ring in the new year at First Highe Econolide 2000, attenting at 5 p.m. on Friday. December 51. In the downstoon stars. Exceeding City Hall, and the California Center for the Area, Rescondist Color North Tournal Countries of the Area, Rescondist Color North Tournal Countries of the Area, Rescondist Color North Tournal Countries of the Color North Tournal Countries of the Color North Tournal Countries of the Color North Color North Color North Color North Color North Color North State 50 for children 6 to 12. For more in-formation, call 760–759–9010.

Flost Night Seath, the eighth annua Flost Night San Diege runs from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m. eo Friday, December 31. Organizes promise ter stapes of entertainment at Ember scalero Marina Park, along with car mule ricke, children schriftler, Benaissance and Native Americas cause, flewords, food (for sile), ass more. Admission is 330 for salidis 315 for children. For information cal (31-296-37), assports Valled.

Head to the Cove — La Jolla Cove, that is — for a "ball-dropping ceremony" and farences are party from ration of New Years Eve. Party from will be available between 11 and 11:50 nm. for all mentations on Prider.



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cember 31, from 6 p.m. through
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uary 8, 2020, at the Le Jolle Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). For viewing hours and other details, dial 858-552-1657. Free, (LA JOLIA)

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diana camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; call 619-69-1480 for more information.

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San Diego Bay, Visitors can use a siocanante to view animals macro-scopically, use a Wentracope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how titles affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Deep Bay "subth At other exhibits, visitors can pet sharks and rays, see

gramming historic computer equip-ment? The museum hous workshops for volunteers on Saturdays from 10 am. to 2 pm. (at 6156 Mission Gorge Road, suite H, in Mission Val-ley). Call for registration and space availability.

Find the museum on the ground of Coleman College, 7380 Farkwa Drive, 619-465-8226. (LA MESA)

Coronado Beach Historical Mu-setum, the museum, housed in a re-ttored 1898 house, traces the history of Coronados, mostly through pho-tographs. The exhibit shows the con-struction and early days of the Hotel del Coronado, Tent City, the first school and treaturant, and the force-



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The Baroupe flatta traverse and Baroque ambiguity about musical authorities were in fact the organizing principles of this interesting and invigorating music-making. Musica ad Bhenum was founded in 1190 by Bustiart fed Wentz, and talents. The Sc. James program consisted of seven works (including the encore), all of which but one prominently featured Wentz. The exception was a specticality violin sonata, which gave violinist Anton Sterk an opportunity to demonstrate the second of the seco

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Similarly, the Trio Sonata in G for trawers, vi-olin, and \(\textit{a}\). En longer accepted as being by J.S. Bach (it might be by C.P.E. Bach). The "Bach" Violin Sonata with which Anton Steck made such a sensation is definitely not by Bach, and for all its showmanship doesn't sound like him at all. The Trio Sonata in G for two ruwers future and \(\textit{b}\). BWV 1039, is an obscure first version of Bach's

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in the nature of things it was flautist Wentz whose performances made the strongest impact. The flautist process which remeans which remeans which remeans which wastery instrument washy inferior to its modern descendant, came alive in Wentz's wird, colorful, and beautifully infeced pixings, let offered a persuasive experiential agument for the trusters and beautifully infeced pixings, let offered a persuasive experiential agument for the trusters and beautifully infeced pixings, let offered a persuasive step remains agument whose doctors and the other contents of the pixings and the other contents of the contents of the pixings and the contents of the contents of the pixing and the pixing and the contents of the pixing and the contents of the pixing and the pix established meter again, Rhyth-mic flexibility is to be praised, especially in music that some authenticity-minded musicians play with mechanical rigidity; but Wentz and company overdo it, exaggerating the de-vice and using it too often, so that it becomes more irritating than enlivening.

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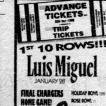
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conscience."
Herhouse is a smart pick for an anti-traditional Christmas show, a genre as prevalent. these days, as its opposite. The play wickedly subverts yuletide themes. The Frist Theset's production, however, absoluges the play so incessantly it almost seems planned. Bob Tustmen directed Horbone and designed the set and sound, the show's weakest parts. The background music, Christmas and denigned

out what to be. Act two's drunken farce, sur-fire in any hands, played much better, though it, too, lacked precision.
It's unfair to compare theaters to each other. I prefer comparing theaters to themselves. And in light of previous achievements, the Friez's standards have





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Instead of writing a year in review, or millennium in review (was St. Francis great, or what?), I'd much rather worry about one of San Diggo's most necessary, most endangered theaters. The Fritz's play selection is always an artistic adventure. So the Fritz doeen't need a new direction. It just needs direction, period.

Either it was a millennial impulse or maybe just time. In either case, a large number of local actors moved to Los turns out, is the mistress of the other's husband. The wife, whom Pedace altered of local actors moved to Los Anglesi in the last three years: Linda Castro, Bill Dunnam, Lisa Pedace, Peter Smith, Erin Rhodes, Russell Copley, and many others. Last week, for a scant three performances, Lisa Pedace returned to San Diego and showed that, in the interim, she has honed her between desperate control and blind chaos, shoots her and goes to an asylum, where and goes to an asylum, where the mistress comes to visit. At no point does the mistress speak, just the wife, in an speak, just the wife, in an extended monologue. She slowly goes med yet fights the fall with all she has. The mistress has had ill luck since the shooting. Strindberg asks which woman is the stronger! Strindberg always makes you choose, always favors selective compassion (and rarely, if ever, for women).

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sharper. Pedace performed remarkably in The Stronger by August Strindberg, a one-act clobber about two women

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Hormonially Correct, a new theater company that debuted last week, made one change in the script. The wife doesn't shoot the mistress in the original. Having her use the gun alters the play's the state of the stat

picc, Adina I. Ruskin's Art of Remembering, at first seemed comparatively tame. On a wide, almost bare stage, three women pull objects from the trank of memory. They recall experiences and lace them with hetorical flourishes about the joys and pain of a sudience, even a receptive one, this looked to be chin-on-pain fare, makins the

Koral) began to move, their body language at one with their words. They created a kind of spatial-webal flow. It wasn't formal choreography, per se, just fresh, natural served the text – which grew urgent about remembering the Holocaust – at every turn. Thus there were two impressive debuts last week. Hormonally Correct became a theater to watch, and Nina San Diego disencents debut, The Art of Remembering, was unforgettable. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, AT 7:30 P.M.

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mentioned on the show the week before [we played] that we were going to be there, friends and fans from all over the country were calling

and saying congratulations.
That's when I began to get some idea how big it was.

Whad'Ya Know tapes its weekly program in Madison Wisconsin, but occasionally

house band piano player [John Thulin] was doing the lead-in music and we just fell into accompanying. I don't know if we were supposed to or not, but we did."

our own orchestra, and add unique new sounds...believe it our not, even without a computer." Hey, I believe it, Blue was given ample opportunity to plug his new CD Dipsomania! and he says and can dig it - let's have a Hmm, this is like, what'd they used to call it? Semi-classical. Andre Kostelanetz, who were the others?, I don't the band was treated exceptionally well. "[Host] Michael Feldman is a nice Michael Feldman is a nice guy. They fed us, gave us booze. Backstage was catered — some fancy chicken, rice and vegetables, cookies, Arrogant Bastard Ale, everything yor wanted. It's an indication of what it's like on the next level. Nobody was being a dick." remember. It sounds like them, but with mod-rin technology factored in. And "semi" maybe is wrong, it's more like "sesqui." Or "hemi." Or "demi."

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"Diel you koar that Goorge Varga lost his column?" asked the owner of

Varga, who has been

the inside track 

writing a pop music column for the *Union-Tribune* since 1983, says he has "mixed feelings" about losing his "Pop Beat," which appeared most Wednesdays in the Union-Tribune

"It was a staff decision," sa'd Union-Tribune arts editor Lee Grant, who added that all the other arts columns on theater, dance. and classical music have also been discontinued

"I was the only one [cf the arts columnists] who was happy to continue I the column]," says Varga. "As far as other arts critics go, it wasn't a big issue to them....
But our paper's commitment
to music is in no way
diminished."

A new arts news column was introduced last week. Varga's first contribution to Arts News was a piece about Jewel appearing on a Fox TV Christmas special and that she had released a Christmas

"I learned a lot about jazz artists from him," said

musician/journalist David Moye. "In terms of jazz, I'd say he's one of the best in the say he's one of the best in the country. If it wasn't for Varga, KIPM would probably have a stronger pull. [Varga] said Kenny G sucks. He's a wonderful man for that. But some of his columns where he's tuying to be funny, he just kind of falls flat... but at

least he's not Karla Peterson. She just did a 'where are they now' piece on [trailblazing local punk band] the

'Cal Records.' I can't believe she got that wrong. As a music writer I think Karla's been to Ocean Beach enough

"We grew up here in Tijuana and listened to American radio stations,"

American radio stations, says Pepe Mogt of the band Fussible. "That's where we listened to Kraftwerk and Tangerine Dream and all the electronic music. If you go to Revolución or Coahuila, all

you hear is norteño and mariachi music. You can't escape it. What we're doing

That recycling."

That recycling — or fusion — has led to "nortee," a marriage of norteño music and technology that has triggered

the interest of the Latin

-Ken Leighton

Penetrators. She ref

to know that it's Cow Records and not Cal

Records."

nortefio musicians playing in the street. We went to these small studios where different musicians different musicians would make records to get jobs in bars. We would sample percusion, according

accordion, tubs, and bass. We didn't steal melodies, just the sounds."

From there Mogt and his partner in Fussible, lorge Ruiz, would take those organic sounds of nortefio and interface them on his computer and synthesizer, creating a rhythmic, danceable musical bed under danceable musical bed under a jazzy melody. In May they recorded the song "Ventilador." "We passed it around to other musicians." One of those was a fellow Tijuana

tech-friendly musician named Ramón Bostich. "He

made a song that changed everything for us." That song, "Polaris," was to nortec what Kraftwerk's

nortec what Kraftwerk's
"Autobahn" was to
technorock in 1975.
Since then, other nortec
artists have popped up like
Clorofila, Panoptica,
Hiperboreal, Monnithor, Plankton, and Terrestre "They all have one or two members," said Mogt. "We members," said Mogt. "We made a tour of Mexico in August and September. We got to play with Alex Patterson of the Orb in

Patterson of the Orb in Mexico City."

A compilation CD featuring nortec artists from Tijuana made the rounds. One found its way to Island

music press and Mexican nightclubs. "We went to Coahuila

"They played the nortec music at his birthday party. He said, "What the heil is

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that misie? He contacted us and we had a seeting late month. Right now? Laves a month. Right now? Laves contract in my hands. He wants to sign all the bands to his Palm Picture label!. "We will release a 12-track nortee sampler CD [Vol. 1 Nortee CD Compilation]. It's not for sale yet. If will be available in America after March. "Some people have aid. The property of the property that music?' He contacted u

traditional Mexican music with pop. He went to the Tijuana bars to get the sounds of the street, and he created really good music. I think this is a rebirth of that, only 40 years later." Fussible and Terrestre appear Saturday, January 1, at Rock and Roll Toco in Rosartin Real Toco in

Rosarito Beach.

—Ken Leightor

"It was a pretty tacky thing to jump on, I thought," said one Clear Channel employee about an interstation promotion involving local Clear Channel outlets. According to a Clear Channel

employee, all 11 Clear Channel radio stations gave on-air announcements morning show. I think they will have a computer run most of it. My job has been taken over by a computer. Pretty creay, hush"
Smiley, who also worked at Q-106 and Star 100.7, says he is under contract with a present the sunder contract with a sunder co promoting a memorial service at Cabrillo National Monument to be

service at Cabrillo National Monument to honor the seven Marines who died in a helicopter accident. Clear Channel supplied

at Q-105 and Star 100.7, asys he is under contract with the Mix through May. "I'd like to stay in the market, but I don't know what's available. I'm doing weekends on RIII-FM in LA. Start of the Mixed Clear Smilly said Clear Smilly said Clear Smilly said Clear Channel stations scross the country. "They own the world. Not just in this town, but everywhere."
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"There was a sign on the deer that said no violence. The only violence I saw was performed by the bouncers." Jeffrey Free is the.

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drummer for s local punk band called Run for Your Fucking Life. Their live set two Fridayn ago at the Epicentre? Bon Diego Regional Teen Center in show-stopping houncer-versus-band match. "It was an environment we didn't need to be brought into," explairs si ger Jason Weedon. That teen center has a no-dancing, no-policy. A place like that —

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that sets those kinds of rules for a punk rock show—is going to bring all kinds of problems on itself."

Run for Your Fucking Life issually appears with touring out-of-town like Severed Head of State, Aaphyxia, and Cattle Decapitation. But on this night they were playing in a more controlled setting with the Classifieds, Beautiful House of the Classifieds, Beautiful House of the Classifieds, Beautiful Rocket from the Citys. Problems started when Weedon, while singing, started mingling with the crowd. That's not permitted at the Epicontre.

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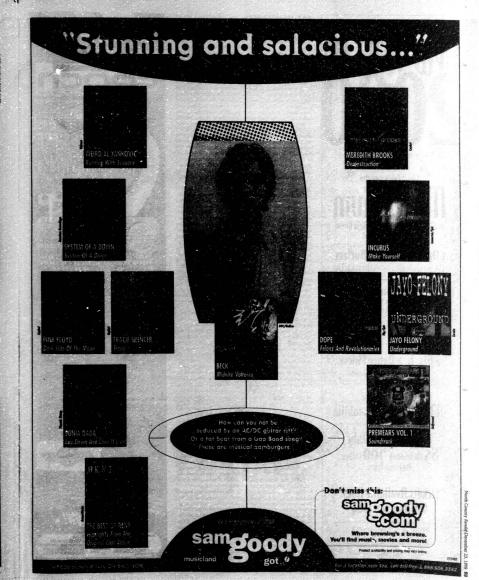
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Five years ago. Neal and
Zelins sold most of the Pacific
Beach store's inventory and Neal
took over day-to-day affairs of
the business. The two men
stopped teaching gallar but love
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the shop who give lessons. "Sam
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especially classical," says Zehins.
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newest Blue Guitar as a workshop, with a small retail section
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Yuris and I work with them,"
says Neal.

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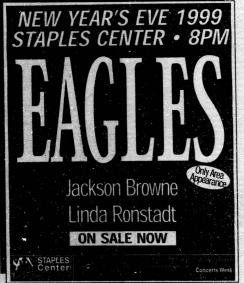
Classical guitars, however, are universal, as is classical music. South Affice, Japan, Korea, the U.S. — classical music is the same, and all cultiures have access to it. So I can make a much more significant and meaningful contribution to music this way. It's more worth my time to search on classical misse."

work on classical guitars."
The oldest guitar Zeltins has ever restored was built in 1803, although he is expecting a guitar dating back to the 1700s to come to the shop for restoration work any day now. These antiques are considered works of set, yet Zeltins says he doesn't set nervous handline them.

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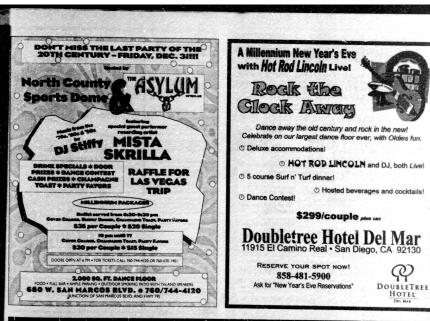
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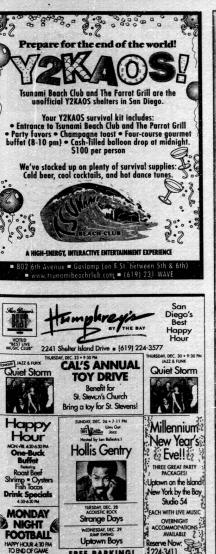
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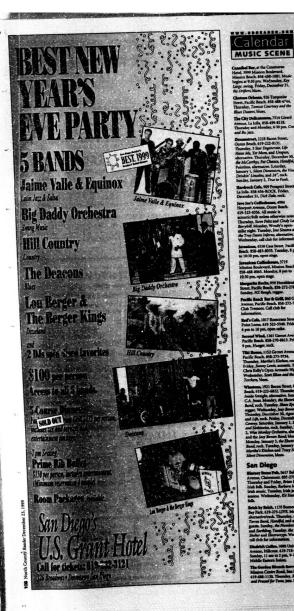
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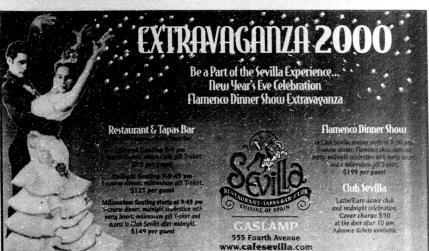
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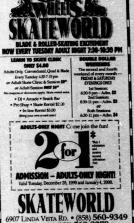
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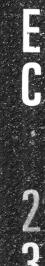
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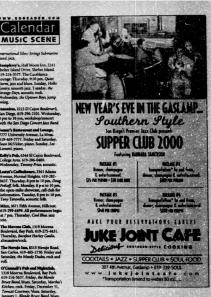
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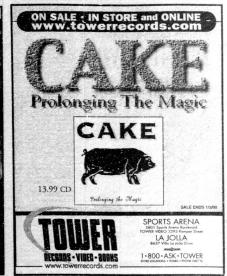
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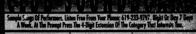
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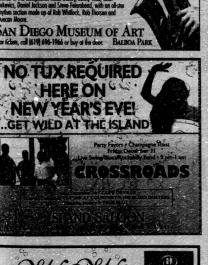






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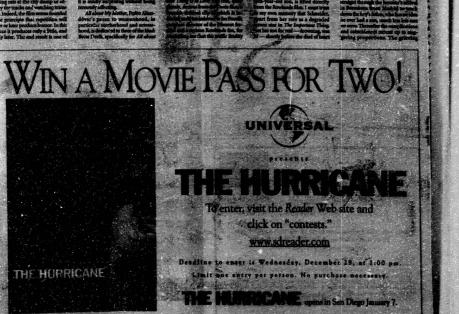
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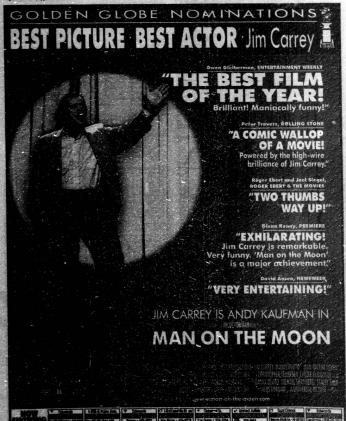
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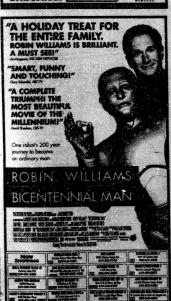
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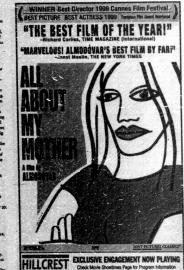


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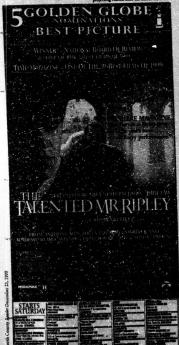
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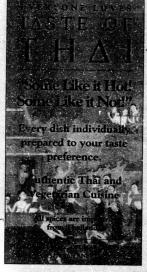
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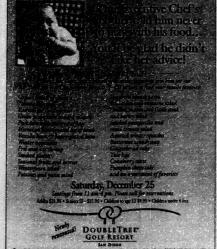












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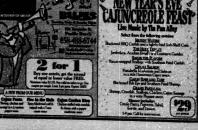
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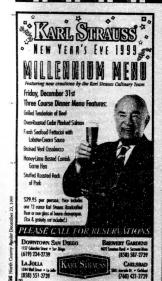
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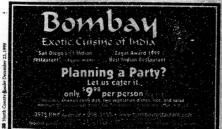






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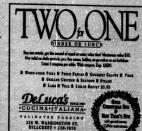
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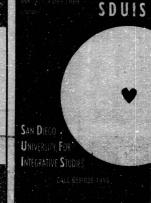
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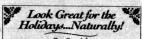
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sky. At the foot of the sandstone steps, we kneeled or stood around a framed print of the Virgin's image. The breeze kept blowing the picture over. A few other families joined us. Before the rosary, we prayed for the babies, for the mothers, for the doctors. I held for the mothers, for the doctors. I held Johnny in my arms. Rebecca kneeled by Jack. Lucy and Angela joined a few other kids and played in aud out of the palm trees set into the sidewalk. Not far into the rosary, a pickup truck

Not far into the rosary, a pickup truck slowed as it rounded the corner in front of the clinic. A young man, college-aged, hollered out his window — "Get a fucking life!" — and guaned his engine. A few min-utes later, another car honked, and the driver

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