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> like to think I'm organized. Every Sunday night, I sit down at the kitchen table and open up my spiral-bound notebook. In the silence that descends over my house after my five children have gone to sleep, I turn to the next clean page and label the top, "Week of ____." On the page's left side, I list the days, Monday through Saturday. Under each day, I set out the tasks I need to accomplish that day in chronological order. On the right side of the page, I list the things I have to do that week that have no particular timetable

I can't go to sleep Sunday

night until my list is complete. If I don't write everything down, I lie awake in bed trying to remember all the things I need to do. Every day during the week, I turn again and again to my master list and cross off each item as I finish it.

The second Monday in September, I stood at the kitchen counter a little before 8 and looked over the list. Under Monday, I'd listed, "8:30: Rebecca and Angela to school. 8:45: Lucy to first day of preschool. 10:30: Costco. 11:30: Pick up Lucy. 1:30: Weight Watchers Meeting. 3:25: Pick up Rebecca and Angela, P.M.: Write column."

Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, and John, who are aged eight, six, four, and three, respectively, sat around the little kitchen table eating breakfast. In between milk-soaked bites of Rice Chex, Rebecca labeled the textbooks my husband Jack had covered with white construction paper the night before. Rebecca and Angela wore the uniforms required by the small Catholic academy they attend: navy and gray and white tartan jumpers, white blouses with Peter Pan collars, white socks, dark, shiny shoes.

"You look really cute in your new dress." Angela told Lucy. Lucy's preschool doesn't require uniforms. Last week, I used an old gift certificate I got from my mom to buy Lucy an outfit at Gymboree. Lucy's dress matched her socks, which matched the headband holding

back her copper-colored curls.

"Yeah, Lucy," Johnny paused between bites to look Lucy up and down. "You look really pretty in your new outfit."

Lucy preened and said, "Thank you."

"Wat dat goo?" baby Ben asked from his

"I don't know, big buddy," I answered and dropped some more buttered-toast squares on Ben's tray. I turned to the other four. "Finish

up, guys. Then clear your plates and put on shoes. Angie, do you need help with your hair?" Half an hour later, I herded everyone out the door. "Wait," I called as they piled into our minivan. "Go stand on the front steps so I can

take a picture for Lucy's first day of preschool."

The kids gathered on the front step. Lucy stood in the center and smiled her most a stood in the center and smiled her most angelic smile. Johnny screwed up his face. Angela held Ben on her hip. Rebecca tried to look mature and motherly. "Great," I said after I'd taken a

I dropped Rebecca and Angela at school, then drove to Lucy's preschool. Lucy held my hand as we walked into the classroom. "This is teacher Cindy," I told Lucy as she clung to my side. Ben squirmed out of my arms and joined Johnny at the toy train track. Teacher Cindy took Lucy's hand and

guided her toward a table set with a child-size

guided net toward a table set with a child-size tea service. "We're going to have so much fun today," Teacher Cindy said.

I kissed Lucy goodbye and dragged the boys away from the train. After a quick trip home to çat a bite of breakfast and make the beds, I loaded Johnny and Ben back into the

van and drove to Costco. I made racing moto noises and pretended the shopping cart wheels were squealing as I sped up and down the long

We got back to preschool just in time to greet Lucy. She had just finished her final cir-cle time. In the car on the way home, Lucy smiled in the backseat. "I didn't really want to go home," she told me. "I was having so much fun. I made three new friends today." Lucy held up three fingers and waved them so I could see them in the rear-view mirror.

When we got home, I unloaded the van, fed the kids lunch, and put away the groceries, fed the kids tunch, and put away the groceries, paper goods, and giant containers of shampoo I'd bought at Costco. Standing again at the kitchen counter, I looked at my list and crossed

off all the morning's items.

In the after-funch full before I had to load
the kids back in the van and drive to my Weight watchers meeting. I put a CD on the stereo and folded laundry in the living room. Johnny, Lucy, and Ben sprawled together in a round bamboo-framed papa-san chair in the living room's corner. Light from the window beside them washed over their faces. Johnny stared off into space while Kenny Loggins sang about Christo-pher Robin and Pooh. Lucy made funny faces. Ben laughed at her. While I made tunny taces. Ben laughed at her. While I made my way through the pile of sheets and towels and dishrags and wash cloths, I stopped again and again to gaze at my children. That moment didn't make the list, but it did make my day.

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How to Make Big Money in Bio-Warfare

As the cloud of war descends over the world, San Diego may soon find itself at the center of the maelstrom. Three thousand miles distant from New York and Washington, D.C., 8000 miles removed from Southwest Asia and the Middle East, San Diego is second only to Norfolk, Virginia, as home to the Navy's biggest fleet concentration and intelligence establishment. They will surely play a crucial role in the world's yet-uncharted crusade against terrorism. Only the form and extent of battle that the city will face — and whether it will escape harm in the new era of threat to the U.S. homeland proclaimed by the president — is still unknown.



Military police guard the Fleet Intelligence Training Cente

San Diego has enjoyed a peaceful life as a military town ever since the war with Mexico in 1846, when Commodore Robert Stockton established a fort at the tip of Presidio Hill near Old Town. In 1852, President Millard Fillmore set aside 1400 acres on the southern tip of Point Loma for what became the Army's Fort Rosecrans; by 1916, in the midst of World War I, the city was home to four Army, Navy, and Marine bases. Soon after followed a host of allied defense industries, from ship builders to airplane makers.

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began thinking about Steve Elson and Cathal "Irish" Flynn

Elson and Cathal "Irish" Flynn almost from the time I saw the planes explode through the World Trade Center towers. Both Elson and Flynn are retired Navy SEALs, and I knew them while we were on active duty.

I first met Flynn when he relieved me after I'd served a seven-month tour in Vietnam as officer in charge of three SEAL platoons. Some three months later he was on his way to the Philippines and then the Strand



Cathal "Irish" Flynn on 60 Minutes, 9/16/01

No One Knew I Had a Knife in My Pocket

as commanding officer of Underwater Demolition Team Twelve, his abbreviated combat time in the Rung Sat Special Zone finished, his ticket punched. Flynn was a tall, almost gaunt man with a scholarly air: the sort of fellow with whom you could discuss realpolitik or monetary theory.

Elson had served a full combat tour in the Rung Sat as a SEAL corpsman and returned to work for me when I was executive officer of SEAL Team You in Little Creek, Virginia. You wouldn't discuss realpolitik with Elson, but you sure as hell would rather have him than



Steve Elson on 60 Minutes, 9/16/01

Flynn walk point on a hairy mission.

Despite his relative lack of combat experience, Flynn parlayed — in my opinion — his empire-building skills, adroitness as a staff officer, and ability to cultivate contacts among senior officers into a series of promotions that ended

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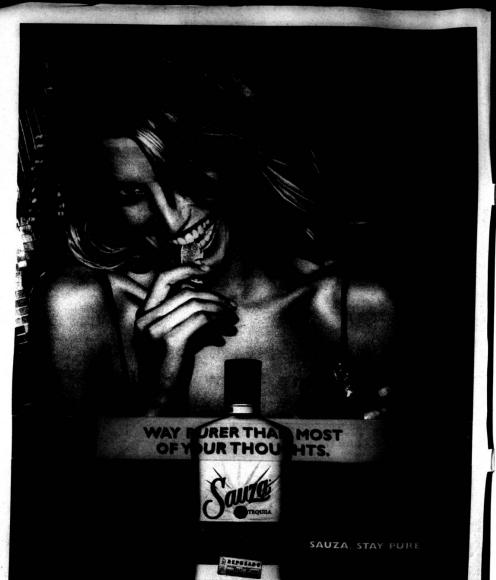
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Better Esmo

Those were indeed touching memories I read last week about the recently deceased music critic Steven Esmedina ("Blubbo's World," September 20), and I, too, enjoyed his writings over the years. Still, I can't help but ask the question - wouldn't you rather be called "Femo" than "Blubbo"? Bill Herzog

Held Hostage

Regarding the Steve Esmed-ina tribute ("Blubbo's World," September 20), I would like to say that some of your contributors got it right. David Zielinski, Ted Burke, Marc Zielinski, Ted Burke, Marc Curiel, and a few past and pre-sent members of the Reader staff wrote thoughtfully about a man who became increasingly

man who became increasingly difficult to befriend. Unfortunately, the rest of them missed the mark by a long shot. They disregard the fact that Steven held his friends emotionally hostage to the point where we had to run for point where we had to run for the hills or risk a similar fate. Mike Thomas Thomas Arnold and "Jose Sinatra" reminded me of a circus audience laughing while the geek onstage bites the head off of a chicken. bites the head off of a chicken.
They came along during the
downward spiral in Steve's life
and, dare I say, they encouraged it. Pathetically, they are
now using his death to seek
five more minutes of fame.
Steve taught me to appreci-

Steve taught me to appreciate many things: movies, music, certain authors, and some Span-ish slang not suitable for mixed company. I loved him, as we all did, but in the end he chose to drink himself to death. Let it be a lesson to teach our kids and ourselves. Kim (Hogan) Bullock

If Blubbo Dies

Again...
Blubbo may have been great 25
years ago ("Blubbo's World,"
September 20), but I never read his articles or heard of him. His friends may think he deserved half an issue, but I gave up after a few pages and tossed the issue into the recycle pile. If such an event hap-pens again, please give each friend one column and save the rest of the paper for cur-

> Name Withheld by Request

Vulgar Display
I really do not like the second

line of your cover story, "Blub-bo's World" (September 20), where somebody was address-ing the late Steve Esmedina and telling him that he is rotand telling him that he is rot-ting in a casket somewhere in the ground. For God's sake, why did you have to print some-thing that disgusting? We know what happens to people after they die and are buried, and most of us have relatives that have died and were buried, but we don't like to be reminded

of it by such crass, vulgar, dis-gusting, insensitive words. Name Withheld

Most Offensive

I find the column by Patrick Daugherty ("Sporting Box") of your September 13 issue to be one of the most offensive, least sensitive, and objectionable sensitive, and objectionable pieces I have ever read in a "gen-eral newspaper." Rather than expound on my thoughts, I am requesting the *Union-Tribune* to reprint the article so the general population can see the types of writing you at the Reader support. Hopefully many more people like myself will have read the last issue of the Reader. Thank you. You may print this as a letter to the editor if you wish.

Mike Czysz

Vet Vents

John Brizzolara is angry and pissed off ("T.G.I.F.," Septem-ber 20). So am I. I gave my blood and service between 1942 and 1945 when I flew 25 daylight suicide missions over Nazi Germany in a B-17 I was wounded many in a B-17. I was wounded and spent a year in an Army hospital. So what? Lots of peo-ple don't appreciate that now adays, and it is ancient history. But I love my country!!!!!!!!! At age 79, I know that a thousand of WWII farts like

me are dying each day, and I want to say something to John (not that you have the guts to print it).

print it).

He says, "The Palestinians are homeless, that's horrible, but it can't be that simple."
Right on, John! Damn right, it's not that simple. Not only homeless, but they are being shot down, unarmed, in the streets with American-made weapons, their homes being bulldozed with American-made

Could that be the reason they hate us, John? Disabled Vet

Music Ralm

should have played news coverage all-the time during the week of the tragedy in New York ("Blurt," September 20)? What, we didn't have enough avenues to pick up informa

avenues to pick up information on that if we wanted it?
Come on... talk radio is there if
you want to hear news and/
or talk all the time.
Music has a healing power.
Music and other forms of entertainment can help us to
cope with things like this, if
only by giving our minds a rest
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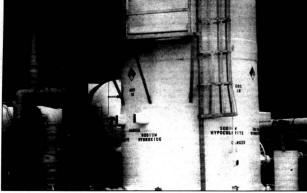
of the dancers. GROPING the girls so much they threatened to call over club bouncers out paid them hundreds of dollars more not to. BEGGING the shocked girls for sex time and ime again. SWIGGING Scotch from their own personal booze flasks." The paper quotes two exotic dancers, **Kerry** and **Monica**, as saying the men told them they were pilots with Royal Saudi Airlines. "Of course, I feel cheap and ashamed re may not be nuns, but Kerry and I aren't al-ry-cat sluts. I've watched those terrible images n TV. It makes me feel sick to my stomach that intertained them. I cleared maybe \$12,000 rom these beasts — I swear that I will now put

Hani Hanjour at least half that money in the fund for victims families." She added that the men "were always tipsy. They watched us strip and had us perform lap dances for them maybe up to 20 times over the course of several months, and never once did I see them sober. Alhamzi loved my blonde hair. He kept offering m money to touch it. He also tried to touch me everywhere else When I threatened to call a bouncer he'd pay me extra money We're well used to guys throwing the odd 20 bucks around, but these three were in a league of their own. They had rolls of \$50 and \$100 bills. They wanted private lap dances and sex. I didn't mind the lap dances, but I couldn't bring myself to have sex with them. The man I now recognize as al-Midhar offered me \$4000 one night to sleep with him. I told him to go to hell." Said Kerry, "They must have given me over \$10,000 to party with them. I suppose I could have made five times that amount if I'd agreed to have sex, but that's not my scene. I'm not a prostitute. You would imagine anyone with days to live before a suicide bombing would be making their peace with God or thinking about their family. But these guys were partying the night away

Aftermath Offered for bid on eBay by Murphy's Surplus Warehouse in El Cajon is an "automated liquid-agent detector sys-tem, lightweight and battery powered. Used to auto-detect falling liquid, nerve, and blister agents in the field. Sensor activates horn and light alarms"... Betty Farmer, a 67-year-old jazz singer and gay activist who was a favorite at the San Diego Jazz Festival, is miss ing and presumed dead in the World Trade Center attack, report the Denver Post Farmer, formerly of Denver, worked at bond trade Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. in the north tower.

Hey, Joe A banner honoring Joe DiMaggio put up by the Little Italy Business Association on a lamppost on India Street near Date is sponsored by nearby Vulcan Steam & Sauna, a gay bathnouse of the state the campaign sitty of ex-L.A. mayor **Richard Riordan**, a Republican who is gearing up to run for governor ... The women's caucus of the San Diego Democratic Club is hosting a tribute this Sunday to Los Angeles assemblywoman **Jackie Goldberg**. Ac-Sunday to Los Angeles assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, Ac-cording to the invitation, "Goldberg, along with our own Christient Kehoe and San Francisco's Carole Migden, completes the tri-umvirate of openly lesbian or gay representatives in our state As-sembly, Among her progressive legislative proposals is expansion of the definition of see discrimination to include gender and transof the definition of sex discrimination to include genior and trans-gender discrimination and exempting conviction for possession of drugs for personal use as a strike in 3-strike sentencing enhance-nent." Congessowinan Suama Derá will be a guest. Former Union-Tibune reporter and columnist Margaret Rode Sullivan has been named wice president for communications and exter-nal affairs of the International Republican Institute, a Washingtonbased think tank that helps organize elections in developing

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the way there are various

pumping stations, depending

on where the wastewater has

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though it's gravity coming

out of your home and gravity

going down the road from

you to a lift [pump] station.

but at a certain point, you're

going to have a lift station

that pumps it up another line

into a fourth force main, and

it discharges by gravity until it

comes into these larger mains

and interceptors. From there

it gets pumped from the

smaller lift stations to the

larger lift stations to the treat-

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involves all the water - from

the boundaries of Del Mar to

the north, Alpine to the east,

and south as far as the inter-

national border. "The entire

Flush Power

By Robert Kumpel

The journey begins when the toilet flushes. Whatever is in the bowl heads through a series of pipes and treatments

that separate the solids from the water. While the travels of one's wastewater is seldom a topic of conversation, it affects virtually every San Die gan, and everyone's wastewa ter shares the same destiny

Jesse Pagliaro has worked

ter treatment plants, water reclamation plants, pumping stations, and biosolids dewa tering facilities - the final stage in sewage treatment. "I'm a long-term wastewater treatment plant operator who's been involved with var



tan Waste Water Department for 13 years, with an additional 10 years' experience at other facilities in California and Illinois. As assistant deputy director for the Operations and Maintenance Division, Pagliaro is in charge of personnel and manages facilities that include wastewa

operated and maintained." Pagliaro's laconic descrip-

tion of the process reinforces his air of experience. "Essentially, what leaves your home raw as sewage - or wastew ater, as the term has been renamed in the last 20 years comes out of your home line and goes into a 'trunk' line

casionally iewelry. One day I found 120 dollars in the re-

While the thought of sundry items flowing through the water might inspire lurid images of criminal evidence afloat, Pagliaro insists that is not the case. "I once heard about a baby coming out in the screening structure of a pump station. When that happens, there are phone calls made to appropriate support in the community — the fire department, police. There's a whole series of follow-ups that they would go through. I don't know what stage it was at or any other information." Pagliaro explains that such a horrid event is an anomaly: disposing of bodies through the sewage system is impractical. "You have to think about where you're talking about disposing. If you're talking about going through you home, what is a commode capable of transporting or discharging? It would likely thing of that nature. You would have to make a serious, concerted effort to find a sanitary sewer of good enough size to transport anything of significant size. It's rare. I've heard about this one instance in my entire 23-year career."

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Moo Twilight

By Ernie Grimm

onny Cauzza's straw cowboy hat sits high on his head, shading his suntanned

face. His copper-gray mustache matches the hair on his temples. Tall, powerfully built, and decked in tan cowboy boots, jeans, and a western-style shirt, the 64-year-old looks every bit the cattle rancher.

Cauzza's father came from Switzerland in the 1930s to work on the dairy and cattle ranch his uncles had built, first on a site southwest of Ramona, where San Diego Country Estates now lies, later in Santa Ysabel, Cauzza grew up on the Santa Ysabel cattle ranch he owns now. Two of his three sons and their children live and work on the ranch. For Cauzza, no distinctions exist among life. family, and ranching.

"This is my brother's piece," Cauzza points to the west as he steers his truck north on Highway 79, a mile north of Santa Ysabel, "He's got about 950 acres. My piece s over on the other side of

folks passed away ten years ago. We're just finished paying the estate tax now." To pay the estate taxes. Cauzza sold 100 acres of the easternmost part of his ranch,

the road. I've got about 850

acres. We're kind of dividing

up the place right now. My

on the slopes of Volcan Mountain. "Whenever somebody dies," he says, "you have to sell a little bit to pay those estate taxes. You can't afford to keep it all." Engelmann, black, and live oaks dot Cauzza's prop-

erty, which occupies the part of the valley where the grassy floor curves upward and be comes the foothills that reach up toward Volcan Mountain. He runs 200 cow-and-calf pairs of mixed-breed beef cattle - "hereford, angus limousin" — on these 850 acres and another 1600 acres he owns in Mesa Chiquita,



most two years ago."

2000 but I still have all the

milking equipment. I haven't

sold it yet, in case someone





which crowns the hills formstill got the permit. We've got the holding ponds full of waing Santa Ysabel Valley's western border. "We also had ter, which you have to have to dairies for years," Cauzza exkeep your permit up - so you don't contaminate the plains. "We had three dairies in the family. Two down here and one up on Mesa Chiq-The dairy's modest size

and remote location are what nita. That was the last one onerating. It closed down alled to its closure. "The problem was," Cauzza explains Cauzza turns the old Ford "we weren't quite big enough off 79 and onto a road that We only milked 200 cows winds up the hill to Mesa Most places milk 1000. The milk trucks don't want to Chiquita, where two postand-beam barns, built in the drive all the way out here to pick you up if you're small 1930s, stand surrounded by You've got to have 700 gala cluster of corrals, "This is the dairy," Cauzza says. "We lons, or they charge you douclosed it down in January ble on their freight.

He walks through a room of the barn holding the stainless-steel refrigerated milk tank and into the main milking barn, where some old hay still lies in the feeding troughs of the milking racks. "Originally," he continues, "there were three dairies in the area so there was enough milk to warrant the truck. But then the other two sold out. For a long time, the milk truck didn't charge us more. But then fuel went up and everything went up, so we shut down the

With the dairy shut down. the sole cash generator on Cauzza's ranch is the sale of beef cattle. "Most of what we sell," he explains, "are 'weaner calves, which means they're right off the cow - seven. eight months old."





At that age, the calves are

400 to 500 pounds. Cauzza

loads them, 30 at a time, and

says that's a good price. If he

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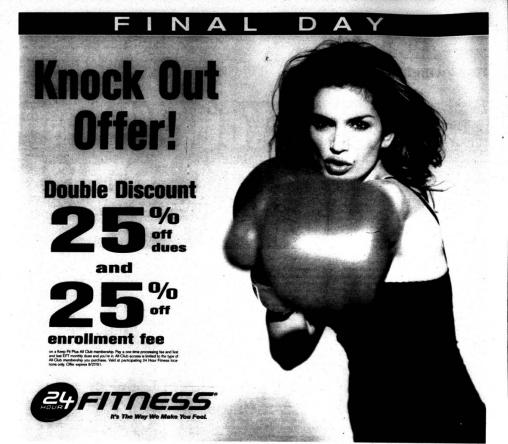
sells 150 calves in a year -"that's what we try to average" - at \$400 a head, he makes \$60,000.

trucks them "102 miles" to In addition to the weaner the nearest cattle auction. which is in Chino, "We used calves, cows that aren't pregto go to Hemet," Cauzza said, nant by autumn go to auction, "because they don't pay," but there's no more sale Cauzza savs, "In late summer At the Chino auction. or fall, you preg-check them instead of waiting until which takes place every spring to see if she's going to Wednesday, Cauzza's calves bring about \$400 each. have a calf. Because if she doesn't, vou've lost all that That's been the average for the last couple of years." He feed. If she's not with calf, she

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plant operators." There are currently three operational facilities for treatment in San Diego: Point Loma, the oldest and largest plant: North City in Miramar; and San Pasqual Water

South Bay, is scheduled to open in October, although construction problems could delay it. "Point Loma went online in 1963 and has undergone several million dollars' worth of upgrades over the past ten years or so. It treats about 180 million gallons per day on the average. It's rated at a max of 240 miliion gallons per day. The North City plant has been operating since April of 1997. That's a reclamation facility, so it treats the waste stream to a level where it can be used for irrigation purposes."

Pagliaro makes it clear

ment at the North City plant is not the same as "gray water." "Gray water has significantly less treatment. Gray water is essentially water that comes out of your laundry and not the bathroom facilities of your home. It's not contaminated with human waste. The level of treatment provided by the North City facility makes it better than the water that comes straight out of the Colorado River. There's treatment facilities all up and down the Colorado River that treat the secondary standards, then discharge into the river. That's why we

ties in San Diego, because they pull raw water from the river and from the aqueduct to the north, and they treat solids inherent in the raw water - a different function altogether." The South Bay plant will also serve as a reclamation facility.

The treatment process is labyrinthine: it ends in a simulation of animal digestion. "As a result of the treatment process, you remove solids that are discharged, whether human waste or any other materials. The water is a convevance system to remove the waste from your household,

and this water used for transport is essentially 99.9 percent water and only .1 of 1 percent solids. So the amount of solids that people in the community have in their water is really minuscule. Next to nothing. In order to meet the treatment needs at the reclamation plants, there is nothing left in the water, and if it ends up at Point Loma, we remove anywhere from 83 to 95 percent of the particulates. The suspended particulates form a mass called 'sludge' or raw sludge.' The facilities,

Point Loma in particular, take

the raw sludge and they

pump it through anaerobic

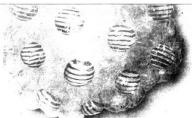
digesters. Anaerobic digesters digest the organic materials in the raw sludge that we call 'volatile matter.' Raw sludge is typically 75 to 80 percent volatiles. There's bacteria or 'anaerobes' in those digesters that utilize the solids as a food source and also for respiration. There's a large amount ing the sulfates, carrying particulates; they break those down and remove the oxygen and release the sulfite.

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By keening a few heifer

calves every year and selling

the rest. Cauzza maintains his

herd count without having to

buy any cows. "Occasionally,

we'll buy a bull or exchange

bulls with a neighbor," he

Other than the odd bull

purchase, Cauzza lists feed.

taxes, electricity, and gas as

the ranch's expenses. Feed he buys directly from farmers in

the Imperial Valley. Because

he trucks it himself, it costs

around \$80 per ton for sudan

grass, \$100 for alfalfa. But

with a herd of 200 cow-calf

pairs and a 2450-acre ranch.

which Cauzza estimates can

feed one cow for every10 to

15 acres-he doesn't need to

buy much feed for his cows.

"When the snow's heavy," he says, "you might feed her a lit-

of energy." .

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to replace her."

Property taxes are kept megawatts of that power at the facility. The remaining ranch is in the federal agricultural preserve program, "If it wasn't," the rancher says, "I two and a half megawatts are sold back to the utility. So the community is being provided wouldn't be able to survive additional service by the pro-See, we had a piece up in Julian — it was 130 acres duction of electricity. Besides the 2.258 megawatts provided that wasn't in the preserve. by the methane, there's a The folks kept it out, knowsmall hydroelectric facility ing that when it was time to because of the location of the pay estate taxes, something discharge. It has to go was going to have to be sold. Well, that piece up there cost through a drop-structure and spins a turbine. That pro-\$30 per acre per year in taxes. duces another megawatt to There's no way you could 1.35 megawatts. When you make enough money to pay that kind of tax on all of this total it all up, a lot of the time we're pushing as much as land. So you're forced to ei-3.85 additional megawatts of ther go into ag preserve or sell out. With the ag preserve, you electricity from Point Loma - enough to operate appay about \$2 an acre." proximately 3800 homes. There's also a cogeneration

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To qualify for the agriculgroup of neighboring ranchers has to have at least 600 contiguous acres. The contracts are for ten years. If you sell in that time, you pay a penalty. "If you've legitima got it in mind to be ranching," Cauzza says, "then the contract is all right."

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tle hay. Otherwise, she pretty

much feeds herself on the

And Cauzza does have it in mind to keep ranching. "We make enough to make a living and it's something that we like," he says. "If you've got the life you like, and if you can make yourself a little living..." he shrugs, as if to say. What else do you need?" Ramona rancher Mary

Turner is a different kind of

rancher. She leases plots of land within a ten-mile radius around the town of Ramona to hold her herd of around 60 cows. "I always joke that I get the smaller pieces that nobody else wants," she says. "I've got mine scattered around ten different places, and it keeps me busy. One parcel that I have is right beind Stater's grocery store where that pond is. A guy bought it for development. He's going to put homes on it, but he says it's going to take a while. In the meantime, he wants to keep the cattle there to keep the fire hazard down. I've got a couple of pieces that the owners let me use to keep

it clean. But most of them I have to pay for." How much she pays, Turner explains, "depends. Some places go by the year; some places go by the head per-month, it's usually about

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\$12. Sometimes you can get it for \$10. But otherwise some pieces they do by the

Turner, who raises a French breed of cattle called limousin, relies on feed that is trucked in from the Imperial Valley. Prices are up. "It was pretty good for a few years there," she says. "This year, it's getting scarce, and the price is really going up. We usually get our hay in August or September because that's when it's the lowest. Now it's really going up be-cause of several factors. They shut the water off up in the Northwest for the sucker fish Now those people are com-ing down to the Imperial Valley to buy their hay, and that's running the price up. Another reason I've been told is that in Idaho they usually raise a lot of hay. But this year it was more profitable for the farmers to sell the electricity than to use it to irrigate for hav. So they sold their electricity, and now they're short of hay up there. And, I understand there's a brand-new packing house being built in me they were going to be slaughtering 1200 head a day, but this morning I heard it could be up to 2000 a day So now they're really rejuvenating the feed lots around El Centro, and they're buying up all the hay. So the compe-

tition for the hay has gotten really heavy."

She buys her hay through "hay broker" who is "trying to find me some alfalfa for \$123 per ton, which is still pretty low. But he says there isn't going to be any around at that price for long. Last year I was getting it for \$105 or \$110."

Grain costs even more. "As much as I feed," Turner says, "I couldn't afford to buy it in a bag at a feed store. So I get it in a bulk truck. The places that deliver five-ton minimums usually charge upwards of \$200 a ton. Dairies and your bigger cattle probably get a lot better prices, because they can get more at a time delivered."

Asked if she makes a living out of her ranching. Turner laughs out loud. "No, no. My husband has a job down the hill. You can't make any money at it, really. I do it because I like it. You'd better like it, or forget it." .





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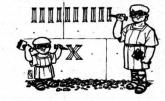


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STRAIGHT THIP



This is for Matthew Alice: Why do clock and watch dials always use a quadruple "I" as the Roman numeral for 4, but everywhere else the Roman numeral for 4 is "IV"?

MATTHEW

ALICE

Call it tradition, call it lack of imagination — but that's the way we've always done it. Since way before Times but a few thousand years after the Egyptian stick-in-the-ground clocks. When Romans adopted Egypt's sundail, they narked the hours with their cumbersome, goofy numerals. The number 4 in the original Roman system was IIII. The Romans' early numbering technique was all additives '44th dato be written CCCCAXXXIII (400+40+4). It was undoubtedly some was all additive; 444 had to be written CCCCXXXXIII (400-40-4). It was undoubtedly some overworked stone carrier who came up with the subtractive system, in which 444 could be written CDXLIV ([500-10]+[5-1], 6 characters instead of 12. Sundial makers and later clock and watch makers never changed the old III. Actually, more curious than the IIII is the fact that 9 on watches is written in the new Roman subtractive system, IX. Perhaps VIIII wouldn't fit really on small clock or watch face. Probably won't make much difference in a generation or so, when digital is the law. How many kids today can read a dial clock anyway, let alone a clock with Roman numeral low.

Uzbekistan. Pakistan. Afghanistan. Islamabad. Jalalabad. Feyzabad. Who's -stan? What's -abad? - Puzzled Map Reader, San Diego

Stan and abad (actually, in Urdu, aabaad) are "land of," "place of," "city of." Take your pick. "Abad" in word combinations also means blessed. So Islamabad could be translated "the blessed city of Islam."

Oh, Ma-a-a-att.
There is a \$271 fine for driving in the carpool lane on my local freeway. I believe that figure is posted as the fine for waried other infractions of traffic law. Um — \$271? Where did they come up with that amount? Just a number picked at random? Or the result of political sausage-making, the details of which we might just be happier not knowing.

Ooooh, yeah, Spikey, the bureaucracy's got its mitts all over this one. Traffic fines have been a reliable revenue-raiser since the state economy began to tank in the early '90s. Fines are set by the state's Traffic Advisory Committee, appointees of the Chief Duttice of the California Supreme the saids 1 min. rowing/Communes, appointment, and the said of the

So that's our little diagram of how a fine becomes a law, but why a \$271 law instead of a

So that's our little diagram of how a fine becomes a law, but why a \$271 law instead of a tidy, even \$250 law? Each fine is made up of a bail amount and a penalty. The bail amount is what it costs you for the privilege of walking around free until your court date comes up. The penalty is what should keep you from breaking the law again. The penalty is also what the state legislature added in 1991 to bring in some desperately needed cash. In their wisdom, they decided hat for every \$150 worth of bail, we'd have to pay \$17 in penalties (\$150 to go to the state, \$7 to the county where you did the deed), with a buck for the courts.

Since the Traffic Advisory Committee sees to it that bail amounts are equal for similar transgressions, you'll end up with a lot of the same fine amounts. Frinstance, your \$271 car pool volation. That's \$100 bail puls \$170 penalty plus the buck for the court. Need I mention that fines in highway construction zones are doubled, and you can't wessel out of tickets now'by going to traffic school 50 sthe system is everything an irate citizen could hope for a bureaccratic rat's nest, a financial bustle, and a steel trap from which no citizen can escape with his wallet intact. Lan smell the outrage from here. I can smell the outrage from here

- Fonzie, El Cajon

Criminetly, Fonzie I don't know! Maybe the same guy who sold wax lips and joy buzzers and sea monkeys on the back page of *Popular Mechanics*. Plain old dice date back to cavernan days. So do loaded dice. It's true. Ask any anthropologist. The minute we invented dice, we immediately began to cheat. But for some reason, it took us 40,000 years to add the fuzz. They're definitely torgan to cheat. But for some reason, it took us 40,000 years to add the fuzz. They're definitely a '505 phenomenon, when being an outlaw in a custom car was cool. 'Outlaw' by '505 standards meant you shot craps after school. This is also the ear when 'Vegas made its nationwide bustout, when shady characters were building the first big casinos. Maybe that's a connection too. Anyway, fuzzy dice, an American classic, come back into fashion every 20 years, but the inventor remains unsuing.

Got a question you need answered? Get it straight from the hip. Write to Matthew Alice, c/o the Reader, P. O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or fax your questions to 619-231-0489, or e-mail to hermath@cs.com via the Internet.

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Two Wins, No Losses

t's going to take awhile to care about sports.

Sports will be back as will movies, restaurants, saloons, and auto theft. But not yet. The routines of daily life — at least my routines - seem beside the point.

We do have a team this year. How much of a team is the question. I'm talking about the Chargers. The Bolts are 2-0. Over the past decade, 72 percent of the clubs that started a season 2-0 made the playoffs. Of course, this also means that 28 percent didn't.

But, so what about faceless numbers. I don't season to the playoffs. Of the clubs of the clubs.

But, so what about faceless numbers. I don't care if San Diego plays in January. The Chargers are worth watching now and, barring injuries, will be worth watching all the way through the season. Doug Hutie is exciting. You never know what he's going to do. As long as he's in the game there's a possibility the Bolts will score. We haven't seen that in a San Diego quarterback since Dan Eouts.

The stories you read about Flutie usu-The stories you read about Flutte usually talk about how he's a winner or his competitive attitude or his ability to scramble, but they never talk about his arm. He's got a great arm. And then there is LaDainian Tomlinson. Tomlinson rushed for 113 yards against Dallas, a team that put together a defensive game plan meant to stop the run first and take care of Flutie later. One hopes this defensive scheme will be taken up by

Flutie has been underestimated since the lad was found serving cranberry sauce at the annual First Grace Homeless Shelter Thanksgiving dinner. He was three years old at the time. You'd think, by now, everyone would have wised up to the fact that he's a great quarterback, but they haven't, and it would be a shame to see that change at this

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don't want the Bolts to get a big head. San don't want the Bolts to get a big head. San Diego crushed a Washington tearm that may well go 15-1. For a reason 1 will never under-stand unless the man in question is black-malling head coach Marry Schottenheime in black-malling head coach Marry Schottenheime is black-malling head coach Marry Schottenheime and Washington acquired and then started Jeff George as quarterback. Jeff George is the archeyep, the template of a quarterback who looks huge in practice and folds during game. Every time. And like Plutic, bl-4 during game. Every time. And like Plutic, bl-4 during services and services are services and services and services are services as a service of services and services are services as services and services are services as services and services services are services as services service game. Every time. And, like Flutie, he's done it everywhere he's gone (Indianapolis, Atlanta, Oakland, Minnesota, Washington), And, like Flutie, he has a reputation that goes against everything he has' ever accomplished in football. Unfortunately, San Diego won't play Washington again this year.

Dallas was supposed to be another 1-15 team, but they scored the points against the

Chargers, which means they are either bet-ter than we thought or San Diego is worse than we hoped. This will take a few games to sort out. San Diego plays Cincinnati, Cleveland, and New England over the next three weeks. They should win those games, flying home from Boston with a 5-0 record in hand. And then comes Denver, a gorgeou team, and then we will know what we have in Chargerland.

But, until that appointment with the Broncos comes due, let's enjoy this team.

Broncos comes due, let's enjoy this team. It's been a long, long time since the Chargers were on a run. There was one discouraging moment during Sunday's victory. The NFL, stealing a bit of stagecraft from the departed XFL, allowed a camera care inside the Chargers' locker room. Head coach Mike Riley was standing inside, circle of ladgrest clerk of the coach. standing inside a circle of players/elephants finishing his pep-harangue. We hear him

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	Pittsburgh	2 1/2	35 1/2	BUFFALO		
	Atlanta	3	41 1/2	ARIZONA		
	DENVER	5	41 1/2	Baltimore		
	SAN DIEGO	61/2	39	Cincinnati		
	JACKSONVILLE	9	36	Cleveland		
	OAKLAND	11 1/2	39	Seattle		
	PHILADELPHIA	13 1/2	35 1/2	Dallas		
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	N.Y. JETS	3 1/2	44 1/2	San Francisco		

say, "All right men, hip-hip..." Players weakly voice, "Hooray." Riley continues, "Hip-hip..." Players, visibly confused, "Hip-hip..." Players, visibly contused, attempt a feeble, "Hooray." Marching where no NFL coach has gone before, Riley mouths its third, "Hip-hip." Three-hundred pound men, eyes glazed and turned to the ground, mutter, "Hooray."

Houston, we have a problem.

This just in: Michael Jordan announces his return to active duty, he'll play for the Wash-ington Wizards this year. The captive press has been filled with articles begging Jordan not to make a comeback. Many sportswrit-ers say they want to remember him as he This just in: Michael Jordan and was. They don't — gasp-choke — want to watch him play as he is. So many problems. So little time.

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turned their backs or organized religion. They couldn't forget that Germany's Lutheran pastors had prayed for Hitler. My father's fam-ily had been Lutheran since the 1600s.

In 1953, the Rus sians blockaded Berlin Bruenjes's father fled to New Jersey. Three months later he brought over the wife and kids Bruenjes grew up in Hoboken, two blocks from where Frank Sina tra's mother and fathe lived. Bruenjes server in Vietnam, attender college in Madison, Wisconsin. He now works as an associate general manager for KPBS, but for the past six years he's been tak ing classes at Bethel Seminary. In June, 2002, he hopes to become a full-time Bap-

Services: Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

After WWII, Horst Bruenjes (rhymes with

"sponges") played in the rubble of Berlin.
"In the aftermath of the war, when the full scope of what Hitler had done to the world

and to Germany was made clear, my parents

Bruenjes, his wife, and their 18-year-old daughter attend First Baptist Church of La Jolla, which senior

Jolla, which senior pastor Brian Fairley describes as "one of the city's nicest forgotten churches." The sanctuary's vaulted ceiling is made of planks of varnished pine that meet at a sharp peak some 40 feet above the gray-carpeted floor. At the rear of the sanctuary, above the choir loft, a wall of stained glass floods the pews with soft blue light.

Bruenjes told me that when he and his wife moved to San Diego in 1987, they visited 18 different churches before choosing La Jolla

18 different churches before choosing La Jolis First Baptista sub-ripritual hone, Ire First Baptista sub-ripritual hone, Ire much made up my mind that I wouldn't attend a church in La Jolis. There was this stereo-tpe of wealth and elitism and standoffish-ness. The people here destroyed that stereotype. They are a firendly crowd, mostly older. They be the out hymns like "Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, with zest. Several African-American mem-

bers spike the liturgy with the occasiona "Amen!" and "Yes, Lord!"

Last Sunday Reverend Fairley was sup-posed to have been at a religious gathering in

SHEEP AND GOATS PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Zurich. Catastrophe intervened. Reverend Fairley had long before scheduled Bruenjes to deliver the morning's sermon and it's a mark of Reverend Fairley's humility and wisnation: American Baptist Churches ss: 627 Genter Street, La Jolla, 858-454dom that he allowed Bruenjes to go ahead as Year founded: 1928

dom that he allowed Bruenjes to go ahead as planned. Bruenjes's experience in Germany provided him with nisght into war and faith. He began by telling us that it was normal to feel rage and desire revenge. "We are perfectly justified," he said, "to hate evil. But how do we square that with the Bible's admonitions to bless those who do us harm. to live a harm. To live a start of the start of t Year founded: 1928 Senior pastor: Brian Fairley Congregation: 100 members Staff: 1 full-time, 5 part-time Sunday school enrollment: 30 Annual budget: \$170,000 Weekly giving: \$3300 nitions to bless those who do us harm, to live Singles program: no Diversity: mostly white, some Africanpeaceably, to not repay evil with evil? It's easy to say that we should love our enemies, but where are such thoughts now? How do we live a holy life in unholy circumstances? American Dress: casual to dressy

First Baptist Church of La Iolla

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"There is a very fine line between fight-ing evil and perpetuating it. My dad couldn't wait to be drafted and participate in World War II. My father was a German, a patriotic Ger man, who wanted to serve his country. So

you see, mere patriotism isn't enough to guar-antee the righteousness of one's actions

"We need to pray long and hard. In thi case, we must stop evil. If we don't, greater evil will be done. But we must remember, we are not fighting Mus-lims, we are fighting evil. We must not giv in to hatred. We mus remember this world is God's, not ours. We must remember that solidarity, resolve, and teadfastness come from God. We must resolve to love one another

"And we must continue to pray. We must keep in mind a historic event that I certainly never imagined would happen in my lifetime In 1989 the Berlin Wall came down a single drop of blood was shed."

After the service I asked Bruenjes why, in middle-age, he'd decided upon such a dramatic career change. "I'd always had

faith as a child, even though my parents were officially against religion. When I left for Vietnam, speaking about religion was one of the things they cautioned me against. In 1986, I was working for a public television station in Sacramento and the govmor at that time decided to reduce funding ermor at that time decided to reduce funding to things like public television. Until that point, I'd been very successful. It hit me that wasn't in control of my life. I was in crisis. I remember laying on the floor and praying. I said, I' can't do this asymort'. I admitted to God that He, regardless of one's success and failure in life, was in charge. "In 1993 I started to feet that God was call-

"In 1993 I started to feel that God was call-ing me to ministry. I entered into a long period of prayer and eventually started taking classes at Bethel. Next weekend I'll be performing my first weeding, and I'm excised about that. In June, I'll be submitting my resume to the American Baptist Churches U.S.A. I could go mywhere in the country. I don't know where I and my family will end up."

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Dear Aunt Trudy, Here's a problem I'm ashamed of myself for hav-

ing. I'm 34. About eight months ago, my mother died. My parents had been happily married for 40 years. My father was devastated when Mom passed away, but he was determined to get on with his life. A few months after Mom died, Dad met a wonderful woman his age, and they fell in love They are planning to get married in a month, I like his fiancée. She's warm, sensitive, and funny She's good to Dad, and they've found joy together. Part of the problem is that my sister will not accept the fact that Dad's remarrying. She says it's too soon, that to attend their wedding would be disrespectful to our mother's memory. Even though I'm happy for Dad, and I like "Mitzi," his intended. I too wish they'd wait. It's been hard to be completely glad for Dad in his new love while still feeling bereaved. I tried to talk to him about this, but he and Mitzi are adamant. They plan a big, fancy wedding. My sister insists they should have a small, discreet wedding and not for at least a year from now. Dad says at his age, God knows how many years he and Mitzi have left, so waiting to get married when they're sure about each other is pointless. Sis is boycotting the wedding. She says I should do the same. I'm planning to attend (Dad wants me to be best man!), but I feel bad for har-

boring doubts about the timing of this marriage and feel like a traitor to my sister for participating in a wedding that, while I support it in principle, I also feel uncomfortable about deep down RELUCTANT PACIFIC BEACH BEST MAN

Dear Reluctant My heart goes out to all of you. Your feelings

of confusion - loss mixed with joy, reluctance playing tug-of-war with enthusiasm are understandable and justified. Who could feel otherwise in your shoes? Though your father is going full-speed ahead with his wedding plans, I'm sure he's a tempest of mixed emotions, too. In a funny way, all this turmoil is about love. Right now your various loves seem like so many crossed wires - love for your dead mother, your family's past, your father, your sister, Everyone in this situation needs to do what he feels is best. If your sis ter isn't ready to celebrate your father's marriage, perhaps it's better if she stays home. No one will enjoy looking at wedding snapshots years from now featuring her pouting or speering. If Dad is sure in his heart that he needs to wed immediately, then those feelings must be respected, too. Your willingness to rise to the occasion and stand by your father's side as he remarries, despite your misgivings, is admirable. I'm sure your mother loved your father dearly and would have wanted his happiness. In helping him achieve hap

piness and healing by remarrying, you are honoring both your moth er's memory and your filial duty. As time passes, your sister may come around, after she has ample room to grieve in her own way. These conflicted feelings are unavoidable. They indicate that you have a large enough mind and heart to sorrow for your mother's loss and rejoice for your father's hopes for the future, simultaneously. You, sir, are a remarkable man. You have nothing to reproach

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My ex-wife and I have joint custody of our four-year-old daughter. When I was picking little Margaret up last week, she called me a "big, stupid jerk" because I accidentally stepped on one of her dolls. (I didn't break it or anything.) My ex-wife (with whom my relations are, shall we say, shaky) doubled over laughing as if it was the funniest line she'd ever heard. Later, I took her aside and told her I didn't appreciate her teaching Margie to disrespect me and thought she owed me an apology. She said, "No way. Kids say stuff like that. Quit being such a baby." Not that she'll ever apologize, but is my ex right, or do I have yet another reason to be mad at her?

> JUST WONDERING IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Dear Wondering,

I don't want to add fuel to the fire, but I think you're right. Margie needs to be told kindly but firmly that we don't talk meanly to other people; it hurts their feelings. If she's angry, there are other ways to express it. Suggest some. Your wife may not be able to control what the little darling says, but her burst of hilarity reinforced nasty behavior in Margie and was a totally inappropriate jab at you. Keep trying to get through to your ex and continue modeling good behavior for your daughter. She

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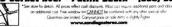
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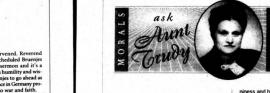
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say, Topeka, Kansas. This month's attacks in New York and Washington and the coming of war promise to alter that complacency. Revelations of the un-monitored comings and goings of alleged terrorists into and out of San Diego is just one unsettling factor. The presence of so many inviting targets,

with so little apparent protection, is another.

In addition to the Third Fleet itself, the city is dotted with hundreds of high-tech military installations. Many of San Diego's civilian institutions, such as Scripps Institute of Oceanography and the University of California, as well as private contractors like Science Applications International and General Atomics, are closely tied to the Pentagon through consulting arrangements and shared employees. Affluent

heed was given to warnings from these consultants themselves that terrorists might strike in the nation's midst. Even as the Defense

or the city itself. Some ascribe the lack of action to the carelessness of the post-Cold War era. Others point

of those associated with the city's defense think tanks repeatedly warned of a national catastrophe in the works, the message

Military history display, Cabrillo National Mon

Though many of those associated with the city's defense think tanks repeatedly warned of a national catastrophe in the works, the message somehow never got through.

neighborhoods such as La Jolla and Rancho Santa Fe, are home to a virtual brain trust of the nation's top defense scientists, administrators, and entrepreneurs.

Until last week, little public

to the scattered nature of the Department spent millions of research itself, most of which is dollars here investigating the contracted out by varying threat of biological, nuclear, and branches of the Pentagon, many cyber terror, few, if any, precauseemingly unaware of what the tions were taken to protect either others are up to. Though many the researchers, their work places,

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tial hazards they face.

Many of the nation's top terrorism experts not directly employed by the government work for La Jolla's Science Applications International Corp., whose structure and activities are said to closely mirror the government's clandestine intelligence operations. Founded in 1969 at the height of the Vietnam war by nuclear physicist J. Robert Beyster, a veteran of Los Alamos National Lab and La Iolla's General Atomics SAIC has become one of the government's largest national security contractors. Now 77. Beyster is still chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the company, which is technically

employee owned but largely controlled by Beyster and a board of directors laden with retired military men and Central Intelligence Agency veterans.

Ownership of the company's stock is limited to employees, who may not sell it to outsiders. Instead they must tender their shares back to the company upon their departure from SAIC. Sources suggest that the unusual arrangement guar antees that the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, and ultimately the Pentagon and White House control the company's destiny. Smaller defense contractors complain that they often lose out to SAIC in competitive



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bidding for government work because the huge firm, boasting more than \$6 billion in annual revenue, has an inside track on the business.

In addition to its shadowy ties to the United States



defense establishment SAIC is also closely linked to the government of Saudi Arabia. According to the SAIC website, an entity called Saudi SAI, is an "SAIC equity partner," which "installs and maintains computer sys-



tems telecommunications systems, and other data analysis systems for customers in Saudi Arabia Through the history of the company, the major emphasis has been on the Royal Saudi Naval Forces C3 project; in the past four years, SSAI has emerged as a leader in the commercial sector

SAIC employees are fre quent donors to the campaigns of influential members of the U.S. House and Senate, Since 1988, the value of SAIC stock — determined not by the stock market but by the company's 18-member board of directors has soared from under \$5 to more than \$30 a share Beyster owns a 1.3 percent stake in the firm, which is worth millions.

Board members include ex-admiral Bobby Inman a former deputy CIA director and one-time director of the National Security Agency, In 1984, he authored

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what became known as the Inman Report, the earliest overnment initiative call ing into question the nation's deadiness to deal with terprist attacks. After the September 11 attacks, he old the Austin American Statesman, "This is war, We're going to have to rethink what is the trade off for privacy in return for internal security.

Another SAIC board member is retired Army General W. A. Downing, who, according to SAIC's website,"was appointed to assess the terrorist attack on the U.S. base at Khobar Towers, Saudi Arabia, and to make recommendations to protect people and facilities worldwide from ter rorist attack. As well as being acknowledged as an author ity on combating terrorism, he is highly regarded as a leader and an expert by allies in the special oper ations community around



Last year Downing was

a member of a federal anti-

terrorism task force that

called for more eavesdrop-

ping and surveillance of

high-risk groups, includ-

ing foreign students enrolled

in nuclear physics courses

at U.S. universities. No action

the world."

Downing is contro versial for his leadership in the 1990s of the Army's Special Operations Command and the use of its "Delta Force" in the clandestine war carried out against drug lords in the jungles of

Colombia. Special opera tions forces are expected to play a major role in any U.S response to the World Trade Center attack, and SAIC is said to be a key consultant to Army intelligence, pro viding personnel and technical assistance.

the recommendations. After the attack on the World Trade Center, Down ing was quoted by the Philadelphia Inquirer as saying, about pending plans take out Osama bin Laden, "We've been prepared to do this kind of hing for years. But they have always been rejected as too aggressive and too risky. A lot of solutions have been proposed, too, but they were all rejected, dismissed as too extreme or too danperous. So what we end up with is something ten times as bad as Pearl Harbor."

was taken in response to

In December 1997, SAIC formed the Center for Counter-Terrorism Technology and Analysis. Named to run the unit was David Kay, who had been head of the United Nations Special Commission, which monitored weapons of mass destruction in Iraq before the group was ejected

rorism and Middle East Section at FBI Headquarters.

"As the leader of this unit, he was responsible for overall national coordination, oversight, and direction of all criminal and intelligence operations against the international terrorists who bombed the World Trade Center and who attempted to conduct a wave of bombings in and around New York City in early 1993."

The SAIC website lists several missions for its counter-terrorism group, including preparing for terrorist attacks. "Readiness for response to terrorist incidents using weapons of mass destruction requires a robust crisis, contingency & response planning capability.

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be well funded by the Defense Department, But what had SAIC's counterterrorism unit actually been doing in the days leading up to the September 11 attack? Other than the brief description on the website, its activities are shrouded in secrecy. Some indication of the dimensions of the pro iect, however, can be gleaned from a series of help-wanted advertisements appearing last week on the SAIC website. Most of the work listed is for the U.S. Army's Central Command.

"Focusing primarily on the Middle East, Central Command, and Third Army's area of responsibility (AOR) is a large and complex region," according to a description on the

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was seeking many civilian workers to perform counterterrorism intelligence related to its Central Command contract. Some of the positions are based stateside others at bases in England and Germany, including that of "Counter-terrorism", Watch analyst." "The Counter-terror sm Watch analyst moni tors and evaluates current intelligence for terrorism related activity in support of the United States Euro pean Command (USEU COM) Joint Analysis Cen ter (JAC)," according to the job description, "Watch duties are performed on shifts, in a fast-paced, allsource environment. The analyst is the JAC focal point for assessing incoming terrorism reporting and is the go-to analyst for assessments of current events

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secrets "are now Iraqi

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technical elite, and the pro-

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In December 1998, Kay

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may be required." Another Central Com mand-related position, that of Senior Counter-Terror sm Analyst, is to be based in Tampa, Florida, "Appli ant will perform all-source intelligence analysis to sup port counter-terrorism anal sis. Duties will include: link analysis, researching databases, collating information, performing eval uations and assessments authoring and composing reports, presenting, main aining databases, and disder in Carlshad seminating critical infor

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involved in the government Biological Warfare program Clues to the scope and

dimensions of the program can be gleaned from past news releases as well as from the company's help-wanted listings. In 1999, SAIG received a contract worth \$17.1 million from the fed eral government's Defens Advanced Research Pro iects Agency (DARPA) to modeling for "biological warfare agent detection. The Defense Departmen reported that 63 percent of the work would be done in San Diego and the remain

The firm's recent help anted advertisements offer the vague outlines of a rapidly growing, top-secret Defense Department pro gram that has never been



revealed to the public. They also seem to leave no doubt that the U.S. government is plenty worried about the tential of biological warfare, even if a coherent defense strategy has yet to

One position, listed

simply as "scientist," include tasks such as "analyzing data and researching for related activities as it per tains to biological weapons of mass destruction. Uti lize state-of-the-art tools in classified and unclassi

fied environment, prepare

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briefings, compile reports, etc. Work in conjunction with the COTR and other contractors on a BW pro gram within the intelli ence community.

Related positions include "Senior Biological Weapons Specialist": "Research, ana lyze, report, and present find ings on biological agents and weapons programs — to include both academic research and industrial production." Another position, "Senior Scientist." requires working closely with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (USAMRICD) and Senior Department of Défense leadership on matters involv ing medical chemical de ense," according to the job description. The candidate will

support the establishment research goals, objectives, and priorities of the medical chemical defense research component of the Medical Chemical and Biological Defense Research Program. Work will be performed in U.S. Government offices staffed by DoD civilian, military and contract personnel and located on Fort Detrick, Maryland. Yet another Biological

Warfare position will "focus on the biological empiri cal testing phase and eval-uation of novel potential therapeutics for Anthrax, Botulinum Neurotoxin, and staphylococcus Aureus Enterotoxin," all deadly germs. Candidates for the iob "should have a strong background in molecular biology, protein biochemistry, and/or cell biology Substantial experience with cloning, gene expression, and recombinant protein purification is required Because the duty station is located in laboratory space within USAMRIJD at Fort Detrick, applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Working knowledge of immunology is a

A position entitled "CE Readiness Analyst" will "provide Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, and Conventional (NBCC), major accident and natural-disaster response expertise (to include military civil support operations) to cus tomers and SAIC, Candi-

member of the analytical and traveling teams asso ciated with NBC concepts of operation (CONOPS). Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Operation Research, International Relations (with quantitative analysis experience)

or equivalent work experience" and a "willingness to travel internationally. SAIC also has a sevenyear, \$43.8 million contract to produce a malaria vaccine at its facilities in Frederick, Maryland, It also operates, under government contract, a website called Train4Life comwhich offers "Specialized chemical and biological incident training classes' to "paramedics, emergency medical technicians, doc tors, nurses, firefighters, and law enforcement officials." Offerings, free or available for purchase online with proper governmental authorization, include courses on Anthray

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Agents, Blister Agents, Cyanick

and Smoke Agents, Pul monary Agents, including Phosgene and Chloropicrin. Another local defense

institution with extensiv involvement in many aspects of anti-terrorism, intelligence, and biological warfare is the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command - SPAWAR for short - which has a much wider mission than its name implies. Created from the mergers of various navy research labs and joint ven tures with the University of California and the California Institute of Technology dating back to World Wa II the command consolidated many of the navy's research programs being conducted in facilities around the bay. The command's primary mission, according to its website, "is to be the Nation's preeminent provider of command, control, communications computers, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance solutions for war rior information domi-

This July, well before the September 11 attacks, SPAWAR's headquarters complex across the railroad tracks from Old Town was ringed with cement barricades to resist car and truck bombs, apparently in response to the bombins of the destroyer Cole in

than simple explosives.

Aden, Yemen. But the agency was worried about more

manipulation. They will

also have the potential to

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the research, according to the

website, "is to develop and

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The program is supposed to develop so-called counter measures versatile enough to eliminate biological threats.

That same month SPAWAR announced that it had awarded a \$6.4 million contract for research and development of "pathogen countermeasures and advanced medical diagnos tics," Jane's International Defense Review reported. "The research to be conducted by ChemoCentryx will support the Defense

Agency's Unconventional formed warfighters, and the Pathogenic Countermeadefense personnel who support them, during U.S. mil itary operations. While no defense may stop a determined adversary from unleashing biological weapons, a sufficiently robust

sures program." According to the DARPA website, the program is supposed to develop so-called counter measures versatile enough to eliminate biological threats. whether from natural sources or modified through bioengineering or other

Advanced Research Project

awarded a two-year, \$3.5 million contract to Seattle's Corixa Corp to develop methods "enhancing immune responses to infectious diseases, including agents of biological warfare," according to a company news release. "Corixa will conduct preclinical testing of its proprietary portfolio of synthetic lipid A-like immunomodulatory agents. or AGP(s), to enhance innate immune responses. These drugs act on a newly rec ognized family of receptors called Toll-like receptors, to generate protective immunity to a wide variety of

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San Diego's Nanogen Inc. also has a contract from SPAWAR to develop electronic devices for detecting "biowarfare-related agents found in blood," according to a company news release. The company has also received an \$8 million contract to develor miniature diagnostic labs for SPAWAR.

And in 1999 this Ther. apeutics in Carlsbad, along with San Diego's HNC Soft ware, got a \$6.6 million SPAWAR contract to develop "a combination of biological and computational tech nologies for the synthesis of anti-microbial and ant viral compounds capable of neutralizing biological warfare pathogens," according to a news release of the time. Like the SAIC con tracts, the SPAWAR bio logical-warfare projects are classified Top Secret: whether the research has yet yielded useful results is unknown Perhaps that will be revealed in the coming war.

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with flag rank. He retired as the head of the Naval Intelligence Service and became head of security at the Federal Aviation Administration in 1993 - in part, I suspected, because of his carefully cultivated friendship with another former SEAL, Senator Bob Kerrey.

Elson also ended up at the FAA but on the other end of the food chain: he was a security agent toiling in the trenches at Houston's international airport during the latter years of Flynn's tenure as head of security. I wouldn't have known of this connection if it hadn't been for an e-mail that crossed my computer screen about a year ago. The message had been shotgunned by e-mail to several retired SEALs. In it. Steve Elson took Flynn to the woodshed, as they say.

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sage began, "Mr. Cathal Flynn retired as head of FAA 'security' to his Coronado home with a big, fat retirement check." Elson went on to deliver such licks as "Flynn joined the FAA cult and proved anathema to security... Essentially, there is no security in civil aviation today. There is deterrence based on the false appearance of secu-

rity...Flynn and his staff punish agents for doing what they took an oath to do. Elson cited an FAA "vulnerability assessment report" at a major airport in late 1998 to show how far security had plummeted, and he quoted from that report: "The assessment team managed to break through different security screenings repeatedly in many dif-

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different security areas. They managed to get by passenger X-ray screening repeatedly...having on them a gur sealed under their belt buckle...an automatic MAC machine gun under their jackets on their backs."

According to Elson, not long after the report was filed Flynn painted a wildly inaccurate portrait of airport security in testimony before a Senate committee: "Flynn reported a 96% success rate in preventing unauthorized access to restricted areas.... I believe it fair to say Flynn lied [to Congress]. Flynn...looked the other way

(when managers abused employees]. FAA security personnel no longer take job ini tiative because they are afraid of repercussions." Elson went on to list specific examples of employee abuse he claimed supported his opinion.

Elson also told the SFALS why he wrote the e-mail. "Because Flynn has not only disgraced himself, he has disgraced our community.... FAA [security agents] absolutely hate his guts for the damage he has done and the destruction of morale and work incentive. can tell you many agents don't have a very high opinion of

"Team members were caught only 4 times during 450 attempts to .

penetrate different security areas.'

SEAL Teams because of Flynn a 'SEAL Admiral.' When asked if Flynn was a SEAL, I just say, 'Naw, he was just an admin guy, Flynn's performance makes this an easily acceptable statement."

Whew, I thought. I hope Elson can back this up because — despite the obvious hyperbole — he was making very serious allegations. I sent my own e-mail, pointed this out, and asked what Flynn had done to him personally. Elson,

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in my experience, had never been one to engage in charerwise stir up shit in a community that had several such practitioners.

Elson was characteristically forthright in his reply."I can back up what I said with tons of stuff. The Government Accounting Office asked me to give them a three-hour brief. Ended up ten hours over two days. I have handdelivered over 600 pages of documentation Congress on the crap that goes on in FAA.

"I've written hundreds of papers that I send up to D.C. In most, I challenged/dared anyone I had slandered to sue me. So far, no takers. Perhaps Flynn will. I hope so. That would give me the perfect opportunity to get more documentation into the media

Well, I thought, if you've got the goods on Irish Flynn, why hasn't Congress or his boss, the secretary of transportation, done something about

your complaints? Why has Irish returned to Coronado with a "fat FAA retire ment check"? (Elson would later tell me he believed Congress was as bad as Flynn for not doing something about the failings of security.)

Over the next several weeks Lexchanged e-mails with Elson to learn if he were an embittered Don Quixote or if what he said about Flynn and security had some basis. We were all to learn too well how that security would fail. although there are those such as Flynn who maintain nothing could have been done to prevent suicidal terrorists, who were also pilots, from hijacking those planes with knives and box cutters. That reality, they say, was simply unimaginable.

As for Flynn, Elson maintained in his e-mails and our phone conversations that "The most important issue is not Flynn: it's the terrible state of civil aviation security.

He once helped me out of

a tight spot that could have

cost me my career. When

other FAA agents asked

me what he was like, I told

Cathal Flynn in Vietnam (holding goat)

It's just a matter of time before we have another catastrophic terrorist attack like Pan Am 103.

I pressed Elson on why he raged so against Flynn. "When Flynn took over FAA security." Elson said 'I stayed away from him because I didn't want to appear as if I were taking advantage of our SEAL ties. I'd known the guy when we

served together on the staff them he was a little different but that he'd do the at the Special Operations Command in Tampa and I thought highly of him.

"Then in December '98 I got fed up with all the security failures I and other agents had reported to our superiors, who sat on their hands and did

nothing. In fact, I got a disciplinary letter placed in my file by the Houston manager because I'd gone out on my own time dur ing holidays - when terrorists are likely to strike because of the crowds and ran my own assess ment study. Discovered and documented many instances of viola tions...but I wasn't out to put anyone on report. Whenever I saw something out of whack, I told the screeners what was wrong and how they could fix it. I used to give out cookies to people while I talked to them about security. No one ever complained that I knew of. But the manager didn't like the bad news and wrote me up. Same thing happened to other agents.

"I finally contacted Flynn and told him we were spending a fortune on security and getting



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"I continued to send memos, document the serious problems. Worked for two years within the system trying unsuccessfully to change things. For my efforts I got interviewed by the FBI and turned in to the US Marshals. That was fun. I won."

I asked him to tell me more about the FBI business. He said he suspected Flynn may have sent the FBI after him. "I'd quit the FAA in protest, but I kept sending letters and docu

to anyone who might care and some I was sure didn't. Flynn said I'd been threatening people. So here comes the FBI to interview me. I passed with flying colors, and that was the end of that."

Several months after his first e-mail, Elson emailed me a copy of a letter he wrote to the secretary of transportation at the time, Rodney Slater, about what Elson perceived as

mollify me but did so in Flynn's "misuse of FBI assets a condescending and in an intimidation insulting manner. Then attempt." Here's a sampling of what Elson told they (including you) tried to ignore me. Then they Slater: "I have tried to work...within the system tried to discredit me. Nov and chain of command to they have made a futile attempt to intimidate me address the many probby involving the FBI. Let me lems...in the FAA. The FAA response to my letmake two things very clear - | I will not be ters, e-mails, and memos varied. First they called intimidated] by [Flynn's] me a 'hero' and 'one of the involving the FBI. And agency's most dedicated don't quit! The flying pubagents.' Then they tried to

threatened. I can't quit."

I told Elson this was pretty strong stuff and sug-gested maybe his zeal and sion could work against him and diminish his cred ibility. "Others," he said, "have told me the same. These are FAA people who appreciate my efforts but think I'm nuts for what I write and the volume."

concourses, drawing nary

a glance. Had he held a

ticket, the former Federal

Aviation Administration

special agent could have

boarded any flight armed

with a deadly weapon.

Dressed, in his words, 'like

a dirt hag? Elson later went

snooping behind coun-

ters in the Delta Air Lines

gate area in plain view of

passengers and employ

ees. He was searching for

unused baggage tags, which

Congress to make a point:

he sends to members o

that a terrorist could eas-

ily grab such a tag and

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dered around checking things out dressed more But two important like a tourist than a dirtbag. media outlets have con "The San Diego air sidered Flson sufficiently port looked pretty good credible - at least about rom what I observed going FAA security - to feature through. I could have him in exposés of that security. Jim Morris used picked up Frontier Airline bag tags and, with some a quote from an interview effort, picked up keys from with Elson to title his Alaska and United Would February 2001 article in have been risky but doable. U.S. News & World Report: What I really look for at air-"Since Pan Am 103, a ports are the basics, just 'facade of security.' "Morris also focused his lead the basics. No use worrying about the esoteric or paragraph on Elson: "A James Bond crap until serrated hunting knife tucked in his pants, Steve Elson strolled through a screening station at New Orleans International Air port without setting off the alarm. He cleared checkpoints on two other

Trade Center. He was not the man some of his more hotly worded e-mails gram during a visit he suggested. made to San Diego last Despite my low opinion

of how Irish Flynn made admiral and may have gotten his job at the Federal Aviation Administration I nevertheless realized how strident Steve Elson could be. I wasn't going to accept his accusations at face value no matter how reas he appeared on TV. I contacted Irish Flynn six days after the terrorist attacks and he immediately agreed to a phone interview

We talked for nearly an hour. Before our conversation I'd sent him an email setting forth Elson's major complaints. He answered them point by point in a careful, measured style that I recalled from many years ago when he was chief of staff for Naval Special Warfare Group One at the Coro-

he'd just landed.

Orleans: Logan Interna-

gave me a tape of the pro-

Before viewing the

tape, I asked Elson what

he thought of Lindbergh

Field, where he'd just

landed and, of course, wan-

May.

which deals with everyday events at airports. I have only heard that testing is not legal. I think they're afraid of the media unless there's a very clear violation. For instance, on the Fox video the picture of Deborah [the Fox reporter] opening the jetway door. Originally she started to go through the door — definitely a local and federal violation. That had to be stopped - just

"Doors at San Diego will be tougher than at Logan, In Terminal Two. the airport got smart and spent some good money on some good technology. Door combos, for exam ple, are on scramble pads. Good idea. However, there

are still many ways to beat the system." As we watched the Fox video I was struck by how I would later see the same

testers was "pretty damn He said he had testi sessions before a con ressional committee that the FAA had a very high rate of success in keeping testers from boarding the aircraft. He didn't recall the exact rate of failure to stop the testers, but it could

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with a bomb. Left near a jetway door, the bag would open the door. likely be loaded onto an In commenting on the U.S. News article, Elson told me: "Funny thing is. I didn't even realize I had

insightful, dedicated, and reasonable Elson appeared. kind of person when he appeared on 60 Minutes days after the terror ist attacks on the World

spite being told to stop.

the knife in my pants until later. It simply does not trip the mags. Also, I told Jim that New Orleans was one of the better airports 75 FRAUD AGAINST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT (FALSE CLAIMS ACT) around. Jim flew down to my home in Metairie, 76 LEGAL FEES Louisiana, and spent three these folks can manage the very simple, basic things. "If you decide to do some testing, it should be a lot like the video of what nado Amphib Base. Fox did at Logan. Testing We began with Elson's I asked Elson what he thought of Lindbergh Field, where

> allegation that Flynn had lied to Congress. "I don't recall the numbers of the assessment study Steve's referring to, but I know they were high." Flynn said he believed the successful attempts may have been through the first line of defense - the screeners but fewer attempts were successful on actually boarding the planes. Still, he recognized the security situation exposed by the

> > fied in open and closed have been 4 percent, and

that, he said, was still "disquieting." Elson's manager in Houston had put a letter of caution in his file because Elson insisted on working holidays and weekends

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> days interviewing me for the story." Elson said he'd also been interviewed by Fox TV for a special on security at an airport far worse than the one in New

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The reason had to do with personnel policy over no control. The FAA had agents who volunteered to work without pay on their days off, worked the days, and then changed their minds about no pay. These agents would then demand overtime pay and the FAA might have to compensate them. Flynn added he knew "Steve would never do that," but FAA policy — not Flynn's — wouldn't allow anyone to volunteer to well intentioned

I asked why in the world couldn't an administrative procedure be set up to protect against those who would abuse the system and at the same time allow dedicated agents to work on their own time? Flynn said he tried to find a way, but it just couldn't be done. When Elson wouldn't accept the reality, he got his letter. (Later, in an e-mail, Flynn gave examples of Elson's behavior that suggested Elson was obstreperous, intolerant, puritanical, and unbalanced, and at one point Flynn told me, "Steve nuts." Nevertheless, he also praised Elson as "a doer...generous and thoughtful...a great host" and compassionate)

I was particularly response to Elson's charge that Flynn may have sent the FBI after him. "First of all, I don't recall sending the FBI after Steve. After he left the FAA he began writing all these letters...to my FAA boss, to the transportation secretary, to Congress...he even wrote the president. I got copies of some of these letters but not all

"In one letter Steve said either he or someone else — it wasn't clear who — had daydreams about 'putting the Houston FAA manager in the crosshairs.' I believed the manager's life might be in danger and that I owed it to her to take protective action. I turned the matter over to our internal affairs people. They may have contacted the FBI. I don't know."

Flynn acknowledged that the FAA had "pockets" of morale problems, and

I asked him how he dealt with those pockets. He said he would talk to the regional managers and convene discussion groups among agents to improve nication with man agement. I asked if he'd ever relieved a manager because of poor morale

among the troops and he said no. (On 20 September, the Dallas Morning News reported that a recent attitude survey showed many field agents lacked confidence in managers at headquarters and in their own regions.)

Flynn also said he'd

never buried a report from his assistant about Elson's charges. He said he didn't even remember a written report and his assistant may have simply told him of her findings. She said the charges could not be

As for Elson's claim

that he'd retired with a "fat retirement check," Flynn said his monthly retirement check from the FAA amounted to less than \$700. He added that when he took the job he had to give up his entire military

That brought me to

my suspicion that Bob Ker-rey had helped him secure the FAA position. "Bob Kerrey," he said, "had absolutely nothing to do with that. I was first offered the job in 1990 by someone I'd worked for while on I was the person for the



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Flynn turned to Elson's e-mail accusing him of giving SEALs a bad name: "I've seen a copy of that memo and of course dis pute it. In fact, I had another SEAL in FAA call

me after the memo appeared to assure me he was in no way associated with it and deplored its contents. Another FAA employee who is an attor ney overseas called for the same reason."

I then asked Flynn about a subject that had troubled me even before the horror of 11 September: the regulation that allowed knives with blades less than four inches on

"Who," I began, "makes the regulations about what passengers may or may "The head of FAA

security. "Did you authorize

Flynn also said he'd never buried a report from his assistant about Elson's charges.

Flynn said that before

the events of 11 Septem-

ber security was geared

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had taught: hijackers nor-

knives onboard with blades less than four inches when you were in charge?

"Why?"

embination of such goals. The hijackers would have to land at some point to close the deal. The pilot's job was to placate the hijackers and get on the ground as soon as safely nesible

publicity for a cause, or a

Once on the ground, security forces would be in a position to retake the plane. The hijackers of course knew of this possibility and would be heavily armed. They counted on survivability, not suicide. They wouldn't think of taking over a plane with only a four-inch knife. Such idiocy would invite an immediate assault by security once they learned the hijackers had nothing more formidable than a Swiss Army knife.

Flynn also pointed out that such a knife was carried by many innocent passengers to help them while away the time on long flights. Flynn gave the example of women using the scissors on the knife when crocheting. He also mentioned the use

fulness of the knife to clean and trim fingernails. Flynn's successor seems to have shared this benign view of the short-bladed knife: he kept Flynn's regulation in force.

Flynn talked about how he had improved security during his seven years at the FAA. "I was not," he emphasized, " 'anathema' to security." He assured him up. He said he simply could not have been expected to foresee the chain of events that has plunged us into national

"But," I said, "if Hollywood could imagine terrorists hijacking a plane and turning it into a guideo missile, why couldn't FAA? Didn't you engage in 'what if' sessions? Brainstorm contingencies?"

Flynn said the FAA conducted such sessions but again, nobody envisioned the extraordinary facts of these terrible events maniacal terrorists armed only with knives and box cutters, who could fly an airplane, and who were preared to die. (He would later tell me in an e-mail that previous attacks by Bin Laden's men had been

Flynn's successor seems to have shared this benign view of the short-bladed knife.

> "deadly determined, but who was - for all his calm, measured responses — in great anguish. I felt for him planned for survival and escape." The terrorist Yousef, for example, escaped after and was glad I wasn't in the World Trade Center

bombing in 1993 and escaped again after his attack September 11. All day and on Philippine Airlines.) into the night I watch TV. Throughout our conversation I sensed a man

searching for hard facts about the unspeakable horror through a numbing video stream of pontificating politicians wrapping themselves in the flag, talking heads vowing vengeance, self-important news anchors acting as ringmasters and - worst of all — old men, their jowls a-quiver, speaking with Delphic certainty telling us we must steel ourselves to send oh-so

many young men to their doom if good is to conquer evil. I think of my son and his SEAL mates who are even now on their way to the Middle East.

I find the facts I seek They gleam like diamonds through the murk: The planes that struck the Twin Towers had been hijacked had taken off from Logan International Airport: the terrorists were armed with knives they had smuggled aboard.

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Monica: It was around four o'clock, early enough to still be light. I had to promise my sister that I wouldn't meet him after dark, or get in his car, or meet him in a place that wasn't public.

Paul: We started talking about past relationships right away, which is exactly what you're not supposed to do.

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Monica: All those roses started a rush of [Reader Matches] ads at my office. Several women that I worked with started advertising. It's a good way to push the social envelope.

been married before. Bury was in a romantic mood last Christmas, and one thing led to another. Our wedding was on July 3, at the ZLAC Women's Rowing Club on Mission Bay. It was like a theatrical production. We had a

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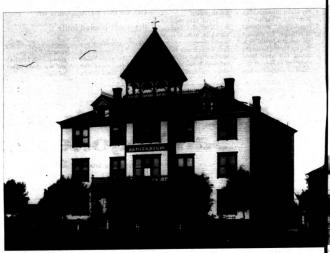
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Mother M. Michael Cummings





Angel in Black

ate in the spring of 1890, two Roman Catholic nuns, Sister M. Michael Cummings and Sister M. Alphonsus Fitzpatrick, arrived in San Diego to build a hospital. They were accompanied by the bishop of the diocese, the Right Reverend Francis Mora, and together the three met with Father Ubach, who had established the first Catholic church in New San Diego. The priest had been trying for some time to bring the Sisters of exercy to town.

"Father Ubach, exultant to have secured Sisters of Mercy at long last, conducted the search for suitable prop-Sisters of Mercy in San Diego" records. "A sheltered place on University Heights was recommended

by the clergymen, but neither they nor the Sisters had the means available to purchase the property. The good bishop gave Mother Michael the following autograph endorsement to certify her status:

"For the next thirteen years until his death in 1907, Father Ubach's active opposition to 'those women on the hill' caused the nuns many bitter heartaches and difficult public relations."

San Diego June 5, 1890

We confirm the appointment of Sister M. Michael as Mother Superior of the community of Sisters of Mercy in this city, and give permission to said community to build a hospital with their own means in or near said city.

> Francis Mora Bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles

"To understand the challenge of the task which faced Mother Michael," the "Sisters of Mercy in San Diego" continues," it is useful to know that San Diego in the early 90's was in the throes of a serious depression following the great Southern California land boom of the 80's. The city's population had plummeted from 40,000 in 1886 to 17,900 in 1890. The upper floors of business houses on the main streets were nailed up. Merchants had little or no business and the hotels were without guests. Few people were on the streets, and hopes were the only stimulating influence.

"This condition probably made it easier to obtain the rental of the upper stories of the Grand Central Block, a solid three story brick structure situated in the heart of the business district at the corner of Sixth and H Streets. Here on July 9, 1890, St. Joseph's Dispensary...was opened."

"[A] small notice in the weekly San Diego Union newspaper," writes Michael Grant in San Diego Tapestry, "took note of a new infirmary on the second floor above a men's clothing store at what is now Sixth and Market streets.

" 'We have come to remain,' Sister Mary Michael Cummings said, 'and shall expect to build, in time.' "

The original St. Joseph's was a five bed facility....," the MercyShield Centennial Edition states. The dispensary was not well-marked but it was strategically located to serve the surrounding community. Equidistant between the business district and wharf, on a street so well-traveled it later became 'Market' Street, the dispensary soon served dozens of patients a week. The Sisters of Mercy welcomed all in need, regardless of color, creed or financial circumstance. In time, this selfless 'Spirit of Mercy' earned for the hospital a broad base of support throughout the community.

"No one welcomed the community's first hospital as earnestly as the town's small cadre of physicians."

In 1890, there were virtually no hospitals in San Diego. William Smythe, in History of San Diego, states, "The first county hospital

was the old cobblestone jail...at Old Town. It was used for a short time... Buildings at Columbia and FStreets [weet] used by Dr. Stockton and Remondino as a sanitarium for sevral years." Between 1872 and 1882, according to a fall 1971 Journal of San Diego History article, the County Hospital "was in houses of various private persons possessing contracts" with the County Board of Supervisors to "board and care for the indigent sick."

"In 1880," writes Elizabeth MacPhail in The Story of New San Diego and of Its Founder Alonzo E. Horton, "the county acquired a farm in Mission Valley, near the foot of Sixth Street, and established a County Farm where the needy could live and work. It became known as the Poor Farm and a road leading down the hill was Poor Farm Road. The first County Hospital was built on this site, later moving to the top of the hill in Hillcrest, in 1903."
The Reverend Bonaventure Hammer, in his

pamphlet "Saint Joseph's Sanitarium," published in 1903, discusses the nuns' dispensary: "The newly founded community soon found work in abundance. Those nursed back to health by the Sisters' watchful solicitude sounded the praises of their kind and competent nurses far and near. The writer of these lines had been in San Diego but a few days, when he was intro duced to a gentleman who, on hearing St. Joseph's Sanitarium mentioned, said, 'I have the dis tinction of being the first patient admitted to that institution. And I am proud to say that the Sisters' gentle and unremitting care nursed me back to health when I was given up by the doctors. True, it took what seemed to me a long time — two months. During this period I had ample opportunity to admire those Sis-ters. I entered their hospital when every other place was closed to me, not without some mis givings. But I was soon disabused of my prejudices. I saw them minister to the unfortunate consumed with fever, soothe the hopeless con sumptive, and wipe the perspiration from the cold and clammy brow of the dving. Never will I hear the Sisters of Mercy of St. Joseph's Sanitarium, San Diego, mentioned, without giving testimony to their pure, unselfish purpose

and truly compassionate nature."

Later the same year, the MercyShield Centennial Edition records, "Dr. R. B. Hurbert performed in St. Joseph's the first Caesarean section ever recorded on the Pacific Coast."

On July 31, 1890, the San Diego Union reported that "the second floor front of St. Joseph's Hospital, at Sixth and H, is being converted into a chapel, the sisters expecting to have an altar up next week. They are being assisted by two young women from the country, who have a disposition for the work. The patients at this



Father UTs

new institution include a little girl and two women. One of the latter arrived last week from San Francisco for a change of climate, being in a very much reduced condition.

"The offer to board working women at a moderate rate has resulted in one saleswoman being domiciled there."

On October 10, 1890, the Unionannounced: "Ten patients are now being cared for at the Sisters of Mercy Hospital, Sixth and H. Yesterday a very delicate operation was performed there by four surgeons. The sufferer was a girl of 12, who had accidentally swallowed a piece of wire two weeks before It stuck in the traches and refused to come up within reach or to go down, so that she could speak only in a whisper. An incision was made into her windpipe, the wire removed, and the part sewed up. She will soon be around again."

Although the dispensary grew quickly, there were difficulties, which the "Sisters of Mercy in San Diego" describes: "The community, however, was bigoted and the times were not propitious for paid hospital care. As the 'Annals' state, 'the vexations which beset the first Convent of Mercy in San Diego well nigh broke the heart and spirit of the little community. Sister M. Alphonsus Fitzpatrick who had the anxiety of a dependent invalid sister soon decided that the San Diego foundation was doomed to failure, so she withdrew to join sa doomed to failure, so she withdrew to join sa doomed to failure, so she withdrew to join the san Diego foundation and the san Diego foundation an

Mother Bonaventure in Los Angeles. This was Mother Michael's darkest hour. On the one hand she had Mother de Passi's warm invitation to return to the peace and refuge of her first convent home in St. Louis; on the other hand she was taxed with her word to the bishop, the financial debts incurred in launching the dispensary and her obligations to two aspirants who had already

"With tremendous courage she, singlehanded, set about training her two subjects, operating the dispensary, and collecting funds for permanent hos pital accommodations."

"Mother M. Michael was thirty-seven when she undertook the San Diego foundation," states the "Si ters of Mercy in San Diego." "Her life up to this time had prepared her well for the travail of the first hard years of the planting. Her parents, deeply religious migrants from Galway, Ireland, had established themselves on a farm near Madisonville Illinois Here

Rose Anna Cummings was born July 8, 1853, the voungest of seven children. These were pioneer days in midwestern United States, and that Rose Anna was able to go to school through her thirteenth year was considered more than adequate.... A deep sympathy for the poor and the sick drew her heart to the religious life; when she was seventeen her parents permitted her to enter the Sis ters of Mercy at St. Joseph's Convent...

"On November 14, 1871, Rose Anna received the religious habit and the name Sister M. Michael.... Her profession took place exactly two years later." The Order of Sisters

of Mercy, the "Annals of St. loseph's Hospital" record dates its origin from the day of the religious profession of its sainted Foundress ... Mother Catherine McCauley, which took place at Dublin, Ireland, December 12, 1831 In company with a friend...she had opened September 24, 1827, a house in Baggot St., Dublin, for such works of mercy in

Mother M. Michael Cumming

general as the condition of her native city and country demanded. The Institution succeeded beyond expectation. Schools for

poor children were opened, distressed women of good character were provided for, orphans were cared for and educated and other good works successfully

prayer 'that God would

St. Joseph's Dispensary

soon outgrew its facility

at 6th and H. The "Sisters

of Mercy in San Diego

records that "Within the

year [Mother M. Michael]

secured the site pointed

out by Bishop Mora and

Father Ubach, a ten acre

property on the mesa in

the northern part of the

unit of St. loseph's Hos-

pital, University Avenue

and Sixth Street, was fin-

ished and blessed before

the end of 1891. The

records do not itemize the

financing of Mother

Michael's building pro-

gram, but magnificent faith

and heroic self denial are

evident: 'Mother Michael

often remarked that every-

time she had commenced

a new building or unit, she

had not a cent in hand for

its construction. Some-

how or other, in every

emergency, money came

Michael also began that

work of mercy dear to all

the California foundations, the care of the aged. The

few rooms set aside for

in a special building erected

the San Diego Union stated:

"It is not the sick alone

that enjoy the many ben-

efits and comforts to be

found at St. Joseph's at the

hands of the mother supe-

rior and sisters. Several aged persons have wisely

chosen to make this pleas-

ant and comfortable place

their home. The payment

of a moderate sum entitles

them to all the benefits

and kindly care for the

remainder of their days.

Working girls, too, often find a quiet home here,

where they can enjoy a

ous building furnishes

quarters for a large and

well ventilated kitchen

Still another building con-

tains a smoking and read-

describes St. Joseph's Hos-

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sital, at the northeast cor-

ing room."

"A second commodi-

asant dining room and

Reverend Hammer

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their use in the hospital were increased to twelve

"In 1891 Mother

"The first three story

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In 1843, an American priest, the Rev. Dr. Michael O'Connor, "came to Ireland for the purpose of obtaining a colony of Sisters of Mercy.... The party arrived in New York December 10.... The Sisters reached [Pittsburgh] on the 21st. Next day they took possession of their first convent home on the American continent."

Other convents were established in New York City, St. Louis, Denver, and San Francisco, In 1882, Sister M. Michael Cummings arrived in Durango, along with four other nuns. to start a Mercy foundation.

"Beyond the Sierras on the Pacific Coast," continues the "Sisters of Mercy in San Diego,""the Mother M. Bonaventure Fox. Sister of Mercy from the Grand Rapids motherhouse, was struggling for the survival of Sacred Heart School, Salinas, Califor nia, which the Sisters of Loretta had given up. Bishop Nicholas C. Mats, the Ordinary of Denver, relayed Mother Bonaventure's urgent call for help to his Mercy sisters in Durango. The need met a generous response from Sister M. Michael Cummings and Sister

"After a stopover with the hospitable Mother Baptist Russell, pioneer foundress in San Francisco, the two nuns joined Mother Bonaventure in Salinas Before the year was over however, it was painfully evident that this valley town was not yet ready to support a parochial school...

M. Alphonsus Fitzpatrick

who once again followed

the Church in its westward

"It was at this point that Mother Baptist Russell, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy in California...suggested that Sis-ters M. Michael and Alphonsus undertake the long delayed Mercy foundation in San Diego Accordingly on May 29, 1890, the two nuns called on Rt Rev Francis Mora. bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles, in whose diocese San Diego was then located. He was delighted to send them to San Diego

sity, as being "picturesquely situated on an eminence near where the road begins to descend into the his toric Mission Valley.

"The institution is coneniently located on the electric car line, and eas ilv reached from any part of the city. The main building is situated on Univer sity Avenue, at the head of Sixth Street. It fronts to the south, and is of pleas ing architectural propor tions, three stories high. with basement and attic.... It is so constructed as to receive the sunlight in all the rooms during most of the day.... Parlors, offices, private rooms and wards

patients is neglected." "A happy event marked 1893," states "Sisters of Mercy in San Diego,""the profession of the first Sister of Mercy in San Diego. Sister M. Josephine Smith, whose vows were received by Father Ubach.... Within another two years four more loyal successful can didates were ready for pro-

are kept spotlessly clean

and neat, while no provi

sion for the comfort of the

fession: Sisters M. Antonio, Francis Regan, Gabriel Gardiner, and Teresa Keliher."

On March 18, 1893, the San Diego Union reported: "St. Joseph's Hospital and Sanitarium of the Sisters of Mercy of the City of San Diego vesterday filed articles of incor-poration with the county recorder. The board of trustees consists of sisters Mary M. Cummings, M. P. Reen, M. I. Smith, M. F. Reagan and M. A. Quinn. Interestingly, a subse

quent San Diego Union article on April 21, 1893. stated: "In the county recorder's office yesterday articles of incorporation of St. Joseph's Hospital and Sanitarium of the Sisters of Mercy were filed. The incorporation is for fifty years and the place of busi ness San Diego. The five trustees elected for the first year, on March 16 last, when the organization was effected, are Sister Mary Michael Cummings, Sister M. Patricia Reen, Sister M. Josephine Smith, Sister M. Frances Regan and Sister M. Antonia Ouinn."



"In the New Year's issue of a year ago," the January 1, 1895, Union reported, "mention was made of the remarkable progress made by St. Joseph's Hospital and Sanitarium and also of the many contemplated improvements. A successful year was also predicted for 1894. Every reader will be pleased at the announcement that the past year has been even more successful

for this commendable institution than was anticipated and the improvements more extensive than were thought necessary at that time. The success of the Hospital and Sanitarium has so far surpassed the most sanguine expectations of the sisters that they have been unable to supply the increasing demand for admittance. hence the extensive additional buildings now almost

completed. The several new buildings have been finished in keeping with the rest of the buildings. The whole institution is furnished throughout with gas and the troublesome question of how to get water enough has been set tled so far as the Hospital is concerned by the construction of a large cistern of the most improved style...

"A regular staff of vis-

iting physicians and sur geons, comprising the most eminent and successful of San Diego's medical prac titioners, has been secured which will attend regularly

"A practical and most important addition has been made in the appoint ment of a resident physician and surgeon who will be in constant attendance at the hospital, whose services are free of charge to all patients. The position is filled by Dr. Stephen Cleary, Ph.G., late of St. Mary's hospital, San

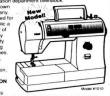
"The fact that both the American and British naval medical boards o this port have approved of and selected this as the hospital for the care o their sick and disabled offi cers and seamen is a tes timonial better than words of its merits. The operating rooms, pharmacy, and laboratory have been pro vided with the latest appli ances and conveniences

Trouble appeared for the Sisters in 1895, when a woman filed charges of fraud against the hospital.

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Union on July 19, 1895: Suit was instituted yes terday in the superior court by Margaret J. Barry, administratrix of the estate of John M. Little, deceased, against St. Joseph's hospital, Dr. P. C. Remondino, M. Michael Cummings and M. Josephine Smith, alleging that the defendants took advantage of Little's incapacity and disability during his last illness and induced him to sign an instrument pur porting to convey to the defendants all of his property: that no sufficient con sideration was named or given; that defendants after wards sold part of the prop erty to one Mary I. Moulton, for no consideration.

On August 30, 1895, the Union reported: "The defendants in the case of Margaret J. Barry, administratrix of the estate of John M. Little, deceased, vs. St. Joseph's hospital, ... et al vesterday filed their answer to the complaint, denying all the allegations of fraud in connection with the transfer by the deceased of his property to the hospital. The answer alleges that Little was in his right mind when he deeded certain property to the hospital, and that it was in return for a reasonable consideration, to wit, treatment by the Sisters and a home. The separate answer the defendants, was also filed, containing in substance the same denials and allegations



Back row, left to right: Sister M. Teresa Keleher, Sister M. Gabriel Gardiner, Mother M. Michael Cummings, Mother losephine Smith; front row: Sister M. Genevieve Moultin, Sister M. Regina Monroc, Sister M. Veronica Dear

The case was followed daily in the San Diego Union from October 17 to October 26, 1895, when the paper reported: "Judge Pierce rendered a decision yesterday in the case of Margaret J. Barry, administratrix of the estate of her father, John M. Little deceased, vs. St. Joseph's hospital et al..

"Judge Pierce was guided in making his decision by the verdict rendered a few days ago by the advisory jury, holding that the Sisters had exercised no undue influence and that while Little was of unsound mind when the consideration for a home at the hospital was his consideration. The contract was for a home during his natural life, and this had

been carried out." For the Sisters, 1895 was not a good year in another respect, as the "Sisters of Mercy in San Diego" describes, "Many allusions to the cross and the heavy trials of the pioneer San Diego nuns indicate that they were beyond the usual hardships of foundation work. Besides extreme poverty and the hostility of a bigoted citizenry, Mother Michael and her nuns suf-

fered the opposition of the

most influential Catholic

in the town. Father Ubach himself. There is ample evidence that for the first few years he favored the work of the nuns; Mother M. Gabriel Brown of the San Francisco Sisters of Mercy relayed his sentiments in a letter to Mother

> Father Ubach, while at St. Mary's expressed him-self well-pleased with you and yours. He seems to take a deep and fatherly interest in all your doings.

Michael, May 8, 1891:

However, "when Mother Michael, following the counsel of Bishop Mora, took legal steps to have the

pital in 1895 to act as reshospital incorporated in the name of the Sisters, ident chaplain, relieving Father Ubach's attitude the nuns from having to interact with Father Ubach. began to change. In the Father Baert lived in what manner of many pastors of large areas in those days, is now called the "Chaplains Residence" at the St. Joseph's he considered himself the Hospital complex. arbiter of community affairs, and attempted to cir

cumvent the incorpora-

tion. When the Sisters per-

sisted in carrying out the

recommended steps, he

became alienated. For the

next thirteen years until

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many bitter heartaches and

difficult public relations.

Attempts to clear up the

the estrangement met with

frustration. Although

Father Ubach came to the

hospital to die and ended

his days in good sentiments

towards the Sisters, it was

many years before the shad-

ows of his hostility were

describe the situation. "The

Sisters, who were devot

edly attached to the good

Father, endeavored to ascer-

tain the cause of the change

in his feelings and con-

duct towards them; but all

in vain. Some of the clergy

remarked that the origin

of the trouble was that the

property was held in the

name of the Sisters. He

was opposed to this,

although Rt. Rev. Bishop

Mora directed that it should

was that Father Henry Baert

came to St. Joseph's Hos-

One result of the rift

be so held."

The "Annals" also

entirely dispersed."

misunderstanding and end

Rev. Hammer continues the hospital's chronology. "In 1898 a new wing was added on the west side of the main building, which nearly doubled the capac ity of the Sanitarium. On chilly days, which, few and far between as they are, still may occur sometimes, the whole building is comfortably heated by steam. The operating room and physicians' apartments on the fourth floor are reached by an elevator. The operating room is pronounced by all physicians who have seen it, to be absolutely perfect as regards lighting and other requisites. The well-stocked dispensary is in charge of competent Sisters well versed in the pharmacist's art, who fill the physicians' prescriptions with the greatest care

and scrupulous accuracy. "The extensive grounds are beautifully laid out in shrubbery, trees and flowers. The broad lawn is intersected by cement walks, and the result is a most inviting park...

The cosy little chapel Which, so far, had served them as a place of refuge and prayer in times of trial and disappointment, had long since become too small for their increasing

"[A] new chapel was erected on the west side of the Sanitarium, with which it is connected by a covered passageway. It is a very handsome structure. The sanctuary, with its three graceful altars in white and old, is unusually beauti ful. The walls are decorated throughout in oil, in a style well befitting the simple, vet graceful architecture. Eight stained artglass windows of appro priate design provide light. An artistic set of stations of the cross, in bas-relief greatly enhances the beauty of this lovely and devotional shrine

"The solemn dedication of the chapel took place on November 14, 1898

A November 15, 1898, San Diego Union article described the chapel as "a handsome structure, built in modern style and with all modern appointments. The sanctuary is very graceful and has three beauti ful altars, dedicated to the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. The altars are in white and gilt and were artistically



decorated yesterday morning with chrysanthemums roses, lilies, ferns and smilax. The chapel has a seat ing capacity of about 500 and was completely filled yesterday at the services.

Two years later a convent was built, which Rev. Hammer describes: "Next

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to the Sanitarium, but in a more retired part of the grounds, is located the Sisters' Convent. It is a large. roomy and neat building two stories high, with base ment and attic, and specially arranged for the pur pose which it serves. It fronts to the east on the

beautiful lawn, and to the west, north and south on artistically arranged and well-kept flower gardens... On the west the ground slopes down into a deep cañon, which is terraced from top to bottom. Here rows and rows of fruit and shade trees of vines and flowers greet the eye and present a most fascinating

quiet contemplation... "At its rear is situated the Old Men's Home, a large and well furnished two-story building [built probably around 19031. the dwelling of about fifty old men and invalids. Adjoining, in a separate building, is their library. reading and smoking room. Scattered about other parts of the grounds are several cottages.

The hospital buildings that existed in the early years can be seen on a Sanborn Fire Insurance map, which was first compiled in 1888 and updated to 1904. On this map is depicted the original hos pital building (built in 1891), the west wing (built in 1898), the east wing (built in 1904 and discussed later in this article), the chapel (built in 1898), the convent (built in 1900), and the old men's dormitory and reading room (built probably around 1903). Several additional small dwelling units and other service or utility buildings were scattered around the hospital complex. Dwellings and other structures are scarce in the immediate vicinity of the hospital.

A need for more land upon which to grow vegetables and other foods for the hospital was felt due to a population increase of nuns, nurses, patients, and older men being cared for at the hospital. The St. Joseph's Sanitarium Garden, located across University Avenue from the main hospital building. was no longer sufficient for their needs. "In 1899," according to the MercyShield Centennial Edition, "the Sisters of Mercy acquired a 1.000-acre ranch near Del Mar. Every day for the next 30 years, milk cheese, butter, eggs and



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A Historic Architectural Survey Report for the ranch was completed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The report states: "In 1899, the McGonigle family bequeathed more than 1000 acres in the Carmel Valley to the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy named their ranch the Mt. Carmel Ranch, after a ridge in what is now Israel, and it was from that designation that the valley gained its modern name.

The Caltrans Architectural Inventory/Evaluation Form for Mt. Carmel Ranch lists 15 structures and a "landscape feature." The "Big House" was built in 1905. "In plan, the building reflects its combined original uses as the head quarters for a large work ing farm as well as a retreat for the Sisters of Mercy in San Diego. The basement originally contained the ranch house and kitchen and two dining dormitory." The May 1977 Mercy areas - one for the Sis ters, one for the hired hands. The first story included the common areas

small bedrooms. "In the area of vernacular architecture, the Big House is a distinctive example of gabled front vernacular residential design. Clearly influenced by Greek Revival tradi-

for the community, includ-

ing a small chapel. The sec-

ond story and attic con-

tained a large number of



Terraced garden west of St. Joseph's Hospita ently did little with the

property...

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ters commissioned the build-

ing of the Big House, Accord

ing to Knechtel, the house

was built by two young car

penters from San Diego on

a general plan developed

by Mother M. Michael. This

explanation is the more

umented that Mother

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the design of buildings at the

original Mercy Hospital

then called St. Joseph's, espe

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its period of significance.

the Mt. Carmel Ranch was

operated to fulfill three

objectives: to provide dairy

use at Mercy Hospital; to

provide a retreat for the

Sisters of Mercy who

worked at Mercy Hospi-

tal: and to provide a home

for the homeless. At vari-

ous times, one or another

of these goals gained prece

period, a small number of

Sisters lived permanently

at the ranch to supervise

the agricultural operation

and care for the homeless

Frank Knechtel recalls that

the permanent residents

numbered between 4 and

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tions in its massing and detail (gable returns, boxed cornice, window surrounds), the building is a handsome if somewhat late example of a building type found throughout the United States, particularly in rural areas. It is an unusual example, how ever, in its large proportions and plan, being designed to serve both as

Shield describes the Big House as being "...con structed of heavy redwood brought to San Diego from northern forests on sailing ships. Following construction of the Big House a large dairy barn, silo and water tank were also built from the same material. Were it not for the fact that redwood, considered a real luxury in that day, was used in these structures, they most likely would not still

be standing in the fine condition that they are today.

Other structures at the site included a wash house reservoir, small silo, three sheds, hay barn, large silo milk barn, cottage, and 11 Trees of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima), described in the Caltrans report as lining "the northern side of the driveway leading from Carmel Valley Road to the Big House ... It is likely that this formal landscaping feature is nearly as old

as the Big House." The report continues "Relying upon information supplied by the Sisters of Mercy, Frank Knechtel a lifetime resident of the vallev and the current owners...it is possible to reconstruct the chronology of events at the Mt. Carme Ranch during the period 1899-1945, when it was owned by the Sisters of Mercy. "The Sisters appar

operation was to provide milk and vegetables for

patients at Mercy Hospital. The productivity of the ranch changed over time as agricultural practices improved. In the early years, a large portion of the ranch acreage was necessarily planted to grain and alfalfa, to feed the cattle as well as the mules. Frank Knechtel, who worked at the ranch as a teenager in the early 1930s, recalls that the Sisters kept 12 mules along with 40-50 head of cattle. The vegetable garden was maintained by a Chinese gardener who lived on the ranch, in a building that no longer exists. In addition to cattle and mules, the Sisters kept hogs at the ranch, maintaining, in Knechtel's recollection, between 10 and 15 breed ing sows. The hog operaanother cooperative relationship between Mercy Hospital and the Mt Carmel Ranch. The trucks that daily hauled milk and vegetables to Mercy Hosital carried back garbage from the hospital which

used as an orphanage.

According to Sister

M. Athanasius Sheridan,

as many as 22 orphans

"Throughout the period 1905-1945, the most

consistent focus of the

could be fed to the hogs... "About 1935, the Sisters began to modernize the farm while divesting themselves of responsibility for its operation...

"By 1936, the Sisters had apparently vacated the property altogether and turned its management over to a skilled dairyman, Albert M. Foersch. Foersch was watching over a herd of 75 Guernsey and Holstein cattle and delivering over 100 gallons of milk a day to the hospital. along with various veg-

"By 1943, the Sisters buy. Finally, in 1945, the Sisters sold the property for two years before he

died in 1902. The "Annals" After a period of laborireport his death, stating: ous parish work there, his "On Monday, August 25, declining health compelled 1902, there passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, San him to seek lighter duties and he was appointed chap-Diego, Rev. Henry J. Baert, lain of St. Joseph's Hospi-Chaplain of the Institutal, in charge of the Sisters of Mercy, San Diego. Durtion. The funeral took place from the Chapel of the ing the seven years in Hospital on Wednesday at which he held this appoint-8:30 A.M. The clergy ment, he proved himself chanted the Office of the at all times a most kind Dead, which was followed father and wise director. by a High Mass of notable for his love of Requiem, celebrated by retirement.. Rev. M. Ternes of Father Baert is buried St. Joseph's Church, San Diego, under the direction

of Rev. Thomas Fahey, also

of St. Joseph's Church, with

Mrs. Vincent presiding at

the organ; the Sisters' choir

sang the Gregorian

Requiem in a most impres-

sive and effective manner.

eulogy given by Father

Bonaventure at the con-

clusion of Father Baert's

requiem mass, and it is

from such eulogies that

we learn about those who

have departed. He stated:

"Father Baert was a native

of Belgium, From early

youth he felt a vocation to

the priesthood, and after

a thorough preparation of

many years, he had the

supreme happiness of offer-

ing up for the first time,

with consecrated hands,

the unbloody sacrifice of

the New Law. His zeal for

souls then led him to join

a Society of Missionary

Priests whose object is the

conversion of heathens in

him to the Mission in India.

and in that distant coun-

try and its death-dealing cli-

mate, he spent seventeen

years, laboring with great

zeal and notable success

for the conversion of the

natives and the spiritual

welfare of the Europeans

that gathered in the cities.

So devoted was he to his

arduous duties, that he at length fell a victim to his

labors, and may well be

called a martyr to his zeal,

for it was in India that his

constitution was under-

mined by the insidious ill-

ness which finally ended his

"His Superiors sent

The "Annals" quote a

at the far western end of Calvary Cemetery, which is adjacent to Grant Ele mentary School in Mission Hills. His tombstone, placed at the southeastern corner of the cemetery reads: "Rev. H. J. Baert, Native of Belgium, Died August 25, 1902, Aged 60 Y'rs, R.I.P." His death cer ificate indicates that Dr. P.C. Remondino attended him from January 1 to August 25, 1902. His death was caused by tropical

tritis contracted in India. Other buildings went up at the St. Joseph Hospital campus. "Sisters of Mercy

"hepatitus and gastroen

in San Diego" states: "A long cherished dream of dedicated workers.

training school for nurses produced 1,550 graduates before closing in 1970." Rev. Hammer write

of the community...

"The object of the school is to prepare the she have such First of all it teaches her how to perform the duties of the reli gious life, which demands of her not an ordinary service of God, but rather a one, as is evident from the the religious life....

"During the novitiate the novice is not under

Mother Michael was a training school for nurses to provide the best scien tific professional nursing education for St. Joseph

the MercyShield Centen nial Edition, "St. Joseph's opened San Diego's first a three-year college that

that "The Convent connected with St. Joseph's Sanitarium is the Novitiate and Training School

novitiate and training novice for her vocation, if higher and more perfect nature and character of

"In 1904," according to

vows, but enjoys the full liberty of returning to the world at any time. No until after pronouncing the perpetual vows is the novice bound forever, on her part, to the religious "As to her future active

duties, she is trained in everything pertaining to her office. Ministering to the sick under the careful supervision of the regular nurses and the physicians.

the novices soon learn their difficult task, because they have learned the more arduous one of self-denial. A writing called "Fac-

tual History of Mercy Hos pital, San Diego," located in the Mercy Hospital archives, says, "In hone 1904 a new wing was completed at St. Joseph's Hospital ... and dedication ceremonies were performed by the Right Reverend Bishop Conaty. The Bishop

and his attenda its proceeded through the corridors, blessing them and dedicating them to the ser-

vice of the sick." "[T]he addition of an east wing," states the Mer cyShield Centennial Edition, "gave the newly christened 'St. Joseph's Hospi tal' state-of-the-art operating rooms, classi and X-ray facilities."

"On July 21, 1905," relates

the MercyShield Centen nial Edition, "a boiler within the steam-driven USS Bennington exploded in San Diego Harbor, killing 60 sailors and injuring 47. Many of those injured were treated at St. Joseph's Hosreceived widespread acclaim for the care they provided the 'gallant jack ies' of the Bennington. In his thesis entitled

The U.S.S. Bennington: Policy or Personnel?' Broeck Newton Oder dis cusses the Bennington dis aster and the role local hos pitals played in the tragedy The meager hospital facil ities of San Diego strained to accommodate the unprecedented flow of injured men. St. Joseph's Sanitarium and the Agnew Sanitarium soon filled to capacity, and the old Army Barracks had to be opened as an auxiliary hospital The San Diego Union reported: 'The rooms were crowded to such an extent that there were three, four the doctors had to find some means of relief.' The Sun further described th







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News Notes

"Prior to 1916, the Big House was apparently used as a residence for the aged, too poor to stay for extended period[s] at St. Joseph's (Mercy) Hos pital. During World War I and for a short period after-

ward, the Big House was

etables in season.

had leased the property to Foersch with an option to outright to George Gress... Gress operated the ranch sold it to the current owners and occupants of the property."

Father Baert, the chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital

sionary work, and was assigned to duty in Oregon.

"He was then advised by his Bishop to seek recuperation in his native country.... After a sojourn of e years in Belgium, he felt able to resume mis-

"Men walked around naked with sheets of flesh clinging loosely to their bodies. Those individuals the doctors could not attend to aided these wounds with generous amounts of vaseline and axle grease smeared onto the flesh. To alleviate the sufferings, the citizens of San Diego flooded the hospitals with pillows, blankets, literary materials, bed ding, fruits, tobacco, and ice cream. Over one hundred women volunteered their services at the infirmaries.

"The entire community of San Diego felt the enormity of the tragedy. All scheduled events underwent cancellation or modification...

"The morticians of San Diego found themselves unprepared to deal



St. Joseph's Hospital, 1921 joined now and again by

private carriages. Other

San Diegans travelled the

five miles across the bay

to the shores of Point Loma

and hiked up the steep

cliffs.
"The carts creaked

their way up the bay side

of Point Loma, stopped at

times due to the weight of

the cargo. At three that

afternoon, the desolate

post cemetery, surrounded

by a picket fence, opened

They are not satisfied to see one body, but they want to see them all.' Despite the overcrowded facilities forty-seven bodies were prepared for burial on Sun day, July 23, in the Post Cemetery at the Army installation, Fort Rosecrans.

"Flags all over San Diego flew at half-mast as rude wooden coffins filled flat wagons. The silent procession moved along the dirt road toward Old Town,

its gates to receive the mourners. For one hour and fifteen minutes, surivors of the Bennington came forward in sixes to receive the coffins of their friends and to lay them in a long trench dug by a primitive steam shovel. A Protestant minister [Rev. J.A.M. Richeyl and a Roman Catholic priest [Father Ubach] read prayers over the caskets...

"Army riflemen fired three sharp volleys over the graves, a bugler sounded muffled 'Taps,' and the crowd filed away."

In 1907, Father Ubach died. As the "Annals" state: "Many and heart-rending were the trials endured by the Sisters during the long years of estrangement and misunderstanding. How great then was their joy...when they learned that Father Ubach was coming to the Hospital as a patient. The Sisters received him with open arms, apologies were made and pardon asked by both parties, and none too soon, for the good

Father, ere many days, passed into a state of delirium from which he never recovered

"Father Ubach died at the Hospital on March 26, 1907, and strange to relate, Mother M. Josephine, who, it would seem had long been his nightmare, was the only one with him to send forth the last petitions to God for mercy for his soul, when he was in his agony, which came suddenly and passed quickly, not even affording time for his friends in the Institu tion to be called to his

time, for Father Ubach was

The Story of New San Diego bedside" In his History of San and of Its Founder Alonzo F. Horton: "His funeral was Diego 1542-1907, William one of the largest ever held Smythe writes that Father in San Diego. St. Joseph's Cathedral was packed to Ubach "had been in failing health for several capacity. Thousands stood months, but insisted upon outside in respect. Indians pursuing his accustomed arrived carrying wildflow tasks until he could no ers they knew he loved. He longer appear in public. His death, though not unexpected, impressed the community profoundly. It was the sundering of the last link which connected the new day with the olden

in truth 'the last of the padres,' His funeral, which occurred in his church on the forenoon of Wednes day, April 2d, was exceedingly impressive. Bishop Conaty conducted the elab orate ceremonies and pronounced the eulogy. The church was filled to over-

flowing, while thousands

of mourners remained out-

side the building.... The

historic priest sleeps in the

Catholic cemetery on the

mesa, which overlooks the

by Elizabeth MacPhail in

The funeral is described

scene of his labors."

cemetery, but his tomb stone is at the southeast ern end. It reads: "Rev. A. D. Ubach, 1835-1907, Native of Spain for over Forty Years, Faithful and Beloved Pastor in Sar Diego," His death certificate indicates he was a patient for a half month at St. Joseph's Hospital at the time of his death and had lived in California for 40 years. He was "about 72" when he died of uremia, contributory cause of longstanding cardiac

degeneration, Dr. P.C. Remondino was his physician. Death took another person

was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery in Mission Hills where an impressive memorial was erected over his Father Ubach is buried in the western end of the

which Institution she had been connected for many years. Mother M. Josephine was the first Sister of Mercy professed in San Diego Rev. Father Ubach received her vows on the Feast of

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. July 16, 1893, the anniver sary of the first Mass celebrated in San Diego, by the saintly Franciscan Father Junipero Serra.... Her loss munity to whom her life had been a source of encouragement, strength and hope....

"Mother Josephine had been in failing health yet she continued to be an active worker until Nov 24, 1909, when she was stricken by paralysis, and rendered speechless until her death, which did not take place until sixteen months later, on March 24, 1911. After being stricken she was uncon scious for a few weeks, but her naturally rugged constitution enabled her to recover her normal health, and her mind became unusually bright and keen for one in her condition.... Just before she was stricken with paralysis she suffered a rather severe attack of cystitis; during this illness she made her review confession, as preparation for

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corpses. By evening on July

22, the death toll had

mounted to fifty-nine, with

at least ten more injured

men expected to succumb

within two days. Large

numbers of people flocked

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instrumental in the devel-

opment of St. Joseph's Hos-

pital, as the "Annals" indi-

cate: "At an early hour.

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M. Josephine died at

St. Joseph's Hospital, with

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A portion of an article written by a friend of 18 years, Rev. J.J. Conlan, is included in the "Annals" "Devoting herself with entire singleness of pur pose to assist in the solid establishment of an institution for the Christian care of the Aged and the Sick, in a district where Christian faith was weak and where only vanishing traces remained of the once flourishing mission of the Spanish Franciscans, like them in their day, she also earned more censure than honor, but in the eyes of those who knew her best. she stood as a strong type of those who love approval



Father Ubach's funeral, St. Joseph's Church

only when it is gained through justice, and to whom duty and loyalty are above all price...

"This perhaps would not mean much in the ordinary community, but in the case of San Diego, only

a soul of heroic qualities could have maintained its serenity and poise as did Mother Josephine, through the weary struggle of twenty-one years with poverty, and the opposition of prejudice. It has been

said that the world does not know its real heroes, and this thought has often occurred to those who observed Mother Josephine during the frequent, dark and apparently hopeless crises of the early days of St. Joseph's.... She sent no trumpet before her on her errands of mercy, and as little would she appreciate the sounding of her praises now; but no one melted more easily at a tale of suf

She was born at Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan, Ireland, of stock who gave without stint, in all its branches servants to the cause of God. Her two brothers ecame priests, one of them being at present Pastor at St. Patrick's, Omaha, the other died on the Mission in Ireland. From her youth she coveted the habit of the nun, and from the day her wish was realized, she never wavered for an instant in her love, loyalty and devotion to the holy cause it represented. May she rest in peace.' Sister Mary Josephine

Smith is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in the Sis ters of Mercy plot in the St. Elizabeth section. Her tombstone reads: "Mother Josephine Smith, Born 1853, Professed 1893, Died 1911, RIP" Her death certificate reveals her birth in Ireland on April 28, 1853. Her father was Thomas Smith; her mother's name was unknown. She was under the care of Dr. P.C. Remondino and died of a cerebral embolism and

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twenty-five year association with St. Joseph's Dis-Rev. Hammer discusses the doctors at St. Joseph's ensary.... Four years later ne built and occupied his Hospital, stating: "From last and most notable San the very beginning Dr. P.C. Remondino and Dr. Diego home on the north-Thomas Davis proved west corner of Fifth and Beech, in which he and his themselves devoted friends of the institution. Dr. Burnwife lived until his death in 1926... ham's attentive solicitude and valuable services as

house physician during

five years will ever be grate-

fully remembered whilst

the kind and conscientious

treatment accorded to

patients by Dr. Franklin.

Dr. Valle, Dr. Hurlburt, Dr.

Hearne and Dr. Gregg enti-

tles them to the deep and

lasting gratitude of all who

was Dr. Peter C. Remondino.

the doctor who treated

Father Baert, Father Ubach,

and Sister M. Josephine

Smith? In William Smythe's

History of San Diego

1542-1907 we find a brief

biography, which states:

"Dr. P. C. Remondino

is...one of the few living

pioneer physicians. He is a

native of Turin, Italy, whose

parents came to America

while he was young. He

Medical College, Philadel-

phia, in 1865. Coming to

San Diego in January, 1874,

he opened an office next

door to his old classmate.

Dr. Gregg, and entered at

once upon the practice of

his profession. He was city

physician in 1875-76;

county physician for several

terms; surgeon for the Cal-

ifornia Southern Railroad

Company for some time surgeon of the Marine Hos-

pital, also surgeon for the

Pacific Coast Steamship

and built the St. James

Hotel. In later years he

resumed practice.... He is

the author of several works

on medical subjects which

have a wide popularity,

and is engaged in the prepa-ration of others. His tech-

nical library is one of the

best in the United States."

"The Fever of Life: The

Story of Peter Charles

Remondino," Peter Otta-

viano writes: "Dr.

Remondino found success

in the 1890s through his

pen and practice. The

majority of his published

books and articles appeared

during the decade. In 1890 he began his productive

In his thesis entitled

In 1887 he retired

One might ask, who

experienced it.'

as a physician with the Sisters of Mercy from 1890 through 1914. The Sisters of Mercy started St. Joseph's Dispensary at San Diego's H Street (Market) and 6th venue on July 9, 1890. Their original Patient Log recorded that within six months Remondino sent his first phthisis (tuberculosis) patient to them on November 15, 1890. During the decade he admitted 377 patients with many different ailments to St. Joseph's. In the first

three years the leading

causes were tuberculosis. surgical operations, alcoholism, and carcinoma.

"In his last decade as a full-time physician and surgeon from 1900 to 1910, Remondino's medical practice continued at a steady pace, and he admitted significant numbers of patients to St. loseph's Hos pital each year. The annual total fluctuated between a low of 25 in 1901 and a high of 58 in 1908.

"During Remondino's relationship with St. Joseph's, perhaps the most famous disaster emergency of the period was the deadly explosion on board the Navy gunboat, U.S.S. Bennington in San Diego Har bor on July 21, 1905. Remondino played an active role in the treatment of ten of the burn victims at St. Joseph's Hospital, all of whom survived.



"On July 9, 1915," the "Fac tual History of Mercy Hospital" records, "the sisters quietly celebrated the

twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the hospital Present was Mr. John O'Connell, the first patient to be received into

the hospital, and ever since a devoted friend.

"[In 1918] the Chapel ceiling was repaired and the whole chapel was newly painted and decorated. Steps were also taken, this year, to build and equip a laundry. This eliminated a great inconvenience and

On New Year's Day, 1917, in the Union's special annual section pro moting San Diego, a drive was begun by the sisters to raise funds for a new hospital. Plans for a large new hospital were depicted as rendered by architect Harrison Albright, Statistics were reported about the nonsectarian charity that the sisters had pro vided in their years of operation, and testimonial were given by Mayor Edwin Capps, Senator Leroy Wright, Health Officer Dr.

Alfred Banks, Chamber of Commerce secretary E.F. Stable, city judge George Puterbaugh, and others, attesting to the charity of the sisters and the need for a new hospital. At this time, the only other hospital was San Diego County Hospital, built in 1904 at the present location of UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest.

The January 1, 1917, Union article reported: "Construction will be started within the year upon the new Mercy Hos pital, an institution suffi cient in size for the present needs of the city and for the progress that is certain to take place within the next few years. The new hospital will cost \$200,000 for buildings and equipment, and will be the last word in every particular of its arrangement

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However, the plans proved too ambitious. The "Annals" discuss the build ing of a new "Annex" facility on the old St. Joseph's grounds, stating: "In the previous year a so-called drive' had been made in the city to secure funds for the construction of a new fire-proof Hospital on the fine site donated by Mr. and Mrs. Stephens Ithe site of the present Mercy Hospital]. But as the 'drive' did not meet with the success expected, and the



amount subscribed was only about \$51,000, of which only \$22,000 in cash was realized, the Bishop permitted an annex to be built on the east side of the Hospital, which was to serve as a surgery and furnish a hall for the instruction of the pupil-

"The new building was so constructed that it may be removed when a

Mercy Hospital, 1938 new Hospital is built. The assembly hall was placed on the first floor with quarters for a complete install ment of X-Ray and radium

treatment; while on the

second floor the surgical

rooms and outfit were so conveniently and com-pletely furnished as to call for the admiring comments of local and visiting surgeons. However, it was not till the following year, 1919, that the building was finished and every equipment was at hand, and the house blessed. Many thanks we owe to Dr. Gahan for the donation of the valuable sterilizer and also for the Murphy Operating Table for the surgery. "On September 12th

it noon a fire broke out in the Convent, owing probably to the accumu ation of soot in a chimney from the kitchen. The fire gained such headway that not only the Convent seemed doomed, but the Hospital appeared in great danger of becoming ignited. The firemen labored in union with the old men and laborers on the place with such energy and anxiety that the conflagration was soon subdued, although the roof with the third floor was practically destroyed, and the second floor so gutted with water and debris that the task of cleaning and renovating it seemed endless.

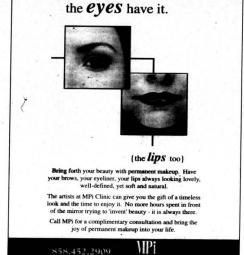
"The agents of the Insurance Companies were very considerate and allowed a fair equitable estimate of the damage inflicted. The moneys contributed permitted some very useful improvements, so that the fire eventually

blessing in disguise. The old people admired the new dining-room installed, while the Sisters appreciated the large kitchen with its appurtenances, the com-modious refectory, and the increase in sleeping apartments. Indeed, not a few visitors expressed the opinion that our Convent is one of the homiest and most cheerful convents

they have seen."

The nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital needed a residence, for they lived in a group of older dwellings scattered around the hos pital complex. This wish was realized, as stated in the "Annals": "This year 1920 the grounds of the Hospital appeared like a busy beehive. Hitherto, our pupil-nurses were domiciled in several cottages that we rented in our neighborhood. The inconveniences were many and the accommodations unsatisfactory. The State Board of Nurses Examiners urged the construction of more suitable quarters Pursuant to this insistence although much embar rassed for funds, we deliberated what steps to take in this direction.

"It was finally though hest to buy two lots across [Eighth Avenue] from the hospital grounds for the erection of a nurses-home Some cottages were purchased and re-arranged, others renovated and rooms thereunto added. and all moved to and har





moniously located on the free lots in the rear of the hospital property. These cottages and halls were supplied with steam heat and assigned to the old people, who had secured homes with us.

"In the meantime, the large old people's origina home was dismantled and moved to the vacant lots across the street and there converted with consider able expense, into an admirable and wellequipped home for the pupil-nurses. This nursesnome was also supplied with steam heat, a new large boiler having been added to the laundry. December 8th the house was blessed but was not ready for occupancy till shortly before Xmas. All visitors have expressed admiration for the comfortableness and beauty of the Home, none more so than, the efficient Secretary of the State Board of

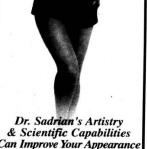
Examiner." The 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map depicts the increase in the number of buildings on the St. Joseph's campus. The Annex, housing the nurses' meeting hall and second-floor surgery, is attached to the east end of the hospital and is connected to it by a passageway at the second floor level of both

buildings. Tent houses appear where the old men's dorm was, and across Eighth Avenue one can see the "St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses Home" and the old men's dormitory building, which was moved to this location. At the northeast corner of the complex are depicted the buildings of the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, which was in existence until about 1972. The garden, located across University Avenue, has disappeared, and more struc tures appear in the imme diate neighborhood of the

hospital. The 1921 map shows a moderate increase in the number of buildings in the neighborhood surrounding St. Joseph's

Hospital. "Now well-established locally, St. Joseph's was making its mark nationally as well," records the Mer cyShield Centennial Edi tion. "In 1921, due largely





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1921," states the "Sisters of Mercy in San Diego," "Mother Michael's long career in San Diego was eulogised in the celebration of her golden jubilee. The highest superiors of the recently amalgamated houses [of the Sisters of Mercy in California and Arizonal were present to join her own community in loving congratulations.... Bishop Cantwell presided at the Solemn High Mass: in his sermon he paid glowing tribute to the foundress' achievements for the Church during her thirty-one years in California."

The promotional issue of the San Diego Union for January 1, 1922, announced that a new St. Joseph's Hospital would be built. According to the MercyShield Centennial Edition, Mother M. Michael wanted a fire-proof facility: "In 1922, Sister Mary Michael asked architects and builders to provide plans for a new, fire-proof hospital on six acres of

land willed to the Sisters of Mercy by the Anson P. Stephens family." She arranged for a loan with the Hibernia Bank of San Francisco. The plans, however, were interrupted.
On October 6, 1922. and mistress of novices.

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her arduous labors in and for San Diego.

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Michael best often remarked on her fine administrative habit of having her work so systemitized that it could go on smoothly without her," reports the "Sisters of Mercy in San Diego," "Sister M. Angeles Cooney who had been closely associated with Mother Michael since her entrance to the San Diego community in 1901 took up the duties of superiorship until the first general chapter of the amalheld in July, 1923. The appointments of that sumner sent Sister M. Angela to Oxnard to take charge of St. John's Hospital and brought Sister M. Ligouri McNamara to San Diego in the office of local superior of St. Joseph's Hospital."

pectoris and myocarditis.

The "Annals" continue "It was left for Sister M. Ligouri to complete all arrangements for the borrowing of the money required to erect a large fire-proof hospital. The Sisters in San Diego had several large and valuable pieces of property, some of which had been purchased at a nominal figure in the pioneer days of San Diego, and other parcels being gifts to the Sisters from patients, who, out of grateful recognition for services rendered them, were glad to offer in lieu of money, the property which they owned. All this property was mortgaged to the Hibernia Bank and a loan approximating

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she excelled in the work of forming young religious. The ravages of angina pec toris made themselves felt during 1922, but Mother Michael continued her duties as administrator and mother. It was not until two weeks before her death that she was confined to bed. Fortified by the last sacraments and blessings of the Church, she passed away at four o'clock on the afternoon of October sixth. It was the sixty-ninth year of her life, the fifty-first of

"Bishop Cantwell

came from Los Angeles to celebrate the pontifical St. Joseph's Church which with Jews, Protestants, and Catholics anxious to do had ministered to all regardless of condition or Harness, vicar-general of eulogy of the deceased

Mother Michael's

of the Sisters of Mercy San Diego, Born July 8, 1853, Entered Religion May 1871, Professed November 14. 1873. Died October 6. 1922." Her death certificate indicates that she was born in Ireland. Her father was Michael Cummings, also born in Ireland; her mother's name was unknown. She had lived 33 years in California and 32 years at her place of death. She died of angina

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"The erection of the new hospital was progressing, but funds were equired for its equipment in addition to the cost of the building. A Convent was also needed together with a Nurses' residence and a home for the old people. Located as they were, near the old hospital site, it was very inconvenient for all, requiring the Sisters to walk to and from the new building several times a day. These problems were all considered and with indomitable courage Sister M. Ligouri, accompanied by one of the Sisters, set about canvassing the city for financial aid

"Many stories could be told of the various ways in which the citizens of San Diego received the Sisters; some showed the greatest kindness and cordiality, others showed coldness and in a few instances, even disdain; but on the whole, the residents of San Diego were most generous and gave their hearty cooperation to the Sisters in their great enterprise.

"A call was made upon Mr. John D. Spreckels, San Diego's great financier, and Mr. Spreckels proved to be a friend indeed to the Sisters. He promised them a contribution sufficient to erect a wing to the main hospital. "On March 30, 1924,

Mr. Spreckels called at the hospital in person to confirm his promise, and paid a visit to the new site; he expressed his pleasure at the progress of the building. This was a happy day for the Sisters for they had been assured by many that they could expect no assistance from Mr. Spreckels. statements which subseHospital.' It was Sister Mary Ligouri's wish to have the new hospital named after our Lady of Mercy, and in

"During the last year of her life she had forged ahead with plans for a new St. Joseph's, a fire-proof hospital to keep pace with the needs of a modern San Diego."

entirely false.

"On May 9, 1924, the Corporate title of St. Joseph's Hospital was changed to that of 'Mercy

order to enable the people to become accustomed to the new name, the change was made before moving to the new

building."

15, 1924," the "Factual History of Mercy Hospital states, "the Sisters, nurses, and patients bid a final adieu to the old St. Joseph's. Moving began at noon and by six p.m. the patients were resting comfortably in their new surroundings which had been previously blessed by the Right Rev erend Bishop Cantwell."

"The Sisters and the old people in their care retained living quarters at the old St. Joseph's for another year when this property was sold, Jan. 15, 1926, with the proviso that the building be vacated within thirty days," according to "Sisters of Mercy in San Diego."

The "Factual History of Mercy Hospital" states that "In September [1925], work was begun in wrecking the old hospital. The The old St. Joseph's prop

erty was sold to two broth ers, as the San Diego Union reported on January 20, 1926: "Sale of the site for merly occupied by the old St. Joseph's hospital, one of the biggest local real estate transactions in many months, was announced yesterday by G. L. Wilson, through whom G. A. and K. G. Bush acquired the property in a deal which involved more than \$200,000. The negotiations were carried on for more than a month before the sale was finally consum mated and G. A. and K. G. Bush acquired title to the

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The City Directory for 1926 lists the Bush brothers as owners of the Bush Theatres, and the Bush Investment Company was located at 821 C Street,

wntown. A Sanborn Fire Insur ance map updated to the 1940s shows that the land purchased by the Bush brothers was not devel-

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inventor. As a result of the sale of the old St. Joseph's prop-erty, the nuns and the old people who lived on the former St. Joseph's site had to move to new quarters. found in cottages on Hillcrest Drive | now Fifth Avenue, north of Washington | and Lewis Street; some of the nuns slept in the sun-room attached to the nurses' lecture hall. These were days of hardship and inconvenience, and great was the joy when the separate convent build ing began next to the hospital was sufficiently finished for the Sisters to move in, December, 1926. Suitable homes for their elderly charges were found in cottages on Hillcrest Drive. "This same banner

year, 1926, also saw the completion of the north wing of the hospital and the new Mercy School of Nursing," states the "Sisters of Mercy in San Diego." "Mother Michael's dream of a complete reconstruction of her establishment had come true within four years of her death. On November 2, 1927, another blessing came with a bequest of \$300,000 from the estate of Mr. John Spreckels. Ground was broken for the Spreckels Wing (south), January 19, 1928.

The San Diego Union, on

University Avenue was demolished, it left behind 22 one-story buildings that had been used mainly to

the 1891 St. Joseph's on

"The new hospital will cost \$200,000 for buildings and equipment, and will be the last word in every particular of its arrangement and furnishings."

July 5, 1971, reported what happened to the remaining buildings on the old St. Joseph's campus: "When

workers. "These buildings sur vived as rental units, and

eventually came to be owned by John J. Gaspereki and Hans Landt.

"Such old buildings could command only low rents, which could not keen pace with the rising taxes. the owners say.

"So they decreed that another bit of old San Diego had to die. "The buildings, which run from 3944 to 3984

Eighth Ave., near Washington Street, were vacated. The last tenants left Thursday. "Tomorrow, the buildings go under the wrecker's

hall. A 60-unit apartment complex will rise on the " 'All that will be left will be two palm trees we understand were planted in 1854, said Landt, 'They're

supposed to be the only

seedless date trees in the

"However, over the ears the buildings pequeathed, so to speak many items now scattered various homes.

" 'As the buildings were altered, says Landt, 'the valuable antiques from the Victorian period, the 1890s. were sold or given away Such items as newel posts, fireplaces, decorations.

"So there wasn't much left when we got ready to vacate. But there was enough to hold a garage sale. So we took out an ad. People showed up to buy old furnishings, pull-chain toilets and door knobs. Some items were sold off at an auction in Lemon Grove.'

The current Mercy Hos pital was built in the 1960s. An article in the San Diego Union on July 8, 1990, discussed the hospital's his-

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"Nearly 100 Sisters of Mercy once bustled through the hallways when the hospital was the region's only fully equipped and staffed medical facility "Now there are just

seven Sisters of Mercy at the Hillcrest hospital, officials say, with four others living in retirement in an adjacent convent

tory: "One hundred years

ago tomorrow, two Romai

Catholic nuns opened the

predecessor of today's

Mercy Hospital in two rooms of a San Diego hotel

with a wealth of spirit and

desire, but few medical

enters its second century

with helicopters flying

patients to a 523-bed med

ical center filled with

sophisticated drugs and

life-prolonging equipment, but only a handful of sis-

ters to keep the institu-

tion's spirit vibrant.

"Mercy Hospital now

supplies.

"Whatever the changes, 86-year-old Sister Mary Imelda Patterson, one of the few sisters still alive now deceased who knew a Mercy founder, said one watchword remains the

" 'Commitment' said Patterson... The world is turned around; things go so fast. People need com mitment for everything work, marriage or whatever. Often, there is no com mitment now.

"During 1920-21, Sister Mary Imelda Patter son trained at Mercy Hos pital, working primarily in food service. She is one of only a handful of people...who knew the founding Sister Mary Michael

" 'We had about 18 or 19 tents out back for the TB patients,' said Patterson, who [lived] in a retirement home in Burlingame the home of the Sisters of Mercy order. 'That was so the patients would have

" 'It is hard to give a real picture of Sister Mary Michael. You knew she was an outstanding person as soon as you met her. There was a kindness, gentleness She had a gift of being able to correct people in a way that they never felt any

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the convent at 17. People would turn the sick farm animals over to her for treatment.

The nuns at St. Joseph's Hospital increased in number during the early years as revealed by the 1900 1910, and 1920 census figures. In 1900, there were 14 nuns and 7 novices (at least 5 of whom later became Sisters of Mercy). They attended 38 patients and 35 "inmates" as the censustaker called the older people who lived at the complex.

In addition to the founding Sisters of Mercy-Mother M. Michael Cummings, Sisters M. Josephine Smith (who died in 1911), M. Francis Regan. M. Gabriel Gardiner, M. Catherine Gildea, M Teresa Keleher (who died shortly after she professed in 1898), M. Veron errand boy, teamster, gar on this census as a retired priest.

including two chaplains Canada and John Hummett from Germany) and

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ica Dean, and M. Anita Moser - there were also in the 1900 census year the following employees at St. Joseph's: five laborers, five kitchen workers, and one each of the following: a coachman, plumber, dener, and night watchman. Father Baert appears

By the 1910 census there were 32 nuns listed as "nurses" and 126 patients. There were also four priests, (John, J. Fortier from two "clergymen" (John

O'Keefe and John Reynolds, both from Ireland). One of the nuns, Sister M. Angeles Cooney, came to the convent in 1901, professed in 1904, and by 1920 was superintendent of the Sisters of Mercy in San Diego.

She was mother superior for a year after M. Michael mings died. By the 1920 census there were 53 nuns, of whom 16 were nurses. Additionally the nuns acted in the following capaci-

ties: Mother Mary Michael was listed as "Sister of Mercy" and Sister Angela Cooney was superintendent. Additionally, 1 nun was the manager of a children's home, 1 was a music teacher, 1 was a governess, and I was a pharmacist. Two of the nuns were bookkeepers, 4 were housekeepers, and 12 did "general work." Three nuns a dressmaker, and 7

younger nuns had no occupation recorded. In the 1920 census,

there were 25 student nurses listed. Only 15 patients were listed and 74 "homers" who lived on the St. Joseph's campus. Also listed were 1 laborer, 1 janitor, and 1 elevator operator plus a clergyman, Jerry Brinkmeyer, born in Ohio of Prussian/German parents, whose sister Mary also lived on campus. The 1920 list of 53

nuns gives å breakdown of the nativity: 30 were born in Ireland, 1 in England, 1 in Bavaria, and the remaining 21 were born in the United States. Of those who were American born, at least 4 had parents who were both born in Ireland, 2 had one parent who was born in Ireland, 7 had parents who were natives of Germany, and the rest had parents who were born in the

United States or Canada. At least 71 of the sis-

ters who worked at St. Joseph's and/or Mercy Hospital are buried at the Sisters of Mercy plot at Holy Cross Cemetery. Many were long-lived, Only 5 of the 71 died before age 49; 8 died between the ages of 50 and 59: 11 died between the ages of 60 and 69; 17 died between the ages of 70 and 79; 19 died between the ages of 80 and 89; and 11 died between the ages of 90 and 99.

Census records reveal that the nurses who worked at St. Joseph's tended to live on the campus of the hospital and probably in or near the convent, for the three census records reviewed did not show any nurses who were board ers in nearby homes. In 1920, the nurses were housed at 3927 Eighth Avenue, in the nurses' home mentioned above.

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It was impossible to determine if other people BEAUTIFUL living in the neighborhood worked at the hospital. At least one resident of the Colonial Court complex **BREAST** was a teacher and another was a draftsman. Occupations of other nearby residents, most of whom lived with their families in AUGMENTATION single-family homes, included farmer, poultry worker, dairyman, coachman, and day laborer. One

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homes of a similar bungalow style on the same side of the street. Sidewalk stamps indicate that the sidewalks were laid down along this block in 1907. so building appears to have followed soon after that.

owner.

Another older private home that is still standing is a house at 3809 Seventh Avenue This house was on the 1904 Sanborn map, and the 1910 census indicates it was owned by William J. Mellor. Mr. Mellor was a carpenter from Ohio who may have built the house himself. However, he didn't stay in it long. By 1920, the house was occupied by plumber Thomas Atkinson, and in 1926 it was occupied by

Buckboro Wentworth. Other houses tha existed between 1890 and 1924 include 728, 736 (exterior remodeled), and 744 Robinson Street.

Several of the St. Joseph's Hospital complex buildings still exist in the neighborhood surrounding the old hospital grounds. The best example is the Chaplain's Residence, at 836 Washington Street. The Chaplain's Residence, home to Father Baert, was placed on the National Register of Historic Sites and is also Historical Landmark No.





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Paula Boghosian pre-pared the National Register of Historic Places "Inventory —Nomination Form" for this house, and in it she states: "The former Chaplain's Residence of the St. Joseph's Sanitaritum [was] built in 1896 and first occupied in 1897.... The Chaplain's Residence was moved in 1920, and in 1922 was relocated to its present location, approximately 1½ blocks rom the first site...

"The structure is an unusually fine and well preserved example of a late 19th century vernacular cottage, and possesses some. particularly noteworthy rchitectural values...

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"Stylistically, the build ing also refers to the Old Men's Home, another Sanitarium structure in the original complex. There are similarities in the broken pediment of the gable and the shingled porch roofs at the entrance of

the Home." The Old Men's dormitory, built possibly around 1903, was dismantled and moved from the hospital complex in located at 3927 Fighth Avenue. On the 1921 Sanborn map, the building is called the "St. Joseph's Hos-pital Nurses Home," but rom at least 1931 until about 1950, the structure was called the Hotel Earle Apartments. It later was called the Hillcrest Hotel. a name that persisted into

The former convent at St. Joseph's Hospital was moved around 1926 and is now a hotel located at 3942 Eighth Avenue. While titlecompany records indicate that the building was built in 1924, information discussed above suggests that it was probably completed in 1900. In the 1931 City Directory it was called Rogers Flats. From at least 1941 to 1971 it was called the Knox Hotel, probably named after A.G. Knox who lived there in 1931

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St. Joseph Hospital "Annex" building, which can be seen on the 1921 Sanborn map. The Annex was built in 1919 and added onto the east end of the suite of hospital buildings along University Avenue. It is now the House of Heirlooms at 801-803 University Avenue. A tour of this building reveals a high-ceilinged main floor, which was used as a common room for nurses training and an area were X-rays were taken. The second floor remains much as it was in 1919, with skylights and various rooms used for surgery. The second floor is in dis

Many years have passed

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Student-Free KPBS Matt Potter wrote a great arti-cle, with "SDSU's Tie That

September 13), about that medi-ocre and boring KPBS-TV sta-tion, and SDSU president We-ber's demands that Doug Myrland start giving SDSU some credit. But the FCC says that KPBS is owned and oper-aced by the board of trustees. ated by the board of trustees for San Diego State University. It is really their fault, or maybe their design to turn KPBS-TV into a noneducational station that just buys junk liberal-arts programming to fill up air-time, then asks for donations to buy the junk tapes. Trustees should tell both Myrland and Weber that a university station should be staffed and run by SDSU staff, not overpaid and boring stiffs like Gref Norvel and Gloria Penner, that are get-ting very old and stale. When I went to the KPBS Copley Telecommunications Cente broadcast center and asked staff if they were part of SDSU, they said absolutely not, there was no connection, because they thought KPBS was a com I ever see SDSU journalism students on KPBS?" and they

Binds KPBS" ("City Lights, september 13), about that medi-

said again, they are not any part of the SDSU school system. Because SDSU does not produce any educational programs, students are never seen, and there is no visible connec-tion. Despite maybe flashing a

Monty or SDSU logo, it is ob-vious neither Myrland nor Weber wants students to run cut all the top salaries, and use the student talent. Let all the the student talent. Let all the department chairs and pro-fessors start producing pro-gramming, allow broadcasting live from classrooms, and generate revenue from selling school-produced programs. There should be no problem getting hundreds of volunteers if you give them three semester studio instead of taking P.E. or

other electives. Those detestable quarterly fund-raisers are not needed — the station already gets ten mil-lion, plenty of cash — and also claims that "if you give a gift of \$100, you get this video or CD that can't be purchased anywhere else" - well, why pay anything, just record it; they repeat broadcast it over and over, so it is a dumb overpriced "gift." KPBS has only two es sential bills: the electric bill and one person to push the video-tape into a cassette player. KPBS-FM can also be run by one person. Broadcast.com says broadcast stations are now run by remote control, with dial-up with a single telephone

line to the transmitter site. I've heard the typical wage is \$22 per hour for kids, but they are not starving students. I would hope someday KPBS would be an asset to students and would someday air student-produced ms over the air, and start giving work scholarships to students that would work at

Thank God For Father Carroll

I wanted to compliment the

tleman who wrote this artigentleman who wrote this arti-cle on St. Vincent de Paul ("City Lights," September 6). I know in the past the Reader hasn't been too kind to St. Vin cent de Paul, as well as to Fathe Joe Carroll. The reason why know this is that I have been retired from Pacific Bell for 20 years, and I've been con-cerned about the homeless and I have been a volunteer with the Salvation Army, St. Vin cent de Paul, and many othe organizations. As the article started, I had the fear that you people would be doing the ne thing. I'm glad that he

able to go de self the conditions of how the homeless have been treated. And that's most im-portant. It's too bad that many her citizens don't go down there and see all that is being

that we now have a city council, that three members - the mayor, Wear, and Inzunza — voted against low-income hous-ing. I don't know how a human being can deny another human being just the most fundamental things in life— housing and food. I just want to say, thank God that San Diego Mission, Salvation, St. Vincent de Paul, and those churches and pockets of people that you don't hear about, the go out and feed the homeless and clothe them.

Ostentatious Gab Why doesn't your writer, in

formulating his capsule movie reviews, tell you what the movie is about? In words he would likely use, the reviews are nothing more than an os-tentatious display of verbality that communicates nothing more than his obvious desir to write for the LA Times, or bronzed as Kellogg's Corn Flakes" trendy. (See Pearl Harbor review.) My suggestion i his overly ambitious verba skills and tell us something about what actually happens in the movie. Additionally, wha the movie. Additionally, what exactly gives you the right to say that Michael Bay is "probably being serious in the best and only ways he knows how"? Be-cause, and I wouldn't describe myself as being a huge Michae Bay fan, but he's making millions of dollars directing Hol-lywood blockbusters and you're writing for the San Diego Ryan McAraw

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Opera Rescue

Small-Opera Workshop

ews flash from Pandeli Lazaridi, founding director of the Small Opera of San Diego: Life is

unfair.
"A lot of talented people are totally Lazaridi (propounced lazz-ah.

REE-dee) has been teaching voice for 38 years, 11 of them in San Diego; so this is the region where he has seen most of that overlooked talent lately. A native of Greece, he himself was once considered a talent. He says he began to enter and to win — singing competitions as a teenager in Athens, placing first in 35 of

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was 17. But Lazaridi didn't

"I was a baritone who loved tenor music, so I was very disappointed." Besides, he says, one had to be "connected" to secure a place at the opera house in his city. He gradually came to prefer teaching to performing,

way.

He feels pity for his San Diego

"It's very hard for students, however. "It's very hard for classical singers here, because there is only the San Diego Opera, and people tend to get into the chorus only, and that's if extras are needed. There is also the Opera Ensemble, but it consists of six people. How many opportunities are there for all those others who have

studied so hard and so long?"

He feels sorry, too, for local opera lovers. "The San Diego Opera's season is only five months long. The Opera Ensemble goes around introducing opera to people, but for only half the year." And, of course, tickets are expensive. Lazaridi savs, "I want to tell

place in San Diego where people can come and enjoy opera all year long, and it won't cost them anything unless they choose to make a little donation to keep

us going. He is speaking of the "Opera Workshop" that occurs every Sunday night at his Academy of Sound & Music downtown. "I provide this space to promote the local talents," he says, "and give them a place to perform regularly

audience. It's a way for them to be recognized

There is no cost to the performers, who are asked to prepare two or three arias from operas bring two copies of sheet music for each selection. Lazaridi provides the piano accompanist. As many as 15

people sing each Sunday, says Lazaridi. The age range is 17 to 75. "There are some older, talented people that I want to

people of San Diego. If they'd had proper training when they were young, they'd be somewhere near the top

y. The benefit of a such a program to inexperienced performers is in learning that audiences are not "monsters," says Lazaridi. He believes, too, that an audience improves a singer's performance. "Even one person makes

a singer motivated to be singing better. After the performance, audience After the performance, addence and performers mingle, and Lazaridi gives critiques. "Singers ask me how they did, and I offer them tips." One free lesson is offered, too. "Sometimes give them two or three free lessons. says Lazaridi, who is trying to recruit

new students, it is clear Less obviously, he is trying to recruit patrons. "All my students are working 40 hours a week, because they have to survive. So they come home from work and are all drained down. They have to study at night, but they They have to study at night, but they don't have that much left in endurance and inspiration. They turn on the TV to relax a little. Watch the news. They say, 'I'll study later.' But then it's 10:00 and they have to go to bed, because they have to wake up at 6:00 the next morning to go to work. So I am trying to find sponsors for the best talents'
i.e., financially able opera lovers who

would be willing to support them. He admits no patrons have yet

In the meantime, what do the best someone who just wanders in one Sunday evening be able to pick them out? Unequivocally, yes, says Lazaridi. "Even though they may be beginners, you can't miss them, they're so strong. The difference is obvious when they just stand up and start. It's the sound, but it's also a shining, a sparkling in the eye, in the soul. A talent is a talent — it cannot hide. And if we take that talent and mold it, we can make people here in San Diego proud. 'Don't let people go to waste,' I want to say. 'Help them. am ready to break. I'm not sure how much longer I can go on. I am praying to God that I get some attention for them, so they can find a little brighter day in their lives."

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What Made That Sound? Take in the sunset, full moon, and a moder-ate three-mile hike along the East Ridge Trail by the light of the full moon in Daley Ranch on Monday, October I, with naturalist Larry Allen October I, with naturalist Larry Aller Tonar. Bring a flashlight and join th group at 7:30 p.m. in the main park ing lot (on La Honda Drive). To make the required reservations, cal 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

"Melampoora Farlowil," described as a soto modern dance performance by Danielle Brestel catering to "the five senses to address the impact of being a family's last generation." Per-formances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$12 at the door. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations, call 858-587-9012. (DOWNTOWN)

Jump to Dance, dance to music by Jump to Dance, dance to music by Jump Fingers and calling by Martha Wild during the contradance on Sat-urday, September 29, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruc-tion at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. For more information, dial 619-283-8550 (NORTH PARK)

Mass Transit for Dance, Jean Issacs San Diego Dance Theater presents "Trolley Dances 2001" on Saturday and Sunday. Sentember 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participat-ing choreographers this year include Monica Bill Barnes. Faith lensen-Isrri Shipman, and Grace Shin-Hae-n; 50 dancers will be taking part in

Jun; 50 dancers will be taking part in the event.

Guided tours begin every half hour at the La Mesa trolley station (cail F.a 8 spring Street, then drive south to La Mesa Boulevard). Gen-eral admission is 15. free for people in wheelchairs and strollers, these tickets include all-day rrolley passes. For information and reservations, For information and reservations, call 619-255-3274. (SAN DIEGO)

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"Pence on Earth" is the theme for
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Michael on Saturday, September 29,
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Church (3777 42nd Street, at Wightman). The requested donation is 55.
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East Indian Classical Dance is on East Indian Classical Dance is on tap when Anjali Simh performs at 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 30, in Sherwood Auditorium at the Mu-seum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Admission is free. For more information, call 619-804-9383. (LA JOLLA)

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Coping With Cancer, this semina offered at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito contin-ues with "Emotional Effects of Can-cer" on Saturday, September 29, 9 a.m. to noon. Find the fellowship at 1036 Solana Drive. To make the requested reservations, call 760-944-8442. Free. (SOLANA BEACH) Weaving Bach," this series plan

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"The Pathology of South American Mummies" is the subject when Enrique Gerszten, M.D., speaks at the Diego Museum of Man on Mo day, October 1, at noon. Gerszten i a specialist in infectious disease and leopathology, and he'll focus or cient health and trauma, especially Admission is \$6 for nonmembers 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Architectural Triumphs in 17th-and 18th-Century Paris" is the topic when art historian/writer/aurator John F.M. Stewart presents "Paris, 1600-1900. Three Centuries of Change and Continuity" at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Tuesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m The fee for nonmembers is \$12. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street. For reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Workshops, hosted by Barnes and Noble Bookstores and Writer's Di-gest, take place next Thursday, Octo-ber 4. "Stopping the Violence" is the subject for family enrichment seminars being offered at the Atonement lead the workshop beginning at 7 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at 10755 Westview Park-way. For information, call 858-684-3166. Free. (MRRA MESA) ues when lamie Miller present Who Am I? Identity in Biracial Families" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oc age children," and teens. Free. Find e church at 7250 Eckstrom Avenu

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ings of work from Bob Dylan to the Beatles are planned September 28-30 in the Apolliad Theater at San Diego in the Apolisad Theater at San Diego Mess Collège (729 Mess College Drive). The Mess College Theater Company will celebrate rock and roll music of the '60s and '70s combining dance and spoken word. Performance begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are 58 general; to reach the box office, call 619-388-2621. (8540Y MESS)

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An Open Poetry Reading hosted by Poetry Unlimited Art and Music is set for Friday, September 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA) Laugh It Up, Sandi C. Shore's Co

drink minimum. 21. For reservations, call accession x4248. Find the Hilton at "" Roulevard. (OF m and guests must be ations, call 858-792

Pendulous? Head to Phoenix Phor on Saturday, September 29, when seeg Neilseny — author of Pyramic cover, Pendulum Power, and Beyong Power, Pendulum Power, and Beyone Pendulum Power, among other books — signs and discusses his work at noon. Find the Phyre at 282 North El Camino Real, suites G&H, and by calling 760-436-7740 (ENCINTAS)

Presh Sounds, the Fresh Sound Music Series at the Spruce Steree Forum start up for the season with a concert by percusionist/composer Amy Knoles on Saturday, September 29. Knoles is a member of the avant-garde musical collective California E.A.R. Unit, said to bring "a fantastic range and variety of sound by reaching beyond traditional instruments." For this solo concert, expect to hear her "ground-breaking aite and sound piece" entitled "Twosttenstanten one."

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The music begins at 8 p.m. at 301
Spruce Street. Tickets are \$15 general. For reservations, call 619-295-0301. (HILLOREST)

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Halling from County Mayo, Irish harpist Grainne Hambly plays traditional pieces with a wonderful swinging rhythm and lends oid melodies a fresh flair. She was the principal member of the Belfast Harp Orchestra for three years.

Interested? Hambly plans a concert for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, Spetmber 29, at 7 p.m., in

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Poetry in North County, There's poetry law set for Saturday, Septem-ber 29, at 5 pm. (sign-ups at 465), at the Hill Street Coffeehouse (524 South Coast Highway). The rulest Coast Highway). The rulest original matterial only, no continue, props, or musical instruments, props, or

Described as a "Master of the Palette Knife Technique," artist Howard Behrens visits the Masters of Light Gallery in Horton Plaza on Saturday, September 29, from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 619-702-4500, (DOWNTOWN)

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Punsaire Extraordinaire Richard
Lederer is also a gammarian, lexilographer, linguist, and radio host.
The prolific author will discuss and
radio from Heels Over Head in Love
With Language at 8 p.m. on Saturia
day, September 29, at D.G. Mills
Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free.
For more information, call 858-4561800, (JA JOLIA)

1800, (LA JOLA)

Jazz in the Afternoon is promised when Eveoke Dance Theater hosts and the Eveoke Dance Theater hosts and education programs on Sunday. September 30, 2 to 7 pm., at May Lou's Sugar Shack (666 San Fernando Street). Master of ceremosis comedian Phil Johnson leads the events, which include music by Ruby and the Red Hosts and Sur Palmer, culinary offerings from a variety of culinary offerings from a variety of area eateries, henna tattoos, and a

those ten and younger. For space availability and other information call 619-295-1276. (POINT LOMA)

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"Vocalists Summit II," six vocalists including Marguerita Page, Robin Alder, Jimmer Bolden, and Coral Thuet perform for the Jazz in the Park series on Wednesday, October 3. The concert starts at 5:30 p.m. in he Schletter Cardon Count at the 800-884-123, (ISCOMODO)

Recognized Posts with Tisa to S.D. are featured during the postry reading planned in the Wangenheim Room at the San Diege Public Libbrary (820 E-Street) on Sunday, Spepimber 30. Featured readers include Rae Armation and Paquigate Verdischio (both instructors at UCSD) and Amalio Madoreh. A booksigning follows the readings. Free For information, call 619-2365821. IDOMPTONN. Guest Artist Los Californios perfo

Former San Diego Councilment Abbe Wolfsheimer Stutz has write

619-523-53-6, (PORT LOMA) Music of China is highlighted durin, programs beginning at 6 an 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 1, ii Smith Recital Hall at San Diego Stat University. Tickets are \$10 general Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-602 for further information. (SDSU)

He Was the Poet Laureste of the U.S. from 1997 to 2000, and on

information, IA, DULA Music of Nature and Grace with Celts, Spanish, classical, and Amer-ican folk music influences are promised when Tingstad and Rum-bel perform on Weinehody, Ckino Oroth Escondido Boulevardi. Eric Cimie for the Arts, Escondido (540 North Escondido Boulevardi. Eric Tingstad's guitar technique. Purkens from a Segovian tradition." and Narsy Numbel perform on double Tickets 525, Call (890–988–423) for reservations. (ISCORDOO)

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corner of Park Boulevard and Presi-dents Way. Performances run Octo-ber 4-14, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and at 1 and 5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets start at \$32 for children, \$42 for adults, avail able through Ticketmaster (619-220 TIXS). (BALBOA PARK)

History of Big Bands, four lecture concerts are planned by the San Diego Jazz Quartet this fall at the San



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Diego Museum of Art. The first in Diego Museum of Art, The first in stallment of the series — slated for next Thursday, October 4, st of 7, pm.— focuses on 'The Rouse Gemonstration of music by Duk elmonstration of music by Duk Ellington, Paul Whiteman, Ben Pol-lack, Ear Fath Hines, Fletcher Heiderson, and Jimmy Lunceford. Tel-derson, and Jimmy Lunceford. Tel-cks are \$15 general. For reservation dial 619-696-1966. (BALIDAR PARK)

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campus. Call 888-534-2107 for more
information. (LA ROLLA)

Poetry and the Heart are at the core of "Feel-Love/Sentir-Arnar," an exhibi-tion of work by Norma Michel open-ing at Moctezuma Books and Gallery with a reception next Thursday, Octowith a reception next Thursday, Octo-er 4, at 7 p.m. During the party, James-Eugens Williams will read poetry with musical interpretations by Gabriela Hores. Williams will also read from his forthcoming bilingual novel Man with a Woman's Heart. Fird Mocteams at 289 Third Avenue; 619-426-1283. Free. (GBRA MSTA)

gical Illusions blending artistry and comedy are promised when master magician Bradley Fields per-forms next Thursday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Pe ing Arts Center (210 East Mair Street). Tickets are \$12, \$17, and \$22 or reservations, call 619-440-227 (FL CAJON)

SPORTS

Hunter/Jumper Equestrians from all over the world are demonstrating

their prowess, skill, and agility during the Del Mar International Horse

Show, running September 27-30 at the Del Mar Arena. Organizers ex-pect 300 riders and horses for the

competition.

Double slalom match races be-

gin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Septem-ber 28; in this event, the competitors

race on identical courses, and the first horse to reach the finish line is

the winner (free). Saturday, Septem-ber 29, features the Del Mar Interna-

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free ex-cept where noted. Call 619-793-5555 for further information. (DEL MAR) The Season Extended, the San Diego Padres are in Colorado for a game

tional Grand Prix at 7 p.m. (\$8 and

\$10); the Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic is set for Sunday, Septem-

Daily horse show hours are

against the Rockies today, Thursday. September 27, at 12:05 p.m. The final road trip of the season finds the Padres in San Francisco to meet up with the Giants September 28-30, with games at 7:35 on Friday and at 1:05 on Saturday and Sunday

Thanks to the postponed games, the Padres head home to Qualcomm Stadium for Tony Gwynn's last ap pearances as a San Diego Padre. Th series against the Los Angeles Dodgers promises games October 2-4, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and at 2:05 p.m. next The season concludes on Octo

ber 7. Tickets range from \$5 to \$26, available by calling 619-297-2373

The Top (Professional) Cowboys and Cowgirls are expected to com-pete in the 29th annual Poway Rodeo, running September 28-30 at the Poway Valley Riders Association Arena (14336 Tierra Bonita Road). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are available

TIXS). The games are broadcast English on KOGO-AM (600) and

Spanish on station KURS-AM (1040). For additional details, dial 619-280-INFO. (MISSION VALLEY)

Martial Arts Open House, the School of Oom Yung Doe offers open-house events on September 27 and 29. Instructors and students will demonstrate the eight martial arts styles "taught as one" during demonstrations planned at 6 p.m. tonight, Thursday.

chung and stress relief, children's lessons, and a women's self-defense

class. Find the school at 1050 Rose-crans; 619-226-2357. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Championship Weekend, there championship weekend, there's championship competition planned in the street, Grand American mod-ifieds, bombers, and pony stock di-visions on Saturday, September 29. The first race starts at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying tups starting at 5:15 p.m.

The first race starts at 645 p.m., with valualitying runs starting at 5:15 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field. Take 1-8 to Highway 67, and use the Bradley exit. Drive left for two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to the track entrance. Adult admission: \$8 (west side) and \$9 (east side); \$3 for those 6 to 12 free for kids under 6 with the side of the side of 10 feet and 10 fee

tember 29, at 10 a.m. The urday, September 29, a \$65 fee includes surfbe d instruction by Hike Bike Kayal San Diego. To reserve a spot, call 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA) Where's Lilact Find out when San

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scenery when the Knickerbikers lea an "Elfin Forest Exploration" on Sat

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starts at the shopping center at Ran cho Santa Fe Road and Encinita

Boulevard, Bring money for lunch along the shores of Lake Hodges. For

Sockers Soccer, the San Diego Sock

ers host the Sacramento Knights or

Saturday, September 29, at 7:05 p.m.; and the Utah Freezz on Sunday,

September 30, at 5:05 p.m., in the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$8 to \$25. Call 619-225-9813 for information and tickets (also available through Ticketmaster, at 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the game

in English on KSDO (1130 AM) and in Spanish on KURS (1040 AM).

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nary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., the featured polo match at 3 p.m. The traditional half-time divot-stom starts at 4 p.m., when guests are in

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

Support Your Local River Park, the San Dieguito River Park's eighth Trail Run and Hike around Lake Hodges is slated for Sunday, Septem-ber 30, starting at Kit Carson Park (on Bear Valley Parkway). The sixmile run starts at 8 a.m., with the 4.2mile hike stepping off at 8:30 a.m. event-day registration starts at 7 a.m. For details, call 858-268-1250.

SPECIAL

Modern Working Vessels and Tall a Civil War encampment, crafts and food booths, kids' activities, and classic automobiles show are part of the Chula Vista Harbor Days, slates for September 28 and 29. The tall ship California will be docked and available for tours, and the Medea from the San Diego Maritime Museum will make the journey for the

and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday Admission is free. The event take place along the Chula Vista Yach Harbor, accessed by taking the Street/Marina Parkway exit off I-For information, call 619-585-5682 or 619-420-6603, (CHULA VISTA)

Feeling Secure? "ToorCon 2001: A Hacking Odyssey," billed as "San go's own computer security con-nce," features experts in the setap: RootWars, a live, two-day com ors and those who try to break int

at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Bristol Ho tel (1055 First Avenue) and then con tinues from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Co (202 C Street). Admission is \$50 for all three days. For more information call 619-379-7259 (DOWNTOWN)

Time to Scream, get a head start on your Halloween festivities when the Haunted Hotel (424 Market Street 619-231-0131) and Frightmare on Market Street (530 Market Stree 619-231-3611) open on Friday. September 28. The rooms promise September 28. The rooms promise "terrifying special effects and illusions" created by "some of the top artists and technicians in the business." Hours are 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday; 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 7 to Take a stroll along the Trail of Terror, an "all-outdoor haunted at-

traction" also opening on the 28th. Find the trail at Marston Point (just east of Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street). Admission to each of these attractions is \$11.95. None are rec nded for those under ten old, and all are open through Octo ber 31. (BALBOA PARK) Hit the Streets when the 20th annual

Adams Avenue Street Fair takes place September 29 and 30, along Adam Avenue (between 35th and 32nd Streets). Over 80 acts will perform on six stages during the event, along with carnival rides and vendor booths with arts and crafts and food. For a complete list of performers, see "Concerts" in the music listings of this paper, Admission is free, Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sat urday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Call 858-492-8096 for information. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Head to the Apple Orchard at the

Arts, Wine, and Music Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 day long, a country barbecue, and a

Check Matel The Balboa Park Ches Club hosts Gambito Open chess tour-naments every Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. (registration at 9:45), at the Balboa Club (2225 Sixth Avenue). Current U.S. Chess Federation membership is required for participation; the entry fee is \$15. For more details, call 619-239-7166, (BALBOA PARK)

The King's 1975 Pontiac Grand Prix will be on display and offered for sale during the Del Mar Classic Car Auction, taking place on Satur-day and Sunday, September 29 and 30, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Or-ganizers promise a Hollywood Car Show, featuring the decompositions Show, featuring the aforementioned Elvis Presley ride, a 1954 Cadillac de Shelby GT 500, and more. The aution begins at 10 a.m. each day. Ac mission is \$10 per day, free for kid

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tion, call 619-445-0180, (EL CAXON)

music, a "drum circle for peace," and more. The requested donation is \$18 per person (for those over 18). For more details, call 619-384-7070 or 619-770-9338. (OCEAN BEACH)

Covet a Memento from Memento? Head to the Ken Cinema for the an-nual movie poster sale on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, Expect posters from recent releases, American independents, foreign films, classics, and more (but we make no promises as to specific posters on offer). Find the theater a 4061 Adams Avenue; 619-283-5909 Admission is free. (KENSINGTON)

Wet Weekend! This "celebration of ocean recreation and conservation" is slated for Saturday and Sunday, september 29 and 30, at the Birch Aquarrium Museum. Participants will see the new five history exhibit, try scuba in a 25,000 gallon pool, exist the ocean information fair, epiow water activities, and view underwater slide and video presentations. The aquarrium is located at 2300 Expedition Way off North Toreportion Control of North Toreportion Way off North Toreportion Control of North Toreportion Way Drive). For information, call 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

"A Clay Experience" opens at the Bonita Museum with a reception on Sunday, September 30, at 2 p.m., and continues on view through Saturday, October 20. The show features work by eight local clay artists. Find the museum at 40.35 Bonita Road; 619-267-5141. (BONTA)

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Polkas, Waltzes, Marches and Chicken Dances! It's all on the pro-gram when the Bluebirds Oom-Pah-Pah Band performs for the seventh annual Encimitas Oktoberfest on Sunday. September 30. There will be vendor booths, family fun zones, "authentic," German food and drink, dansing by the Gesundheit Dancers, and more services and the services of the ser

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Administration free: Prome clerals, data 519-579-0869. (BALDOS PROME)

Zoo Founders Day, in honor of the founding of the San Diego Zoo, admission is free on Monday. October 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 619-234-3153. (BALBOA PARK)

Head to Rancho Santa Fe for the artist' reception for members of the Aracho Santa Fe for the artist' reception for members of the Rancho Santa E and Fa art Guid planned on Tuesday, October 2, from 5 to 7 pm., at the Rancho Santa E elarnoy lat the corner of Avenida de Acacias and La Grandal). Harpist Marchi klemn will perform during the pro-ceedings. Free. For information, did 858-756-4700. IRANCHO SANTA, did

"Animal Whimsy: A Wildlife Gar-den" is the theme for the third an

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bie, visit the story time planned a White Rabbit Children's Books or Sunday, September 30, at 2 p.m. Find the shop at 7755 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3518. For children three and

nual exhibit at the Caribbad Sculp-ture Garden. Among the nine partic-ipating artists are DeLoss McGraw. Ron Tatro, James Watts, Lisa Schirmer, and the late Italo Scanga. Find the garden behind the Caribbad Arts Office (295) Ellowood Avenue. next to the Cole Library). 760–434-290. Viewing on the Caribbad photoghy November. Free: (CARLSHAD)

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Yummy in My Tummy, listen to Yummy in MY Lummy, listen to scrumptious stories, songs, and a craft "that will leave you hungry for more" during the preschool story time set for Tuesday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m., in the Children's Room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5838. (DOWNTOWN)

Follow the Trail to Quail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m., for a general tour of the gardens oriented for kids





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On the Spot, listen to Sporstories by Eric Hill during the story time planned at Barnes and Noble Book-store next Thursday, October 4, at 10 a.m. The store is located at 10755 Westview Parkway: 858-684-3166. Free. (MBBA MESA)

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Matthew Fielding, the four-year-old son of a San Diego telecommuni-cations mogul, turns up missing, the psychic skills of Private Investigator Elizabeth Chase are requested. The stakes are raised soon after lizabeth begins her investigation hen a wildfire breaks out in Ran when a wildfire breaks out in Ran-cho Santa Fe, the secluded com-munity where Matthew and his family—and Elizabeth's own par-ents—live. Aided and abetted by

Before the ashes can be cleared away, another fire blazes

man and nature combine to wreak destruction on Elizabeth's community and keep a little boy lost forever. In the fifth installment of a series Sue Grafton referred to as "a natural... and a supernatural as well," Martha C. Lawrence once again combines the quirky and the familiar as her smart, resilient, and endearing heroine uses her psychic ability and incompara-

St. Martin's Minotaur, 2001; 241

FROM THE DUST JACKET: When

through everything in its path. Are the kidnapper and arsonist one and the same? Will Elizabeth be able to find the clues she needs in the dying embers around her? It's a race against time as man and nature combine to wreak destruction on Elizabeth's

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Martha C. Lawrence was born in Waukegan, Illinois, on March 20, 1956. Her family moved to Rancho Santa Fe when Martha was seven, after her father, a scientist, retired. Lawrence when Martha was seven, after ner tamer, a scientist, retired. Lawrence grew up in North County in a rambling ranch house with her parents, a sister, numerous pets, and the ranch house ghost. (Lawrence recently told another interviewer, about this house, "The back terrace of my childhood home looks out on the Heaven's Gate mansion, where 39 cult members committed suicide." I lawrence wrote frist mystery story when she was eight and after that, the simply kept on writing. She graduated in 1974 from San Dieguito High Khool, where she was cluir or of the school's newspaper, The Musang, She earned a B.A. in American Studies at U.C. Santa Cruz, graduing magas cum laude. Lawrence lived in the Bay Area and Manhattan; in New York she worked as an assistant editor for Simon & Schuster. She moved back to San Diego in 1984, serving for several years as an acquisitions editor for Harcourt Brace, where she published a range of titles, specialized to be bestle on problems of the property of the special property of the property o sion, where 39 cult members committed suicide.") Lawrence wrote

ble detecting skills to hunt down a killer

pio, was pussisted by St. Martin's riess. Since that books plutin-cation, four other tiles, all with psychic detective Elizabeth Chase at their center, have been published. Lawrence is now at work on not center on psychic detective Elizabeth Chase. However, Lawrence to the control of the control of the control of the control of the book only as those from on the theoper will be a long-lived series. For further information about Lawrence and her work, consult her excellent wholist: a to some nutriliabetrance com. A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: In an earlier inter

view, when I asked Chase about this business of a "psychic detective," Chase had said to me, "I am a psychic. I hate that term, because it conjures up these notions of people with turbans and dangly ear rings who go to way-out New Agey things and who trap you in long conversations about esoteric things that you could care less about. The house I grew up in in Rancho Santa Fe was haunted. I saw the entity who haunted that house, and it was very disturbing to me because I didn't believe in those kinds of things. I thought I was going

crazy. I didn't write for a long time because that's what kept wanting to come out, exploration of that side of my brain.

"My father was very successful scientist and businessman, I put him on a pedestal and wanted to be like him. This psychic busines didn't fit with my picture of who! wanted to become.

So the character is a synthesis of those two sides of myself. I have had these experiences that my entire the my complete the complete of the character is a synthesis of those two sides of myself. I have had these experiences that are inexplicable, unless you accept by the connected consciousness beyond what we see day-

When I created the character, I didn't like the name, 'Eliza-beth Chase.' It sounded too blue-stocking to me. I kept trying to change it, but the keyboard just kept typing back, 'My name is Eliz-abeth Chase.'

"It's almost as if Flizabeth is one of those characters who is already 'is almost as il Elizabeth is one of those characters who is already formed, who already exists for me and I am just transcribing for her. I don't work a lot on her character development, and I don't work a lot on her character. It is like it simply comes out. In the left side only brain, of course and any other post of the post

led smoke. When we talked recently, I asked what research she did to build her fire scenes.
"I draw from a number of sources. I've witnessed some fires

close up, but what I did in terms of the research for this book, I worked with a fire ranger. She's in my acknowledgments page, Jo-san Arnold, and she was wonderful. She got me raw footage of the Harmony Grove fire." (The 1996 fire that scorched 8600 acres from Harmony Grove west of Escondido to La Costa, destroying some 100 homes and killing one man.) This was the uncut footage, before it went on the news, and it was grueling. You know that scene where I have them loading the body into the ambulance, and the bottoms of the

"Yes," I said, I did remember this scene from the book. "That was actually what I saw in that footage. They were load-ing a man into the ambulance. So I basically just wrote that scene as I saw it in the raw footage from Channel 10.1 did a lot of that. What I usually do. I just go and take my video camera and take my MARTHA C. LAWRENCE ASHES OF ARIES

tape recorder and just absorb every-thing I can. And then write from that. It's so much easier in the long run than sitting there and squeez ing your brain and trying to make it up. Reality speaks for itself. You're writing about a fire; why not let the fire speak for itself? And listen to fire speak for itself? And listen to what people say, talk to firefighters. And when I had some firefighters vetting the manuscript, there are little things that a civilian can't know, and they pointed those out for me. Like I had one description where I quoted a firefighter saying, "We lost this building. And the firefighter is the property of the

this building. And the firefighter got back to me and said we would never say we lost a building. A fire took the building, that's the verbiage we use. And I really got into the psyches of people who fight fires and how they're differ-ent from a police officer. Police officers deal with so many shades of gray, and firefighters are the good guys — the fire is the enemy, and there really isn't any ambiguity there. So the firefighters really One of Ashes of Aries' principal characters is TV newsman

Randy Twain. I asked Lawrence about the character.

"I've known a couple of people in television news, and so that character actually is based on the managing editor of San Diego Magazine, Ron Donoho. It's sort of my homage to him. And he got a real kick out of it."

a real kick out of it.

Lawrence places Twain's home near Balboa Park. This placement, she said, is "based on a true incident. When my first book came out, KUSI wanted to do a little spot on me for their television show. I met the reporter at a coffee shop, the Metaphor, in Escon dido. There was a woman there who was sort of watching the cam Guod. Increws a woman tincre won was sort or underturing the care eras and watching them interviewing me, and she heard that I was writing about a psychic detective. And she said, 'Are you really psy-chic?' And I said, 'Well, you know, I'm sensitive, but people have such stereotypes about what psychics are.' And she said, 'I would just love it if you would just come to my house and just tell me wha

ou pick up.' So I ended up doing that. I was very curious. She lived in a place near Balboa Park and so that whole story of Randy Twain's house being haunted comes from my visit to this real house I went to, where a real gangster was killed in the bathtub by a prostitute

As the novel opens, Santa Ana winds blow across San Dieg As the novel opens, Santa Ana winds blow across San Diego County. "The hot Santa Ana swept across the open desert, hissing through the bone-dry cheatgrass and shaking the stiff sagebrush... The wind whipped a shank of hair across my eyes and I called it the F word," Throughout the novel the wind continues to bedevil Eliz F word. "Throughout the novel the wind continues to bedeef land novel as when classed thanks and hase, from time to time, finds herself annoyed as she pushes the haar away from her face. I said that this pushing of the hair was a geature that really conveyed the way the dry and hot Santa Ana wind came peter and peeve.

"I grew up here, to the standard Ana conditions are sort of ingrained into my cells. I know them so well. I can't stand wind."
Leavement said. "I live on sort of a him in Escondish so on yhouse them."

looks out over a canyon. I'm surrounded by eucalyptus trees and sagebrush. When I was writing this book, I looked out and saw this big smoke cloud from the Pauma Valley fire, and the winds were

whipping."
We talked a bit about what Lawrence called "telling details." We talked a bit about what Lawrence caused telung details.

She asked if I'd read Stephen King's On Writing, I hadn't. Lawrence said that she loved King and she felt he'd been ghettoized. "Everyone," she said, "thinks he just writes shorr of fiction, and he actually does some wonderful things. On Writing goes into how important telling detail is, the hair on the face, and that kind of element."

Ashes of Aries' plot turns on the kidnapping of a technology mogul's four-year-old son. I asked Lawrence if she could talk about the lost or stolen child as a plot device.

"Certainly, it's one of the classic plots. Plot is, 'Something hap-

certainty, it some of the classic piots, Piots, Something nap-pens. That's the essence of plot. And the quest is one of the classic plots. This is the search for the missing child. So as a plot device, you know, obviously I just sensed that there would be greater urgency in solving who was setting these fires if we had a child miss ing. And I worried about whether it would be, 'Oh my God, this has been done and done and done.' But you really can't think about that because everything has been done before. It's just what you bring

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I said that in Lawrence's writing about this missing child. I sensed

more than a plot device. "There just seems to be more going on there."

I said. "The mood you've set is so intense that..."

Lawrence helped me out. "You know what it really is? You notice the book is dedicated to my mom who passed away?"

I said that yes, I did. I said that yes. I did.
"Well," Lawrence continued, "she passed away when I was in
the middle of writing this book. My father died when I was 13. 50
I'm really writing about my childhood there. And my lost childhood. I can look back on it now and see that this books is my working out my feelings about my parents. And I just thought it was sort of interesting symbolically that in this book a fire threatens Elizabeth's parents. But in my fiction, of course, their home is left standing and they're still alive. I can keep them alive in my fiction, but I

think that's really what it's about, that sense of loss. "I was certainly grieving my mom's death. In fact, when I finished the book, I didn't even think my publisher would accept it. I sincu the book. I than I even timb, my pounsiner would accept it.—
I was so distanced from it. Because I was grieving about my mother.
I was very close to my mom. She was dying of cancer and I took
my laptop over to her house and I tried to write and had a really
hard time writing. So it's funny how you have so little control, on
some levels, over how a book turns out.

Lasked what it was like, book after book, to live with a series

It has tremendous rewards and then some challenges. The rewards are that you get to go far deeper with that character than you could in any one book; you get to develop that character over you could if ally one took, you ge to devely materials act of the thousands of pages, as opposed to 300 or 400 pages. The downside is it could get a little stale, which is why I'm taking a break this year and writing a totally different kind of book. I'm doing a stand-alone novel. But I have my next adventure for Elizabeth all

Martha Lawrence will read from Ashes of Aries and sign copies on Saturday, September 29, 1:00 p.m., at Little Professor Book Com-Saturday, September 29, 1500 p.m., at Little Professor Book Com-pany in Temecula; 27468 Ynez Road; 909-694-6531. On Wednes-day, October 10, she'll teach a writing course at the Learning Annex (619-544-9700), and October 19–21, she'll participate in the La Iolla Writers' Conference (www.lajollawritersconference.com).

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Find the museum on the Cuya maca College campus, 12110 Cuya maca College Drive West, 619-670 5194, (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and torical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in he East County. On exhibit are In dian artifacts from the Kingery fam ily. The museum is open on the las Saturday and Sunday of every month rom 2 to 4 p.m., at 2116 Tave

Museum of History and Art, his Museum of History and Art, his-toric photographs dating back to the 1990s are on view in "Sailing: The Legacy of Yachting in Coronado," Artifacts on exhibit place Coronado in the forefront of the sport, and

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The 4.8-mile loop through Towsley and

Wiley Canyons described here highlights several of the natural features of the new park. You'll visit an ever-changing array of habitats: riparian woodland, oak and walnut woodands, coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and

From Interstate 5 north of L.A., exit at Calgrove Boulevard, turn west to reach the Old Road, and drive 0.2 mile south to the entrance road for Towsley Canyon/Ed Davis Park, Drive 0.6 mile west on the graded entrance road to reach the picnic area and nature center that constitutes Ed Davis Park Park your car here and return



before any oil was extracted for commer-cial purposes here, the Tataviam Indians of the area used naturally occurring asphalt for medicinal applica-

tions and to seal their basketry tions and to seal their daskerry.
The scenery improves as you reach, at
0.9 mile, the portals of the Narrows, a slot-like clieft worn through layers of sandstone and conglomerate titled nearly vertical. The Santa Susana Mountains were built through geologic uplift along thrust faults — a pro-cess demonstrated during the 1994 Northridge quake — an event that caused

the Santa Susanas to rise a foot or more. With all the compression going on, both underground and at the sur face, it is not surprising to see a variety of folds in the

After a brief passage through the Narrows, there's a split in the road. Stay left. After another 200 yards. stay left again, and begin bing the canyon slope to



Sandstone outcrop, Towsley Canyor

trail (easy to negotiate on foot, tougher on a mountain bike) that steadily ascends on mountain bike) that steadily ascends on switchbacks through sage scrib and later through some gorgeous, almost pure stands of California wainut. Higher still, the tree canopy thins, with scattered oaks and pun-gent bay laure! clinging to the hillsides. There you catch sight of the hills and valleys of Santa Clarita to the north and east, which are nocreasively helps overnum with cookle-cutter. increasingly being overrun with cookie-cutter subdivisions.

After reaching a high point of 2450 feet, the trail begins to pitch downward, executing a circuitous and sometimes steep descent down drier slopes into the shady depths of Wiley Canyon. Joining a dirt road there (3.4 miles), you turn left and head north, making your easy way down-canyon. At 4.1 miles, look carefully for your next turn, on the Canyon View Loop Trail, which rises to the left. A final, crooked 0.7-mile traverse on the left on what is called the Towsley View Loop Trail. It down to Ed Davis Park, your starting point. plus films from the 1950s and on ward. See the exhibit through Tues

ward. See the exhibit through Tues-day, November 27.

Ongoing exhibits explore the year and history of Coronado. Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information.

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Powsy Museum, an interpretive
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and general store, and a school room
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Strong depicts sis periods of Poway's
past. Find the museum in Old Poway
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POWAY)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Gay B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, in-cluding the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and arti-facts. There is a cowboy bunk house, a ranch blackwinth shop and tack a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memoria Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a loca resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. Women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800 are also on display. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the ground Rare documents, historical exhibit books, photographs, and a research

library are also part of the complex. Find it all at 645 Main Street. For more information, call 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

and animals tell stories about the re gion's prehistoric and current habi-tats in "Natural Treasures: Past and Present. The ongoing exhibition is said to "display old treasures most loved by the community and to in-troduce new fossils that have never seen seen by the public," as well as been seen by the public, as well as highlighting the muscum's extensive paleontological collections. Visitors will also discover why dinosaur fos-sils are rare in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times).

The museum also offers the "gi-

ant-screen film" Ocean Ousis, explo ing Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821, (BALBOA PARK)

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nmer.
The museum interprets the Na The museum interprets the Na-tive American, Spanish, and Mexi-can periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial fur-nishings, art, and artifacts. It's lo-cated at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, found at 2727 Presidio Drive, 619-297-3258. PRESIDIO PARKI

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der one roof, the facility is an educ. ional component of the Scripps In-titution of Oceanography at UCSD. ife of the Parific Northwest, the Cal life of the Pasifix Northwest, the Cal-ifornia coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortez, and the South Pacifix, One-highlight is the La Jolla Kelja Tank, two-story high tank with garnt kelp-plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong

harks.

The aquarium is located at 2300
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Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a work-ing agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. There's an auworking telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. There's an audio-visual theater presenting short films on California and Wells Largohistory; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Eurgoagent Samuel Doorsy at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Couch #251; a restorted stage; coach built in 180°, and the Davies watch. The messages is located in the rest. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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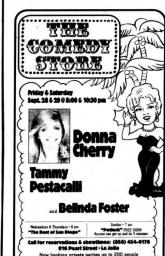
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certo program, except for the Vivaldi Double Cello Concerto. The Sunday afternoon brought

tine Sunday atternoon brought together most of the string play grows who had already appeared in the festival, and even added a few first-rate musicians just for this one concert. The orchestra, back to block to block as which included many of the young players from the workshop ensembles (with the talented Ilya frie worksnop ensembles (with the talented hya Gringolts as concertmaster), was by far the best that SummerFest had ever assembled. It played without a conductor, as would have been appropriate for the period, and its discipline and musicianship were so exceptional that it sounded like an established chamber orchestra whose members had been playing together for years.

The array of soloists - who, when they were not playing solo, became members of the orchestra themselves — was spectacular. So many superb violinists were on stage in Sherwood Au-ditorium that they had to share the solo roles for the four concertos of Vivaldi's Four Seasons, Mar garet Batjer, who is concertmaster of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, was the soloist

"Spring": SummerFest's musical director, Choin Spring (Summerrest's musical director, Cho-Liang Lin, whose first season in that post had proved such a success, played in "Autumn"; the husband-and-wife team of Gil Shaham and Adele Anthony took "Winter" and "Summer," respec-

tively Shaham Anthony Batier. and Gringolts were the soloists in Vivaldi's famous B Minor Con-certo for Four Violins and Strings the one Bach rewrote for four

harpsichords). Shaham and Anthony played the Bach Double Concerto. Ralph Kirshbaum and Felix Fan played the Vivaldi Double Concerto. It

was a cornucopia of great string playing.
The presence of Shaham and Anthony, on
this and on previous programs in the festival,
added a charming note of familial solidarity. Both are brilliant violinists, and they clearly delighted in performing with each other. It was, however a bit disappointing that every time the two played together, whether in a work for two violins or as parts of a chamber ensemble. Anthony took the first-violin part. Anthony is an excellent musician. with an impeccable technique and a vigorous musical personality. But Shaham has been a world-class star for many years, and his numer-ous fans would surely have liked to hear what he sounds like as — for example — first violinist in a string quintet (such as the Schubert C Major).

It was gracious of him to take second fid-dle to his wife on every available occasion, but for the audience's sake it might have been more sensible for the two to alternate, like thos old pals Zukerman and Perlmar when they play together, or the way the two violinists of the Emerway the two violinists of the Emer-son Quartet regularly do.

The unusual "casting" of *The*Four Seasons naturally prompted
many listeners to compare the four
soloists in the manner of Wim-

bledon or the Tour de France, where the exciting question is "Who will win?" But the truth is that, with musicians all at this exalted level, there is no competition and there are no win-ners or losers. What was striking was how similar the four violinists were, not only in their abilities but in their approach to the music. These were not "period" perfor-mances, but all the musicians showed themselves intelligently aware of historical practices in regard to tempo, phrasing, and expression. All of them, furthermore, recog-nized that the devices of explicit tone-painting Vivaldi uses in this work are not mere decor, playfully applied over

the surface of the standard

Baroque concerto da camera, but are essential elements of

the composer's aesthetic aim

Vivaldi really wanted his lis-

teners to experience those birds, those breezes, that ener-



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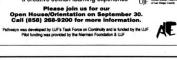
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vating heat, that biting cold, that storm, that hunt, that jolly dancing, that barking dog (the solo violist at Sherw Evan Wilson — should have barked more softly, by the way, so as not to awaken his goatherd master from the spring afternoon siesta).

In this regard, I must object to harpsichordist Anthony Newman's declamation of the sonnets that are appended to the four concertos. Newman is a wonderful harpsichordist at all times, and in this performance of The Four Seasons he mance of The Four Seasons he excelled himself in imagination and subtlety. But when he took on his subsidiary function as poetry-reader, he adopted an ironic, disdainful, indeed a snooty attitude toward the texts, mocking their language and images in his tone of voice as though they were some kind of childish froufrou of no real importance to an appreciation of the music. On the contrary, they are excellent poems (even in a prose translation that pretty much obliterates the delectable sounds of the original), and they are totally relevant to Vivaldi's scores. There is nothing naive about them or about the four concertos: both the poetry and the music are boldly exuberant examples of the Baroque love of nature, the picturesque, and the power of the arts to evoke reality. Newman did his fellow musicians, the audience,

and the composer a disservice by his snide condescension. The concert (and Summer-Fest) ended with Gil Shaham's performance of Vivaldi's "Winter," perhaps the most evocative and dramatic of the four con-certos — which gives me the opportunity to say a few words about this great violinist. It would be foolish to call Sha-ham the best violinist in the world, especially with so many other magnificent fiddlers on stage with him. But it would not be going too far to say that, of all violinists before the public today, Shaham is the one most like Jascha Heifetz, in his tone, his type of virtuosity, his passion for sheer fiddling, and the dazzling effect he produces on an audience, whether he is caught up like an inspired dervish in the raging winter winds of *The Four Seasons*, or is simply reveling in his own nate technical prowes in some silly little showpiece by Rodrigo or Sarasate. ■

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ern recreation of this unusual The requested \$10 donation will benefit families of firefighter and police victims in New York. For information, call 619-223-6394. (POINT LOMA)

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noff's "Piano Concerto No. 2." Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Sa urday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday in UCSD's Mandeville Center. Pre-conert lectures by Eric Bromberger begin one hour prior to each performance Tickets: \$19 general. For reservations, dial 858-534-4467. (LA JOLLA)

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Sundays at Six, the chamber music ensemble Camarada opens its concert season with this series on September 30, at Sushi Performance and Vi-sual Art. "Tango II: Music of Astor Piazzolla" includes excerpts from the "operita" Maria de Buenos Aires, acmpanied by modern tango chore ography and narrative interpretation

The performance begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 general. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue, For more information, call 619-699 8789. (DOWNTOWN)

Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor" is on tap when pianist Bryan Verhoye joins organist Robert Plimpton for a dual recital on Sunday. September 30. The concert also promising solo piano music by by Bach and Reger - begins at 4 p.m.

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The Ballam High Barroque is show-cased when the barroque chamber enmemble La Monica performs on Sunday, September 30, 3 p.m., at 51.
James by-the-See. The program includes selections by Vivadis, Handel,
Corell, and others. Ensemble memhers include soprane Pheeber 1,
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harpsichordist Avi Stein. Find St. James by-the-Sca at 743 Prospect Street. Tickets are \$18 gen-eral. For details, call 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

"Weaving Bach," this series pla by artist-in-residence and pianist Pe-ter Gach at Palomar College begins with a lecture demonstrat Sunday, September 30, Learn all about Johann Sebastian Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier" in this opening lecture, starting at 2 p.m., in the campus Performance Lab (D-10). The collection is considered one of the great monuments of key-

In the weeks following the lecture. Gach will perform all of the 24 preludes and fugues on selected Sundays

Bel Canto Vocal and piano works may be enjoyed when the Bill Bell Consort Singers perform on Sunday, September 30, at 2:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free, Call 619-236-5810 for more in-

Guest Organist George Butterfield performs in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, September 30, at 2 p.m. Free. Call 619-702-8138 for further information. (BALBOA PARK)

Mexican Guitariat Roberto Limón Mexican Guitariat Roberto Limón performs for the first mini-concert of the new season planned at noon on Monday, October 1, at the Athenseum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Guests will hear works by Bach, Walton, and Guil-iani. Frec. Call 858-454-5872 for de-tails. (IA NULA)

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"Valcas of the Gültar, Ancient and Modera" provide the theme for the Gultar Foundation of America's in ternational convention and competitions. Feets tau Otolber 1: 6, ded acated to the memory of loaquin documentaries, and fectures.

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Guitar Trio, John Schneiderman. Trio Can Brio, Los Romeros, and the U.S.-Mesico. Guitar Orchestra, among many others. All of the events take place in Sherwood Auditorium (at the Mu-seum of Cantemporay PAT, La Jola, 700 Prospect Street) or at St. James by-the-Sec (24) Prospect Street. You may pay per event, or 570 per My. For recervations and details, call 858-204-0988: (1A 20LA)

UCSD Professor Aleck Karis presents a piano recital on Tuesday, October 2 at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Karis will perform Debussy's 'Images, Book It,' 'Night Fantasse's 'by Carter, Bach's 'Toccata in E Minor,' and "Clocks' by Birtwistle-Harrison, Admission is

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x2317. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

Opera Ensemble will present "Opera fest: The Glory of Opera," on October 4, 11, and 18, Each performance will feature a different program. The music begins at noon at 401 Mission Avenue (in front of the Regal Cinemas). Free. For further information, call 760-439-1319. Lalendar

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"Piece of Mind." this mixed-media "Piece of Mind," this mixed medic chibition with two- and three-di-mensional artwork opens at the Bro ker's Building Gallery with a recep-tion on Friday, September 28, a p.m. The show may also be viewed on Friday, October 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. Find the gallery at 402 Mar ket Street (at Fourth Avenue) 619-540-6316. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

619-580-616. (GRSLAMP QUARTIN "Insteal Transition — A Celebra-tion of Change," is the insugaral ex-hibition at Casa of Gin. Featured artist Robert Gray exhibits: "impor-tant transitional piece from his long career in art." See Gray's collages, photographs, and sculptural paint modern art by Gene Atencio, Luis Landaverry, and Michael Leedy, screwmeibers of the USS Demer. Meet the artist during a reception planned on Friday, Septem-ber 28, at 7 pm. find the gallery at the properties of the properties of the properties of the weekends, 819-856-4240 See the show through October, GROUT FAMO.

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"Philip Taaffe: Confluence," a ten-year survey including 25 works created between 1990 and 2000. UCSD with a reception at 7 p.m. nex Thursday, October 4. The opening preceded by a collaborative pr from 6 to 7 p.m. in Mandeville Audi-torium featuring a lecture by Taaffe, a reading by poet Quincy Troupe, and musical selections performed by UCSD's percussion ensemble red fish blue fish to complement the ar

View the exhibit through Satu day, December 8. The gallery is found in Mandeville Center on the UCSD campus and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday On-campus parking permits are re-quired; they can be purchased at the information pavilions at the Gilman

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Mingel International Museum of Folk Art, "Venini — Glass and Design in a World Perspective" cen on the work of the Venini factory in Venice. The exhibition also contain art glass by contemporary artists and by Louis Comfort Tiffany, as well as examples of ancient Egyptian, pre Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass Art glass by Benjamin Moore, Mar vin Lipofsky, and Dale Chihuly, all of whom have worked at the Venir factory, are also included in the show, which closes on Sunday, Jan

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Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, entering this new millennium. contemporary art is more diverse

than ever before. Newly accessible formation and communication tech-nologies have provided fresh materi-als for artists. "Lateral Thinking: Art of the 1990s" highlights the signifi-cant works the museum has added to decade. Approximately 40 new paint-ings, sculptures, photographs, instal-lations, and videotapes trace the museum's engagement with the art of our time in the exhibit.

A special selection of works from the permanent collection by artists featured in UCSD's Stuart Collection featured in UCSD's Stuart Collection are on view in "Cross References: Celebrating the Stuart Collection." Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Stuart Collection is a year, the Stuart Collection is a renowned group of 15 site-specific commissioned works of public art located on the UCSD campus. Both shows close on Sunday, January 13, 2002. Find the museum

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"I-5 California: Four Decades Contemporary Art" has been reinstalled for viewing through Monday March 18, 2002. The exhibit surveys ar master furniture maker Sam Maloof has an exhibit of work on view at the miseum. Maloof has been hailed as a najor influence in the develope of the American Studio Furniture ment; his work has been fea ured in a number of important exh bitions, Enjoy "Sam Maloof: A Trib ute to Freda" through Sunday, November 4. Find the museum at 704

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"We have to say yes to time."

hen Peter and Kari got voted "Cutest Senior Couple" at Pine Gity High, ev-eryone swore they'd cruise happily into the sunset. It was one of life's few givens. But they split up, overnight, and all the gos Minnesota town couldn't account ssip in the small for their separation.
Now their class of 1981 is hav-

ing its 20th reunion. The usual JEFF SMITH spects arrive: the doofus who be-

suspects armee the dooolus who be-came chief of police; the dope-toker with the fast-forward libido; and embittered Carla, uging everyone "never forgive" through denched teeth. Kari showed up. She works at a bank and mar-ried a golf pro who'd much rather contemplate tough par fours than pay her attention. Ever since the broke on with Darte who's beam '17' denotes. she broke up with Peter she's been "17 degrees and an eternity away" from her dreams. Because of him, "The entire universe is ruined forever." Pe-ter came back, too. At one time, the world articulated itself" in Kari. Now he's 37, single, and dates younger and younger women. His cur-rent beau is 23. A psychotherapist in the Twin Cities, Peter's life stopped 20 years ago, when he

took the wrong path.

The reunion's held at Pine City's old partion. It overlooks Lake Melissa and has been as much It overfooks Lake Melissa and has been as much a symbol — where futures get planned, vows made — as a structure. Today, however, it's a "doomed landmark." The fire department will burn it down at midnight.

Craig Wright's play The Pavilion is obsessed with time's inexorable, linear flow. Onto the tale of Kari and Peter's painful reunion, the playwright grafts thickly poetic, metaphysical rumi-nations about time: how the universe begins, how each person is the center of everything in the - "universe" must appear 20 times, minimum, in the script — and how you can't
"start the universe over." Oh, also,
"we have to say yes to time." The

playwright makes Thomas Wolfe's point — you can't go home again — so many ways he udgeons you with import.

The only observation he left out is Aristotle's:

and "consciousness" and "the human pageant" and "the voice that raindrops words" time you wish he'd clam up and let the play be-gin. Walter Kerr said about playwriting, "It is better to make a man than make a point." This reliance on telling, rather than showing, on spoon-feeding significance to the audience, is what he meant.

significance to the audience, is what he meant.

But take away pseudo-philosophizing and
Wright hasn't much of a play. Kari and Peter are
one-dimensional, authorial pawns. Neither is very
likeable. She's stuck and refuses to budge; he's one of the least aware psychotherapists in captivity (even if he can't do it, wouldn't his training tell him what he needs to do?), and both must be this way— he earnestly for, she dead-set against rap-prochement—or the Narrator can't Chautauqua half the night. Craig Noel has been Wizard-in-Residence at the Globe for 66 years. Although he uses his abun-



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ant theatrical resources, comi touches, humanizing traits, The Pavilion is a sugar-coated pill, and Noel's direction doesn't quite meld the pill and the sugar or Wright's manipulation of

Noel takes the play farther than it could go. As do the Globe's designers. Need soft lavender hues, a night of Midwest stars, or flames under the Pavilion? Kent Dorsey illumines David Ledsinger's minimalist set with subtle rinses of light. Need water-skiers on Lake music almost out of reach? Paul Peterson's sounds deliver.

Stephen D'Ambrose keeps the Narrator from being too patronizing — no mean feat — and shows versatility by playng everyone else at the n be they male, female, drunk stoned, irate, or vapid as con-crete. As Kari and Peter, Julie Evan Smith and Mark Moses

They will never work with a better director.

Simon Gray dedicated Oth erwise Engaged to Harold Pinter. Pinter directed the original 1975 production Pinter also dedicated his Be trayal (1978), to Gray. So there's a connection. But Engaged doesn't have many Pinteresque pauses. It's al-most Pinter done as farce, as a stream of disgruntled people intrude on Simon Hench's day off, when he tries takes place more in us than onstage, as our impression of

onstage, as our impression of Simon undergoes strange, subtextual warping. Simon's not only a suc-cessful publisher — everything in his Islington home is top shelf — he may be the least flappable herson in greater London. He has the calm concern of a therapist. And peoples' visits resemble therapeutic sessions. They vent. He listens. They rage. He listens. They get in touch with their feelings. And he listens. Only sometimes his questions come from the left-field foul pole, as if he hasn't been listening at all - has.

n fact, been an iceberg, neaded for a colossal thaw. Pinter's characters are tough to perform. How do you reveal subtexts? How do you play an absence? One of San Diego's finest actors, Ron Choularton, makes Simon openly inscrutable. It's a tribto Choularton's skill tha even if you've seen the play before, his performance suggests conflicting interpretations throughout. People come to him for guidance. He's pa-tient, easily the sanest of the lot. It's just that.

The homeless Fritz The ater's seen hard times. Since Duane Daniels retook artistic control, however, the company is on an upswing. And Otherwise Engaged is one of its best shows in years. Every actor contributes, especially David Kornbluth

as Jeff Golding, a slash-andburn pundit on a collision course with comeuppance, mon's older brother, Stephen, up for a promotion he's certain he won't get. Engaged resembles farce, the way doors open and slam around California Suite The Coronado Playhouse offers Neil Simon's comedy about four Simon. It also has the form

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San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre presents Iim Magnuson's reimagin

se of the Greek tracedy. Set in the

17th Century, on the coast of Africa, Medea has given her heart to Jason, a Portuguese nobleman. Patrick Stewart directed, HIROSHI MCDONALD MORI PERFORM

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cles' tragedy of civic law versu "higher" laws, and those caught in

African Medea

of Greek tragedy, as one Fritz actor after another brings news to Simon who, as stasets of guests at a posh Los Angeles hotel. D. Larry Steckling directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE. THROUGH OC tionary as Oedipus, has nowhere to run. DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. THEATER

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I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Casange
The longest-running off-Broadway musical revue satirizes "sex, love, dating, and marriage." It starts with youth and ends with old age,

moving from the cusp of despair (song called "Single Man Drought"), to a marriage ("Wedding Vows"), to senior singles meeting at a funeral ("I Can Live With That"). Directed with flare by Sam Woodhouse and chore graphed with seamless fluidity by lavier Velasco and backed up by the odd but effective combination of piano and violin, the San Diego Rep's version is a light-hearted, albeit lightweight, crowd-pleaser (they should move the show next door, to the Lyceum Space, and

run it all summer). Most of the

show's 18 vignettes are generic Ican-relate-to-that stuff, and the characters are little more than their situations: either lagging behind, or too far ahead, of love's eight ball. Some of the show's most interes ing moments cut against the norm, as when Deborah Van Valkenburgh croons a country ditty in three-quarter time, "Always a Bridesmaid," and concludes maybe it ain't such a bad thing. Through quiet insistence, expressing his tal ents without fanfare, Steve Gunderson has become a local head-liner. He doesn't have marquee looks, even wears a scruffy beard for the show, but can convince you every person he plays is real. This includes a sensitivity challenged stud ("Why? 'Cause I'm a Guy"), a tather adopting his child's lan

sage, and a vein-flexing San guage, and a vein-flexing san Quentin convict determined to show a hesitant couple that mar-riage isn't a life sentence. (Note: due to popular demand, the Rep has extended the show's run sever times.) Worth a try.

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Line," and "Freeze Tag," with nodges awarding points to the best scene. Klunkers and groaners got bouch, quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest; people acknowledged fail, transparent to the transparent to the transparent points of the contest people acknowledged fail, transparent points transparent points transparent points transparent transparent

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this point the cast — performing as if on second base, unmiked, at Qualcomm Stadium — overhills every word, gesture, and joke. Then in a volte face, the bouse lights come up, and the audience, becomes the detective. The show's core, and obviously the cause of its longerity, lies in the give- and take between cast and audience. During the interrogation the actors become re-actors. They ad lib and trounce becklers. Although many ad libs sound serviced "Oval only" all this sound serviced "Oval only" in the serviced "Oval only". ad libs sound scripted ("You don't have a butler? How do you eat?"), the cast, especially Rick Meads as top cop Nick O'Brien, is at its best in this format. Shear Madness began in 1978. Along with physical omedy and malaprops (one char acter gets labeled a "genital liar"), the play derives humor from top cal and local references. Several topical references need updating (when was the last time you equated Sandy Duncan with Wheat Thins?). The show bills itself as mindless fun. Much of it is, and no negative remarks about Lakeside and Paradise Hills, for example raise nagging questions about the anything-for-a-laugh mindset be

Shotgun Wedding Anniv or, Who Wants to Murder a Multimillionaire?

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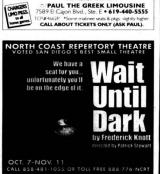
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prov is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth Others made amazing twists and arns. The group is talented nough (and know when to black out best) to make the hits more requent than the misses. Thei guru, Keith Johnstone, has writter one of the few brilliant books (Im pro) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remem-ber, when it's not funny, it's art."

invented scenes, using the other

four as actors. The winner got a ba-nana, the loser a "forfeit." Some at-

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did not hear it himself Jeff & Jer are well known for their bigger-than-life outdoor promotions. The duo orchestrated a human flag during the Gulf War. When the Chargers went to

Especially when two morning shows at other Clear Channe stations called us [a non-Clear Channel station] and had us help them with their

own human flags." KGB is one of 1200 stations owned by Clear

One radio insider noted that all the local Clear Channel stations have gone to great lengths to announce that Clear Channel is donating \$100,000 to terrorist victims that was previously earmarked for

ntest. "If you divide tha by 1200, that means that each Clear Channel station is donating a whopping \$83." The insider also notes

that Clear Channel is not

air. In order to win tickets to

a Backstreet Boys concert, another Clear Channel

baby pool filled with pig feces. Yet another Clear Channel station in Fort Myers, Florida, ran an "N

CEST for N'Sync" contest.

where concert tickets were

given to siblings who kissed

listener in Tampa swam in a

fans formed a lightning bolt. "It's really unfortunate," said Johnson about Rickards on a mission to get attentio by calling other people on his character that he

the Super Bowl in 1995, their

would do that to us.

HUMAN FLAG GETS CRITICISM company with a lot of

Johnson refused to

engage in Clear Channel bashing. "Clear Channel is a big

exactly known for its high-minded promotions. Clear Channel DJ Bubba the Love different radio stations. We would never criticize any efforts of another station's Sponge (previously heard on Channel 9-3-3) now works in promotion. Rickards did not respond Tampa, where he got a great to a request for comment.

— Ken Leighton deal of public reaction when he killed a live boar on the

A program director at a Clear Channel radio station confirmed that the company disbursed a list of "inappro priate songs" that shouldn't get airplay following last week's terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

"It was a list that was distributed so that we wouldn't have to listen to

broadcast after the East Coast judgment calls," said Gary tragedy. Some songs include Schoenwetter, program director for San Francis references to war ("War co-based and Clear Channel-owned Star 101.3, Pigs," "Sunday Bloody Sunday") and bombs (Dropped a Bomb on Me"). who received the list this

wasn't appropriate." Schoenwetter adds that stations are not banned from playing any songs. They can and do, stray from the

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The song list was sent to all Clear Channel radio

stations, advising program

directors about what song

would be inappropriate to

week. "It served as a guide in

Program director Larry Sharp of San Francisco-based, Susquehanna-"Had we been a station owned rock 'n' roll station 107.7 "The Bone" saw the list 'War,' we would have left that one in," Schoenwetter and feels some of the choices include songs that could help said. "It was distributed in the healing process. under the guise of 'Use this list at your discretion,' like any corporate memo. It wasn't handed out as the

"I agree there are some songs [that are inappro-priate], but I thought a lot of them went too far," he said. "When you pull 'Stairway to Flooding the inbox of music lovers and censorship opponents, the list, first Heaven, 'that's a song people play at funerals. You want to hear a song like that during published by Fucked these times. A corporate Clear Company.com, came from Clear Channel, the owner and operator of 1170 station

Channel representative could not be reached for comment or to confirm the list of songpublished on FuckedCompany.com

Others refer to peace ("Imagine," "Peace Train," "What a Wonderful World")

and celebrating ("Dancing in

the Streets").

The company released a public statement regarding the list, however.

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including music, cinema, and television, regularly incorporates violence and tragedy in lyrics, plots, and story lines," the statement reads. "Given the

Clear Channel program director took it upon himself to identify a number of song that certain markets or individuals might find

nsensitive today.... "This is not a mandate nor was the list generated out of corporate radio offices," the statement continued. "It was a grassroots effort that was apparently circulated by program directors. It's the discretion of each program director and general manage to take polls of his or her

- Todd Inoue

"Every couple of

day dies," says Fred Pohr, bartender at Scolari's Office, about the stamina of his daytime crowd. "The lifers...the old-timers," he calls them. "They are there all day shoveling down beer in those short highball those short highball glasses.... We hear people are at the door waiting to come in at six a.m. We're not sure whether they are knocking or their hands are shaking.

Pohr says his nighttime

faster clip, "They use the

bigger glasses." To attract that crowd — which he

guesses is 30 years younger on average — he brings in

East.' Sometimes we are beyond capacity."

lifers are not happy.

"There have been

bands on weekends, "We like

first day at work. "I am just not comfort able. It's very loud. My day people are very quiet. They

The Mites, the and/ors Watch It Burn, the Drop Science, Candarella X, Kill Me fomorrow, Corrugated, Freedom for Saturn, the Day After, and Battling Maxo appear 2 p.m

to think we are the 'Casbah omiting forth some years of live rock at Scolari's. publicity stunt at the cost of he is staging an all-day ten-band festival. Since it starts at 2 p.m., he says some of the the thousands of dead If you ask the media for coverage in the name of a

disaster, you are in it for

them if they wanted to stay. we would give them extra batteries for their "I don't associate with

bands," said Killer, 66, who says he has been coming to Scolari's since it opened 2 years ago, "I just leave when they start. You can't carry on a conversation. The music is too loud." Marie the bartender

says she hasn't called in sick for 11 years. But the daytime rock aberration has forced her to miss her

listen to quiet music.

Scolari's Office in North Park There is no cover

Rickards anchors the Dave, Shelly, and Chainsaw morning show. Every Wednesday Rickards jokes that he is the Reverend Dave. Last week Rickards was doing some real preaching. "Please, let's all be "Look, if you want to

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help, go to New York, pick up a shovel, and start digging," Rickards directed. "Or write a check from your

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ALL TOWN HEROES GOT TIME

out to the local radio

mbasting some perf

Dave Rickards was

and personalities for

industry, KGB morning guy

appearing to capitalize on the

The suggestion fell flat on local blues man Kyle Jester, who fronts a band called the Small Town Heroes, Last Carlsbad

fundraiser at the Leucadian to-raise money for the victims of September 11. "I'd

love to donate money out of my own account," said lester, but I'm a blues musician and all I have is time. I just got off the road from Europe with Candye Kane, so I don't they have launched a have a regular job.... My band is not even playing [at the fundraiser]. My first inclination was to drive [to New York), but I thought

New York], but I thought that would be ridiculous." When asked why his band isn't playing, Jester said, "I'm just going to be too busy running around and making sure everyone' happy. Since everybody is doing it for free, I have to take care of them.... The last time the blues commu-nity threw a benefit was for Ronnie Lane, a local blues man, to help him pay for medical bills for heart surgery. We raised \$7000... We're giving the soundman \$50 because he has to drag his sound equipment out. Everyone else is volunteer." Rickards did not respond

13-hour live music

to a request for comment Jester's fundraiser took in \$13,000 for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

The Small Town Heroes appear tonight at the Long-boarder in Pacific Beach and October 5 at Neiman's in

"Just because you have a Southern accent or a pedal steel guitar doesn't mean it's country." Lyle Duplessie and his wife Ellen say they are so frustrated at the pathetic state of country music that monthly paper, the San Diego Troubadour, dedicated to the local acoustic and alternativ "Kenny Chesney or Tim

DUPLESSIE PARENTS START

McGraw if you hear their names on the radio, it's time to change the station. What's called country music now is not country. They are just catering to a pop audience.

The Duplessies just put

out their first issue of the Troubadour dedicated to







folk, and bluegrass artists. They printed 3000 copies which were dropped off at music stores and coffee-

Until now, the Duplessies are best known for siring 12-year-old Derek Duplessie, the singer/guitarist who has been playing in coffeehouses since he was 8. There are a few photos of Derek in Mom and Dad's paper. But the senior Duplessie, who plays in three different bands, said he would have published the Troubadour even if Derek was not into

The first issue had stories on local folk legend Sam Hinton and Vista-based bluegrass trio Nickel Creek. He makes no apologies for putting Hank Williams tribute artist Jack Johnson The Troubadour has a

Williker, cohost of the Sunday evening *Doublewide* Hayride show heard on KCR radio. "That show is the awful that you can only pick it up on computer. If Hank or Buck or Merle or Waylon came on the scene today, do you think they'd get any radio play?" - Ken Leighton

"The only thing that would bring back the Boat Farmers is if we

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had a seance to bring back Country Dick Montana," said Marco Anguiano,

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recutive director of the Adams Avenue Business Association, which is

organizing the 20th annual Adams Avenue Street Fair. Anguiano said his talent organizer was approached by Buddy Blue about a reunion band that would bill itself as

the "Beat Farmers."
As a founding Beat Farmer, guitarist/singer/ songwriter Blue was with the Beat Farmers for their first 2 years (out of 11). The Beat Farmers formed in 1984 and disbanded when Montana (Dan McLain) died onstage

n 1995. While Anguiano admitted that the Beat Farmers were themselves "in bad taste, but in the best sense, he wasn't sure that a Montana-less Beat Farmers

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would be appropriate.
"That's like trying to
bring the Beatles back sans John. But we are having Powerthud, the Buddy Blue Band, and Mojo Nixon, so a way it's like having three Beat Farmers," said Anguiano.

Powerthud includes Beat Farmer guitarists Joey Harris and Jerry Raney and appears 12:15 p.m. Sunday. The Buddy Blue Band performs 8:45 p.m. Saturday. Mojo Nixon, a frequent Beat Farmer concert opener.

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Do bands talk about "chords" anymore, y'know "changes"? Unless I miss my ears —

and I always could be WRONG — the opening chords to Square Circle's "Very Young Boy" are the v. same as those on Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely?" You would once said they were copped from that tune. He used 'em, and now

Square Circle uses 'em.

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the, um, with S.C.'s hot-dang LYRICS. "I was a young boy living in a speaker...living in a drum loop, yeah." Something about, uh, man

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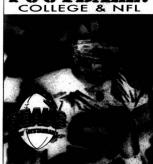
oxygen." That's real GOOD.
Ghost of lectricity howls
in the bones of her face...and
these visions of...'scuse me,

the good wds. and music make me wanna SING. But Mona Lisa must've had the

(Hello.)

- Richard Meltze

Mona Lisa must've had the highway blues, you can tell by the way she smiles... Hey — YOU go play Square Circle, I'm gonna play, well, somethin' else.



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Fab Four Front

I used to play with the Inferno but haven't for years, having been fired for falling off a stage.

summer night in Point Loma not too many weeks ago saw a strange rock and roll phenomenon with few witnesses. I was there at the Cabrillo Dinner Theater that night, and I keep thinking about it. That was strange, that was unusual...that was...what was that?

Maybe 20 people were in the SCENE

Sharidat, 60-some years old now and former singer with the Beatles (or Silver Bea-

tles depending on whom you would ask at the time in Hamburg, Germany), arrived with his band made up of local San Diego musicians. Sheri-dan looked like an old Cockney cab driver as he stood in the parking lot smoking a joint and talking with his band mates in an accent that hadn't croded a half-note in 40 years.

The sun was low but still hot; a clammy July Sunday. I don't know if they get them like that in Liverpool or Hamburg. Spote so, Probably worse, I didn't know much about Mr. Sheridan— born Anthony Esmond Sheridan Maginnity—I'd only seen his face on an I.P jacket from France where he was pictured with the other. Beatles against a Union Tack, looking paler and far more choirboylike than the others. (At the time — say 1964 — I thought the Beatles looked like English Boy Scouts who all had to be home by 10 o'clock with their homework done: my idea of a good time was the Animals or Stones.) Also, the head shot of Sheridan revealed a kind of wavy Mickey Dolenz perm job on his head, like some well-sculpted Greek or Roman marble bust. I remembered something about him being comremembered something about him being com-pared, often, to Elvis Presley in the Hamburg scene circa '61. Beyond that, I had some vague idea that he had fronted the Fab Four for a short time and done some recordings with them - none of which Ed heard

which I'd heard.

The weird line beginning to be drawn in that parking lot as the shadows grew longer (I might have thought of Cliff Richards and the Shadows, have thought of third Richards and the Shadows, hugely popular in England 40 years ago, but I re-ally didn't until just now) grew sharper when I learned that José Sinatra and the Troy Dante Inferno were to open for Sheridan. I used to play

with the Inferno but haven't for years, having been fired for falling off a stage and throwing up on one of Sinatra's favorite pair of women's panties he carries with him everywhere and had toused to the crosed (which no noe picked up). Those guys, the Infernos, are waters with no sense of humor if you ask me, so I'm not being reportionally see [June all their growth of the control of the cont

ZZOLARA promotional here. (I hope all their gigs are ones like we did at the Hanalei in Mission Valley some years ago, where the marquee read, visible for miles along Interstate 8: "WELCOME DUMP TRUCKERS OF AMERICA" and then in small letters, "and Jose Sinatara [sic].")

No, what was shaping up to be passingly odd here was that Sinatra, otherwise known as Bill Richardson, has been appearing at that same din-ner theater all summer (still is, as of this writing) in yet two other guises: one as Freddie Mercury and the other as John Lennon. He portrays their singing, wisecracking souls, in the afterlife, anyway, in the play Heaven Rocks.

The thing is, much of Sinatara [sic] and the

Infernos' material is vicious rips on Beatles songs. I wondered how Sheridan would react to this socalled humor, the lowest form of comedy — again, in my book. Was Sheridan still friends with Paul and Ringo? And the San Diego president of the and kingo? And the San Diego president of the Beatles fan club was present (a nice woman, a checker at Vons and married, I think — real close anyway — to Sheridan's extraordinary keyboard player, Wolfgang G. — spelling and pronuncia-tion of last name unclear in my notes, I'm afraid). tion of last name unclear in my notes, I'm afraid). She had just informed us that George Harrison was very ill with cancer. As Sinatra himself would agree, there is a time for joking and a time to re-frain from joking, this may well not be one of them. More importantly, what would Tony Sherrisdan think of "Hey Jude" becoming, "Hey Dude" and the Jrvis to Petula Clark'. "Downtown" butchered over the classic Beatles took turne "I'm I'm Verson'? I took sheet had to be a second to be a second to the classic Beatles took turne "I'm I'm Verson'? I took sheet had to be a second Down"? How about José Sinatra's treatment of Down? How about Jose Sinatra's treatment of Harrison's tear-jerking "Something" with specious Spanish lyrics like "no comprende" instead of "I don't know" and his point-missing asides to Dante during the note-perfect George Harrison guitar



solo in that song as the front man grunts "Ooooh...play that funky music, white Troy?"
Would any of this be construed as funny?
The sordid nadir of bad taste would come

later, after Sheridan's set, but more about that

I wanted to learn a little something about Sheridan himself. I had already discovered from Richardson that Sheridan was hot stuff at "...a place called the Top Ten in the Reeperbahn, which was the slut section of Hamburg. The Beatles manager at the time, Alan Williams, wanted to take the Beatles there and do the same thing. So take the Beatles there and do the same thing. So they ended up playing down the street from Sheri-dan. When Polydor Records signed Sheridan, he needed a back up hand so he decided to use these guy; Ithe Beatles or Silver Beatles! down the street at the Star Club, or wherever they were playing. In the sessions of 12 cuts, well, they were the first commercial recordings of the Beatles that people could buy. They included 'My Bonnie,' 'Take Out Some Insurance on Me Babe,' that kind of stuff. Some Insurance on Me Baby, that kind of stuff. 'Ain't She Sweet' is the anomaly because Lennon actually sang that one. It also had the instru-mental on there by Harrison called 'Cry for a

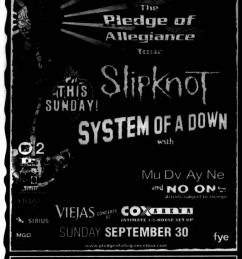
I knew Richardson was right about "Ain't She

Sweet," but it is a well-known fact that though he's Sweet, but it is a well-known fact that though he s never been officially institutionalized, the guy can be a few crayons short in the 64-color box de-partment, get me? I thought Sheridan's drummer, Tom Hidden, a local San Diegan and drummer

Tom Hidden, a local San Diegan and drummer for Rockola might shed more light.

"I got a call from a friend a few years ago when they had the Beatles Fair here in San Diego, and I was told Tony Sheridan's drummer cguldn't show up. My friend says, 'You know all that old stuff, no rehearsal needed, why don't you do it?' So I made it my mission to By by the seat of my pants and make it 'not suck.' It's just three chords are considered to the study of the seat of the study of the seat of the study of the seat and a cloud of dust anyway. Toby Hinkle plays bass, he was already playing with Wolfgang when he came over from Europe. This time we've been playing with Tony for just about two weeks now. We played at the Princess Pub down on India Street, and we did Victor's over on Mission Bay.
It's just the San Diego tour, see?"
Rhythm guitarist Dave Humphries (originally

from Durham, England, but a San Diegan these from Durham, England, but a San Diegan these days) arrives; just then and reveals an accent even thicker than Sheridan's. Humphries is a pleasant bloke with a new easy listening, guitar-oriented CD called Shooting the Berece. (My Gavorite on that one is called "Reagan's Army," about San





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Diego's homeless.) Yet another guitarist named Gary shows up, but I see a chance to speak with Sheridan

pened. In Phillip Norman's 1981 book Shout: The Beatles in Their Generation, his text on this describes Sheridan as "...a wide-eyed, curly haired youth whom all the Beatles — George Harrison especially — regarded with awe... Tony Sheridan, a singer and inspired solo gui-

The guy can be a few crayons short in the 64-color box department.

self and tell him I'm a writer. He sett and tei nim I m a writer. He asks me, "Are you a man to be feared?" and cocks an eyebrow. I am disarmed and laugh too heartily. I ask him if he's promoting a new album or

mething.
"I'm not one of these com mercially minded people. I'm sure I will be when I come back next time because I suppose you've got to spread a bit of hype around." Sheridan's manner is young. The geezer factor disappears as he speaks and completely evaporates onstage. "I've got one that's being repressed if you like. I've got to eave the day after tomorrow back to Germany, where I live. If I'd have been here longer, I would have thought more

about records." "So, you're still playing back

there in Germany?"
"Well, I've never stopped playing. In October I'm going o Argentina. The last few year to Argentina. The last few years I've played in Japan, Canada, all sorts of places. It's all tied up with the old Beatles story, which I can't get out of

Are you sick of it?"

Well, no. I used to get a bit annoyed because people wanted to hear more of that stuff than what I was produc-ing at the time. Put me off my notes a bit. When it starts to block your music, you get a bit angry. Nowadays I just mix-it

Sheridan then points out, although without much rancor, "You know, they didn't pay me for two songs that appeared on | the Beatles| Anthology record. Put me off. 'Cry for a Shadow' and 'Ain't She

weet." Well, it could be argued that was Lennon and Harrison, Sheridan wrote neither, but they did originally appear on Sheridan's album and so I said nothing.

"I'm trying to get some satisfaction, but it's not easy They've been ripping me off for years." He shrugs.
"The Beatles had seen me

ner. Let's go see 'em.

on TV back in Britain, you see, so they came to see me in Ham-burg. I was up there with Cliff Richards; I'd played with Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Conway Twitty — played gui-tar for him. I was doin' that before I even went to Germany. So the Beatles kind of looked up to me, and when they got there [Hamburg], they said, 'He's playing 'round the cor-

tarist with many appearances to his credit on the Oh Boy! television show. His talent, however, was accompanied by habits too blithely erratic to suit the rock-and-roll starmakers.

"Even now the British police were hard on his trail in respect of various hire-purchase irregularities.

Anthony Esmond [Sheridan steered the Beatles past a beckoning doorway, touts for an insider's tour of the Reeper-

bahn's peculiar delights." When Sheridan enlisted the legendary foursome as studio musicians for his Polydor con-tract, the Beatles were fascinated and excited by all the studio gizmos. In, Shout, Nor-man writes, "The Beatles tried out some of their own stuff, but none of it was recognized as anything resembling what was currently popular." "When I saw the Beatles

come into the club I was playin at - they were at the Kaiserkeller, I think," recalls Sheridan that night, still in the parking lot of the Cabrillo Dinner Theater, "with their cowboy boots, their jeans, and their leather jackets. I thought, 'Well, this is my family obviously' be-cause that's how I looked too. You didn't see too many peo-ple in those days who departed from the norm when it came to clothes. A leather jacket was much more than a jacket, it was a declaration of independence 'Course we all had the Elvis hair thing. When you meet somebody who's obviously in the same boat, it gives you the feeling you're doing something worthwhile and that your parents and your teachers were wrong. You need that recognition as well. That's how it was for all of us. You find out, 'Oh? You were an art student? I was

an art student too!' That sort of thing."
"Was there ever any animosity after the Beatles, your backup band, became huge and, in a sense, left you behind

"Absolutely not. Animosity in what sense? When you work together like we did for months on end, it binds you,

"If you were to call up, say, Paul McCartney today, would he take your call? "Well, yeah. I should think

It is time for Dante and the Infernals to go on, and they be-gin "Caravan" with a drum solo. Then Sinatra takes the stage, and I'm looking around

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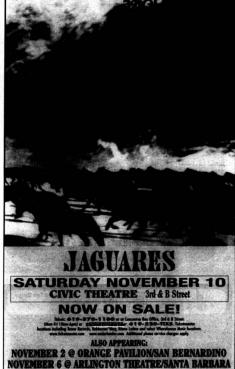
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He figured out a way to steady the guitar in his lap and wedge a butter knife between his thumb and finger.

he Mississippi Delta extends some 200 miles from Memphis south, an area about 70 miles wide between the Mississippi and Yazoo Rivers. What was once dense woodland and swamp with pamthers, bears, and stakes is now the rich-est farmland in the world, thanks to silt deposited by the great rivers and the back-breaking labor of generation after generation of African-American slaves and sharecroppers, who cleared the land, built the dikes,

and turned the wilderness into the and turned the wilderness into the land of King Cotton. In the second half of the 19th Century there were more millionaires in Clarksdale, Mississippi, per capita than in any other town in America; needles to say, none of them were black. Clarksdale is currently the home of the Dalta Blues Minseum.

home of the Delta Blues Museum, a place I hope to one day visit. The a place I hope to one day visit. The museum celebrates the other great product of the Mississippi Delta, blues. There are various theories

about the origins of the blues, but it surely comes out of the field hollers, the work songs of African-American fieldworkers, who car-ried along with them from West Africa a set of different scales and polyrhythms from those of the western musical

tradition. The blues form itself was popularized between 1911 and 1914 by W.C. Handy, along with

a repertoire of songs, but the blues had been evolv-ing at the fish-fries and in the juke joints long before Handy was on the scene. The form itself, as it has come down over time through Handy and others, is customarily played in groups of 12 bars with predominantly major tonality, but with the conspicuous use of blue notes, the flattened third and seventh of the key being played. The blues tradition, like the Delta soil, is among the rich-

There was an article in the New York Timesre-cently about the dying tradition. The reporter, Rick Bragg, spoke to a number of musicians, now old, about the passing of live blues from the Delta. One of the best of the old guard, CeDell Davis, ex-

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plained that crack cocaine had turned the tradi-tional juke joints (roadhouses for gambling, whiskey drinking, dancing, and live blues) into slaughterhouses" over the past 15 years because of the drug and the culture it had created. As for the kids, they're into hip-hop, gospel, country, and soul. What remains of the blues, the live blues, is

usually reserved for festivals and the few enduring weekend clubs. But even in the surviving bars and fishhouses, one is hard-pressed to find blues on the jukeboxes.

Local cultures have been dis-appearing all over the world for a century. Bartók and Kodaly, in Hungary, went out into the countryside of Slovakia, Romania, and closer to home to rescue the native folk music béfore it disappeared, and this was nearly 100 years ago Much of the great Mississippi blues tradition has been recorded, most of it from around 1930,

give or take a few years: Charley Patton, Tommy Johnson, Robert

Charley Patton, Tommy Johnson, Robert Johnson, Skip James, Bukka White, Son House. Some, like Son House, Skip James and Bukka White, survived to be taken up and re-recorded during the blues revival in the '60s. Not a few of them traveled north and turned to described intermental kin Wulds. Waters AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

electrified instruments like Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Robert Nighthawk, Elmore James, B.B. King, and Albert King. You can hear them all, acoustic and electric, on the excellent Rhino selection Mississippi Delta

Some of them like CeDell Davis, crippled by po-lio as a child, stayed put in Mississippi, chording the strings of his baby blue Epiphone guitar with abutter knife. When still young he figured out a way to steady the guitar in his lap and wedge a butter knife between his thumb and fingers, stiff and unwieldy from the polio, and, in the course of time learned to strum with one hand and pinch the strings with the knife. He gets a piercing, distinctive sound, not quite like any other. This Fat Possum CD is good, but I seem to recall another, from a Canadian outfit, that I had four years ago, which is earlier and of higher quality. I suspect it's

Which is earlier and of higher quality. I suspect it's out of print.

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Cabellar Stage The blue is about peoples, and there was a print when the company and the cabellar story. Hip-hop don't tell no story. It don't tell no story about women, men, trains, buses, cars, birds, alleys, stores. Hear, hear, Mr. Drois; In withyou Ten enero then to fine Delta, and I should imagine the lot of blacks living in Mississippi, however improved, is still appalling. But I would also guess mechanization has replaced at least some of the stoop labor and work gangs. Perhaps not. But the lifestyle most assuredly will have altered from the days when black men and women picked cotton all day and partied — when they had the strength, presumaby on weekends the strength, presumably on weekends— at the juke joints: dancing, drinking corn liquor, getting into all manner of trouble, and listening to the local talent or

whichever blues performer was passing through town. In a railroad hub for the region like Clarksdale, all the great regional talent would have shown up to display their musical wares at some point or another.

If you want a taste of Mississippi blues as it continues to be played, these discs by R.I. Burnside, Junior Kimbrough Jessie Mae Hemphill, and James "Son" Thomas are all recommended, in varying degrees. Thomas's Beefsteak Blues catches the performer late in his ca-reer (he died in 1993) He's a limited player but plays in the mainstream Delta style. Thomas grew up on a farm, play-ing in juke joints and

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barrelhouses until he began recording in the '60s His repertoire consists primarily of traditional songs from the region, and the performances have considerable authenticity.

considerable authenticity.
Jessie Mae Hemphill, also a Delta artist, is of another kind. This disc from High Water provides an opportunity to hear what a lively juke-joint performer sounds like, along with the Burnside and Kimbrough discs. Hemphill here plays with a drum and second guitar, and on some cuts she

plays guitar while supplying her own percussion. Her guitar playing is raw, rather limited, but she gets hold of a riff and won't let it go, generating a hymotic effect. Her voice, untrained and full of emotion, amplifies this effect. You can hear in the music something of Big Marna Thornton and Big Maybelle, but Ms. Hemphill is more down-home, and the production values are very stripped down, and the production values are very stripped down. all the better to catch her edge.

The real treats are Kimbrough and Burnside.

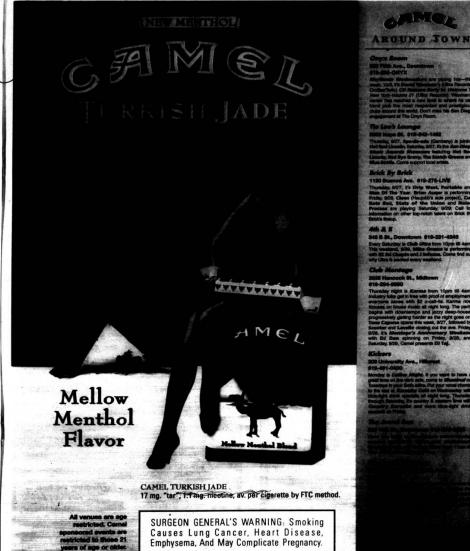
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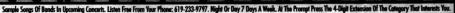
corn-liquor, juke-joint stuff. Burnside is from the stuff. Burnside is from the hill country, northeast of the Delta, and learned his guitar playing from his neighbor, the bottleneck titan Mississippi Fred Mc-Dowell of nearby Como. Burnside has run his own the bielt (with the semijuke joint (with the repu-

extremely "toxic" juke joint) for quite a few years.
Tommy Johnson Kimbrough is one of his neighbor. The Mississippl is nei

as anyone about the blues, coproduced the Fat Possum sides. He has given yeoman service to the Delta blues. But beware of more recent Burnside discs that have been "remixed"; some of the lads in the studio decided Burnside should be marketed for the younger white crowd and have tarted up the music with reverbs and echoes and God knows what else.











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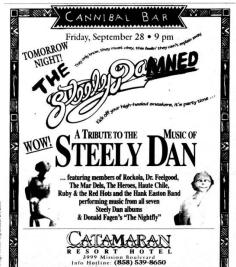
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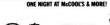
















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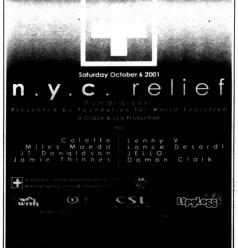
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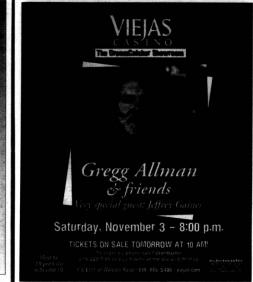
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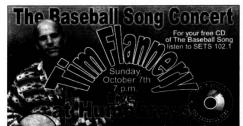
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In his excellent book Our Band Could Be Your In his excellent book Our Band Could Be Your Life: Scenes from the American Indie Underground 1981–1991. Michael Arerrad reminds us it wasn't so long ago that a band as foud and violent as Black Flag and a band as quet and endearingly wussy as Best Happening could both call themselves punk rock.

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"Sushi on the Rock" has a triple meaning.

One, obviously, is the location, near La Jolla's Bird Rock. Second is the rockin' atmosphere— the place draws mainly a young, lively crowd that likes the soundtrack turned way up

The third meaning of the name has to do with the food: At the Rock, they specialize in "rock 'n' rolls" — an exuberant array of big, creative, multi-ingredient sushi, also known as "party rolls." I don't think we're in Kanto (Tokyo's Province, where sushi was invented) anymore: These rolls came out of L.A. about 25 years ago and rocketed to popularity as an all-American pin on the genre — an edible version of Pop Art, oig, brash, and bright. Purists may sniff at them, out to hip younger Japanese, they're as imper

So, too, their La Jolla cousins of all ages, who iam Sushi on the Rock nearly every night, eatiam Sushi on the Rock nearly every night, ear-ing up the party atmosphere along with the "party sushi." (Although a Gen-Y crowd pre-dominates, if your hair's going gray rather than magenta, you'll still find plenty of your peer group at play.) The space looks like a tavern, rectangular with bare floors, bare shiny wooden tables, and exposed support beams high overhead. The sushi counter, manned most times by four chefs of varied ethnicities (the tall white guy is Paul, the owner, is the kitchen door, and third of the house, near the kitchen door, and sports a tropical fish tank (not for eating), a pair of large mute TVs tuned to the sports channel, and, way in back, a shimmery painting of Bird

I'd originally feared that the Rock might t a originally reared that the took might be more "meet market" than serious sushi bar (like the famed San Francisco ear-blaster, Ace Wasabi's), but in one of my inter-views, a prominent French chef told

me he loved it and that I should me he loved it and that I should give it a try. At my first visit a few months ago, we found the menu in a wild state of flux — the sushi was holding

steady, but the dinner dishes were running through the changes. We went on a Sunday evening, a challenging time for any sushi bar because fish wholesalers typically close for the weekend. We started with a bigger challenge yet: uni, sea urchin roe, can turn from manna to trash in two days. Our sushi chef, a handsome, very serious Latino, brought out the equivalent of a jewel safe — a large, shallow styrofoam box

with a ridged interior — and lightly prodded a few uni specimens with a tool resembling a steel chopstick. Enigmatically, he moved a couple of them into a different area of the tray and then chose two succulent paragons — cold, firm, and luscious. The sticky-firm rice was savory with a faint sweet-sour tang, needing no soy-wasabi

Next we tried ama ebi (whole sweet shrimp, their bodies served raw, their sev-ered heads cooked): Prettily presented with their tails flipped NAOMI WISE over their backs, the critters of firm, tender, and really did taste

sweet — they'd been live in a tank just a moment earlier. The surface of the rice was seasoned with a touch of wasabi, and the fried heads were ed ble all the way to the eveballs, rich with a backfill of melted shrimp fat. Now my boyfriend ordered his favorite roll, a spicy scallop handroll with mayo. The chef chopped a large, fresh sea scal-lop into small chunks, which he mixed into the tice with a just-right amount of Japanese mayo and hot sauce, and rolled it all into a tight seaSushi on the Rock

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HOURS: 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. weekdays, 5:00-10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; till 11:00

PRICES: sushi, \$5-\$18: sushi platters, \$14 and 516; appetizers, \$3–\$18; sush platters, \$14 and \$16; appetizers, \$3–\$13; entrées, \$11–\$16 CUISINE: Sushi, emphasizing elaborate "party rolls," plus salads, "fusion" appetizers, and a few simple entrées. Short list of California wines and Japanese sakes includes chilled, fizzy nigori sake; American and Asian beers,

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weed cone. "It's like a spicy fish ice cream cone, said my sweetie with a blissful smile. Once the Rock had aced the tests of these

Once the Rock had aced the tests of these basic rolls, it was...party time! Two of the "rock 'n' rolls" we tried were absolute sock-knockers. An "Orange Crush" had crisp-tender asparagus, crunchy cucumber, green-dyed wasabi tobiko (flying fish caviar), and creamy avocado rolled in that perfect rice, with slices of rich, raw salmor wrapped around the exterior and daikon sprout waving from the end pieces. The flavors were ocean-fresh: the taste and texture contrasts riv eting - a brilliant combination. A "Shrimp Tempura Roll" proved equally inventive, going way beyond a mere piece of fried shrimp wrapped in seaweed. This plump chub wore a coral-colored sheet of deep-fried salmon skir wrapped around shredded crab, warm tempura-fried shrimp, daikon sprouts, and black sesame seeds, dressed with streaks of Japanese mayo. I could see why a French chef would love this place: A seg-ment of this roll would be right

frites," asked for the meat well

done, and doused everything on

the plate with le ketchup.

ose up, for just a buck apie

reamy mayonnaise sauce. At our first two visits, the At our first two visus, the lists of appetizers and entrées were still going through con-niptions. Those dishes are prepared in the kitchen, rather than the sushi bar, so all evening, To our right, a couple of early-20ish young women — evident sushi newbies — were working on their own shrimp tempura roll. They'd seeming whenever we ordered a nor tempura roll. They d seemingly learned just a small part of the sushi ritual (the wasabi-soy slurry dip) but not the rest. The ponytailed brunette with retro harlequin eyeglasses poured perhaps a half cup of soy sauce into her seasonings succr and stirred in about a ressushi dish, our chef had to flag down a passing waitress to ask "We still have that?" (Half the time the waitress could only shrug.) The popular Hong Kong Noodles of yore now seem to be gone for good; what's left in the entrée department is a saucer and stirred in about a tea spoon of wasabi. Then she choice of two bento boxes and delicately picked up a piece of the shrimp tempura roll in her chopsticks and dropped it into a couple of fish dishes. To cap off our "Happy Hour" visit last spring, we tried the panko-crusted sea bass, served on sweet the sov mixture, swished it around, lifted it, and dunked the other side before taking her first bite of it. Between nibbles potato purée with a garnish of halved red light bulb tomatoes and a nice dip. It was okay, with a crisp surface reminis-cent of a piscean chicken-fried steak, but overall the dish seemed sort of perfunctory. on the now-soggy roll, she speared shreds of pickled gin-ger on her chopsticks and dunked them, too, into the slurry, like vegetables for a fon-due. It reminded me of some stereotypical Yankee tourists I once saw in a Parisian restau-rant: They ordered "le steak

By now, the menu has set tled down again. Some appetizers that vanished in spring (shrimp shui mei and una tower) are back, even i others, such as the "foie grarolls" are truly extinct. At least one, a "smoked salmon roll," seems to be back if you ask for it - the restaurant still carries the lox for the Philadelphia

stuffed with spicy tuna shreds

cooked all the way through

(unless it's canned), and tha

night, at least, the panko bar

as it was again a few minutes later on a bargain-priced bowl-ful of fried calamari. But I loved

"the Incredible Hulk," a tasty

twist on the ubiquitous "Dyna-mite," with mussels and fresh

crab shreds quickly baked in a

was thick and a little greasy,

Through a great exertion of will, we returned our eyes to our own sushi and tried to keep focused on them. A "Rainbow Roll" proved a classic beauty, with crab and cucumber at the This visit, we made sure to try a couple of formerly endangered appetizers. Don't expect Chinese-style dim sum if you order the shrimp shui mei — they're little puffs made ore of a long roll of rice wrapped uccessively with shrimp, almon, sea bass, yellowtail, amachi, and ahi; the tuna, hough, was on the tough side. of minced shrimp bound in Chuck's Mani Wowie" is a béchamel (white sauce) in a naller offering of tempura-ied spicy tuna, crab, and thick, buttery cream sauce. The "tuna tower" turns out to be a very tall upside-down martini vocado, appealing for those who prefer their fish completely glass, with an outpouring of cooked. "Slippery When Wet" ived up to its name — a big, oose "reverse roll" (the rice is same seeds ornamenting the bottom (formerly top) of the stem and the slope of the bowl. outside) of tempura shrimp, cuke, crab, with eel and avo-The upturned base of the stem forms a platform that's lavered cado — and, unannounced on the menu — sweet eel sauce, a with chopped ahi, crab, and avocado, decorated with a daub of wasabi crème fraiche, and a thick soy-and-molasses combo Order that, and it'll be your few grains of tobiko (flying fish roe). I thought the concept was fine, but the tuna that evening was of mixed quality: Like last sushi of the evening; it's dessert fish. (But you can always ell your chef "hold the sauce Goldilocks' porridge, some was pallid and watery, some was dark and slightly tough, and you're not ready for so much tness.) We dashed back in a few

ys later for Happy Hour, some was just right. We concluded with an vhen you can get smaller serv gs of a number of house appetizer order of mixed tem pura of shrimp and vegetables. Unlike the Happy Hour's cala-mari last spring, this batter was exquisitely light. The dipping ialties at Rock-botton rices (\$1-\$3.50). As we arrived, blond surfer dude was just eaving, calling out to his chef, 'Hey, thanks, I loved your Mon-sey Balls!" No way I could pass sauce was a vibrant combina tion of light soy and dashi (bonito broth). The portion was large, too, just right for two to share as a final course

after appetizers or a few sushi. But we couldn't resist — before we left we had to have another Orange Crush. When it comes to sushi, the Rock rocks.

OW TO EAT SUSHI

1. Sushi is finger food. Chopsticks are okay; fingers

2. Make up some soy-wasabi slurry dip before the sushi arrives, if you want to, but taste your sushi before you use it, and dip your sushi only if it needs more flavor. Really good sushi rarely does. In a good sushi bar, the surface of the rice on each roll (and the fish itself) should have all the seasoning that's needed.

When your first roll

arrives, taste both the fish and the rice very carefully, taking sliced roll) and carefully dip it fish side down into the soy time to savor them both. In wasabi slurry. Don't dip the fancy "party rolls," enjoy the combination of various ingre-dients and their harmony. Sushi makes everything get soggy and flavors are mostly subtle and nat ural, not show, theatrical flavors (except in modern "spicy" rolls).
4. If the sushi roll really needs a flavor boost, pick up the

roll (or a piece of it, in a larger

fall apart.
5. The pickled ginger sliv ers are for clearing your palate between bites or between rolls. They're not a vegetable that your mommy insists that you eat.

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Artistic Sausage

There's an apple strudel back on University with my name written on it.

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s this place on fire? Seems like smoke is coming out from under the sidewalk overhang. Then you see people dancing in it! Holding their arms out. Yelling, "Mercy!" "Anauh!" "Cool at last!" Turns out it's fine water sprayed above the outside tables and chairs. I stand a couple of mo-

outside tables and chairs. I stand a-ments under it and — wow. Outside air con. You get cool but you don't get wet. Brilliant. This is Claire de Lune. North

Park. Naturally, I stop for a cof-fee to enjoy this thing. The place is great. Deliberately grand, dowdy, mustard walls, scarlet vel-

dowdy, mustard wans, scarlet ver-vet curtains, deep old couches. They have food too, but right now, around 6 in the evening, it seems like mostly cookies and tarts. I take my coffee (\$1.35) outside. Sun's sinking I take my coffee (\$1.35) outside. Sun's sinking down into Kanasa Street. Through the swirling mist it gives the world a backlit gauzy look. People Iadie in and out of reality. Perfect. except for one thing. I'm hongry. "Could try the farmers' market tonight." says this guy Drew. He looks out from his pile of psychology books. 'Down on North Park Way. It's Thrusday, right Lots of food stalls. Organic. That kind of thing.

Hat to loave the graps -coder but I'll be back.

Saw a sloppy-looking apple strudel (\$1.75) wait-ing to be somebody's dessert.

Sure enough, a block away, where 29th hits

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Bernie. "I am from Bavaria. My granddad was a butcher there. The only other place you'll get this sausage is at the San Diego Yacht Club. My dad is their executive chef. Of course, first you have to pay, like, \$17,000 to join. Hee hee. So we're a little cheaper."

earthiness of the braiwurst. Hearty. And that sets up the sharper sauerkraut. But what's good about the

ter, add bacon for flavor, salt and pepper and parsley

in an office with a view — of an underground arking garage." "We decided to do this a year ago," says Heidi.

"We decided to do this a year ago," says Heidi. Bernie's knoewer soor — he lays marble and tile. Idd therapeutic massage, We had done some catering, We belong to the German-American Society, so we always do Oktoberfest. My mom kept saying, "Why don' tyou do if till "lime at fairs?" So me day we said, 'Let's just do in'. And we did. Farmers' markets and fairs. This way we can keep our prices down. No building overhead. No employees, no electricity, I decorated the tent. The dasies are supelectricity. I decorated the tent. I he classes are sup-posed to be edelweiss. We go to festivals, to the La Jolla farmers' market Sunday mornings, vintage-car night in El Cajon on Wednesdays, and here Thursdays. North Park is wonderful. Bohemian.

Lots of artists. We love the life. Every day's a picnic."
It's getting dark. The market is coming down around us. Heidi and Bernie lift away their concrete anchors, and — fwop! The whole tent collapses into one large folded umbrella. "Is that a hint?" I ask. I liberate their last chair. I have one more task.

There's an apple strudel back on University with my name written on it.

Frozen Change Machinery

"The wine-making industry is much more secretive than the brewing industry.'

ct us suppose you are the winemaker at guably the most spectacularly priced Cabernet in all of Napa. It is crush season—grapes are being gathered in from the fields, enough yerushed in bladder presses, and fermented under your watchild eye, But despite your careful attention to every variable, all does not go as competion faster than you could have hoped. The dealy executive the property of the

their gluttonous life ended by the v-products of their own feast-

ng, are dropping out of the wine more rapidly han usual. And the aromas, the flavors! Something different vet characteristic, something

thing unlike any other Napa Cabernet.

Could it be the yeast? You carefully preserve your culture until the next harvest, when the whole process is once again set in motion — and voila! The same results! Somehow, you have run across what you believe to be a unique strain of yeast, one specially suited to your winemaking needs. But if it arose without your intervention

in the section of the gives them survival. They can take the pyruvate

"That's the chemical formula, but there are all sorts of parts of this pathway where things are taken out or secreted out of the cell, and they be-come flavor compounds. Depending on its enzymatic makeup, the normal metabolism of a yeast will throw off different types of flavor com-pounds. It doesn't happen by chance. Each individual strain"—

yeast strains are differentiated by their metabolisms — "is going to produce a [distinct] set of these tently if it's in the same starting medium every time." Your chief interest in White.

RESTAURANTS

of course, lies in his ability to preserve your par ticular strain. "Usually, somebody will give us something - it might be some kind of brothsomething— it might be some kind of broth— and say, 'I know there's a certain yeast in here.' Often, we have to do several purifications to isolate out the correct yeast." Using a pure culture technique that has not changed substantially since the late 1800s, White and company "keep streaking the mixture of yeast cultures along on a solid medium until we get individual colonies. Different strains can sometimes grow differ ently on the plates, but even if they don't, you can take them and do fermentation trials and some genetic analysis and kind of map out the characteristics that way."

Once they locate the strain in question, White Labs will cryogenically freeze a single cell of the yeast, thus preserving it until it is once again needed to work its magic on the juice of the grape.
"There are other methods [of preservation], but when veasts aren't frozen, they can always change a little bit. They grow ever so slightly, and as they grow, they mutate. Mutation happens a lot ir yeast; it's just a single cell, and so it's not like there are other cells in a tissue that can combat it by not mutating." Wine yeasts tend to be more stable than some other yeasts, since they possess multiple copies of each of their 16 chromosomes. If one copy of a chromosome changes, the other copies may prevent the change from manifesting

itself. But the chance for change is still there. The advantage to yeast's single-cell stature is that it is relatively hardy, being used to a harsher envi-

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ronment than tissue-comforted cells, and so takes Preparation of a new batch takes about three weeks. Cells are placed in progressively larger tanks of liquid broth, where they multiply up to the desired volume. The broth is laced with a the desired volume. The broth is laced with a broad range of sugars, each of which Turns on a different genetic pathway" within the yeast. "If we have more sugars available, the yeasts will fer-ment better when they see those sugars jinvolved, in wine fermentations." White distinguishes this from the growth of mass-produced yeasts des-tined for drying, "To make dry yeast cost effective, these they have been sugarded to the s they use a beet molasses; that kind of changes the

yeast's metabolism right there, because it's a dif-ferent sugar, a different carbon source."

Drying, a preservation technique in use since ancient Egypt, also "puts some mutational pressure on the yeasts, because they don't want to be dried down. You have a higher mutation fre-quency. You also introduce bacteria and other wild yeasts, because you can't [sterilize] the vol-ume of air it takes to dry yeast." The bacteria and wild yeasts may not be a health hazard, but they

can be fatal to your flavor profile. Finally, you can only expect 60 to 70 percent of the yeast you dry to make it back into active duty.

ne Y Ale

White avoids these problems by growing his yeast and shipping it live, in a nutrient solution that keeps it alive without letting it grow with abandon. "It's about ten times more expensive to make it this way," says White, "and it has a shelf life of a few months," as opposed to dried yeast's two or three years. But, he says, you get almost a hundred percent viability in the yeast you buy, and you can actually dial in exactly what you want If you want a little bit of residual sweetness. if you want a fittle bit of residual sweetness, if you want a certain kind of fruity flavor profile, you can go through a list of a hundred yeast strains and pick out exactly what you want."

Very convenient, unless you already have what you want and are concerned primarily with mak-ing sure that no one else ever gets ahold of it. For a certain price, White Labs will keep your yeast just for you, and they may not even know who "you" are. "I don't even know what wineries use our yeast," admits White. "We work with dis-tributors; I can't even say who the distributor is. The winemaking industry is much more secretive than the brewing industry. I think it's because



Heidi brings out the two plates. The hot sausage Heidi brings out the two plates. The hot sausage in the bun, potato salad, a bigs wind of sauerkraut, and a Pepsi. Tony and I pile on some extra flavorings — spicy dijon mustard, vellow mustard, onions, pickled relish, ketchup, and jalapeños — then go sit down at the only table, a fold-out jobright in the street. Eating in the road. Great! The first taste, the one that sticks with you, is the certaings of the Probastival Heavity. And that sets under of tents and tables stacked with organic veggies and people sauntering and smells of fruit and smoked fish and aguy named Kwame selling incense sticks. "Next!" Cheery lady is at a counter sticking through a blue and white square tent decorated with daisies. "Heidii and betrine's German Bratwurst. and Much More Great Food," says its hanging sign. This must be Heidi. And the blond, tousle-haired guy in shorts and apron sizzling

the sharper suserkraul. But what's good about me suserkraut is if no bitter. Actually, it's quite sweet. "I make it up," says Heidi. "I drain it to lessen the sour taste. Then I add bay leaves and juniper berries." Bernie does the potato salad. "It's traditional Bayarian," he says. "It has no mayo, no eggs, no preservatives. I just mix in oil and vinegar and wa-

Sometimes cumin seed too, like my grandpa used to."
"You two sure live the good life," says Tony,
looking at their tanned faces. "Me, I work all day

The Place: Heidi and Bernic's German Bratwurst Tent, at the North Park Thursday Night Market, between 29th and 30th Streets, on North Park Way, North Park (619-588-1288)

and 30th Streets, on North earn visy, course was sur-room to the Property of Food Cerman susage, humburgers

Pricess: Bartwerst susage, Polish susage, Louissana hot link, or smoked turkey and chicken susage, in bun, \$400, hot old, \$2.75. "double double" cheeseburger, \$4.50; Single burger, \$3.00; platter with sawage in bun, suserkrust, potato salad, drink, \$6.00

The Place: Claire de Lune Lounge, 2906 University Avenue, North Park (619-688-9845; www.clairedelune.com Type of Food: Coffee, soup, sandwiches, desserts
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The guy, Tony, nods. "I'm back for the Nearest Bus Stop: 30th and University

the burger patties has to be Bernie.

Hmm. I do a quick "alterna-tives" check up the tent line. I see tortillas, smoked fish on crackers,

organic veggies, tamales. But this German bratwurst sounds like it's the filler food l

need. The menu board is pretty simple. "Bratwurst sausage in bun, \$4.00. Kosher Polish sausage, \$4.00. Louisiana Hot Link, \$4.00. Smoked Turkey and

Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Gar-lic, \$4.00. Hot Dog, \$2.75. Double Double Burger, \$4.50 (with two quarter-pound patties and cheese). Single burger, \$3.00. Drinks 75 cenfs."

And they've added a deal. "Platter with sausage

in bun, sauerkraut, potato salad, and drink, \$6.00."
"I'll take the platter with the bratwurst, "I say.
"Me too," says the guy behind me.
"Oh, you were here last week, right?" says Heidi.





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JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain
with a good Cajun corporate name
(Landry's) based in southern Louistana
wouldn't survive without some pluses
besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Loe's is silly with crab shack amphere, loe is saily with crab shake aim-biance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli." fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab

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their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scramtheir PBS Patcakes, Bacon and Scram-biel eggs. Or the breakfast sundividuals on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB burger (chicken breast, green chili, pica sauce). Best timer foggy mornings. Chow down on their pasio on the pica while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists be-low. Inexpensive, breakfast and lunch only.— et al.

QWIIGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa QWIIGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ozean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good stubi har, sprightly slada, and fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service, Long flight of stairs to the diring room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily, Moderate to expensive. — E.W. RISTORANTE MICHELANGELO

2806 Shelre Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-9478. The vast diming room is a good place for family diming, with children especially wekome. Pizza, passa, and shrimp fare well finer. Recipe cover the range of Italian cuisine. Driver on the control of the contro SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAU

RANT 3049 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686, It's small, but Suppore has big deals. Particularly the hinch specials that usually give you a miss soup; salida, and a combo such as chicken terisaki and California rolls and whate rice — all presented like a state of the control of the state of the control of the control of the control of the state of the control of the control of the control of the state of the control of the control of the control of the state of the control of the control of the control of the state of the control of

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Saska's is the perfect spot for insomniacs. Hearty breakfasts, which can include rearry orearrasts, which can include meat and eggs, are served Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.; the dinner hour extends to 2:00 a.m. as well. Saturday and Sunday brunches offer Mexican specialties.

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish best, this renowned stant our others too of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come eas-ily. First, find the place. Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (oppose Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors', choices, wat hing for off menu extravaganzas, cg., sea-nails, cooked over Haming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (unt non, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the ams-bi, with crop where phenological artypically flash baked

Open daily, lunch and dinner uous service weekends. Inexp upper moderate. — E.W. Ota-san's away, his elves may play— amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar-seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled-ac-cess chancy: long, crowded waits un-less you've reserved. Moderate.— N. W.

THE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Stree

Loma Portal, 619-223-8197. For bar-gain hunters who like vast portions and home-style Italian cooking, try this family restaurant. The pizza is mar-

velous. For entrées, try shrimp scam veious. For entrees, try surings scamp over linguine or eggplain parmiginan. One dining room is partially outdoors. Complete menu to go. Reservation: taken for parties of six or more. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Inexpensiv (pasta, pizza) to moderate. — E.W.

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach

OLD TOWN &

MISSION VALLEY

CAFE COYOTE 2461 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-4695. Car

nue, Old Town, 619-291-4695. Git Croyete is a good upot for a light Mexican meal with Southwest influence See the stale acter are black bean child successfulla with papaya relish, care insula, carmia, and Margarita chicker Breakfast inchades blue corn pancke and American dishes. Young adult gather here. Open daily, breakfast lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, casy-going North Italian cooking, Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-gartic bread (acfresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (ac-tually a mini-pizac crust). Palsas (many-featuring fresh seafood) are near-per-fect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. sive. - N.W.

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard,
Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a beef
lover, try the Texas burger served on a
Kaiser roll with steak fires. Stay with
beef here. Dark interior with large
booths. Very crowded for both brunch
and dinner on Sunday, Early bird dinner Monday through Saturday for
57-95. Câll for hours. Open daily,
lamb Mondew through Suturday din. inch Monday through Saturday, din r nightly. Brunch Sunday. Moderat expensive. — F. W.

great bargain Japanese restaurant. Autong the best are the combination lates which contain seame chicken, empura, and gyoza dumplings. The regetable and shrimp tempura is out-tanding. Closed Sunday, Lunch and dimer Monday through Saturday, In-sepensive. — E.W.

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERI-CAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-3442, www.na-

tivegrill.com. This place feels like some-one's baronial country retreat. Since 1917, it has sat under a grove of Cali-fornia Live Oaks 60 miles east of down-town. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark tim-bers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you'd brought your tie But don't worry. Jim Buel and his fam-ily keep prices reasonable and attitude casual. They collected Native Americasual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create a pretty interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs legs in a cornmeal cuts, or hunter's stew with vension and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Sokomish Huckberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive — E.B.

MAX DELI AND MARKET 734 12th Street, East Village, 619-239-9568. Ar-chitectural students, diesel mechanics. chitectural students, diesel mechanics, and guys off the street hang out at this restaurant-market in one of Center City's more knockabout neighborhoods. Don't worry. Max is South Korean, a lifelong sea captain. He can handle any little problems. Fact is, this is real neighborhood. Some customers have been coming in 10, 15 years for a sandwich and a beer, Best buys are sandwich and a beer. Best buys are Max's thick homemade soups and his sandwiches. And at least one regular swears Max serves up the 'best hot dogs this side of Coney Island.' Breakfast and lunch. Closed Sunday. Inexpen-

OLD OAK INN 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of way-out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. Makes a great Sunday drive destina-tion. The family who runs it has been tion. The family who runs it has been homestedning this patch of country since 1888. So naturally the food is good, sold traditional American fare, from ham, cogs-and hash brown potatos to barbecode bede "pited high" on a toasted burn with French frees and alad, to the three piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open seven days, lunch and

619-445-1008. You're 2000 feet up here, and the mountain air sharpens your appetite. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday mornrecipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morn-ing, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fra-grant smoke to flip the racks of beer and pork ribs. In good weather you can RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109
Maine Avenue, Lakeside,
619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are
the two blue-gred Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside instrution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered one-time produce barn near the
rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides
under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending or

TOSHI SUSHI 5943 El Cajon Boule vard, College Area, 619-287-3536, 12 appetizers, 20 items of sushi, 19 spe-cialty rolls — all excellent and excitring — are served in a modest premise that seats 10 at the sushi bar and holds 12 tables. The hot mushroom special. the "3 of a kind roll," and the Toshi tempura roll are all worth the trip. Din-

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 Na

LAO & CHINISE CUISINE 2212 Na-tional Avenue. Logan Height, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is asm ple place. Iarge and spare around formic tables, that serves uncompli-cated, home syle Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the lath, a spic valued with poached minced best, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime iuse, hot pep-per, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy

ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), tom yum soup, and pho and piad si-ese noodle dishes, hexpensive.— M.N.

LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAU-

RANT 3983 54th Street, corner of University in K-Mart Shopping Mall, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Ca jon Boulevard (at Fairmount) jon Boulevard (at Fairmount),
10-563-3666, seww.amara-sd.com.
The fare here ideriteen (which proves
very similar to Ethiopian), and the
menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is
a terrific array, including top-notch
the bid selfen (known as ye-door out on
Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg
in a rich, dark succ., a similar dish with PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Las dis), North Park, 619-291-4090. Is that Cher pulling up a chair? There's a def-inite Moonstruck atmosphere about this place. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, pai in a rich, dark susce, a similar dish with beef, ground growd (lighthy seared mean cubes in spicy butter), and lamb al'oba, a stir-fly in a mild curry susce, from the à la carte choices, consider zilzit Pois, char grilled meat in butter, and kulwa, a sprighthy stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegtable dishes are usious, too. Entres are served commu-nally on a tray lined with a poreous para-kale, nigra, which serves a an edible among and childer tables (the ..., use started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Fictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian amandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance priced "daily specials" like gegglant parmean and spughetti with mealbalia, public saled and gritic bread. Regular plans saled and gritic bread. Regular period, too. Lines period; — E.B. cake, nigra, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces off to scoop up monels (in your right hand). Mosts are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and teasoned to your specifications (understand that "hot" means seriously spicy). Open adalys septratum friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only, Inexpensive. — N.W. PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 Unive

PEXIX RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese catery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton, his grandchilden now run tand it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red vasseled hanging lanterns woth transducent pictures of songhirds, mother of pearl add decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush era. Cantonese-American, sho suev., show Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. PHOENICIA 3381 Adams As

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running catery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree, an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and Eng-"Phoenicia" written in Arabis and Eng-lish. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, 100. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the Auffa kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the kibbeh neyeh, raw lamb with

Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from crowing cards bearing goodles. The huge room is perfect for large parties (201 dahed) to reserve or banquets. Not to be missed are folster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness rab in spiral sauce, and frog legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. I neepensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, 619-285-1635. This storefront Street, 6.19-285-1635. This storefront cafe with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well prepared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, banana squash with picy yogurt suuce. Lunch and dinner buffet of basmati rice with six topping or \$6.49. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams ADMAS VENUE GRILL 2001 Auton Averuse. University Heights, 619-208-8400, The frequently shape, ing menu tries to embrase several dis-parate styles, and can't quite get its state of the state of the state of the state to the state of the state of the state of the mary falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely he has made state of the property and frenderiness vellow and state of the state of the state of the bands. Sough secrete lawsh attention, and sometimes live up to their billing—the state of the state of the

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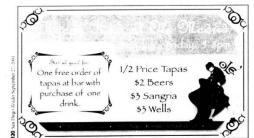
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FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, 619 544 0940. Excellent, sery fresh fish and seafood dinners are to be found here. The price of the en-tree includes soup or salad. Best beris-the bargain-price per couple prix fixe

dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. A la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add sachet to the evening. Open daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. = EW

Moderate. — E.W.
ECHIBAN 1440 University Avenue.
619–299-7203. Is this Parso or Toksof
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COUNTY THAT AND A STATE AND A (idslightly dry) "three-flasor" whose men fish, accompanied by jammy garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetirers, though, are mainly greasy fried wraps, and the veg-etarian dant turns too many dishee bland (even when they're spiev), since the kitchen shum. Thailand visit-based "se-ert stuses," marp fait. It doesn't hely that the flesh components (shrimps, cha ken,

etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the cluborate vegetarian versions. Lunch he elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate.

MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 Uni versity Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A splendid place to or-der a feast for a large party (give at least four hours notice). Banquet dishes infour hours notice. Banquet dishes include casserole soup, scallops in perper, General Tso's chicken, and shrimen in Chiners suice. New vegetariam entential over twenty items. Imitation hicken, bec. and poth prepared from yor wheat gluten. Entree from the men unay be Americanized and are of average competence. Open daily for lunch and alimet; Inexpensive.

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, 619-2200-9992. The two withers are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecand dinner offer California food with Asian all Lanion midences. Lots of drent under \$10.00. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate.—E-W. THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 45/4
Park Boulevard, Hills rest, 50/9 295-7275. A small house provide a charming setting for duning. The celectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetiers. Open week does, there meals, weekensk for bransh and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. E.W.

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619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N.

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ose I am obligated to REVIEW car myself away from t and to start seeing ome movies again, or, is with this week, writ-DUNCAN SHEPHERD

ng about them whether I have seen

y or not. On topic number one, there is not lot I can say within my orbit. The ft-heard remark that the attack on the World Trade Center was "like a movie" is true enough, I guess, as far as it goes. It goes little farther, howver, than a few seconds of "action news" footage, after which you begin to count the ways in which it is not like a movie: no Bruce Willis to take charge of the situation, no Britishccented archfiend, no two-hour resolution, no emotional insulation, etc. No doubt the remark can be taken as kind of compliment to the realism of today's special effects, but the pursuit of reality in such movies tends to be short-winded: limited to those few

seconds of ka-boom that seem to add up in so many minds (until September 11, at any rate) to a whole movie, It's a reasonable surmise, then, that

the postponement of a number of

movies as well as tele-vision shows on the upcoming schedule — the Arnold Schwarze-

negger anti-terrorist adventure, Collateral Damage, the bomb-on-a-plane comedy. Big Trouble, and others — is no more out of respect for the victims than out of abashmen at their own inadequacy to the subject a tacit admission of their mediocrity Courage of conviction, fairly under-standably, has been in short supply on the Hollywood front. (A film such as The Little Drummer Girl, which I am startled to realize is now seventeen years old, or in other words a practi cal "classic," would have no need of apology or refuge.) One of the smooth tongued defenses of screen violence we might remind ourselves, is that it's a reflection of reality; and an accurate reflection, even if it's not what even one wants to see at a time like this, might be thought to have some use in

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coming to grips with reality. Inaccua long time before any new seriousness rate reflections, in any event, have clearly been shown to have no voodoo of resolve could show up on screen; and there's no reason to hope from effectiveness in keeping reality at bay recent experience that, when and if it Will things now - as the optimists did, it would look much different from wiii things now — as the optimists have been quick to predict — begin to change in Hollywood? Will a sudden sobriety descend? With production schedules as they are, it's going to be the seriousness of Pearl Harbor. Hard though it is to swallow or digest, that gooey hallelujah was in fact the face of seriousness in the season just past.

And now that that title has spilled out onto the table, allow me to won-der aloud whether quite so many people would have likened the attack on the Twin Towers to that on Pearl Harbor had it not been for that sum-mer blockbuster and its attendant promotion/exploitation, still fresh in mind. (Here again the ways in which

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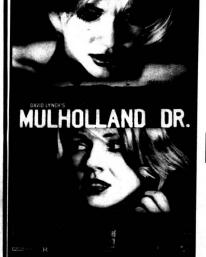


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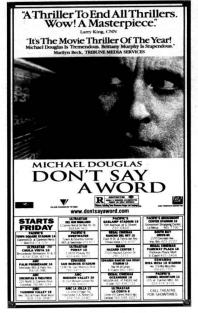
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it was unlike Pearl Harbor weigh down it was unlike Pearl Harbor weigh down the scales: no television coverage back then, no civilian targets, no action within American borders, no immediately identifiable enemy, etc.) I myself am prone to doubt it very much. And that, I'm afraid, is the best I can say in tribute to the "power" of contemporary

The recent death of Pauline Kael The recent death of Pauline Kael (mercifully preceding September 11) brought forth numerous commemor rations of her importance as a critic, her influence, and her running comat with her important and influential colleague, Andrew Sarris. As she was never all that important or influential with me (though it would be dishon et to say not at all), I could not connect with much of what I've been reading. The fundamental difference between Sarris and Kael, now that the shooting match has faded to a distant echo, might be simplified like so: Sarris made his big splash in the Sixties (as a con-duit of French criticism) by turning the spotlight to the past, reassessing the American cinema up to the point when he cannonballed into the water, and he then became progressively less 'relevant" (or important or influen tial) as his anointed auteurs vanished from the scene and the ripples of his splash subsided; Kael, at the height of spiash substituce, Kael, at the regiment her power (or importance or influence) in the Seventies, preferred to play the tout, placing her bets and staking her reputation on selected tyros of the New American Cinema, Coppola, De Palma, Scorsese, Altman, Lucas, Spielberg, Kershner, Kaufman, Beatty, Toback, et al. Hindsight, contrary to the old saw, is not 20/20, but it does tend to be more reliable than prophecy. and Sarris's enthusiasms unsu ingly hold up better than Kael's:









Hawks and Hitchcock, let's say, bet-ter than Coppola and De Palma. But that doesn't make Sarris the more important and influential. By an irony, Sarris, who continu

By an irony, Sarris, who continues to ply his trade in the pink pages of The New York Observer long after his deposal from The Village Voice, has become more susceptible to the sort of liberal-humanist stuff he once would have classified, in his seminal The American Cinema, as "Less Than Meets the Eye" or "Strained Seriousness." By a similar irony. Kael, the oraying opponent of Sarris's imported auteur theory," set about erecting her own pantheon of auteurs from scratch The theory was all right, apparently, as long as she was the one with the say-so in implementation. To her credit, she could, and would, turn against her pets when she found that they had misbehaved or made a mess on the carpet. To her discredit, how-ever, she had been guilty in the first place of elevating them too soon, too fast, and too high. One of the things I didn't hear enough about in the eu-logies, and to my mind her largest legacy, was her infusion of hyperbole into the critical debate, her saber-rat thing escalation of critical rhetoric. I can't be troubled to document this in detail (I gave away my copy of I Lost It at the Movies to a visiting film scholar If at the Movies to a visiting film scholar from Soviet Georgia, and I failed to ac-quire the later compilations that came along like clockwork during her New Yorker years), but I believe I can recall for one paraphrased example, that her review of De Palma's *The Fury* (reprinted in full in the ads) proclaimed that the demise of the villain, by means of demise of the villain, by means of telekinetic combustion, was the single greatest demise of a villain in all of screen history. This was typical of her bullying attempts to dictate the tone and direction of discussion. (Another bullying tactic her babitual use of the first-person plural in describing her responses — not the monarchal "we," but the mob "we" — so often wringing from the squirming reader a response of "Speak for yourself!" If, in the case at hand, you felt it was not — as it obviously wasn't — the greatest demise in screen history, then what was it? The fiftieth greatest? The five hundredth greatest? The fifth or sixth silliest? How far do you want to be drawn into such a discussion

In her hyperbole, even more than in her hyperbole, even more than in her handicapping, Kael pointed the way to the future. This — the contin-ual upping of the ante, the raising of the volume, the pounding on the table - could be seen as the critical equivalent of the rising tide of special effects and stunts on the screen, the constant quest to top and to outdo. the impulse to strong-arm. (Even those who embraced Sarris's taste were apt to do so in Kael's rhetoric.) The de-velopment of the language of blurbs, along with the dependence of studios on these in their advertising, owes a good deal, it seems to me in retro-spect, to Kael alone. Or to Kael more than to any other. She can scarcely be held accountable for all the bad taste and bad writing of her emulators (or of the emulators of her emulators), just as her spirited defense of the vigor and vitality of good old-fashioned Hol-lywood "trash" — in pointed contrast lywood "trash" — in pointed contrast to the effeteness and rarefaction of the foreign "art film" — cannot be blamed directly for *The Mummy Returns* and *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*. But indi-rectly, maybe. Distantly, Fractionally, Her hands, like Lady Macbeth's, can people weathed completely clean. Adnever be washed completely clean. And I doubt, what's more, that it would be



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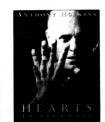
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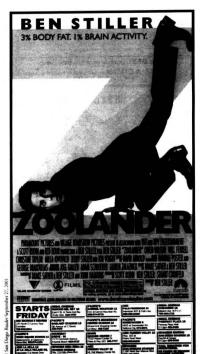
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altogether unjust to suggest that her predilections as a tout and a prognosticator have, in similar fashion, degenerated into the current concern with the "buzz" and the box-office with who and what are hot, who and what are not. What I guess I am trying to get across is that the greater nportance and influence of Kael e Sarris have been, on balance, a bad thing for movies.

Speaking of importance and in-fluence: the Museum of Photographic a-half month series on Orson Welles. is precursors and successors. Close to thirty years ago, in my graduate days I co-taught a course on the very same subject, with some of the same films. The subject back then did not seem quite so remotely historical, so hermetically academic. Welles, for one thing, was still alive and making movies — or trying to. Pauline Kael's The Citizen Kane Book, a major antiauteur broadside, was hot off the pre And the wide-angle lens remained a common filmmaker's toy at the time, and the deep-focus and/or low-angle composition a common use of it. Notwithstanding the trendy advance of those mush-making tools, the tele photo lens and rack focus.) Today I can when I see a film by Brian De Palma or, less frequently, John Frankenheimer. But it seems increasingly rare that 1 am called upon as a mode goer to notice something as basic as nposition or angle, much less any thing as distinctive as "Wellesian."

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L'Ago d'Or - One of Bunuel's two early ions to the Surrealist cause, who t mattered most. Unlike the other and ea lier one. Un Chien Andalou, this one was unavailable to the public for a long tim five decades or so. It is also much longer than the other in minutes and much more vertly, dogmatically political in conten For one reason or the other, it doesn't hold up as well, and if you aren't carried away by the excitement of seeing it for the first time it has some pretty dull stretches in it. Some of the scurrilities certainly retain their ess, as when the second barrel of a shotgun is emptied into a young boy on whom the first barrel thoroughly did the job. Others, like the equation of Christ and the Marquis de Sade, have gone moldy

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America's Sweethearts — An alterna-tive-universe Hollywood where a married pair of superstars — it will not be helpful to think of Cruise and Kidman, Burton and Taylor, Bogart and Bacall - have appe together in nine consecutive boffo block busters (the samples we see of their work are on a par with the standard big-scree sendups of TV soap opera); where the fe-male half has met with a disapproving pub lic and two straight flops since their breakup; where two years after the split there somehow remains an unrel effort directed by a three-time Oscar wir ner who, looking like the wild-haired Ben Gunn of Treasure Island, is editing the pro ject in Kubrickian secrecy inside the Una where the head of the studio must wait to see the final cut with the national pres corps at the junket. Julia Roberts, just to open a can of Whiskas in the overall atm sphere of fishiness, plays the part of Cathe ne Zeta-Iones's wallflower sister (wearing a fat suit in flashback for substantiation though that doesn't cut down on her usual quotes of teeth and tentrums. Both a esses could sue the carneraman for their tresses could sue the carneraman for their sallow complexions. John Cusack, insofar as he's supposed to be in recovery from a mental breakdown, has shakier grounds for litigation. And Christopher Walken, as the anchoritic director, would probably be flattered. Billy Crystal, as the unprincipled publicist (a tautology, to be sure), works very hard and handily on the assembly linof gimcrack jokes. The sheer volume of jokes would be reduced, however, by roughly a third if Crystal and his co-writer Peter Tolan were deprived of the penis. (Perhaps Tolan's given name shaped his destiny.) Joe Roth, a former studio chief

himself at Fox and Disney, returning after a decade to the director's chair to lengthen his brief and undistinguished list of credits (Streets of Gold, Revenge of the Nerds 2, Coupe de Ville), should certainly know his subject from top to bottom. But dissen bling and disinformation can become a habit. Hank Azaria, Stanley Tucci, Alan • (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Apocatypes Now — The biggest asset of Francis Ford Coppola's thirty-million-dol-lar Vietnam War movie is the curiosity it stirred up while keeping the public cooling its heels for four years. Without that, there its heels for four years. Without that, there would be little to propel the viewer through this desultory up-river excursion, unimaginatively patterned after loseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness, bogged down along the way by a kind of photography that can best be described in words out of the glutton's lexicon (stuffed, gorged, bloated, heavy, chock-full, and brimming over) and by a first-person parration written in the hard boiled idiom of the fictional private eve ("Charging a man with murder in this place was like handing out speeding tickets at the Indy 500"; "It was a way we had over here of living with ourselves. We'd cut 'em in half with a machine gun and give 'em a Band-Aid. It was a lie'; and so on), and capped off by the ghostly appearance of Marlon Brando, carrying permanent an impenetrable shadows around his shave impenetrable shadows around his shaven head wherever he goes, like the planet Venus carries clouds, and whispering with his last breath his mystical insight into the Vietnam experience. The horror, the horror "— a general purpose insight which served Conrad earlier on his excursion into the Dark Continent, and which should serve the movingoer as well, as he staggers out of the dark theater where he has wit mosed this movie. With Martin Sheen, Robert Duvall, and Dennis Hopper; orig nal screenplay by John Milius and narra-tion by Michael Herr. 1979.

Atlantia: The Lost Empire - Imitation

Jules Verne adventure varn, spun from the Disney animation factory, about a pre-WWI expedition in search of the legen sunken city. Sketchily drawn (in a deliber ately retro style) and swiftly paced, but slowed down eventually by moral-mystical political-anthropological grandiosity. With the voices of Michael I. Fox. James Garne Cree Summer, and Leonard Nimoy; di rected by Gary Trousdale and Kirk

(GASLAMP 15)

Broad and Tulips - Licia Maglietta, a more loosely wound and comfortably u holstered Natalie Wood, warm and wo anly, with a lived-in face and body but an undimmed sparkle, plays a Pescara ho wife and intermittent klutz who gets sepa wire and intermittent kiutz who gets seps rated from her tour group, including her husband and teenage son, while fishing a earring out of the toilet bowl at a rest stoj The occasion affords her an opportunity go off on one of those nonradical feminist odysseys, in fact quite a conservative and conventional feminist odyssey, to Find conventional feminist odyssey, to Find Herself: hitchhiking to Venice where she has never been, landing a job with an inca-pacitated old florist, gaining lodging with a suicidal Icelandic waiter who speaks a torturously stilted brand of Italian (it co turously stilted brand of Italian (it comes out in the English subtiles like so: "What engenders such uncertainty?"). The novice private investigator on her tail, whose only qualifications for the job are the detective novels he devours and his trench-coat, is squalifi, atoms for the sob are the detective movels for decouse and the strents to such as much interest, and the strents to such as much time from the herouse. But directs on much time from the herouse. But directs on the strength of t Captain Corolli's Mandolin - Scenis World War II romance between a Greek is land beauty (the Spanish Penelope Cruz with her unaltered native accent) and music-loving Italian officer (Nicolas Cage with an unsteady Italian one). Shades, or ers rather, of Mediterra though it ultimately turns much darke flough it ultimately turns much darker. Slow, somewhat soggy, but rewarding in modest amounts: some complexity of char-acter and emotion; some interesting dis-comfort and open conflict between Axis "allies." Based on a novel by Louis de Bernières, with John Hurt, Christian Bale Irene Papas, and David Morrissey; directed by John Madden. 2001. * (ENCINITAS & FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON

Cata and Doga — Beastly spy spoof (in-termixing live animals, puppets, and com-puter animation) focussed on a feline world-domination conspiracy and the vigi-lant watchdogs who oppose it. An overblown lead balloon, heavy on Bondian gadgetry and cartoon violence. With Jeff Goldbium, Elizabeth Perkins, Alexander Pollock, and the voices of Tobey Maguire, Alex Baldwin, Susan Sarandon; directed by rénce Guterman, 2001

PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: POWAY 10

Un Chien Andalou - The surrealist fashion plate, jointly made by Salvador Dal and Luis Bunuel (his first movie, and already several of his staples are on displa insects, donkeys, razor blades, comical cleeymen). Very exciting for the dream log that allows a portion of a scene to chang course while the remainder of the scenontinues on as before; undoubtedly les shocking now than it was in 1928, but still rude and hurtful to anyone who is espe-cially touchy about eyeballs, armpits, and other such sensitive spots, short enough and full enough to be viewed over and over without ever growing weary.

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truly hate Helen Hunt, he deep-down lowes her), it would be giving the thing too much credit. The investigator in fact spends very little time investigator in fact spends very little time investigator, but a goodly amount of time trading insults with rival investigators. And while Allen's dolder and drooper physical form is no less funny, and others more sympathetic, to look of all. If should drooper physical form is no less funny, and others more sympathetic, to look all. If should again, he doesn't have much of value to de-liver, descreation and nasin may have creat again, he doesn't have much of value to de-liver: desperation and panic may have crept in. The 1940 period, so scrupulously docu-mented in the sets and costumes, adds no flavor to the dialogue, wherein modern anachronisms abound. (The hero is guilty of "opening up" to a woman, making her "uncomfortable.") And the soft, luxurious, seach toned hottography — by the Chi-"uncomfortable.") And the soft, luxurious, peach: toned photography — by the Chinese master. Zhan Fet, once again — doesn't create a springy platform for light comedy. It creates something more like a plush overstuffed sofa in which the comedy gets swallowed up. Dan Aykroyd, Charlize Passen, Livid Obdes Sizes. 2001. Theron, David Ogden Stiers. 2001. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Deep End — The lady-in-distress

storyline, unspooled on a smallness of scale that could nowadays be maintained only in an independent film, is agreeably old-fash-ioned, as you would expect when you know that it's a remake of a top-drawer 1949 melodrama by Max Ophuls, The Reckless Moment. The introduction of an explicit homotexual angle might seem you to old. Dante Basco, Ryan Browning, and A.I. Buckley, directed by Eric Hannah (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS SION MARKETPLACE 13: OCEANSIDE 16: PALA WAY PLAZA 18: RANCH Moment. The introduction of an exploit Manistria. The introduction of an exploit Manistrian. It is port and of the interest of the Manistrian of the Port and the American of the Manistrian of Manistrian of

Funny @lrl - Streisand's coming-ou party, devoted totally to pumping up its pre-sold star and providing a definitive def-inition of prima donna. For a story set in the Ziegfeld Follies, there is a queer absen of alternative females. The movie's males, meantime, are reduced, one and all, to pas-tive star-gazers. Omar Sharif in particular, ired to smile suavely at Ba quip, looks as if he's going to be sick. Di-rected by William Wyler. 1968. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/28)

Ghosts of Mars — Space opera by John Carpenter — a tatty patchwork of his previous films, most prominently Assaule on Previner 13. The Feg. The Thing (a lime of the script even quotes the title of the original short story, "Who Goes There?"). Prince of Durkness, and Vampires. It has a choppy politice (Balbbacks after flathbacks, as well plotline (flashbacks after flashbacks, as was flashbacks within flashback), a dark, dank, moldy image, and dialogue on the order of: "Who you calling scumbag, mot refucker!" Nataba Henstridge, i.e. Cube. Jason Statham, Clea Duvall, Joanna Cassidy, Pam Gries, de Cube.

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Don't Say a Word — Gary Fieder's kid-nap thriller starring Michael Douglas, Brit-tany Murphy, and Sean Bean. CANNEL MOUNTAN: CHILA WISTA 10: DEL MAR-HORLANDE, BEDENTAS B. PROBINO VAL-LEY 18, GALAVY 6: CASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTE, GROSSMONT TROLLEY, PLAZADE CEN-TER 7: LA COSTA 6: LA KOLLA 12: MISSION MAR-SETTER ACT 33: MISSION MART. KETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14;

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The Reforminating Angel — Luis Bundei in his most cryptic mood: no clust and no clarifications. The elegant party guests in a high-rent Metrico City neighborad adout no the brings noom after disclosed adout a high party party and a season after the brings noom after disclosed and exaperated by their preculiar inability. Button hardly give passes to the puzzle and disp into it, in mercileasly realistic detail, as though it were a Robinson Crusos survival problem. In mercileasly realistic detail, as though it were a Robinson Crusos survival problem. He has almost never had a merrier time uncerthing the private per-the human race. And the cumulative sense of classrophobis, of frayed nerves, of steep and of shadowy horror is quite overwhelming. With Sixies Final and *** **** *** mercileasly realistic destination of the properties of the properties of the properties of the problem. The properties of the properties of the properties of the problem. The properties of the problem. The properties of the problem. The properties of the properti

The Glass House — Slow-moving, con-trived, and (to make matters worse) obvi-

ous thriller about two powerless orphans (particularly the lightbulb-fragile Leelee So bieski), their \$4 million inheritance, and bieski), their \$4 million interitance, and their scheming guardians. With Stellan Skarsgard, Diane Lane, Bruce Dern, Kathy Baker: directed by Duniel Sackheim, 2001 • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASH ION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16;

Giftter — Dross. Mariah Carey, a singing chipmunk, in her big-screen debut, a vapid parable on riding the express elevator to the top of the music world. With Max Beesley. mtae Harris, Tia Texada, Terrence Howard: directed by Vondie Curtis Hall.

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Holky Tunnel - Office comedy starring Josh Kornbluth, who co-directed with his CHILL CREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/281

Happy Accidents — Fey relationship omedy revolving around an unlucky-in-ove New Yorker (Marisa Tomei) whose new suitor (Vincent D'Onofrio) claims to be a "back traveller" from the year 2470 be a back traveller from the year 24/0, where, it develops, he had fallen in love with a photograph of her (how romantic!) and whence he has come to rescue her from an untimely death: or more cosmically, to break the causal chain." The camerawor of filmmaker Brad Anderson is not as an essively annoying as in his Next Stop, conderland, but it's still restless and rocky nough to make you wish you could get our hands on the time traveller's stash of (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Hardball - Keanu Reeves coaches an in ner-city youth baseball team, directed by Brian Robbins. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CINERAMA 6; FASHION VAL LEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON LEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON
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IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Hearts in Atlantis — Stephen King in a sentimental mood: the same coming of-age cornfield as Sand by Mc, with the same complement of goldie-oldies, but with a moderate supernatural element as well (a psychic upstain boarder, hiding out from a shadowy army of low men'). It's all pretty hin, though the dawning consciousness of the pain and evil in the world delivers a lash or two Fastions direction by Scott Hicks. Hearts In Atlantis - Stephen King in a and arty photography by the late Piotr Sobocinski. (Late since the finish: no super-Autoritism, (Late since the finish: no super-natural element there.) With Anthony Hopkins, Anton Yelchin, Hope Davis, Mika Boorem, David Morse. 2001.

BOOTETS, David Morse, 2001.

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Headwig and the Angry Inch — Writer-director-star John Cameron Mitchell adapts his own off-Broadway musical facesphane for a Bara German immigrant acceptance for an East German immigrant utal according to a mock tabloid heading out of the properties of the proper

binecessors — Former lowers rekindle the flame after forty-play years. Paul Cox's oxiolod flim is certainly an uncommon office of the flame after forty-play years. Paul Cox's oxiolod flim is certainly an uncommon of screen romance (the had given the delety) here in the flamen's Tale as well), but it is not without its dips into bathon. The simple emitted and largely redundant flash-backs to youthful bits provide frequent downs in that direction. The fact that the woman is the provided of the provided flame in the flame in the provided flame in

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Lays and Silbort Bod Strike Book.—Inbred Kevin Smith councly arranges a kind
of ret-together of the casts of his four earlier comedies—Jason Lee, Ben Affleck,
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terest film buffs (Gus Van Sux portraved as too busy contain jain somey to be both-cred with the nuts and both of directing as Good Will Huming sequel), but that inn't to say it's fanny: e.g., Ben Affleck, in a reprise of his Change Any role, enthuses. 'Ben Af-fleck is the bombi.' Much more of the in-the contained the contained of the contained of area.' The straightforward statement of one of the contained of the contained of his contained of the contained of his contained of the contained of his contained his conta

ick-and-fart jokes" — comes all too close o summing things up. The fact that Smith nows this, and that he lets us know he

knows it, does not make it more commend able. It makes it less. With Shannon Eliza-beth, Eliza Dushku, Ali Larter, and Will

Ferrell. 2001. * (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16)

leepers Creepers — Sophomoric hor-or show about a couple of college kids — a pickersome brother and sister — terrorized

the bogeyman, no less, on a lonely cour

ry road that connects to an incongruously populous diner and police station. Limited

neans and imagination, though a surplus if let's-put-on-a-show enthusiasm. With

of let 3-put-on-a-show enthusiasm. With Justin Long and Gina Philips, written and directed by Victor Salva. 2001.

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LI.E. — First-time filmmaker Michael Cuesta explores the relationship of a teenage boy and a pedophile, played by Paul Franklin Dano and Brian Cox. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/28)

The Magnificent Ambersons — Orso Welles's second movie, taken from the Booth Tarkington novel, is stronger than his first, Citizen Kane, in most ways — in coherence, in complexity, in common sense. Welles himself, for a change and for a relief and for a better balance, isn't on screen in this one. The story tells of the last screen in this one. The outry relia of the large generation, represent somethy by Irin Holls, of a declining Midwestern industrial dynamic, training Midwestern industrial dynamic, treing to uphed peroud family customs in the outruly of new ways, new powers of the contract of the postern of the contract of the postern outrules and denatures lighting, which transforms and denatures the bygone Midwest, is a more tangible force than Progress, however, and this adore accounts for the feeling of deballiance and the contract of the contract of

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The Blanksteer — It hadn't been that long (spit) years a since somebody (Stephen International Conference of the Conference of Hong Kong style anti-gave someone (Peter Hyman) has thought to add the element of Hong Kong style anti-gave yil spid choreography. A rather pumy impuration, and a rather poor once on the face of the Conference of the Confere

0 — Or: 1 Was a Teenage Othello. The tragic hero is now named Odin (Mekhi Phifer), a basketball phenom at an other-wise white prep school in Charleston; his steady girlfriend, daughter of the dean, is called Desi (Julia Stiles, in her third Shake

about You and Hamlet, not to m second interracial romance within one cal endar year, after Save the Last Dance); and the troublemaker, an evil endar year, after Save the Last Dance); a the troublemaker, an envious teammat Hugo (Josh Hartnett), son of the coach known as Duke. The foreordained even have a forced-march tedium common but the freest of Bardic adaptations (W. but the frest of Bardic adaptations (Wen Side Stery, Throw of Blood, Farbidden Flamer), and the plot mechanics (e.g., the pliered kerchely typically tent on seem more grinding without the lubricating po-ery. The baskerful details, upar form Martin Sheen's sideline manner as the vo-ciferous coach, are dubious as well: from the dark uniforms of the home team to Deal's little rap right before tip-off of the dampionship game. Directed by Tim 6 (1007TON PLAZ) & MISSION WALLY 2010.

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The Othera — Some of the credit must presumably go to The Stath Sense for reopening the door to an old stabioned, lowtech, thick-atmosphered glost story, the remains plenty of credit still to spread around among the Spanish writer and director (and musical scorer) Alejandro
Amenabar, heretofore known for the overly
tricksy Open Your Eyer. his comparior cinematographe I work Aguirersaroly, which
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to argue wherematy against waiting for the The Others - Some of the credit mu ing so close to monochromatic darkness as to argue vehemently against waiting for the video; Nicole Kidman, in a bounce-back performance after the boop-boop-a-doop-ery of Moulin Rouge, re-tuned now to a Henry Jamesian (or, from The Portrait of a Lady in specific, an Isabel Archerian) qui ering tautness; Alakina Mann and James Bentley as her puckered-browed, pasty ering tautness; Alakina Mann and James Bentley as her puckered-browed, pasty-faced children; and Fionnula Flanagan as a formidable latecomer to the long screen tradition of creepy housekepers. Set en-tirely in and around a gothic Victorian ion in the Channel Islands at the clos manison in the Channel istands at the close of the Second World War, the story awak-ens gradually to other possible presences in the house, beyond those already accounted for: the resident family of three — minus its MIA head — and a reduced staff of three. Not every pook and crae narrative can stand up to the light shed at the end. Yet there are, at a mir legitimate skin-prickling frights throughout the course of the meticulous and measured unfoldment. Those are in the bag before the final twist, 2001.

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Our Lady of the Assessins — After thirty years, a homosexual writer return his hazardous hometown of Medellin. Colombia, to await death, but in the mea young prostitute. A topical shocker, instructive, provocative, but slacily plotted between shootings (*All this butcher) teads nowhere"). Barbet Schroeder filmed is on location under difficult conditions (without his trusted cameraman, Luciano Tovoli), as well as under a digital-video have, German Jaramillo, Anderson Ballesteros, Juan David Restrepo, 2001.

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Pearl Harbor — WWII history according to Michael Bay (Armageddon, The Rock), a three-hour lesson. To some extent the seriousness of the subject — as contrasted to the director's previous subjects of the end of the world and the mere annihilation of

San Francisco — seems to have inspired Bay to sit up and fly right. Or at least try to. Much of that seriousness comes down to a flag-waving and saber-rattling piety that would have been easier to excuse in the years 1942-45. And much of that see years 1942-45. And much of that serious-ness, too, never scales higher than Madison Avenue kitsch: every image is sleck and pol-shed as a Lexus, creamy and semsous as Bain de Soleil, toasted and bronzed as Rei-logis's Com Flakes. The seiling never lets up. The arm-twisting never lets go. In all airness to Bay, however, he's probably be-ing serious in the best and only ways he knows how. Ben Affleck, Josh Harmett, ing, Jr., and Jon Voight. 2001

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Extremedays - Youthful road film with



where the old one wrung an "Ah!" Helena Bonham Carter, Tim Roth, Michael Clarke Duncan, Paul Giamatti, Estella Warren.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

But Roos — Half a doten Vegas vacationers are picked at random, for the private betting pleasure of high rollers, to chase down the two million dollars in a locker in level City. New Mexico. Burgan-basement space with Sawwager Hant and Million Dallar Myster. The Opening credits — are cut eat members with conversion heads — are cut eat members with one of the control of the contr

JETTY ZUCKET. 2001.

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Rock Star — A rock-and-roll fantasy ful-

filled: the lead singer of a Pittsburgh "trib-ute band" (not a "cover band," thank you) gets tabbed to take over the duties of his idol in a British metal band called Steel Dragon. The genial fun-poking at uncre ative copycats evaporates fast when we hit the big-time, to be replaced by uncreative and ungenial clichés: sex, drugs, moral rot. (Nothing to deter the young males in the udience from continuing to fantasize.) With Mark Wahlberg, Jennifer Aniston.

and Timothy Spall; directed by Stephen Herek. 2001. • (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSS ROLLEY: HAZARD CENTER 7: LA JOLLA 12: MIS-SION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMI NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RAN CHO DEL REY 16)

Rush Hour 2 - Genial, self-satisfied. moderately dull sequel on the unending and unchanging chemical reaction betw mismatched Hong Kong and L.A. cops, Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. Tucker o Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. Tucker con-tinues to be a sore spot for his refusal at any point to resemble a cop. He is nevertheless nearly as funny as his co-star, after trying ten times harder. Strong support from Zhang Ziyi (strong opposition, rather) and very briefly Don Cheadle. Brett Ratner again directed, if that's the word, 2001.

* (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MAR KETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PRON ENADE 24; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEE WATER 9; TOWN SOUARE 14!

Blook.— This computer animated resist on the Beauty and Beaut theme — the chivatic quest of a lonely, bootly, Scott-accented oper and his volunteer addeck, a winescending on an Stando Pinan, to resistence along an and Sando-Jinan, to resistence along as and Sando-Jinan, to resistence and the section of the section of the production of the section of

directed by Andrew Adamson and Vicky

Together — Life at a commune of Swedish hippies in the mid-Seventies: free love, the Revolution, vegetarianism, TM, cannabis, shaggy hair, the works. Frothy nostalgia laced with facile condescension nostalgia laced with facile condescension and zoomy, pingpongy, herky-jerky can awork. Best bit: two kids "playing tortur taking turns being Pinochet. Directed by Lukas Moodysson. 2000.

• (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Tortilla Soup— Change of locale, and of cuisine, for Eat Drink Mant Woman: now Loc Angeles, and Mexican. An apportite has loca Angeles, and Mexican. An apportite has been apported by the pive got to be kept coming cernif they have to start being remade. The change here works well enough, despite the broad; with the contraction of the picture of the contraction of the picture of

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The Vertical Ray of the Sun — Trat Anh Hung re-locates to Hanoi, by all ap-pearances a sleepier burg than the Saigon his previous films, The Scent of Green Pa-pays and especially Cyclo, The action, to use the term loosely, centers around three use the term loosely, centers around three grown sisters (thoughts of Chekhov begin to form) and the several men in their lives Relationships are in some cases a little slow to come clear, and there is not much in the netationships at en source case a at the solve to some clear, and there is not much in the to some clear, and there is not much in the menturn; just a series of moments strung between two family milestones a month apart, the anniversary of the mother's death and the anniversary of the father's. A my-nique of perfection, a vertiable legand, now automatish the memory of the pattern's con-traction of the pattern of the pattern of the sare the lives of the offspring, the secret af-fairt, double lives, untilified longings. The emerging thems would seem to have to do with the imperfection of life as a rule im-perfection, that is, except in fleeting mo-ments, befer alongers from the time lane, memory and the secret and the secret and the time lane.

The Vertical Ray of the Sun - Trun

ing up and going through their mornin routines of stretching, pull-ups, tai chi draws us into a far-away fictional world as deeply and as magically as any descent down a rabbit hole or any forward leap in a time machine. This and countless other time machine. This and countless other moments of comparable size are played out without haste and without impatience. They are the opposite of the greased-pig moments that Hollywood dispenses in mortal terror of tranquility, repose, focus, and other such natural energies of marchine. and other such natural enemies of mind-lessness and soullessness. They cultivate the art of noticing and appreciating. The film-maker holds on to them, as the saying goes, for dear life. And the artful cinematography by Mark Lee Ping Bin — the observant and appreciative cinematography — is as much the "point" of the film as is any larger "theme." Tran Nu Yen-Khe, Nguyen Nhu Quynh, Le Khanh. 2000. *** (A JOLLA VILLAGE)

Zoolander — Ben Stiller directs himself in the role of a dim-witted male model. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VAL. LEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MAR KETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20 OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARK WAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16: SWEETWA TER 9: TOWN SQUARE 14: FROM 9/28)

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Musketteer (PG-13) Fri. Sun. 1:200, 2:35, 5:20,
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7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777) Don't Say a Word (R) Fri. 11:30, 2:15 (4:50)

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7:10, 945; Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (125, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Sun. (1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:40, 5:55) 8:10; Shrek (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:25); Sun.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20); Zoolander (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20,

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475 Horton Plaza (619-248-8602) Apocalypse Now (8) Fri.-Thu. 10:55, 3:00, 7:10; Captain Corelli's Mandolin (8) Fri.-Thu. 2:20, 10:15; The Deep End (8) Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Ex-tremedays (76) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35; Hardball (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 11:125, 2:30, 4:15, 5:05, 7:35, 9:10, 10:05; Hearts: in Atlantis (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 12:10, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:10, 7:00, 7:30, 9:10, 9:40, 10:20

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8:15; American Pie 2 (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:15, 4:55
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The Princess Diaries — Fairy-tale success story: from little nobody to big some-body, minus any desire or effort, more like a lottery prize. More exactly like an unex-pected inheritance: the throne of Genovia

pear capital of Europe), by subterranear

haired, four-eyed, fift

ranciscan misfit! The tran

ne. What a surprise for a frizz

the Ugly Duckling ("If Brooke Shields mar-ried Groucho Marx, their child would have

niracle, and nothing shy of a pitch for the

beauty parlor. Even before she is defrizzed

defuzzed, and despectacled, the filmmakers have a hard time hiding the physical bless-

ngs of Anne Hathaway; and to pair her with Heather Matarazzo as best friends

tends to raise her up rather than drag her

down. Notwithstanding the trouperish con

tributions of Hector Elizondo (it's a Garry Marshall film, so there is perforce a part for

Andrews (now in the Prof. Henry Higgins

role instead of the Eliza Dolittle), this dish of milk-toast is for either very little girls or

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Hector Elizondo) and a non-singing Julie

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een-year-old San

Ken 4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909) Our Lady of the Assassins, Thursday, Akira (R) Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, Sat. Sun. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, Mon. Thu. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Ken

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(5); Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:30); Tortilla Soup CANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Musketeer and The Others; Rush Hour 2 and Rat Race

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

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Rancho Del Rey 16 1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) American Pie 2 (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:35) 7:00, 9:45; Don't Say a Word (R) Fri.-Thu Rock Star (R) Fri. -Thu. (12:10, 3:10) 7:10, 9:39; Rock Star (R) Fri. -Thu. (12:20, 2:30) 7:05, 10:35; Two Can Play That Game (R) Fri. -Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:10) 8:00, 10:10; Zo-olander (PG-13) Fri. -Thu. (12:50, 3:20, 5:30) 7:55, 10:15

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Harbor (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 8:00; The

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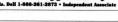
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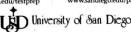
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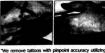
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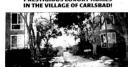
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"Yep. Why not?"
"Did you do this when you were a kid?" "Yeah, role stuff like cause mayner and mischiel.
"Yeah, me too," Brainard had launched me back to the core reason I had to get off the trolley and check this out. I'm now squinting past him and the high-pitched snarling blur of carts on the track to 1962, my cousin's house on Merrimac Avenue in Chicago — the alley, to be precise. My uncle the cop was

ARCADE &

He'd been drinking "snowshoes" (that's Wild Turkey and perperments, browns rie docentriming smoosmos; (mat s viola futice yan peppermint schiappes at a bar. He then drove to an ATM machine so the could buy more, got stopped, and his mother arrived on the scene moments later because she was indulging her hobby of listening to the police scanner. He describes the semi-obscene bumper stickers he had just put on his car. Rude. Very rude.

A group of three kids, two boys and a grl, are at the head of the line for the next 33-for-five minute ride—good drivers are rewarded with extra laps. Hector, Frank, and Carla, Franks is maybe ten and has a moused pompadour, the tult dyed blue, the rest of it natural blick. Carla wants her picture taken Hector is the oldest, maybe 13, and too cool for this world. "So what brings you out here?" I ask. Carla is staring at the camera and smiling, though I'm in

iting it anywhere.
"I don't know." Hector shrugs

"We've got enough trouble with you, mister, without strapping you to the controls of an internal combustion engine.

n my best I'm-just-a-regular-guy, really-a-kid-just-like-you yoice. I see gest, "Gotta need for speed?"

Hector grins. He has to have heard it before, but he likes it anyway, and

Iffector grins. He has to have heard it before, but he likes it anyway, and firthinking he's going to use it later. That was it. Try interviewing kids.

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The sun is gone and I consider taking a spin myself, but the image sud-

denly appears in my mind's eye of a silverback gorilla climbing onto a tricycle and I start to laugh, even though it's so sad.

Arcade and Go-Karts.

lev. I would look down from the slightly

raised bank of earth over which the rolley jostles its passengers, just past he Palm Avenue stop, and see what

looks like an unused cow pasture or unsowed, weed-grown, and fallow patch of acreage bordered on its north side by a log fence. Inside this western-style

range enclosure, this anomalous patch of rural San Diego, between the naval industrial complex to the north and the condos and cheap apartment war-

rens to the south, is a go-kart track. No matter what time of day, after

noon or early evening, even after 10 p.m., the place, though never crowded, always

seems to have motorists tooling the

diminutive vehicles over the tire-lined pretzel-shaped track. Sometimes you car hear the shouts of giddiness doppler

ing past, even in the enclosed trolley

think of an old Twilight Zone episode called, I think, "Next Stop Is Willoughby."

It was about a commuter from New York who awakens on a train at an

unscheduled stop in the dead of win-ter, looks out the window, and sees that it is high summer in the Midwestern-

looking town of his childhood. The

episode consists of him trying to find the place called "Willoughby" again,

the place called "Willoughby" again, but no one knows what he's talking

about. At last, he falls asleep on another

commute, wakes up at the Willoughby stop, steps off the train and out of the rat race, and stays for good. This past

Friday night, I got off at Palm Avenue

and walked a half-mile of country road

(ironically enough, as along this patch it's Industrial Avenue) to "Fun Farm

Every time I would go by Taxwild

do at Family Fun Center."

From the trolley, the small cars * ing stories. Brainard tells the one about getting a DUI on his 21st birthday.

By John Brizzolara

seem to plod at a safe enough speed, but up close, at ground level, they appear to be truly hauling. I guess, 25, 30 mph. If you were in the cart it would seem faster, your butt being less than inches from the track. It is 7:30, the sun is

doing a slow dip, casting long shadows to the east from the midget hot rods.

notice among the 20 or so people in the arcade, in the carts, and in line for the carts, by no means are all of them children.

Sean (possibly Shawn) Brainard is 28 years old with a long, red ponytail,

matching beard, and rimless glasses. Brainard lives in Bonita and explains his presence here by saying. "It's fun. You come out here, bump your friends around a little bit, and just enjoy yourself."

"Do you drive a regular car?"

"Yeah." He jerks his thumb at the parking lot.

always bringing home interesting stuff from works. Recently it was a go-cart for his son, limmy, himmy was an only child and always got great stuff; you should have seen all the wonderful carp he got at Christmas and just varned. My par-ents wouldn't let me near the go-cart: "We've got enough trouble with you, my

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But my uncle let metake it up the alley and back a few times—our little secret.

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either give up drinking or get rid of my motorcycle — so I got rid of the bike. I haven't owned a vehicle since then, and I swear the stress factor in my life has

been reduced significantly.

Brainard is talking and I tune back in: "Yeah, if you, like, accidentally on

purpose bump into your buddy, they don't come down on you here, like they

His buddies are Michael and John, 26 and 32. Lask Michael, "You're a gre

His buddles are Michael and John, 26 and 32. Lask Michael, "You're a grown man—you actually pay money to get in these little things and putt-putt around?" "Who's a grown man?" "Aren't we all children at heart?" John asks, smiling.

"Ya smack into your friends. Why take it out on you own car?" another rhetorical question, this time from Michael.

One of them is a roofer (I forget which one, John or Michael), and the other is an MRI tech at UCSD Medical Center. The conversation turns to real-life driv-

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stared at my husband Patrick's pinched face and puckered lips. He had just taken a sip of wine from a bottle given to him by the parents of one of his students at the end of the previous school year. From his expression, I could tell he was wondering if the wine was intended as some sort of revenge, rather than the gra-cious gift he had supposed it to be. "The acidty is through the roof on this puppy," he gasped. "It tastes like vinegar."

I related that story the next time I spoke to my friend Michael the food guru — I was

curious about the wine-vinegar connection. He laughed at Patrick's reaction. "People will criticize wine that has gone bad by saying it's vinegar, but I'm kind of sensitive to that statement. It's an insult to vinegar to say that. Just let bad wine be bad wine; it's not vinegary at all. It takes a whole different class of bacteria to produce an acidic wine. It's acetobactor, which is added to [wine], and which breaks down

the alcohol into acetic acid Ito make vinegar). When vinegar has an acidic edge or bite to it, that's a sign that it's healthy." During a subsequent trip to the WineSellar in

Mira Mesa, I noticed a couple of vinegars behind the counter, and my curiosity was renewed. Wine buyer David Derby pointed me in the direction of J.C., owner of In Good Taste, a Santa

Ana-based food-distribution company Ana-based food-distribution company that supplies high-end vinegars to gourmet shops in San Diego. J.C. gave me the rundown: "All vinegars, except for balsamic, are made from alcohol. Most, of course, are made from wine. You've got red wine vinegar, white wine vine-gar, Champagne vinegar, and rice wine vine-gar (which is made from sake), along with cider vinegar. In all of them, the alcohol is converted to acid."

My attention was drawn to the excep ion, balsamic vinegar. J.C. was eager to expound. Balsamic vinegar comes from two regions in Italy, either Modena or Reggio Emilia. It comes

"A vinegar is a living entity."

directly from the grape. What they do is take the grape must — which is basically just the crushed grapes and grape juice — and boil it down for about 20 hours in copper pots. Then they age it in five different types of wood: mulberry, ash, cherry, chestnut, and oak." That series of barrels is called a battery. The mulberry barrel is the smallest at 20 liters, followed berry barrer is the smallest at 20 liters, followed by the ash at 30, the cherry at 40, the chestnut at 50 and ending with the oak at 60 liters. "At the end of the season, they take a liter

out of the smallest barrel - the mulberry — and they take that to m ket. Then they'll take a liter of the next barrel up and put that in the mulberry barrel, and so on until the largest barrel, the oak. Then they take a little bit of vinegar from the mulberry bar-rel, put that back in the oak barrel, and top off the oak barrel with fresh

This method produces two styles of balsamic vinegar, tradizionale and extra vecchio. "Tradizionale is aged for a min-

imum of 12 years, and an average of 25. Extra vecchio is aged for a mini-mum of 25 years and an average of about 40 years. These styles are what I like to call the true balsamics because basically, they're the only one that have been certified by the Italian government. The process has been watched from start to finish by a

I found myself wondering about all the a rigorous, patience-testing process? J.C. was ready for my question. "The lowest-end balready for my question. The lowest-end bal-samic vinegars, like the one at Trader Joe's that you can get for two bucks, are really red wine vinegar with caramel chemical coloring and flavoring. There are no real regulations, particularly in the U.S., about balsamic vine particularly in the U.S., about balsamic vine-gar and how it can be labeled. Basically, the dif-ference in price is going to come from the [proportion] of must to red wine vinegar, and the actual amount of time it is aged. I recoman ingredients list on them.

I.C. told me that the true balsamics ran about \$80 for a small bottle of the tradizionale and up to \$200 for the extra vecchio. Having spent my dining life among pretenders to the throne, I couldn't help but ask about the taste "It's very much like wine in that everyone It's very much like wine in that everyone is going to taste something different, because there are so many flavors. But it's unlike wine in that you don't really have to develop your palate to the point where you are able to catch all the little subtleties. Every person I've tasted on the tradizionale — it doesn't matter where their palate line is, they definitely taste the fla-

vor. They get the strength and depth and power of the vinegar. It's very full-bodied. It's been described as the perfect balance between sweet and sour, though the extra vecchio is

going to be sweeter. With the extra vecchio, because of the age, you can taste more of the mulberry wood, while with the tradizionale, you tast more oak. But you do taste each of the woods in both levels of vinegar. "Basically, when it hits your tongue — and we're talking just one drop —

it explodes. You get all this fla-2 vor, and then it continues on; that one drop will last anywhere from 45 seconds to three minutes. It's pretty intense stuff, definitely

worth the money if you can afford it. As I thought longingly about ancient vinegar, I remembered a bottle of red wine vinegar that seemed to have gone bad in my kitchen cabinet — a gelatinous, filmy mass had formed in the center of the bottle. I asked J.C. about shelf life and storage, mentioning what I thought was my ruined bottle. "That's what is called a mother," he explained. "A vinegar is a living entity; it is constantly grow ing the chemicals that converted the alcohol into vinegar in the first place. If you took the mother and put it in wine, it would immedi-ately turn the wine into vinegar. The better the vinegar, the more likely you are to develop a mother, because the vinegar hasn't been

"The mother doesn't hurt the vinegar. If anything, it helps, because it's helping grow the vinegar. It doesn't take anything away. Ide ally, you want to store vinegar in a cool, dark place in a tightly sealed bottle. If you keep it properly, it should last you indefinitely

After my talk with J.C., I headed back to the WineSellar, one of his distribution points, to get a peek at some true balsamic. David directed me toward the Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena De Nigris (\$59.99 for 100 ml, \$99.99 for the extra vecchio). A few seconds later, David noticed I was eyeing some of the less expensive vinegars on the shelf "That's a Chianti wine vinegar," he explained (\$7.99 for 50 ml of Cennatoio by Alessi). "It's aged in small oak barriques. It's fruity and smooth — great on grilled portabello mushrooms. You can splash it around a bit and not

worry about it — but it's a little light."

David pointed me to the other end of the below-tradizionale spectrum, the Aceto Balsamico di Modena by Fattoria Estense (\$29.99 for 250 ml). "This is dense, concentrated, and will las you a long time; a little goes a long way. It takes a little talent to use a small enough amount on a salad so as not to make it overpowering If you want to have just one vinegar, I like to suggest Reserva Aceto Balsam-ico di Modena by Sereni

\$21.99 for 500 ml]. It's multifunctional for salads and breads. It's like the three little bears; one is too this, the other is too that, and this one is just right.

Some other store where true balsamic (and a few quality pretenders) can

be found: Assenti's Pasta in Little Italy: Acetia Bel-

lia Tradizionale, \$68 for 100 ml. Many other "balsamic" vinegars, \$8.89-\$37.89. Mona Lisa Italian Foods in Little Italy: A

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"It's Daddy," Angela whispered.
"I know," I whispered back. My husba Jack leaves our home in San Marcos every weekday morning at around 5:45 for his job in San-tee. He rarely calls me before 10:00 or 11:00. I thought he'd forgotten something at home or needed me to look up a phone number for him.

"Hey, sweetie," lack said. His voice sounded shaky. "Hi." I answered

"Have you turned on the radio yet?" Jack was that I listen to talk radio most mornings while I fix the kids' breakfast. "No. We're still upstairs

"Honey, there's been a terrible tragedy," Jack said. "Don't turn on the TV. You might not even want to listen to the radio while the older girls are still at home." Jack paused. "This morning, someone flew a plane into the World Trade Center. I was listening on the radio on my way into work. The plane exploded and started a huge fire. Then, while they were reporting on the first crash, someone flew a plane into the

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ers have collapsed."
"They collapsed?" I thought I might have heard Jack wrong. When I was in law school, I visited New York to see a girlfriend from college. During my visit, we rode the elevators to the top of the World Trade Center and looked down on the city. I'd never seen a building so massive as either one of the towers. "It's just unbelievable," Jack told me. "A third

plane crashed into the Pentagon and killed a bunch of people there. They're halting all air traffic in the United States. They don't know how many more there might be

"Did they get the White House?" I asked. "I haven't heard anything about the White

"What is it, Mommy?" Rebecca clung to my arm. Ben toddled over and lifted his arms

asked me to tie a bow in the back.

My mind spun forward. Are we at war? Is whoever did this done? Do they have anything planned for the West Coast? "What do I tell th kids?" I asked lack.

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for the horrible people who would do this." When I hung up the phone, I gathered the

kids around me. Kneeling in the upstairs hall, I told them that some bad people had crashed planes into some big buildings in New York and Washington. I told them lots of people had died

Washington. I told them lots of people had died I told them we needed to pray. We said a prayer together and went down stairs for breakfast.

I stumbled through the day. I listened to the radio. I talked to lack a few more times. I prayed

Around 8:30, after the kids were in bed Jack and I finally turned on the TV. We watched the now-familiar images over and over again. I had the jarring experience of seeing something I couldn't believe. I wept at the stories of the firemen and policemen who had run into the burning buildings and disappeared beneath the

Jack and I turned off the television around midnight and climbed into bed. I fell asleep scrunched into his side. I dreamed of flames

and airplanes and buildings toppling.
In the morning after lack left for work,
Angela called out from her bedroom down the
hall. "What is it, sweetie?" I asked in the early gray light.

"I had a had dream. Mornmy. About the

bad men on the plane."
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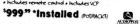
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