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brought by Otay Mesa developer Roque de la Fuente. The Ballpark bonds appear to be an all-around bad deal management before the second of the



news didn't get much better last month when an Orange County judge upheld most of the damage award, leaving local taxpayers facing a judgment that could be as much as \$100 million or more - a sum that includes interest and attorneys' fees. Years of appeals may lie ahead.

This hasn't been the best year for Casey Gwinn, San Diego's

city attorney. The 41-year-old graduate of UCLA law school, who was elected in 1996 and reelected four years later with no opposition, began 2001 scrambling to explain why the city had lost a \$94.5 million inverse-condemnation lawsuit

Gwinn faced much criticism about his office's conduct of the trial, in which he failed to cross-examine De la Fuente on the witness stand and watched as one of the city's top expert witnesses was discredited by the plaintiff's attorneys. After the disastrous verdict, Gwinn surrendered the case to outside counsel, the big Los Angeles law firm of Latham & Watkins.

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### Elitist Geezer

August Kleinzahler's "essay" on heavy metal was perfect (Pop Music, "Moronic Nephew," The companies of the co November 21). His academic

## Nazi Stereotype

Thoroughly enjoyed your re-view (Pop Music, "Moronic Nephew," November 21). Which is to say, I laughed my ass off. The words of my dear friend, Mr. Henry David Thoreau, immediately came to mind. "Age is no better, hardly so well, qualified for an instructo

Age is no octier, natury so-well, qualified for an instructor well, qualified for an instructor as much as it has lost." Also, "One generation abandons the enterprises of another like stranded vessile." (Thoreau, Walden, pp. 792–793) You have embraced the fundamentals of steverlying, description of "the kook." it appears to me that he enjoys the park (and life?) more than you with your bouncing ball. I wonder if he complains about the noise your ball maked Did you know that you don't have to notice that you are, indeed, a supporter of conformity! Na±i-sm? P. S.; [ pray that you will

Now P. S.: I pray that you will not be so bitter on the day you die as you were on the day you utilized the presence of "the kook." And remember, it's never too late to abandon your prejudices (damn, I feel as if I'm paraphrasing someone). It would appear that you have forgotten the passions that drove us to music in the

## Kleinzahler, Meltzer:

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When is the Reader going to get a real music critic? I mean, Richard Meltzer's weekly "I

get a feat music critic. I mean, and the state of the sta musical genres to create what we hear today. Most of the we hear today. Most of the popular artists today possess and even listen to this music. His analogy of a "metal band" was stupid as well. I mean, who can say what's noisier: the music now or then? And his brilliant comment, "both electrified," was truly educational. I mean, was truly educational. I mean, can you imagine the invention of electricity? And by the way, there's usually no keyboard in metal bands — maybe one song every five albums, with a live performance done by some no-member side-stage stuck in the dark. And don't forget the old wives' tale about metal beold wives' tale about metal being satanic. Only 5 percent of
all metal is probably truly satanic. One of the most popular
groups right now — P.O.D.,
from San Diego — is Christian. So I have a great idea, I'll go down tomorrow and buy their new record, and August Kleinzahler can go back to his basketball court where he belongs.

## Tax-Paying Metal Fan

Metal Fan
It's really sad when a magazine
of your caliber has to stoop so
low as to publish an article that
is blatantly antagonistic right
from the beginning (Pop Music,
"Moronic Nephew," November 21). It's obvious that "August Kleinzahler," assuming ber 21). It's obvious that "August Kleingzahler," assuming that's a real person, has no business reviewing anything other than jazz music. While he did do some of his homework when describing some of the different genres (although Suicidal Tendencies definitely

The "Moronic Nephew article could have just as easily been written about rap music, pop, or even modern country. Apparently, Mr. Kleinzahler (or maybe Andy Rooney Jr.) is a jazz fan. And a very limited one at that. I'll bet that he finds jazz artists such as John Zorn to be beneath him. Without a

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Relating to the public Embattled San Diego Unirate patients: Embattled San Diego Uni-superintendent Alan Bersin has tapped the ranks of local public relations profession-als to come up with his new "Executive Di-rector of Communications and Commu-nity Relations." John Spelich, until recently president of troubled Stoorza Communi-cations, was picked for the \$124,000-a-year

cations, was picked for the \$124,000-a-year job after a personal interview by Bersin and his chief of staff. "We had ten applications for the position but Mr. Spelich's back-to the remaining candidates that we dispensed with a panel interview," according to a district memo. Spelich will outrank the district's current PR honchos, ex-Los Angeles Times reporter David Smollar and ex-Channel 39 news executive Tom Mitchell. Spelich had been hired by Stoorza in July after he Mikhell. Spelich had been hired by Stoorza in July after in elft a job at Cateway Computers. Before coming to Gateway, he was in charge of global news and PR for Ford Motor Com-pany. Bersin is reported to be unhappy with the attacks of teachers union representatives and angry parents who con-tend that his "Blueprint for Education" has gone awry. The

new position also comes on line as contentious campaigns for school board are ramping up... Warren Hellman, wealthy fa-ther-in-law of UCSD chancellor Robert Dynes, has just made ther-in-law of UCSD chancellor Robert Dynes, has just made another big acquisition. Hellman's investment firm, Hellman & Friedman LLC, has gone into partnership with Warburg Pin-cus & Co. to buy Arch Capital Group, a major insurance com-pany. Warburg is putting up \$500 million; Hellman will pay \$250 million. Aqua in the red A Hawaii biotech outfit founded by Mark Huntley and other scientists from La Jolla's Scripps In-stitution of Oceanography is in financial hot water but wors it won't be pushed into bankruptcy. Aquasearch, which started back in 1989 as a breeder of algae for fish food and later

branched into supplying algae for cancer and other disease re-search, moved its operations to Keahole Point on the big island of Hawaii in 1995. This October, five creditors claiming they of Hawaii in 1995. This October, five creditors claiming they are owed 555000 in unpaid debt and arguing that Huntley has mismanaged the company, sought to put it into Chapta II bankruptey. In a statement released earlier this month, Huntley said, "Aquasearch is not in bankruptey. These distributions are in dispute, and I feel these petitioners have no valid claims. There appears to be some hidden gende on the part of these people, as they have made no formal communication of these people, as they have made no formal communication. with us in the past six weeks." A-hearing on the matter is set for December 7 ... A former San Diego County data-processing chief has run up against conflict-of-interest allegations in his new job as chief information officer of Los Angeles County. Jon new job as chief information officer of Los Angeles County, Jon Pulliawider, who used to have the same job here, owned 68 shares of stock in Cisco Systems while handling a \$250 million Cisco contract and ordering lith at all county agencies buy equip-ment from the company, the LA. Time reports. He did not dis-close his shareholdings on his conflict-of-interest filing as re-

Harry Lime on storoids San Diego-based Science and Engineering Associates is out with the ultimate Christmas present: "Spyfinder," a "battery-powered, hand-held device that detects and locates hidden cameras and video devices, regardless if the camera is operational or not." Proclaiming tha "millions of miniature cameras are sold each year" and 45,000
websites are "dedicated to hidden camera sales or video websites are "dedicated to hidden camera sales or video voycurism," he company says that its device can be used by "ciclorities who commonly battle privacy invasion, athletes needing to ensure locker-room privacy, and travelers looking for hidden cameras in hotel rooms and restrooms." Exact de-citals are a secret, but the firm says the \$190 Sprinder uses "laser and proprietary optics to find hidden surveillance cam-eras anywhere." San Diego's own Websense, Inc., is compet-ing for a multimillion-dollar contract to allow the govern-ment of Saud Arabia to block citizen access to websites that ment of Saudi Arabia to block citizen access to wester that the government deems undesirable, reports the New York Times. The software would block pornography and religious and political sites that the Saudi government views as a threat.

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# **Grisly Grinders** in Wildcat Canvon

By Ernie Grimm

ighway Patrol officer Gwen Goodwin steers her black-and-white Ford squad

she comes to a four-way stop. Straight ahead, the road starts to climb. "This is where Wildcat Canyon Road starts," she ays, accelerating toward the

right here at Willow Road." lie the Barona Indian reserva-

decked in reflective sunglasses, navigates this section of road,

Statistics kept by the county indicate that Wildcat Canyon is not as dangerous as similar roads in California. Bob Brown, from San Diego County's transportation divi sion, points to a study done in June of 2000 tracking the collision rate on the most heavily traveled stretch of Wildcat Canvon Road, "The segment of Wildcat Canyon from Wil low Road to the south boundary of the reservation," Brown explains, "That's a 4.3-mile segment. Someone reviewed the number of collisions from June 30, 1998, through June

her passenger asks what

makes Wildcat Canyon Road

so dangerous. "The road is not

dangerous," she snaps. "It's the

people who drive it who are

dangerous. They think they

can drive Wildcat Canyon at

any speed, and they can't.

They lose control, cross the

double vellow, and..."

lision rate of 1.41 collisions per million vehicle miles. The mparable statewide rate for that type of road is 1.76 collisions per million vehicle miles."

Goodwin acknowledges that Wildcat Canvon has developed a reputation for being a dangerous drive and offers this explanation. "It's a two-lane roadway, it's very windy, it's up and down. Maybe the drivers have decided to go out and gamble at Barona Casino, and they drive the run too fast because they're unfamiliar with it. And there are people that drive it every day and they still drive too fast.

In 2000, 92 accidents took place on Wildcat Canyon, Two resulted in fatalities, 47 in injury, 43 with only property damage. Thirty of the accidents were speed-related, 17 involved driving under the in-

# Cheap Labor's **Ugly Secrets**

By Deana Marie Gullo

ave you ever stopped to think who made your tennis shoes or the jeans you wear? How often do you wonder about the Many of these colonias are

great distances from shopping

districts, forcing residents to

purchase the higher-priced

items available in these iso-

Most of these workers

were driven from their home

states by poverty and lack of

the hope of work and highe

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mum wage, salaries of factory

workers are still not sufficient

to cover basic needs such as

food, health care, education

housing, and clothing. Food

items, in particular, became

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lated communities.

person who assembled your television or installed the little fans that go in your computer? These are everyday items that Americans take for granted but which link us to the lives of countless Mexicans who barely make a living wage so that we may purchase hese items at lower cost.

The factories where these items are put together can be found across the border that separates San Diego and Tiana. Who are these people who put together our televisions and computers? How do they live?

Most of these workers live in crowded, poorly constructed housing in unpaved neighborhoods — or colonias, as they are called — that lack sewers, water, and regular trash removal. It is not unommon for families to live in makeshift houses with dirt floors that they have con structed on lots bought from the government. Materials used include scraps of wood, old garage doors from the U.S. discarded pallets, cardboard, and plastic tarps. Crime is rampant in many poor neighborhoods, where police protection is limited or nonexistent, and each day is a

more costly in the last six years, following the peso devaluation of the early '90s. Continual inflation on everyday items such as tortillaand fuel has made it even more difficult to make end meet. Most health needs go unmet, and children regularly do not attend the public schools where families must pay tuition and buy uniforms. books, and school supplies if a child is to attend. Many children whose families cannot afford to give them breakfast have difficulty concentrating once they arrive at school and

may eventually stop going.

awoke Sandra Angelica Esquival from her Saturday nap when I approached the front door of the two-room house that she shares with nine other family members. Sandra, 17, her father José, and now her younger sister Araceli, 16, provide the main source of income to support the family. When Sandra came to Tijuana and joined her family four months ago from her home state of Sinaloa, she had hoped to continue studying. She has not finished junior high. though she still clings to the hope to do so. Now Sandra finds herself rising early each morning to make it on time

Alejandro Rodriquez Torres with his family

in the colonia of Cumbres, I to her 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. shifts at a nearby Sony plant where she installs speakers in radios and televisions. She works this schedule Monday through Friday, only to turn over the 529 pesos (roughly \$50) she takes home weekly to her mother. Her attitude toward her life is that while she would like to keep studying, Even if I don't want to,

s necessary to work." Sandra and Araceli reti cently answered my questions about their lives in the front room of the dirt-floored, wooden home. Their five younger brothers, aged ten and under, played in the dirt front yard, one dressed in a owboy outfit. Until recently Sandra and Araceli's mother worked in a nearby factory during the week, leaving the younger sister in charge of her little brothers, who still at tend primary school. Araceli had to get up early to feed and dress them and get them off to school and back in the afternoon. Now that their in the factory during the week, the responsibility of feeding and clothing the family is falling on the two teenage girls, who seem to accept their roles without

Of Mexico's 100 million idents, 40 percent exist on less than \$2 a day, despite a legal \$4 minimum daily wage





round 30 pesos a day). Of these millions, hundreds of usands of workers have flocked to the border region — mainly Tijuana in search of a better life.

Sylvia Olivia Vallez Perez lives with her six children and husband Felix. They live in a Tijuana colonia named Nu Milenio for its inception at the turn of the new millennium. Constantly in debt, the par-

to feed and clothe their six children and stay current on They must do this on the 950 earns weekly at the IVC factory. Felix began working at the Japanese-owned factory three years ago at the salary of 480 pesos (\$42) weekly for a 45-hour work week of three 15-hour shifts. The couple is thankful for the work, as Fe-

car north on Ashwood Street past Lakeside's

El Capitan High School until hill rising up in front of her.

Wildcat Canyon Road runs 15 miles north and south between Willow Road and Country Estates, southwest of Ramona. Between the termini tion with its casino, cultural center dirt racetrack new golf course, and 300-room hotel under construction. These attractions account for the bulk of the 20,000 trips daily -Goodwin's estimate - along the road. The rest are com muters from San Diego Country Estates who use the road as an alternative to State Route 67 to the west, and the 150 to 200 families that live in homes along the southern five miles of the road where it snakes through the canyon it's named after. As Goodwin,

30, 2000, and calculated a col-

the vehicle

But statistics can be misleading. In the past 12 months, four people have died on Wildcat Canyon. Over the past 18 months, the number is five. And Goodwin explains that a lot of the different offi-

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fluence of alcohol, 11 were the result of crossing the double yellow line, 6 were caused by a

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cial causes listed really boil

down to one. "[The statistics] might say that they were on the wrong side of the road or couldn't control the vehicle, the 11-year veteran says, "but a lot of times, the reason they were on the wrong side of the

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road or couldn't control the

vehicle is because they were going too fast and couldn't handle a curve."

trol going around a left turn, he often ends up in the gravel of the right-hand shoulder

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shoulder Overcorrecting, he trifugal force pulls a speeding car across the double-yellow swerved his '86 Toyota Camry line into the opposing lanes. back across the northbound lane and careened down an The result of crossing a douembankment on the other ble yellow, on a heavily-travside. He died at the scene. His eled and two-lane rural road. wife, Evelyn, suffered only cuts

and bruises. On March 11 of this year, at In May 2001, Virginia 5:45 a.m., Emile Abed Zay-Anne Cleveland, 54, of Ratoona, a 28-year-old employee at the Barona Casino (which mona died in a similar accident. She was heading north sits on Wildcat Canyon about five miles north of Willow through the reservation at about 7:50 p.m. when she lost Road), was driving south on control of her car, veered Wildcat Canyon at 70 miles per hour when he crossed the across the southbound lane and off the road. But instead center line. His '97 Toyota Corolla collided with a '91 of going down an embankment, she hit a small rise. Camry occupied by an elderly

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which flipped her car over. She was thrown from the rolling car and killed. Around a right turn, cen-

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couple from Lemon Grove. Zaytoona was killed in the wreck, the Lemon Grovers

and Goodwin drives north at the posted speed limit of 50 miles per hour. On the other side of the road, an unbroken line of southbound cars crawls by. "We have a lot of people who commute this road. Goodwin explains, "a lot of people come down from the Estates on this road, Wildcat Canyon is just west of the Estates, and 67 is another good seven miles west through stop

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descends into a valley. A cattle guard marks the entrance to Barona Indian Reservation

"Look how many of the cars going this direction are going into the casino," Goodw says, pointing ahead to where nine cars ahead of us turn left into the casino parking lot, and only one continues on toward Ramona. A curve or two beyond the casino, the Barona Cultural

Center comes up on the west side of the road. Nobody turns in to its lot. A couple of hundred yards further and the road bends sharply to the right. Goodwin brakes and negotiates the turn, then points across the road to a group of compact car-sized boulders at the base of a glob-

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ular eucalyptus tree. "This is a bad spot right here," she says. "We always have people that hit that group of rocks right there. They come around that curve too hot, and they go off the road and nail those rocks. They're like

a stinking magnet."

A quarter mile past the rocks, the road turns sharply left and dips dramatically it's a depression to allow a sea-sonal stream, dry today, to flow over the road. "And then we have people who crash right here in this dip area," Goodwin says, "You have to slow down pretty quickly to get through the dip, and people go hauling butt through here and crash over there in that ditch just north of the

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She points to the right at a narrow gravel turnout beyond which a ditch opens up to the right of the road. Heavy black skid marks on the road lead straight into this area. "We get a lot of calls for accidents right here. When [the dispatchers] say, 'Just north of the dip,' everybody who patrols this area knows what they're talking about."

some "gnarly" wrecks along when asked to describe the worst, saying only, "The crashes up here can be grinders. A good majority of them are grinders." Grinders?

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cially for the section of Wildtrees and creek beds lined with

don't want that to change. cat Canyon between the reser-vation and Willow Road. But as soon as you use the word widen, Goodwin says, "That's when the residents start objecting, and I don't blame them. Look at where they live." She gestures around at to do that." the landscape of chaparral black, and Engelmann oak

sycamores, "They moved out

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mote, rural feel of it, and they

They'd rather change the drivers, and I understand that. But with the amount of traffic that goes up and down Wildcat Canyon, it's not an unrealistic wish for law enforcement and the county to want Short of widening the road, Goodwin suggests

building more turnout areas as a way to make Wildcat Canyon safer. Turnouts, she says, would allow slower drivers "to pull over so people could get past them. You get the older people going to play bingo who don't even drive the speed limit. They have a

parade behind them, and people are getting to be frustrated because they're doing 35 on a road that says 50. So now you're going to have people who are getting impatient and trying to pass on a curve or where the double yellow lines say it's not safe to pass. If we had more turnouts, maybe that would help a little bit."

A greater enforcement presence is another solution Goodwin lists, though she says enforcement is difficult on Wildcat Canyon because "it's in this road because there is no place to stop. We do the best we can. We try to pull

follow them all the way down to the bottom of the hill until we can find someplace down things like that." More turnout areas would

solve that problem, too. Regarding signage, Goodwin says, "You can't oversign the road. If you start putting too many signs up, they get lost because people will tune them out. If there's a specific area where people don't seem to be seeing the sign, you might want to oversize it. But it's been proven statistically, if you oversign a roadway, people







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earlier adage. But Goodwin admits, to make a road like Wildcat Canyon absolutely safe, you can't just change driver behavior, you have to change every driver's behavior. "You can drive carefully," she says, "but you can't control what other people do. You can just be cruising along, minding your own business, driving th road properly, being safe, and some idiot who is trying to do 70 miles per hour through a curve comes across the dou ble vellow and smacks you."

That is what happened to Lisa Whitcomb On March 17. 2000, the 42-year-old El Cajon resident and divorced mother of four boys was driving along Wildcat Canyon

Road when a Ford pickup traveling the opposite direc-tion crossed the center line and slammed into her head on. Whitcomb died a few days later .

## Ugly secrets continued from page 5

lix's opportunities are limited by having only a sixth-grade

They came from Sonora ten years ago with no money and their first child in an attempt to escape the poverty of their homeland. Work at home was scarce, and what pay they received wasn't enough to eat on. Shortly be fore deciding to leave, the couple's second child, a daughter, had died in Sylvia's arms as she waited in a busy reception area of the social security medical facility. The young cess to have the 11-month-old

seen by various doctors, who would not treat her because the two had no money to pay. They had received medica

tions from concerned friends,

but the baby's condition wors-

ened. After the baby died, they were told that she had suffered from malnutrition among other things. Sylvia ted with tears stre ing down her cheeks that, "If had only had money, the baby would not have died."

Three years ago, Felix found work in the IVC factory, and the family hoped for a better life. With a loan from Felix's employers, they were able to pay the 4000-peso down payment for a 10 x 20-meter plot of land in Nuevo Milenio. Although this loan allowed them to begin a more independent future as a family, they were charged and continue to be charged 20 are taken from Felix's weekly paycheck, thus decreasing their buying power and in-creasing their dependency on the factory for more loans to

meet their expenses. At the time I interviewed Sylvia, in January of 2001, the payments on their lot were four months behind. They currently pay 906 pesos monthly, and that amount will soon increase. Each week what Felix ends up taking

home, after the 150 pesos he pays for transportation and what is deducted from loan covers their expenses for about three days. Then they start buying food for the fam ily on credit. In the colonia where they live, there is no running water or drainage. Daily trucks drive thro selling the water that families use for bathing and cooking. Sylvia confided that what she needed to meet the family's water need is about four containers of water a day but that

As I spoke with Sylvia, her six children listened raptly to their mother's struggles or played amidst the parked cars in the dusty streets of a nearby colonia, "Sometimes I regre having had so many kids," Sylvia said repeatedly. "My husband tells me not to think that way, that we should feel blessed to have them when other couples want children and cannot have them." She "we wish we could give them

she only buys two and tries to

conserve the water she uses to

bathe the children, cook, and

wash dishes.

more. Sometimes they scream at me or ask me for things that I can't give them. Some times they walk around with ripped shoes because it's dif-ficult for us to even buy secondhand clothes. Sometime I feel like running away and going somewhere, anywhere. With what my husband earns it's not enough, and I know that no matter how much I demand of him, he's doing hi best and can't make more. He doesn't have an education and it's the only work he can

At one point Sylvia noticed the quizzical expression on the face of her youngest daughter Lydia, and she told her, "It's not that I don't love all of you, it's that I wish I could give you more."

Soon after the enactment

of NAFTA, Tijuana's population exploded. In a tenmonth period, between January and November of 1995. close to 400 new maquiladora factories opened shop. According to a 1996 report in mated that in the Mexican state of Baja California Norte, in the cities of Ensenada.

Tecate, and especially Tiju and Mexicali, a company ei-ther arrived or expanded at the rate of more than one a week. When NAFTA was enacted in 1994, Public Citiz reported, there were 546,433 people employed in factories or maguiladoras on the April 1998, the number had grown to 983,272 Mexicans In another colonia lives

Alejandro Rodriguez Torres, originally from Mexico City, who came to Tijuana a few years ago after his aunt and uncle told him that the economic conditions were better in Tijuana, Alejandro spoke with a confident, easy manner as he told me of his past and of his dreams for his children. What Alejandro desires most is to someday have a well-constructed house with enough room for his children. He emphasized that he would like a nice house for his children because it's something he's never had. He also dreams that his children will continue studying and one day value themselves for who

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they are and not have to work in factories. "It's very exhausting and pays very little," 12 hours in a row, standing.

with two half-hour breaks." For close to three years, Alejandro has been working for a Japanese-owned maqu iladora and earns 680 pesos a week (roughly \$65). He's also paid 80 pesos a week in food

certain supermarket chains. The company he works for supplies to other companies, such as JVC and Sony, the plastic components that hold the hardware for televisions and computers that are assembled in other nearby factories. When he started he was paid 46 pesos a day (roughly \$4). His workweek is 42 hours of mostly overnight shifts.

Alejandro is a proud fa-ther, and his children are the

best part of his life. His oldest child Aleiandro who is in second grade, needs glasses. Although he can read without them, his eyes get tired and water a lot from fatigue. Ale-jandro Sr. was able to get glasses for himself through nonprofit organization, but he hasn't been able to get them for his son. His wife needs glasses too. "I've been trying to teach her to drive. but she can't see far away."

Alejandro's wife starts work at 3:00 in the afternoon

gets off at 11:00 at night. He'd like her to be able to drive their beaten-up car so she won't have to walk home late at night from where the taxis let her off, at the entrance to their colonia, about a half mile from their home. Mondays through Thursdays Alejandro can meet her at the taxi stop when she arrives at midnight, but Fridays and Saturdays she has to walk home alone in the unpaved, ill-lit streets because Aleiandro goes into work on those days at

On Pridays and Saturdays when both are working, Alejandro and his wife must leave their young children alone for about three hours each night. Their neighbor keeps an eye on them, but they stay alone in the house. In the first year with the factory, Alejandro informed me, workers receive 6 vacation days. After the sec-

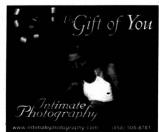
ond year, they receive 8 days, and after the third year, 10 days. After four years, vacation days are frozen at 12 days and more. In his job, Alejandro receives no sick time, although he does have medical insu ance through Seguro Social, which is the government-run health-care system. "If you're sick you can miss work if you need to," he explains, "but they won't pay you. If you're sick you just have to work it out as best you can.

in food for the family and 200 pesos in gasoline for the car. The other 400 is for the other expenses we have. We're behind three months in the payment of our land, which is about 1200 pesos a month. We were given three years to pay the 40,000 pesos that the

The land that they live on has no running water, and for a bathroom they use a hole they dug themselves. In the factory where Alejandro works, loans are made in amounts up to 3000 pesos at a time, but he prefers not to take these loans, explaining that "while you're filling up one hole you're digging an other. It's better just to make do as we can."

Explaining how he feels about his life in Tijuana, Alejandro said assuredly, "Here in Tijuana, it's more calm. Yes there is violence, but it's not as much as in Mexico City. When I got here I didn't like it at all. I didn't like the weather or the hills. I was used to walking in flat streets, but I tried hard and I got used







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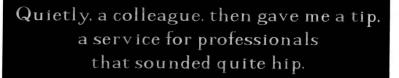
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Matt: It it rue that a well-placed nuclear bomb detonated over the central United States would erase the hard drive of every computer in the country? I guess no one would really care whether their computers worked. their skin was falling off. Please settle my mind about this.

Settle? Hmmmm. I'll stop you from puzzling over the old question, but I'll give you something new to first about. That's a trend these days...the year of new things to first about. May as well pile on this one, while we're at II.
Yet, a well-placed nuclear bomb could fry every hard drive in the country. It would fry not only all hard drives, but every other type of unshielded magnetis storage device, semiconductors, and most electrical wirting. Apparently the nuke geeks have known about this for 40 years, but it just hant I come up much in conversation. The fets have to protect their breast facilities from wipcouts

han't come up much in conversation. The feds have to protect their Nevada facilities from wipcould furing make testing I guess the rest of us are on our own the stuff, it entits a spectacular pulse of energy When a nuclear device is detonated, among other stuff, it entits a spectacular pulse of energy when the student is a spectacular pulse of energy control to the control to the student of the control to perts say it's possible for this to happen, but the odds are pretty slim that it ever will.

Nenow where Old England is, I know where Old York is. I know where to find Old Hampshire, Old Mexico, Old Orleans. But where is Old Zealand?

MATTHEW

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New Zealand (original Maori name: Aotearoa) was renamed Nieuw Zeeland in 1624 by explorer Abe Janszoon Tasman, lonesome for the Dutch province of Zeeland. In return, Abel's name has been stuck on an Australian state (Tasmania, formerly Van Diemen's Land), a sea, a mountain, a wolf, a national park, and a small vicious animal and cartoon character.

rry; Why do Disney characters like Mickey Mouse, Pluto, and Goofy have only three fingers instead of four? I know Donald Duck has a wing, so that can be drawn with as many fingers as the artist wants. But according to my encyclopedia and my dog and cat, lots of animals have five digits on their front pows, just like we do.

If you can accept a duck with hands and a dog that wears gloves, shoes, and pants, why quibble about missing digitel Anyawa, walt must have known you'd ask, because he explained the situation in one of the many books about the studio. Teaving the finger off was a great sast artistically and financially. Artistically, five digits are too many for a mouse. His hands would look like a bunch of bananas. Financially, not having an extra finger in each of 45,000 drawings that make up a size and-one-half-minute short has saved the studio millions. "During WHI, Mickey even lost his tail as the result of an executive decision to save even more time and money."

Why does water seem colder when you drink it after eating mints?

- Fern, somewhere unspecified

So you've been spending a lot of time sitting around the family room, sucking Wint-O-Greens with a Sparkletts back, marveling at this little quirk of nature! If you're sure you have another time-wasting activity to take its place, I'll demystich sion of you. Pepper-, spear-, and all the little minist contain a magical crystalline substance known as method. It messes in a major way with our body thermometers, Applied to the skin, it tricks our could receptors into thinking things are cooled than they really are. Bascally, it raises the threshold temperature at which the cold receptors into our skin begin to respond. Stick are mint in your bot, gummy mouth, zap a little menthed around in there, and if is like air conditioning your gunn. Slug down some water, and the water feels colder. And this is hard evidence for the old afther white feels to Live By— that in the end, more things seen cooled than they really are.

Hey, Mr. Matt: Where are you from if you're from the boonies?

ody was from the boonies before the mid-1960s or so. That's when the word "boondocks" was shortened to "boonies," since everybody's attention span was pretty short back then. "Boondocks" is a WWII-era borrow from the Philippines: bundok, which means "mountain."



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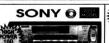


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Lately, I've noticed strange happenings at my goym. Some of the younger guys have no body hair. I mean, they used to, but now, they have nothing, not a hair on their chests, arms, underarms, faces, or legs. Point 2. Last week, at a holiday party, I overheard a young woman ell another young woman that her boyfriend has begun shaving his chest hair.

has begun shaving his chest hair.
The sports implications arising from these alarming reports are as obvious as they are ominous. Within moments, I telephoned my sports hair-exterminator advisor.
"Well, I've been doing dectrolysis for a long time and attletic people do come in." Speaking is Kathleen Mazur, which can be found the property of Electrolysis by Kathleen Mazur, which can be found to the common the common than the common that the common than the common than the common than the co

yss by Kathleen Mazur, which can be lound on Washington Street in San Diego.

"What, exactly, do you do?" "I slip a little needle into the pore of the little hair follicle. We can't see our target, it's underneath the skin. I need to cook the lower half of the hair follicle. See, it's one hair at a time. If you're really good at it, you can cook one fol-licle in four seconds. Electrolysis takes *lots* of

This is going to be fun! "What does

cooking tissue mean?"
"The needle is hot. The little needle goes into the little hair follicle. That part of the treatment, you don't feel. Then, I turn on the heat, ment, you don't feet. Then, I turn on the heat, and yes, it is cooking the lower half of the hair follicle tissue, so the hair can't grow again."

Honey, let's have a barbeque tonight! "I assume you're also cooking the tissue that surrounds the hair follicle?"

"The heat starts at the tip of the needle. The needle goes to the deepest, moistest part of the hair follicle and the current acts on the of the narrothice and the current acts of the moisture. By the time we get up to the skin, to the top, we hope not to cook anymore. Also, I'm holding on to the hair with the tweezes, lifting gently, checking for looseness. At the half-way point, before the hair gets up to the epidermis, the hair gives way and slithers out earth."

WHAT COULD BE MORE NATURAL!

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"How many folicles can you pick in an hour?

"A good working pace is six seconds per hair, but if you caude do four seconds per hair."

"Let' see, four seconds per hair, would be ... just a second...

"Ook hairs no hour." Not a lot of folicles for the buck." I take it the offending body hair is gone forever?"

"We hope to kill 50 percent with each

session."
Hardy little bastards! "So, I would have to come back and you'd pick over the same area again, hoping to get 50 percent of what's left and so on and so forth until the end of

"Every time we work we hope to get 50 percent until we get everything. Now, I have removed a man's chest hair. He had a very socially acceptable amount of hair. It looked fine to me, but, no, he was lifting weights and he wanted to be sleek.
"He came in nine hours a week for at least

"He came in nine hours a week for at least two years, never missed. He would have three, three-hour sessions a week. He was still coming in at the five-year point—not so regularly, once a month or so—but he would stay for a

three-hour sitting."

The heart wants what the heart wants!
'How much has he spent so far?"

"He said that during the first six months he spent \$13,000. You have to be a little nuts."

SWEETHEART. MY BODY HAIR IS WORTH \$100,000! "You must get your share o transsexuals. A sex-change operation wouldn't change the hair count. How long does it take a

"I think the transexuals like to be called ransgender. An average man with a beard, air on his neck, hair on his cheeks, would be

a 300-hour job." Choke AND Gasp. "How much do you charge an hour?"
"Sixty dollars an hour."

How can I get into this? "How did you get

into this?"
"I had a hair problem, had electrolysis done, and it inspired me. I've had my own

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business for 30 years." business for 30 years."
Where is the weightlifter now? "Let's say I have one square inch of hair that displeases me. My neighbors complain, my dog whines when I undress. I want that hair removed. How many times would I have to come back to you to get that patch of fuzz off my body and out of each life?"

Mazur doesn't hesitate. "Coarse, deep hair Mazur doesn't hesitate. "Coarse, deep hair takes longer. We're killing 70 percent every time! work on fine hair. On coarser hair the kill is 50 percent every time! work. And then, regrowth, the hair that survived electrolysis, will be damaged hair which will grow less coarse and we'll get a higher kill on that kind of hair." I need much, much more information on

I need much, much more information on kill rates. Top-of-finger kill rate. Ankle kill rate. Tip-of-nose kill rate. Top-of-knee kill rate. "I suppose pubic hair is a special problem."

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Denomination: Coptic Orthodox Church Address: 360 N. Granados St., Solana Beach, 858-635-2169 Year founded: 1994 Senior pastor: Fr. Mina Youssef Congregation: 70 families

Sunday school enrollment: 100 Annual budget: not available Weekly giving: not available Singles program: no Diversity: Egyptian

Dress: dressy Services: Sunday liturgy, 8:30 a.m. Last Sunday Larrived at Saint Demiana by

Last Sunday I arrived at Saint Demiana by mistake at 6:45 a.m. The sky was just turning pale blue. I knocked and knocked and a little side door on the church's west side creaked open. Warm yeasty steam poured out. A face peeked around the door. No, the Holy Liturgy didn't begin at 7:00 a.m. as I'd thought, but

at 8:30 a.m. People were in the church's kitchen in the church's kitchen baking the bread used during Communion. They'd been baking since 5:00 a.m. St. Demiana is a

Coptic church. Copts were Egypt's original Christians. Their memory reaches far into Egypt's pre-Islamic past. The Copts don't think of themselves as Arabs, but as the descendants of the Egyptians who built the Pyramids. Alexander the Great invaded Egypt ir 313 B.C. and brough with him the entirety of Greek culture. The

Greek culture. The Coptic language — the language famously encoded in hiero-glyphs — came to be written in the Greek alphabet. St. Mark the Evangelist, the Coptic Church's patron, car-ried the Gospel to Feynt. Egypt. For several cen-

turies, Egypt — Alexan-dria, in particular — was Christianity's hot was Christianity's hot center. The Coptic Church introduced monas-ticism to Christianity, and an austere and rad-ical mysticism. But while the Christian faith triumphed in the Roman Empire, history was not as kind to Egypt's Copts. After the advent of Islam, they enjoyed only popradic toler-ance. The 20th and 21st Centuries haven't ance. The 20th and 21st Centuries haven't been easier. So, last Sunday morning, when I squeezed into a packed pew, St. Demiana's Father Mina Youssef saw me. He left his place near the sanctuary to wade through the crowded nave. He put his hand on my shoulder. He whispered in my ear, "Who are you? Why are you here?"

St. Demiana sits on one of those residential streets in Solana Beach where acadential streets in Solana Beach where aca-demics from UCSD and the Salk Institute long ago bought homes and invested care and imagination in their gardens. Rare ferns spill from shaded porches. Exotic bamboo run down alleys. Unusual passionflower vines overtake fences and work their way up util-ity poles. St. Demiana celebrates the Mother of All Liturgies. Communion is the four-hour liturgy's dead center. Ninety minutes pass from when Father Yousest begins to conse-crate the Elements to when the last members crate the Elements to when the last members of his congregation wipe wine from their lips. The Bread and the Wine are given separately. People, in their stocking feet, line up to receive the Bread, which Father Youssef places with great care on their trogues. A deaon then hands them a napkin, which, as they return to their pews, they hold over their months while they chew. With his fingers, Father Youssef cleans and east every last crumb from the big silver. platter that held the Bread. People line up to receive the Wine, which Father Youssef dis-penses from a chalice with a long-handled

Deacons play cymbals and triangles in a peppy, galloping rhythm to accompany the liturgy Father Youssef sings. St. Demiana's isn't a dour service. Many well-mannered chil-

dren trot around. When dren trot around. When they're exhausted, their mothers rock them to sleep on their laps. There is also a great deal of incense. Clouds of incense spill into the social hall where a TV monitor displays what's going on in the nave

and sanctuary. In this thick incense in the social hall, a woman took me by the hand and led to a corner of the room She'd left Egypt long ago, she said. She said she wanted Americans to understand something. "You have to tell

Americans what we've been through. I work in a large American cor-poration. I'm afraid to poration. I'm afraid to admit that I'm Egyp-tian. You know what Americans are hearing in the news about Egyp-tians. And for so long we Copts have had such a hard time there. In Egypt, Copts are killed all the time by Muslim indamentalists Thei

families don't repor t. They're afraid to report it. Even here, in America, people are afraid to speak out about what happens in Egypt because if they do, they're afraid that back in Egypt, someone will hurt their families. You have to tell people that Egypt isn't made up of Muslim fundamentalists. It was once very ot ottalia.

cosmopolitan. Alexandria was once a paradise. You know, for Egyptians who remember, we used to go to Italy. We would go to Italy and look on its plazas, its order, its cleanliness, and we'd think, yes, this was how Egypt olitan. Alexandria was once a par

tioning me earlier. He is in all ways an adorable man.

man. "Tell something about our history. You know, we are actually about 20 percent of Egypt's population. In Los Angeles, there are more than 20 Coptic churches People should know more about us, but you know, we're afraid to talk. Back in Egypt we are so hated."

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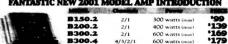
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

Every time I have lunch with a certain friend of mine, she spends a while in the bathroom at the end of the meal. Now, maybe she's just putting on makeup or combing her hair, but I have a feeling she's throwing up. I've read about women who make themselves yount after eating to keep their weight down and how damaging that is to their health. Should I do something?

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Dear Concerned,

Bulimia is a very serious, alarming problem, as are all eating disorders. As you point out, these illnesses can have grave physical consequences. The good news is that treatment is available. It's difficult to tell, though, from the scant information in your letter, what's going on here. The American Anorexia Bulimia Association cites the following possible risk factors for these illnesses: having a relative who has an eating disorder, frequent dieting, low self-esteem, difficulty with self-regulation, body image problems, fears about separation, problems with boundaries, and tendencies to be perfectionistic and distrustful. Women and adolescent girls are particularly vulnerable, though these disorders do affect males. Is your friend losing weight? Does she seem depressed and/or obsessed with thinness? Does she spend a long time in the bathroom if you go in with her or only if she's alone? Do you ever use the bathroom after she does (I know this sounds gross, but it would be further evidence) to see if there's a smell of vomit in the air? Bulimia involves great shame for the sufferer, and while I appreciate your concern for your friend. I think you may need a better foundation for your suspicions before confronting her. Lord knows, I have been guilty of spending gobs of time in the bathroom after meals for run-ofthe mill digestive reasons or to primp, as you suggested. Hopefully your pal's restroom absolutely convinced that your friend is ill, then though, you must gird your loins for a wide range of possible reactions. Any readers who've had experience with eating disorders want to weigh in (no pun intended) here?

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My pal Ari has been going with a woman I'll call Armanda for a year or so. She's ten years his junior. They now live together and seem smitten with each other. Every time I ask him how things are going with Armanda, Ari ays' "great" and seems to mean! it I think he wants to marry her. I'm worried, though. Ari's last giffriend was not easy to gat along with. When that previous giffriend, Blaine, Jeft him rather suddenly and meanly, he was devastated. It took him. quite a while to recover. Amanda is a feisty gli with a smart mouth (Ari seems to like this type) who has her good side, but she often teases him in a way! If not offensive. She'll call him "od him and "o" you old geezer" or moch little little with silittle quirks in front of other people. This doesn't seem to bother Ari, but it makes me wonder if this woman it really ligo Gof for him or if she'll just hour him eventually like Elaine did. Should I wern Ari hat that woman my not be for him or just zip my lip and hope for the best?

PROTECTIVE FRIEND

# Dear Protective,

Each relationship is a unique planet - with its own customs, climate, and language. I've said this before, but it may be worth repeating. If Ari and Amanda really seem happy, then it may be that they are living and thriving, after their fashion, on a purple world in a distant galaxy you and I would never be willing or able to inhabit. You might just have to shake your head at these sensitivity-free remarks of Amanda's and leave it at that. When you're alone with him, you could ask Ari, in a respectful and relaxed way, whether those comments of his darling's ever get under his skin. Even if they do in him, this matter is really between the two lovebirds. I know you only want to prevent your friend from enduring further heartache, but don't make the mistake of getting between these sparring partners. Bruises will be all you have to show for it. You can share the fact that it makes you uncomfortable to hear Amanda speak to Ari like that and get his take on it. Arl may be a bit of a masochist and thus could be deriving pleasure out of Amanda's mild insults. If she's rude to you. that's another story entirely. The adage "One man's meat is another man's poison" applies very aptly to the astonishing variety of what disgusts or delights us in love.

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# Did Casey Gwinn Try to Get Don Bauder Fired?

But even that move proved embarrassing, when it came to light that the city had forked over at least \$3 million to the Los Angeles firm for coming up with the failed appeals strategy

Then there is Gwinn's attempt to win the coveted appointment by the administration of President George W. Bush to become San Diego's next United States attorney. A loyal Republican who collected the endorsements of three GOP congressmen (Randy "Duke" Cunningham, Duncan Hunter, and Darrell Issa), Gwinn, on the surface at least, seemed like a shoo-in. But the White House has been dragging its feet on filling the post, and last month, the San Diego Union-Tribune made it clear that Gwinn was not the newspaper's choice, proclaiming instead, "The best candidate in this field of applicants is Charles La Bella," an ex-deputy U.S. attorney who earned fame as a Clinton antagonist.

Asked why the Union-Tribune failed to support Gwinn, insiders cite the opinion held by many local lawyers and politicos: the city attorney is an intellectual and political lightweight who got into office through the good graces of his onetime boss, ex-city attorney John Witt. Insiders also say that Gwinn has often seemed too willing to cut ethical corners. On the verge of retirement back in 1996, Witt de-layed announcing his departure, hoping that it would be too late for candidates other than Gwinn to get into the race to

The strategy worked and Gwinn ran unopposed, Even then, he raised thousands of dollars from members of law firms with business before the city, including the downtown firm of Luce, Forward, whose partner, Charles Bird, a Gwinn contributor, represented the city in its legal battles against opponents of the Chargers' ticket guarantee and the downtown baseball stadium. Much of the money was used to repay Gwinn for a personal loan he had made to an earlier campaign in which he had run for district attorney

Thus assured of winning office, during the months be



fore the March 1996 election, Gwinn began lashing out at opponents of the Chargers' ticket guarantee and the Qualcomm Stadium expansion. In January and February of 1996 he came up with a series of legal actions on behalf of the ticket guarantee and expansion plan, which requires city taxpayers to pick up the tab for unsold seats during Chargers games at Qualcomm Stadium. The long-running legal battle lasted

until February 1997, when been elected city attorney. convinced superior court judge Anthony Joseph to throw out a taxpayer law suit challenging the Chargers' deal with the city.

for the city." Gwinn boasted court. "The judge has made doing at the stadium is le gal and appropriate - and has been." The ticket guar antee has since cost city taxpayers more than \$10 million, and the clock is still

Gwinn has been equally the new downtown base ball stadium. Critics say his oft-times emotional support of the project has way of his duties as city prosecutor. They point to the case of Padres owner John Moores and Council woman Valerie Stallings who was eventually forced to plead guilty to charges of political corruption and n when it came to light she had received stock tips

his November 1998 campaign for the downtown porters, both in and out

Even well before the Stallings transgressions in April 2000, it was appartently an ally of Padres After Moores brough

baseball stadium to a vicwarded many of his supside city hall, with a series of personal gifts. One recipient sioner Geralda "Gerri' Stryker, who had been a co chairman of the pro-sta dium campaign, on which Moores had spent more than \$1 million. The Moores gifts to Stryker included a "Two-Volume Book on Lane Field," a "Commemorative Wine Bottle," and a "'98 Player Photo Album," according to her financial disclosur

Though the gifts were never appraised, other offi-cials who had received them reported their value to be in excess of \$300. One non-

CASEY GWINN Karin Winner, Editor San Diego Union Tribun 350 Camino de la Reina P.O. Box 120191

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I am deeply troubled by the inaccurate column of Don Bauder published yesterday in the San Diego Union Tribune. Mr. Bauder has missepresented the truth through, conduct that may be legally actionable. Let me identify two issues of profound concern to our office and our outside legal counsel on the Ballpark Redevelopment Project regarding Mr. Bauder's misconduct.

First and foremost, it is clear that Mr. Bauder contacted Zane Mann, the owner and publisher of the California Municipal Bond Advisor and made a false statement regarding the fixty's ballayark financing with knowledge th bond paying such a high interest rate. He goes on to quote Zane Mann as saying that you cannot

received the photo album proudly told friends that as a collectors' item it was worth "thousands of dollars." If so, then Stryker, under state conflict-of-interest laws, would have been barred from voting as a downtown stadium and related development, including hotels and office

buildings. Gwinn's office, however, quickly issued an opinion clearing the way for Stryker to participate in all stadium-related votes that came before her. "If the fair

market value [of the gifts] is difficult to ascertain. Gwinn's office opined in a letter dated December 29. 1999, "then the value is to be determined by the cost of the donor. If this value

is unknown, then the re-

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credible evidence estab lishing that Ms. Stryker's valuations of the three gifts were not a reasonable ap proximation. By law, she therefore lacks a financial interest in [the ballpark project] because she has not been the recipient of gifts in excess of \$300 from any donor, specifically Mr. Moores'

Earlier in 1999, when Mel Shapiro, a retired ac countant, objected that Moores and then Padres co owner Larry Lucchino an peared to be violating the city's influence-peddling law by failing to file lobby ing statements disclosin gifts and dinners they had bestowed during their pri vate meetings with public officials, Gwinn backed Moores.

"Mr. Moores and Mr Lucchino," Gwinn's office ruled, "are exempted from the registration require ments because they have been negotiating a written agreement following the selection of the San Diege



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Padres as party to a contract with the city." The city council, following Gwinn's advice, later changed the wording of the lobbying law to make it more difficult for private citizens to file complaints such as Shapiro's. As a result, Shapiro concluded, the law "has been gutted now they don't have to report at all." Campaign records showed that du ing 1999 Gwinn had collected at least \$1000 in campaign contributions from loores and members of the Moores family.

When the Stallings matter became public in April 2000, Gwinn's response was to argue that the councilwoman had broken no laws. He reasoned that, because she had purchased stock in a Moores entity a Texas software company called Neon Systems — unrelated to the stadium, the conflict-of-interest laws were not violated.

"People are calling us and writing us and e-mailing us, and people are an-gry, and a fair amount of gry, and a fair their anger is directed to-ward me — 'Why don't you step up and condemn this?' " Gwinn told the Union-Tribune in May 2000. "I'm not the ethics police. And that's frustrating to the public, who believe I should be. My role is to determine whether or not it is a violation of state law or local law that I have jurisdiction over. My role is not to say whether some thing is immoral or Ultimately, Stallings

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pled guilty to the crime of failing to report gifts from Moores and voting with a conflict of interest, but by involved with the case. which was ultimately handled by the offices of U.S. Attorney and District Attorney. In a column dated



May 16, 2000, Union-Tribune financial columnist Don Bauder reported that Gwinn, still taking no action himself, had referred the matter to the state's Fair Political Practices Commission and federal Secu-

rities and Exchange Commission. But, reported Bauder, "That may not be enough." He quoted attorney Richard E. Gattis as saying, "The DA is the appropriate person to investigate this, either the DA or attorney general in light of the fact that Gwinn has prejudged the case." This month, Gwinn's

efforts on behalf of John Moores and the downto baseball stadium took a the object of Gwinn's wrath being none other than Bauder, the respected often at odds with those of the paper's editorial page. A longtime critic of the sta-dium deal, Bauder has frequently picked apart what he says are questionable financial details of the taxpayer-financed plan. As the one establishment voice speaking out against the proposal, Bauder has become a lightning rod for proponents frustrated by legal and financial pit-

falls the project has faced. On November 6, Bauder opened a column about the baseball stadium by saying, "Do you know how to throw good money after bad? The city of San Diego proposes to give you

a lesson.

"If you're already bald, like me, you should be able to read it without developing more follicle proble If you have your hair, use Rogains before tackling this document."

He went on to present a harrowing litany of dam-ages to be suffered by taxpayers and concluded, "Mayor Murphy boasts that the size of the bond sale has been pared from \$273 million to \$170 million. But the difference simply comes out of another pocket. It won't be paid by the tooth fairy. The interest rate is so staggeringly high because all along, this deal has been a financial fantasy — if not finagling." Noting that the ball-

park bonds would command an unprecedented 8.83 interest rate, Bauder



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said, "The interest rate is so staggeringly high because the city cannot get unqual ified approval of its bond counsel." He included a single, one-line quote from Zane Mann, a Palm Springs-based financial iournalist who runs a newsletter called the Cali fornia Municipal Bond Advisor. "In the municipal bond market, you couldn't sell a bond without the OK of bond counsel."

The next day, Gwinn wrote a letter to Union-Tribune editor Karin Winner, in which he claimed, "Mr Bauder has misrepresented the truth through conduct that may be legally actionable." In other words Gwinn was threatening to sue the paper for what his letter alleged was Bauder's "misconduct."

"First and foremost, it is clear that Mr. Bauder contacted Zane Mann, the owner and publisher of the

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"It is readily apparent that Mr. Bauder knew that the City is moving forward on a qualified legal opinion from Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe because he describes the qualified opinion in his column. Nevertheless, he made a false representation to the owner and publisher of the primary publication for the marketing of the City's onds. His conduct is a clear effort to negatively impact the City's ability to market its bonds to the municipal bond market.

"There is little doubt that such statements are actionable if made in the context of a private financing, and we are researching whether there is any different conclusion if the statements are made in the context of a municipal "Please handle this

complaint with great care. Mr. Bauder may take additional actions in the next 30 days, in retaliation for this complaint, which undermine the marketability of the City's bonds.

"I urge you to hold Mr. Bauder accountable for his misconduct. His column masqueraded as the truth but, in the end, contained deceiving assertions that bear no resemblance to the truth. His miscon duct reflects directly on the character and accuracy of the ownership and leader-Union-Tribune.

"The Union Tribune has always been a towering force for good in the San Diego community. The pa per prides itself on reporters and columnists who have the highest regard for truth and veracity. I urge you to maintain those standards in the face of Mr. Bauder's misconduct"

Bauder declined to comment on the letter, and neither Gwinn nor Union-Tribune attorney Hal Fuson, to whom Winner's office referred questions, responded to messages left at their offices. But in a telephone interview from Palm Springs, Mann said that inn's charge that Bauder had deliberately misrepresented the facts of the ballpark bond issue to elicit a quote from him were "just downright ridiculous."

"Obviously I'm well ware that Don has never been in favor of the stadium and has written not one but obably ten columns or it. Everything I said in his column I stand by, and I have no qualms about it' Mann said. "I did not know when I talked to Don that there was a qualified bondapproving attorney opinion. I was under the impression that there was no opinion because they couldn't write one. And there is a difference between no opinion and a qualified opinion. He didn't make any statement about the opinion, and since it didn't Bauder — I said that's one



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On Friday, Mann said that Gwinn had called to "apologize,""I didn't let him get too many words in, Mann said. "I gave him a 15-minute lecture on the freedom of the press and how ridiculous I thought his position was." .

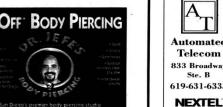
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# Bageleh

town and didn't have much nightlife. The press corps threw lots of parties. With so much news breaking every day, and so many people coming and going, it was difficult to keep track of everyone's personal story - who was sleeping with whom or who had scooped whom. One thing we all knew was that some of the journalists around town were

Another certainty was that the food at journalists' parties was bad, Israel's closed, socialist economy was in its final throes Convenience foods and snacks were still rare. Israel had been poor and the early Zionists puritanical. Snack foods were regarded as decadent. One of the first inbetween-meal treats that Israel's state-owned manufacturers produced was a small, round, rock-hard pretzel called bageleh, meaning "small bagel." They tasted stale.

lerusalem's international journalists didn't spend much time in the kitchen. At their parties they set out plenty of Israeli beer, wine, brandy, and vodka. On coffee tables

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and window ledges they arranged small white plastic plates filled with hummus. green olives, and bageleh. The hummus and olives went fast. For the rest of the evening you are handfuls of the hard tasteless pre zels. With no real food as a distraction, personalities seemed more vivid, conversa tions more intense. People discussed politics. They gossiped about sex. They tried to guess who really was or wasn't a journalist.

Certain individual's histories didn't hang together. These histories were vague at crucial points, or had unusual details that were impossible to verify. A British journalist might offer, off-hand, that she oke fluent Arabic because, while posted in Beirut, she'd dated the head of the Druze militia. A young French reporter might say that his mother was a Holocaust survivor and his father was a wealthy Iranian busi nessman. These people had been every-where. They had no place they called home.

Bageleh were so common to journal-istic life that you always saw a few on the floorboards of reporters' cars. Women reporters always had a few stray bageleh at e bottoms of their purses. If you stopped by to visit a friend at Reuters or Associated Press, you could reliably find a bag of bageleh on the table with the electric kettle and instant coffee (Israeli Elite-brand coffee -a bitter, sour holdover from the country's socialist past). Lucky reporters got taken out to lunch or dinner by someone from the cultural attaché's office of one embassy or another, or by someone who worked for the United States Information Service. These meals were merry and the prying was discreet. I don't think anvone was ever fooled.

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In those years everyone had an inter est in the action. There was a tall, handsome American who said he worked for an international Catholic news service based in Rome. He at least had an office with the news service's name on the door. You saw him at all the parties. He invited even the most inconsequential journalists for drinks and meals. He said he lived in East Jerusalem, but he never invited anyone to his home. One day he disappeared, leaving behind his office furniture, books, and computer. He never returned.

Other people disappeared. There was a Hispanic man who worked at the U.S. embassy who often treated reporters to expensive dinners. His glum-but-cordial wife was always on hand. The two went on vacation to Morocco but never came back Word got around that while in Casablanca the wife had gotten food poisoning and died. A reporter who'd worked a medical beat said that people didn't just suddenly die of food poisoning, that even if the wife had had some kind of allergic reaction, she could have easily been treated in Casablanca. When a group of journalists tried to contact the Hispanic man to offer their con dolences, the embassy was unhelpful. The journalists were never able to find the man's forwarding address.

Last week on the TV news I watched the President and Vladimir Putin ride in a big white truck through Texas scrub — an off vision of how the world had changed. I thought of a Jerusalem press corps party I attended two years ago. A young Canadian

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journalist and a young British journalist were engaged. (They broke up four months later.) Their multilevel apartment overlooked the Old City. Everyone gathered on the large breezy patio. Some of the usual types were there. Junior diplomats in good clothes. Gritty American photographers. I spent most of the night talking with an English woman from Surrey who, 30 years ago, married an Armenian who lived on the West Bank.

The English woman and I drank dry white Italian wine and nibbled American-made Pringles. We studied the crowd.

"Everyone seems so subdued," the English woman said.

The strange, overly solicitous, ingratiating types were missing. Only one person stood out, a young woman, a self-described freelancer. She had a French accent, bright avid eyes, and an athlete's wiry body.

Glancing at the young freelancer, the English woman whispered to me, "She says she represented Israel as a gymnast at the 1980 Olympics."

The English woman sipped her wine. "But Israel didn't go to the Olympics in

On the other side of the patio, people lined up for eggplant lasagna, poached salmon, goat cheese, and a salad of bitter

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influence was not as far-reaching as Oprah's Book Club, but its consequences were likely far more devastating. Though we smirk at its mass appeal and its seeming insincerity, all Oprah's list does is make more people read. But Jaclyn Easton's book and associated website, Striking SIGHTSEER ItRich.com, surely lured thousands of brash entrepreneurs onto the Web rocks, ending in their humiliating but captivating bankruptcies.

Easton is a popular tech columnist for the Los Angeles Times and a frequent guest commentator on the 7:00 p.m. entertainment-tele-vision circuit. She published StrikingItRich.com in 1999, before the Web wipeout. The book pro files 23 "incredibly successful websites you've probably never heard of." Easton's purpose was to prove that the Web could be profitable for small businesses, not just the giants. To that end, she described the Internet successes of such unglamorous companies as Long Island Hot Tubs, Coastal Tool and Supply, KoreaLink, and Motorcycle Online. She demonstrated, above all, that obsessive customer service was the key to a profitable website. One of the better examples she chose was the commerce site of Ridout Plastics (www.ridoutplastics.com), a San Diego company located on Ruffin Road, just east of Montgomery Field.

"Elliott Rabin's \$8000 website," Easton explained, "paid for itself with its first customer." She quoted Rabin, "This client wanted to move his company to San Diego. So he went to a search engine, punched in 'San Diego and plastics,' and our name came back at the top of the list. After seeing the manufacturing pages on our website, he called me up and — boom — a \$100,000-a year account. Thank you."

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Ridout Plastics' site states, "Our Core Competency is the ability to take plastic and then modify, enhance, and decorate its shape to provide your solution - quickly and accurately." Rabin's online biography reads like a typical American Dream cliché. "I am a San Diego native," he writes, "and graduated from UC San Diego earning a degree in Visual Arts (Art History) with Honors. I have an MBA in Financial Management. I have been playing on computers since the early Atar games... From an early age, I knew that plastics would be my occupation. Maybe it was The Graduate that planted a seed, but I found a career paper written in the ninth grade detailing my desire to join the family plastics business. The ware house and manufacturing facilities at Ridout Plastics were a paradise as a teenager where I learned about the varieties of plastics sold. As an avid surfer. I was pleased to find the raw mate rials necessary to build surfboards on the shelves of the family store. By the time I graduated from college, I built over 500 top-quality surfboards

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with my old friend, R.W. Preisendorfer, Upon college graduation I was faced with four paths; (1) join my father, (2) expand the surfboard business as a full-time career, (3) pursue a Master's Degree in Art History at Yale University, or (4) move to Kauai, grow avocados, and surf.

"Well, I guess the rest is 'history,' as they say. Ridout Plastics has grown from 8 to over 65 employees, from 5000 square feet of space to over 50,000 square feet of combined manufacturing and office space.... How many company owners can walk around their company each day and be absolutely amazed at what is being made? The solutions we

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of plastic products for industries and individuals. They fill custom orders for tanks, trophy cases, podiums, lecterns, custom furniture, biotech supplies, and museum display cases. Rabin explains at the site, "We stock and sell only the finest-quality products for last ing solutions. All materials can be cut and shaped to the customer's exact requirements. Products are exported to Baia California, Brazil, France, Canada, Japan, Australia, Chile, and other coun tries. Engineering plastics supplied by us were on

board the lunar landing program (and remain on e moon)."Customers can fax blueprints to Ridout, which will then take the designs and see them from prototype to product. "The state-of-the-art equipment for exacting tolerance control in today's zero-defect environment. From hand crafted fabrication to full production extrusion and njection-molding — we do it all."

One of Easton's primary lessons is that, contrary to popular opinion "content" is not the kiss of death. So long as a site provides a clearly stated ser vice, it can load up on con tent and still succeed. Ridout.com serves as a fine example of this precept. A client can visit the site to order a custom-made skateboard or an oddly shaped piece of plastic tubing and receive as a bonus an education in the expansion and contraction properties of Plex iglas (acrylic), "For indoor applications where tem peratures normally remain the same (+/- 20 degrees F)," the site's FAO page explains, "acrylic sheet does not generally require special considerations for expansion and contraction, othe than providing for a snus rather than tight fit sinc its movement is approxi mately .00984 in. per foot length for each 20 degrees of temperature change.

Q. There were plastics in 1914?

"Do you remember the little plastic numbers and letters on grocery shelves (that you used to switch around)? Originally founded as the Rench Company in wntown San Diego ir 1914, that's how we got our start. In fact, the owner's grandfather and father used o buy their store supplies from the Rench Company in the 1930s. But, for a nice and informative overview of plastics, specifically Plexiglas, click here for the Plexglas Primer!

Nothing fancy, but as recent economic developments have demonstrated, probably the formula of the future for websites, As Rabin told Easton in 1999, "Every day I am totally blown away that people out there find us and want to do business with us."

- Justin Wolff

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i The summer of 1934, as they did every other summer, Peter and his grandmother spent at Pine Lodge On the first of July they would leave San Diego, and for six weeks they would stay at the lodge in the brown mountains east of the city, Peter in a small room adjoining his grandmother's larger one, with a Navajo rug on the floor, a white crockery pitcher and basin on the table beside the bed, and a window that looked out across the bright pine-carpeted valley that was misty in the morning and purple and blue-shadowed in the evening.

At Pine Lodge the days passed very slowly. He and his grandmother would get up each morning at 8:30, have breakfast, and then go for a walk along the flank of the hills or along the dry river bed in

the valley. They would always come back by way the lodge, where the post office was.

The only letter he got that summer was from Joe, with the Baileys' 26th Street address in the upper left hand corner of the enve lope. Peter was surprised had seen little of loc last year except at school, and San Diego High School was so large that they had had

only two classes together. Ever since Joe's father had gone broke and the Baileys had to move to the Bentleys' house and then, last fall, to 26th Street, Joe had been very distant and touchy and sarcastic. Joe had cut himself completely from Hickey, Bryan, and Herm Randall, and Peter felt that his own friendship with Joe had become a very tenuous one, dependent always on his own efforts. He was grateful that loe had written him This summer Joe was working in the downtown garage his father was running. "You ought to see me grease a car," he wrote. "I'm getting pretty good. When you get back you



ought to come down here sometime and I'll show you how to grease a car." But he knew that Joe did not really want him to come down to the garage

And there was no answer to the letter he wrote Joe that night. He would be hopeful every morning on the walk with his grandmother, only to be disappointed when they reached the post office; and then the slow walk back to the lodge, and then lunch, where he would listen to his grandmother and Mr and Mrs. Bissell and old Mr. Cunningham denounce Roosevelt and the New Deal, and then the too

brief freedom in the afternoon while his grandmother took her nap. The days passed very slowly, and each day he dropped farther into the loneliness that always oppressed him when he had to spend all his time with his grandmother. One afternoon in early

August they were having tea on the front terrace when a low black Auburn drove up the hill. The Auburn was followed by a cloud of dust and exhaust smoke, which, when the car stopped before the lodge, caught up with the car and engulfed the three people who seemed to burst out of the front seat. When the cloud passed. Peter saw a fat ing out of the alcove that man with a beaked nose and dark bags under his eyes, a fat woman with an nseasonable fur around her neck, and a fat boy in boy said. a blue sweater. The three of them walked up the steps

heads were being carried into the lodge.

close together, and a few

moments later a great num-

ber of matched tan suit-

cases and two golf bags with leather hoods over the club

Mrs. Bissell said, "I heard they would be coming today. I wonder if they play bridge." "I think not," his grandmother said. "No, thank

"The woman looks as though she might be nice." His grandmother glanced at her coldly, and

Mrs. Bissell sighed and was The fat boy just stood inside the doorway with his hands in his pockets. A

large medal hanging from his watch pocket gleamed in the sun. "What a fat lump of a boy!" Peter's grandmother said. After breakfast the next morning Peter was com-

served as a library when he ran into the fat boy "Pretty dull around

this dump, isn't it?" the fat Peter pushed his hair

nervously back from his forehead. "There's not much to do. I guess. Are you going to stay here very long?" He placed the book he had been carrying under his arm, but the fat boy reached for it and looked at the title.

"Ben Hur - what crap!

your name, kid?" That all the kind of books they got in this dump

good watch? It's a Hamilton. Best watch they make. "It looks like a keen watch, all right,"

The fat boy nodded and returned the watch to his pocket with a flourish "You bet your life it is What's

Without waiting for Peter

to answer he pulled at the

gold medal and brought

from his pocket a gleaming

silver watch. "Ten to ten,

he said. "You want to see a

"Peter Gorman."

up to my room for a while? "Okay," Peter said, and as they went up the stairs,

would be the right answer. "Well," he said. "Well, kind

took out a key and unlocked "Whyn't you come on a door, "That's my folks' room," he said, nodding toward the door across the nall. "Best room in this "Say, what's your name?" "Ralph Waller. You like whole dump."
Inside he took several

poetry, Pete?" sheets of paper from the drawer of his table, dis-Peter didn't know what carded some, included others, finally handed Peter five pages on which were lines written in a tiny script.

He followed the fat buttocks up the stairs and down the third-floor hall-

said. "See what you think of them.

"You write poetry?" Peter asked

"Oh yeah." Ralph scratched himself in the crotch, "Some're pretty damn good, I guess. Mr. Bowles at school says so

Peter tried to read them, but the handwriting was partly illegible and the words he could decipher didn't make much sense. In one of them there was omething about "icons of the sunset that made the heart teem with inchoate wonder," and in two poems recurred the same phrase, "pregnant with the gloomed, darkling visage

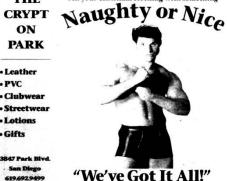
of Prometheus."
"Boy, these are darn good," Peter said.

"Some pretty good images there, all right." Ralph picked up one of the tan suitcases, flopped it on his bed, and began search ing through it. He brought out a white envelope, waved to Peter to sit down, and sat beside him. From the envelope he drew a small stack of photographs and handed them to Peter. Peter

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looked at the top one, then held the photographs down in his lap so Ralph wouldn't see he was blushing.
"Pretty hot, huh?"

Ralph laughed. "Give you a bone? They cost me a dollar apiece.' Peter thumbed through

them rapidly. "Got them down at

that big old whorehouse in Tijuana," Ralph said, "You know, the Molina Rojo. They cost a buck a piece." Peter laid them on the

bed beside him. He cleared his throat. "They're pretty You bet your life they

are. Hard to get too." Ralph took out his watch and looked at it again. "Ten-That's sure a swell

watch," Peter said. "Got it for my birthday. I'm 16. How old're you,

"I'll be 16 next month." You from San Diego? Where do you go to school: Point Loma? You look like a Point Loma kid." He sat with his fat hands spread on his knees. His black eyes were pouched in fat, his nose wide at the nostrils and receding quickly so that it formed a triangle: like Babe Ruth's nose, Peter thought. He didn't know whether he liked Ralph

I go to San Diego High," he said.

Waller or not.

The old gray castle uh? Me too. Good old SDHS. What're you, a greenie? I don't remember see-ing you around."

"I was last year. Well, it's a pretty big school."
"You know anybody down at the old gray cas tle? You know Artie King? Peter shook his head

and continued to shake it as Ralph mentioned othe names he had never heard

"Do you know loe Bailey?" he put in quickly. "No." Ralph said

"How about Hick Wallace?" Peter asked "They're on the football team. They'll make first string this year, I'll bet."

"Football!" Ralph said disgustedly. "Anybody can play football. Puerile exhi bitionism. I'm only inter ested in the development of the intellect." He dug under his sweater for a pack of cigarettes. "Want a smoke,

"No thanks"

Ralph lit a cigarette. took a long drag, and popped a series of tiny smoke rings from his cir cled lips. The gray rings sailed across the room and dissolved in the sunlight that streamed through the window Peter looked down at the stack of pictures between them on the bed

"Listen," Ralph said gazing moodily toward the window, "you ought to grow up and forget this athletic crap. You look like an intelligent kid. Listen. We got a den down in our basement and some nights Artie and John and I get together down there and have some beers and smoke and talk I don't ask many people

around, but you look like a pretty smart kid - whyn't you come over sometime We talk. Sometimes we plan cards. We're all pretty damr age; we get into some pretty od, deep conversation A man's got to be intelligent to go along with us. You know what I mean,

> "Well, I'd sure like to ometime," Peter said. That's sure nice of you to "I judge a person right

off," Ralph said and snapped his fingers. "But I may as well tell you — you don't fit in, we'll drop you right away We get going on some pretty damn good deep conver-sations, and we don't have time to fool with a fellow who can't hold up his end.

"Oh sure," Peter said. He was beginning to be very impressed with Ralph although he wished Ralph weren't quite so fat. Then suddenly he remembered his grandmother. He cried, "Jeepers, I've got to go! and jumped up and fled downstairs, praying that she had not been waiting

She was sitting in one of the green wicker arm chairs under the elk head opposite the front door "I'm sorry, Grandma," he said breathlessly. "I got to talking to Ralph Waller, I didn't know what time it was getting to be."

She rose, small and stiff-backed. Her piercing eyes glanced at him with

out expression, the flesh around them puckered and crisscrossed with tiny wrinkles. Her soft white hair. pulled into a bun at the back of her head, was held

"I'm sorry, Grandma."

"We'll just go down to

"Sure, we've got time!"

He walked silently

he said. "I'm awfully sorry.

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up the trail to the big pine?

the post office. Peter," she

said. "I think we still have

time for that. I would have

liked to go up to the big

"! don't feel quite up to running," she said.

beside her, feeling the tired

ness growing swiftly within

him, and a despair that his

keeping her waiting would

become an issue, the issue

becoming larger and larger

and more and more impor

tant until everything pos-

sible had been wrung from

the post office. His grand-

mother bought a bottle of

Bromo-Seltzer at the store,

and they started back. The

wind rustled lazily through

the pines and rolled an occa-

sional dried weed across

the road, and the sky

between the tops of the pines was a whitish, bar-

"What's that big lummox

His grandmother said.

ren metallic color

of a boy's name?

There was no mail at

it, and from him.

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with two black combs, an around her neck was a black velvet band. Pointedly she did not take his arm as the went out and down the

It was awfully thoughtless of me to make you wait so

long." does it?'

"I'll try to be better, Grandma," he said mechanically "Honest I will." Over and over again his grandmother had told him that he was weak, he was bad, he was thoughtless and ungrate ful; once she had screamed at him. "You're just like your mother! There's nothing in you that's like m son! You are your mother! Because the only time his father had been weak or thoughtless or ungrateful was when he had married Peter's mother, who was all those things. He had married her in England, and for some reason this in itself was bad. His grandmother had said his mother had drunk herself to death. He himself could remember nothing about

"Ralph Waller. He's His grandmother ignored him throughout very nice, Grandma, He's lunch, and after lunch she went to her room to take a

very intelligent." "I'm sure he must be." Well, he writes poetry and all He's very intelligent. He and his friends get gether and talk over seri ous things all the time. "I'm sure you had a

very serious conversation "I'm sorry, Grandma.

"You're a very thought less boy, Peter," his grandmother said. "Your father well, never mind. It doesn't do to make comparisons, The coin had been put

into the slot, the lever pulled.

her; he had never seen he

nap. He waited in his own Rude, I mean. room for the time when she would wake up, know

you can't help it, there's-

She didn't answer He moved toward her and sat down on the edge of her bed. "I just wanted to tel

ing what he must say

because he had had to say

it so many times before

going through this ritua so many times that the

words no longer had mean

ing but were mere incan

tations for appeasement and forgiveness. When at last

he thought he might safely

go in, she was still lying on

her bed, her hands at her

sides, her feet covered by

"Hello, Grandma," he

the folded blanket

"Don't touch me!" His hand jerked back Grandma. Honest, I am.

Peter?" she asked.

"Why," he said and licked his lips, "why, because guess I was pretty though ess, Grandma, Ungrateful.

She stirred and moved her hands till they were folded on her chest. She vavs removed the velvet hand when she took he nap, and her throat was and corded; she stared at him unblinkingly. "But you've explained it already, Peter" she said "You ins can't help it. So there's no need to apologize, is there?"
"Oh, Grandma!"

Sobs shook him. He "If, as we've decided oaned his way piteously through the ritual

But there's really noth-"Honest, I'll try, I'll try to ing to forgive, is there?" she be better. I'll try to be like broke in. And then she said, "Since you cannot seem to

"Remember what?" he vhispered. "That you have no one

but me," his grandmother said. "That you have no one but me." He sobbed there, his face pressed into the side of the bed. "That no one in the world loves you but me," his grandmother said, and her voice had taken on the intense, urgent tone he never understood. "Tha no one would put up with your behavior as I do. That no one cares for you at all but me. That I have had my son and raised him and lost him. And now I have it to do over again. You can

never remember, can you?

ma," he whispered. He raised his head, but the look in together as he walked, his toes pointing out. "Hey, what's the matter? You been her frighteningly wide tled him, and he bowed it

tinued to whisper reassur-

ances into the side of the

bed. And finally he could tel

that it was going to be all

ii When he went down

stairs he came upon Ralph

Waller in the lobby, read

ing a Ballyhoo magazine

Ralph saw him before he

Ralph came toward

him, his thighs rubbing

could retreat, "Hi, Zilch!

"I guess I've been readagain. "I'll remember ing too long. My eyes're kind of sore." Grandma," he whispered Now he felt the terrible dis gust at himself, but he con-

Ralph looked at him suspiciously. "What do you say we go for a walk? I'm about to die of ennui in this lousy dump. "Okay," Peter said. They

walked down to the high way. Listening to Ralph's flow of conversation. Peter's spirits rose, and he began to feel more and more respect for Ralph, Ralph uld never crawl abjectly before his grandmother as he had just done. Ralph would have stood up to her. and she would have been

cowed. He imagined conhis grandmother's terrible defeated by Ralph's supehe felt a sudden thrill of terror at the thought of his grandmother catching him vith Ralph's dirty pictures. He shivered almost deli ciously, walking beside

Ralph along the highway

in the sun.

At the concrete bridge that carried the highwa over the stream they dimbed down the bank. It was cool and dark under the white ash concrete. An old shoe and several rusty cans lay against one wall near the remains of a fire, and a whisky bottle bobbed on



my father was!" He went

down on his knees beside the bed and clutched her

hand in his two hands. It

lay there, cold and inani

down his cheeks, his heart

pumped sickly. "I swear I'll

be better," he sobbed, "I'll

try every single minute. I'll

do anything you want." He laid his hot forehead against

the side of the bed, seeking

some response from he

"But what is it you want

he whispered

of me. Peter?"

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say something to make it easier for him. He tried to

you I'm sorry about this morning." He stopped, hoping hopelessly she would take her hand.

the tears sprang to his eyes. "Please!" he cried, "Please Grandma! I don't know what was wrong with me this morning!" No matter how he tried to be prepared for what she would say to him, he was never ready. He was always shattered. not just by the words but by the way she said them, by the fierce look that accompanied them. "Please," he said. "I'm sorry.

"Why are you sorry.

the margin of the stream. Peter went over to kick the bottle out into the current It bobbed down only a shor way before it was caugh again on a green-scummed branch

"Got to take a leak," Ralph announced, unbuttoning his pants. He flipped the vellow stream back and forth across the water while Peter turned quickly to investigate the shoe and the tin cans. He found a clear place to sit down, and Ralph came over to sit beside him.

"Sure nice and cool under here," Peter said.

"Yeah, it's too damn hot out in that sun. What I wouldn't give for a beer." Then Ralph asked, "Say, where're your folks? They coming up later? What's

"They're dead." Peter said. "My father was sho

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down in a plane in the war and my mother died later on. I've just got my

Ralph was hugging his knees against his chest and swaving back and forth "Little Orphan Annie," he said. He released his knees and rested a warm hand on Peter's shoulder, "You know what?" Ralph said "I sure wish we could go swimming."

"That'd be keen "I was sure they'd at

least have a swimming pool at this dump Boy, il fair très chaud aujourd'hui

Chaud meant hot in French, Peter knew. "I'll say," he said. But it was cool in the shade under the bridge, and goose pimple had come out on his arms Ralph's hand felt very damp and heavy through his shirt

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Oscar Wilde, Pete?"

Peter shook his head. The stream slithered past, making quiet, chirruping sounds. The whisky bottl had disappeared.

too. I know what you mean,

Ralph." This was to be one

of those good, deep con-

versations of which Ralpl

had spoken, and he felt

proud that he had been able

to hold up his end, that he

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"Greatest writer there great too." ever was," Ralph said, "A "He was a great man if great man. You ought to there ever was one," Peter read Wilde, Pete, Terrific said. "And that traitor Lee But every time there's a had to go hang him." "Oh!" Ralph said. "Oh, man like that - you know what I mean — a genius, that John Brown, Yeah, well, they persecute him. Like

I see what you mean, Pete. Socrates. Take Socrates, for "They do it every time, Peter said, shivering a lit example. They do it every time. It's a damn shame the tle Ralph's hand left his shoulder, and Ralph felt way they persecute men like that. silent. Peter said quickly, "That's right!" Peter "Sav, I know a place we said. "Just like John Brown might go swimming

Wouldn't you like to go swimming, Ralph?" Ralph took out his watch. "Sure, I guess we might as well."

Wilde was.

Ralph sounded a little

puzzled. "Yeah, he's pretty

They retraced their steps along the highway, then followed a path that angled up the hillside to the big pine which stood alone on the bare top of the hill. Beyond the big pine the hill dropped steeply and they descended rough rocks that were hot in the sun, watching carefully for rattlesnakes in the crevices

had thought of John Brown where tough scraggly bushes so quickly. But he wished he was sure who Oscar At the bottom of the

cliff the stream poured through channeled rock with a steady faucet sound Peter ran down the last stretch onto the pebbled beach beside the pool. The waterfall dropping into the clear water radiated ripples that fanned and faded and slapped against the rock walls. At the foot of the pool was another narrow lot where the water flowed white and dropped again Behind the gray rock wall rose brown hills spotted with pine, and behind the hills in endless array were

against the sky. Ralph slid to the beach beside him, and Peter sat down and listened to the sound of the water falling. He picked up a handful of pebbles and let them drop through his fingers; he felt watery and strange inside.

brown mountains rising

Ralph said, "It's a beautiful place." Peter nodded, watching the water splash, cream-Beneath the distortions of tom slanted into a long nar row basin that looked filled not so much with water as with a kind of greenish

Ralph said, "You're a pretty good-looking guy, do you know it, Peter?"

Peter flushed furiously; he picked up more pebbles his fingers.

You've got a darn good build, you know what I mean? I wish I wasn't so damn fat. Do wou think I'm too fat, Pete?" He put his arm over Peter's shoulders, and Peter could smell his "Nah!" he protested

falsely. "You're not so fat." He was intensely conscious of the weight of Ralph's arm. He started when it was removed.

"Let's go in, uh?" Ralph said "I bet it'll feel good! "It's awfully cold."

"Aw, crap! Come on!" Ralph scrambled to his feet, pulled his shirt off over his head, and unbuttoned his

Peter turned away to remove his own clothes, then waded into the pool without looking back. The

rock wall opposite the beach made a straight line of adow down the center of the pool, and for a time he swam slowly down it. half in the shadow, half i the sun. The sunny side seemed almost like a beach on the ocean, except that there were no waves; in the shadow it was like anothe

Ralph was still sitting on the beach, his legs drawn up close to his naked chest which sagged like a girl's shouted. "It feels fine

"It's too cold," Ralph

Peter returned to the beach and sat down next to him. He was shivering, and he locked his arm around his knees, as Ralph was doing, and hunched his shoulders forward. The sharp pebbles bit painfully into his buttocks

"Cold?" Ralph asked "I'll say."

"Stretch out for a while. That sun'll get you dry ir

Peter turned over on his

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stomach and closed his eyes.

The waterfall was a distant,

soothing sound, the sun

was hot and relaxing, and

presently he stopped ship-

ering. He listened to Ralph

talk, finally turning on his

cushioning his head in his

off at the mou

hands. Ralph was staring

he looked down again he

said, "My God, you've go

a beautiful build, Peter, Do

you know it? Like Hermes.

You look just like Hermes.

'Aw, cut it out.

You've got me all hot." He

moved closer and let his

hand rest on Peter's stom-

ach. Peter sat up quickly

Ralph's face was red, and

his lips were forced into a

"No. kidding, Pete, Do

ou want to have some fun?

l can show you how we car

have a lot of fun. No kid

grin that was half-sheep

"No kidding, Peter

you want me to show you? Ralph's gross body. He hated body; he was really well built, Ralph had said, like

toward the big pine. "Hey!" Ralph called. "Slow down." Hermes, who was a Greek god. He hated his body. But Peter didn't slow down.

or even look back, hurry-

ing over the brown pine

toward the lodge. The shame

he felt was a crawling, slimy

thing, but there was tri-

umph in it, because some

how he had gained an ascen-

dancy over his grand

mother; there had been a

swift and blunt revenge for

each time he had gone on

his knees to beg forgive-

ness for trespasses he had not even realized or under-

stood, for the "Don't touch

me!" that was like a whip

and Peter began to run, his

feet thudding swiftly down

the nath. He hadn't looked

Ralph in the face since they

had left the pool. But, after

all, what was the matter

with it? Ralph had said it was all right. Mostly it was that

couldn't stand to see

. He thought of his own

"Hey!" Ralph yelled,

on his heart.

He tried to think of the de Havilland flying model he was building. He soon: he had to make the wings and dope the fuselage and get a long rubber band for the prop. Maybe his grandmother would give him the money to buy some of those rubber-tired wheels. If he could have them it would be the best flying model he had ever made. He would get Joe to o with him when he took it out to fly it.

He stumbled and almost fell, thrusting his arms out stiff to catch him self. But his legs recovered. and he ran on, panting. He couldn't get Joe to go out

de Havilland, and he couldn't go to the beach with Hickey and Herm and Bryan when he got back to San Diego. He couldn't face any of them. What would Joe think, oh, what would loe think if he knew? He felt his heart fall away inside him. Joe had a good build

too thicker and stockier

he. Peter, could run faster

he could run faster than

anvone in Mission Hills

than he, and stronger. But

with him when he flew the

He thought vividly of Con Robinson, who was in Washington, D.C. He'd been in Washington once on a train, and they had gone through a tunnel and soot had blown suffocatingly in the window. He

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He ran faster now.

had struggled to close the window, but he couldn't, and his grandmother had been angry. But he had gotten back at her now. He peered back over his shoulder; the sun was orange through the pines, bright ening the pine needles on the trail. There was no sign of Ralph. He could run faster than Ralph, he knew that, but already it seemed as though he had been running a distance and a time surable not in vards or miles, hours or years, and yet he had only started to

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HOW SOME SAN DIEGO BOOKSELLERS
BRING HOME THE BACON

"You know the Strand bookshop [in New York City]?" asks Chuck Valverde, the grand old man of San Diego's grand old bookstore, Wahrenbrock's Book House. "For years, [the owner] operated in a depressed area at the rim of the Village. Then, all of a sudden — probably because of him — some guy bought this burnt-out hulk of a building across the street and started remodeling it and selling it off as office space and condos. Then, boom, like wildfire, the whole area starts redeveloping. He was renting, and when his five-year lease came up, the [landlord] said, 'Oh, by the way, we're going to quadruple your rent.' He's got some upper floors and the basement; he was this close to going out of business. So, he goes into a huge debt cycle, borrows the money from a private source, goes in and buys the building — which is his salvation. He couldn't afford to pay the rent." And so we come to Small Bookstore Rule Number One: Own the building.

Joe Tabler always wanted to own a bookstore. "My father would say, 'Wel, if you learn how to do it, we probably could help you start up." The very first thing I did was to go talk to Phyllis Brown at Grounds for Murder when she was in Old Town. My father always said, 'Work for free i' you have to,' so I said, 'I'll work for free.' if Strown turned Tabler down, but she did tell him what authors she would buy and how much she was willing to pay. Tabler armed himself with a book about paintedcover paperbacks from the '40s, set his alarm clock, and started hitting rummage sales at the opening gun. Luck was with him; at his first sale, he recalls, "They were selling paperbacks for a dime. I bought 60 paperbacks; 15 of them were these old\* [painted-cover] paperbacks. One of them actually sold for \$45 at an auction; I got \$22.50 for it, and I paid a dime."

\$22.50 (for it, and I paid a dime."
Tabler had become a scout, one of
the intrepid souls who comb the thrift
shops and garage sales of San Diego, searching for books that the bookshops will buy.
He learned standard soout methodology.
"You go and you say, 'Are these all the
books you have? You ask it every time,
and you get into their house of books once
in a while. Then you don't pick any up; or,
if you pick one up, you pick up one you
don't want. You figure out how they're
pricing them.

Tim Kennedy, a Wahrenbrock's employee who once served as a scout for bookseller William Burgett, expands on the vocation. "It's a [pure] form of free enterprise — you just get in the car at the beginning of the day and go where you think the picking will be good. You're hoping to find a book that the thrift shop has put 50 cents on and maybe you can sell it to somebody like Burgett for \$5. because he can put \$6 on it.\* Though Kennedy relied on "a few price guides" during his scouting years, he says that no bled exists by which the scout can live. "I don't think it could exist. So many things fell out to either side of [the price guides]. For instance, technical books, which can be very good, fell outside their definition of collectible books. Or real oddball things that they would have way wrong, because the last time the book was sold, people didn't think so much of it, but circumstances changed and it became a very pooult book."

and it became a very popular book."

Despite his buyer's broad definition of what a salable book was, Kennedy also developed a sense of what wouldn't sell. "Anything that's dated and has not yet become quaint. Any writer of fiction who has just not made a name for himself or herself. Anything that's common. Anything that's too general. When you come right down to it, people come to a store for very specific reasons. If you're a big Civil War [student], you've probably long since focused your attention on [some smaller field, say] Civil War railroads and Civil War spise. A general book on the



"You can't price a book on instinct or experience anymore."

well enough as a scout, and the collection he amassed eventually led to a stall at Kobey's Swap Meet, By 1984. he was selling by appoint ment out of a large garage on Riley Street. Five years later he moved into the Fifth Avenue location of Otento Books in Hillcrest as the previous owners moved out. The spot seemed ideal: a developing neigh borhood, an established location, and next-door proximity to the new-book dealers at the venerable Blue Door Bookstore. "I under stand the book dealers in L.A. are a little less cooperative," ruminates Tabler "but down here, other guys vere helping me a lot. Chuck basically loaned me \$1800 to move into my |first | store It was really a garage full ..slightly moth-eaten trade paperbacks, but he helped me filter through them and said I could pa him back whenever. Bob Dolan | who now owns Kensington Books was clos ing his Gaslamp store and



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stopping.

and it was available to any

body. Then it got sold and

became alibris.com." Once

the scope expanded, the

collectors joined the deal-

ers in staying home and

searching the Web. Further

the scouts, once so eager to

sell their wares to the shop

started selling the books

"It got to a point where

bookstore had to have

themselves, online

getting rid of his stock; he Avenue and opened 5th said I could buy books from him and pay him back later. Ion House of 1&1 House downtown set me up with a \$100 buy: I could spend \$100 and get several cases of books. General stuff, but good solid stuff to just put on the shelf ... Time-Life

series, they'll sell at the right For years, business was good. Other dealers were attracted: Robert Schrader moved over from Adams

Avenue Books across the street: Rhea Kuhlman left her location on El Cajon Boulevard and settled in two doors down from Schrader. Everybody was happy. Tabler tried his hand at publishing, an expensive and educational experience. In 1996, he opened a second store, at 1033 Seventh Avenue, downtown. But something omi nous was afoot: in the mid-'90s, the collectible material in his glass case — books and magazines "\$50 and - began to move more slowly

Explains Tabler, "In the old days - say, seven years ago - there were collec tors who made the round in Southern California Some of them [came] once a year, some of them every three months. Dealers did the same thing. If one of them specialized in big game books, hunting in Africa, they would make the rounds to all the book

stores and buy up every-thing they could find that on the Net, and they're inferior to your book in terms was any good. That started of condition or some other Some of his regulars thing. There's a book about SS guys who went to Viet had begun to use Interlock an association composed nam: I think the Web's largely of book dealers, in driven that one up." Also, which members put books "Alcoholics Anonymous online for other members stuff - things where there's to buy. "I did that a little a really strong emotional appeal to the clientele for the bit with surfing books," says Tabler, "and then it change

Chuck Valverde comments on the effect of this new marketplace: "If the customer wants a book and he goes on the Net and looks it up, he'll probably find four or five copies, priced from extraordinarily high retail to extraordinarily lov retail. Of course, he's going buy...the best copy a the least price. He's not going to his local used book shop. If he finds the book [online], it will probably be at a cheaper price than at the bookseller, because it's

out that there are only two

their special books online otherwise, why have them? A good solid out-of-print hardcover on a fairly nar row subject should sell pretty in a warehouse, or becaus easily for \$20 or \$30. If it's it's in some bedroom that a little more special, \$40 to mom and pop are running \$60. Anybody would be in the evenings when they get through with their cham villing to pay that much for a book if they really ber-cleaning jobs. They don't have any operationa wanted it; that's my think ing. So if you put a book overhead: they bought the book for a quarter to begin in your store at \$40 to \$60, ou may not sell it for years; with, at some flea sale, so the can go way under the retail if you put it online, some body will probably pick it price. And why not buy up in a couple of months from them? It's a question "Then another thing

happened, Bob Dolan and ome other people I know who have been online a long time say the prices for those \$40-to-\$60 books have come down to \$20 to \$40 |online|. There's some belief that [this is because] these books got on there all at once, and over time, they'll go back up to the levels they were at. I mean, if you look, there's 20 copies of something that you'd find maybe one or two of on the West Coast. The flooded market has lowered the price.

Tim Kennedy provides an example: "Edward Weston's California and the West used to be a \$100 book — without a dus jacket. It turns out that they're actually very plen tiful: you could probably find one on the Net for \$15 You can't price a book on instinct or experience any more." You have to keep track of Internet prices otherwise, you can reall embarrass yourself. Or you could really blow it in the rare instance that you find

net boon. He had lost the Southern California-based llectors who used to visi his bookshop, but he had ed the world. And, peraps because of his spe-

Suddenly, the Internet

bane had become the Inter

cialized subject matter, he didn't suffer overmuch from the price drop that comes from expanded supply. He started gathering e-mail resses, making contacts with customers from Australia to Luxembourg. He built a site, Surfbooks.com and linked to other sites that sold surfing-related goods. "There are two or hree guys in Australia tha have bought \$500 to \$1000 worth of books two or three times," he reports.

The bookshop-related quirks that had seemed tolerable in light of the estab lished location and inter esting building began to irritate. "The plumbing would leak \_\_ it still leaks\_ and ruin a whole section; I think once a year that would happen. Somebody would do something upstairs and it would come own through the plumbing and then whoosh out a bunch of poop on the floor. That would happen once or twice a year.

And then the rent wen up in the rapidly redeveloping Hillcrest district, for both Tabler and his neighbor, Tom Stoup at the Blue Door, "Our rent was about \$1200; the leasing people were trying to raise it to about \$2400. We called the owner, and he said, 'We'll make it a dollar a square foot.' That made it \$1900. I started feeling like not being there. I loved the building. I loved the locato own the building if I'm

going to have a bookstore kind of thing." In May of '99, he sold the Hillcrest store; the downtown location followed a few months later. "When you have a store and you have employees, there's thi tug going on all the time," explains. Sales tax, pay rolls, inventory upkeep, and overhead became more has sle than they were worth. Now, says Tabler, things are "a lot calmer, just in general." He sources material from other collectors, from abo books.com, and from eBay

the plumbing backing up. The San Diego Booksellers

Association, one of the only such associations nation wide that accepts both used and new booksellers, boasted 113 members in 1993-94 After a slight dip in the mid-'90s, that number climbed back up to 112 in 1998-99, then began its steepest descent since the association first began listing members in 1980. In the year 2001-02, membership stands at 96. down 9 from the year previous, Fourteen booksellers left the association, 5 joined; one of the 5 was Tabler. back after a brief absence Another was Paperback Bookstore, which has appeared at various times in various locations around

Of the 14 that left, 7 were ed in North County shops in Vista, Cardiff, Carlsbad, Escondido, Solana Beach, and Rancho Santa 'That's always been a had place" observes I au rence McGilvery, husband of the association's president, Geraldine McGilvery, with whom he runs a La Iolla bookstore that sells art exhibition catalogs, books on art, and rare art periodicals." "One of [the ores] was a very good store that the people simply closed. Apart from that they were in kind of a lowulation area, despite all the building, [North County is] still not as dense as L

new booksellers versus the chain stores. (She also dis misses the descriptor "small" in reference to her book store, preferring "indeper dent.") She rents a space next to a Staples in Kearny Mesa, and not only does

Iolla or downtown or Adams Avenue, and yet rental prices are just as high there as the are here That's always been kind of an iffy situation beyond Del Mar. "It's a larger drop than we've had before, but I don't

think it's [disastrous]. If it had dropped 20, then.. You have to look at these things [in context]." A steep drop in numbers doesn' always mean a crumbling industry. "Last year, we had this crazy guy in Beverly Hills, all he sold was The Guinness Book of World Records." This year, he's out, but the San Diego book ndustry didn't suffer from the loss of him. "One per son is mad at the organization" - out of the asso ciation, but not out of

Geraldine continues the theme: "MOPA [the Museum of Photographic Arts] didn't want to renew because they didn't want to fund the \$50. Inner Truth — religion is rather difficult because it's a limited [market]... Some of them dropped out because they were going to do only Internet sales. Some of them" - such as Tabler stayed in because they were going to the Internet. We worry about the new book sellers because of the big chains" \_\_ Barnes & Noble and Borders, but not Crown

"The unhappy truth about small bookstores,"

concludes Laurence, "is that most of them are subsidized in one form or are subsidized by other funds - they have an income of some sort, o they're retired - or they're ving on an income that is many cases is below mini mum wage." Small Book-

store Rule Number Two Have a separate source of Susan Hensley, owner of San Diego Technical Books, breaks both Rule One and Rule Two, as well as buck-



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of dollars." The question "Why not buy from them?" s not entirely rhetorical -Valverde indicates that the practice of describing a book's condition in an online listing is far from uniformly accurate — but it does hav

toward Internet sales began through something of ar epiphany, "I sold a lot to a couple of guys who would come in and put books on American Book Exchange la k a abebooks com didn't want to bother doing it. If a book was very spe cial, I might look up the price; otherwise, I w just kind of heft it and eveball it." Then, "One night I think it was two and a half years ago — I was home, and something inside me said T've got to put a bunch of stuff on eBay!' I drove ove to the shop, grabbed about 25 of the surfer things some magazines, some books - out of the glass case, brought them home and put them up [on eBay

over the next couple of

considerable force.

For Tabler, the shift

source of income, 12 years ago her husband quit his oh to come and work for her. Laurence McGilvery calls her "the best book per son in San Diego by a long shot" and claims that "every

thing she touches turns to

gold." Though I have never

looked for a technical book.

knew about Hensley's

store - hers are the strik

ing "booksmatter.com" bill-

boards that have appeared

around San Diego for the

past couple of years. By 1982, when Joseph

Tabler was just starting to

hit the garage sales, Susan

Hensley had worked for a

publisher in Palo Alto, the

SDSU bookstore while she

was a student. Pickwick

Books in Mission Valley

B. Dalton after they bough

out Pickwick, and the HB

Bookstore downtown

among others, "I'd done al

that you could do, had all

the experiences you could

have," she says. So she struck

a technical bookstore in

San Diego since 1974. At

every store I'd worked at.

"I knew that, even then

out on her own.

she not have a separate

ing Geraldine's worry about

you couldn't open a general bookstore in America it was too hard to compete The malls ruled everything B. Dalton and Waldenbook were everywhere, and they had massive amounts o money." Success, she deter mined, lay in finding a niche market. "San Diego is [and was] a technical commu nity, and there hadn't been

and said, 'Can you order these books for us?' At the time, ordering from publishers was very difficult. So I thought, 'Here's a built in business." "Rule Number Three: Specialize

"I started the business out of my home in Kensington. All I did was orderfulfillment. I called corporations on the phone and said 'Hi I'm calling from San Diego Technical Books, and this is what I can do for you: I can order all your books for you, consolidate all your orders, ship them out to you. You only have one check to cut, one phone call to make.' I got business the first day. By the time I left my home in Kensington in 1985. I had three employees. I moved into a small warehouse on Vickers Street, 500 square feet, we were doing over \$2 mil-



they're here about six

months, they start pulling

the discounts away. They

leave the bestsellers dis

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and all the remainders at

lion a year, and I had five or

By the time Barnes & Noble arrived, she was established enough to ride out the initial storm. "The first thing they do when they come

into an area is they discount heavily in their stores" she explains. "They have all these discount schedules: hardbacks are so much off, paperbacks are so much, bestsellers... Then, after

ed, so there's the rance of discounting But actually, the majority of their books are sold a full retail." Not everyone wave, says Hensley, remembering Word's Worth Books in Encinitas. "You can be a great bookstore and not make it. You have to have enough cash flow; it just comes down to that it out." But even Hensley couldn't stay the course

the front of the store are

when online bookseller Amazon com blew into the market: "Amazon, which doesn't have to make a profit. That's almost imposs to compete against." The personal computer, which for technical books among curious users, seemed to turn on her, providing a medium for an all but

now than they've been in the past - this thing where unbeatable foe. "It was a you buy two books and it's bizarre phenomenon, and 30 percent off no matter unfortunately, we're still what Every day there's a kind of under that umbrella. new deal; it's pretty outra-We eventually had to go to ous." In the meantime discounting, because peoshe's expanding her store ple would walk into our bringing in new titles, staystore, look at the books, ing on the offensive. decide which one they Those new titles, she wanted, and then go back hopes, will help her mainto their office and order it

over the Internet. They

would tell us as they were

walking out the door. Our

business was just going

[down]. What could we do

We had to start discount

ing, which we did, and they

that this too shall pass. "Any

day now, Amazon will stop

discounting, and once they

stop, everybody will stop

and it will be back to bus

ness. They can't keep going

right now, they're in a major

campaign to gain business. Their discounts are higher

She remains hopeful

all came back"

tain her footing in her struggle with the online book sellers. "If you don't have a brick-and-mortar book store, no one is ever going o find out about ne of books or new publishers. because people won't be able to see them. Anybody can sell a John Grisham book, because there's no question as to what the book . But if one of my publishers comes out with a new line of books, they can't just put it on the Internet and expect people to buy

it. They're going to go for something they recognize, and the only way they'll recognize it is if they've seen it somewhere and gotter to look at it, touch it, and open it. If you come in here at noontime, that's all that people are doing. They could order it from our webpage, but they'd much rather come in here and open it up. look at it, see if it's what they really need."

She credits her success (and her survival) up to this point to a policy of wishes. For example, "When customers walk in and start calling books by a certain name, we change the sign to say what they say. We started carrying O'Reilly books back in the late '80s When the customers came in, they would say, 'I want that O'Reilly book on... So, instead of putting the

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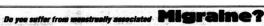


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of it. "I owned the build ing, but even though owned it, my overhead wa a month, because of employ ees and expenses and every thing. And that's before you go and buy a book. It just got to be, like, 'This is crazy.' Somebody made Burgett an offer on the building, and that started his exodufrom the business. After considering his options for disposing of stock - a proessive sale or dumping gressive sale or dumping the lesser stuff and skim-

iest place to be in for retail. You have thefts; you have crazy people coming in there; you have people defe-cating and urinating on your doorsteps and up and so I was a large target, and it just seemed like every day, something was happening. I just got sick and tired of

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ming off the best for him-self — he decided to unload everything en masse. He made a few phone calls and found a buyer through alibris.com, the online used kseller whose bu plan now includes owr the books it sells, as oppo to simply listing them on behalf of independent

"They took it all — the good, the bad, and the ugly.

sometimes you don't." For now, he lists his inventory of roughly 800 books exclusively on abebooks.com. Meanwhile, over at

Wahrenbrock's, Valverde and company persist in their brick-and-mor tar location, even as they upload titles onto abe ks.com — around 4000 three stories' worth of books

# "Your average paperback today is six bucks, so three bucks is [our] average price; \$2.50 if it's a little mangled."

It took about two weeks for them to load it all," recalls Burgett, "They took about seven semis of books." Joe Tabler, who watched the gathering up of Burgett's books, remembers, "They would go along, put the books in boxes, and throw general prices on the boxes for the people that were uploading the books."

Financial considera tions pushed Burgett back to the workforce, and he started doing some work as a mechanic. "I used to do that 30 years ago, when I was in the Navy." But the return to his early vocation proved less than delightful, so he quit and returned to the bookselling business.

"I actually make more money [selling books] on the Net than I did doing [mechanic work]. I just started buying books, roam ing around, doing what I have done before, and putting them on the Internet." He doesn't specialize "It's just basically find a book that you think is valuable enough to put on the Net, anywhere from ten bucks up. Sometimes you have a little bit of success and

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their range of subject matter, there is some concession to the rule of specialization. "We make a big effort to go after the older books," says Valverde. "Our art section is extraordinarily strong." And while these sections help to carry the load, men like lan Tonnesen tend the rest of the dizzying inventory, combing deleting, expanding, updat-ing. "We look at the books

and see how long we've had

them around," says Ton

nesen. "I've seen books that

we moved from our old

location 19 years ago. Those are books that we either reduce the price on or donate to the public library for their book sale." Sometimes a whole sec tion will be judged too big and too slow and so find itself drastically thinned. Part of it has to do with a section's location — if you're slow and your neighbor is fast, you may find his bor ders expanding onto what was once your turf. "We have a wonderful section on the history of Mexico,

Mexican culture, Mexican

art, and so on, which was

just kind of jammed in. So,

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we reduced our occult and metaphysics (section, which happened to be adjacent) and got a whole new bas We can expand out and grow into it; we can buy wisely and actually make more sales than we can with the spook stuff."

gious material is also a slow er. "If I could reduce that by half, I'd be happy. and buy more philosophy, or increase our music tion — we get a lot of calls for music, and we have too nuch music to really dis play it properly, so the sales section we could reduce considerably, health..."

The only exception to is hardback fiction "It's the largest section in the store. and one of the slowest mov ing. It'd be nice to reduce it by half, but we're always afraid that that one guy is going to come in and ask for that one book that we've just sent over to the library. I've straightened that sec tion out, and I keep seeing the same book - it's, like 'Oh, there you are again It's like visiting old friends." Because of their enor

at Wahrenbrock's can be tough customers for scouts - it's not easy to find something the staff will both want and have room for. But because they can buy older books and relatively expensive art books. they are also desirable cus tomers. As a result, says Valverde, "We make it our business to know where |scouts| get stock, because of the problems that are inherent in the industry Valverde rummages through a drawer and produces a a store have had this guy arrested. He went by name of 'Fletcher.' " He

reads from the bulletin 'Commercial burglary. Wanted for stealing high end art books from book shops and museum gift shops and reselling them. We know this guy stole at retail — about a half a milion dollars in one period

"And we know he stole m us," adds Tonnesen Fletcher also sold to

them. "In 1984, he came and offered us art books a \$25 or more." An employee recognized a mark on a book's cellophane jacket had been and took it to a local Doubleday store. The store was able to determine that the book had in fact been stolen from them. "We set up a deal where the stores he had probably been steal. ing from started coding their books in a certain war He brought them in to us. and we looked at them and said. Yes, we can buy these." When the man had finally stolen (and sold) enough merchandise to nearly qua ify for grand theft, the police sent an undercover officer to the store. "He comes in -I guess on a Saturday and there was a great big old guy over here [by the window]. I figured he was the cop because he has the book upside down. We looked at the books and I said, 'Well, Mr. Fletcher, I can offer you \$250. Here's my check.' And then a little tiny girl in a pair of shorts and pigtails stood up [from

and slapped that guy in Men like Fletcher are part of the reason that Kris bought Joe Tabler's business two and a half years ago (and renamed it Bluecking Books & Bindery) no longer buys books "It's hard to know some

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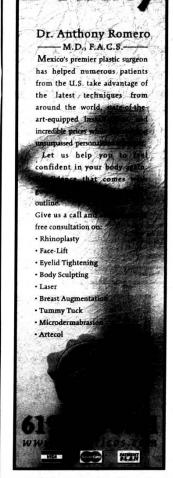
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times whether the books are really that person's books or not," she says, sighing kids, all these people would come to us. We were buy ing tons of stuff from this one guy before we realized vas a known felon."

She has other reasons for breaking the thrift-store to-scout-to-used-bookstore supply chain: "I don't have the money to buy all the books people offer me. It would be pretty stressful at times, when I didn't have enough money to pay the bills and I'd have to say, 'I can't buy today.' Those people were relying on that money, because they'd lived day to day for years and years like that. I just didn't want to be relied upon in that way, because already it was enough stress to have employees and my taxes and insurance and all this legitimate stuff. Plus there was this constant need to drop everything you're doing and look at some people's stuff. I just didn't want to do that anymore; I wanted a more sedate atmosphere.

Now, she grants trade credit to custo bring in desirable books "I'm not getting the best pick," she admits, "but I still seem to be maintaining. spend my money on new books. Tabler never did that: he had remainders, but he didn't do bestsellers or things like that. I try to carry loca authors, and especially kids books. When people special-order. I'll usually get two; I figure if one persor in the community wants it probably someone else will

Besides eschewing scouts. Nelson also break all three of the rules. Violation number one: she doesn't own the building. "I was ready to own my own business: I was desperate to get a new job. I had known loe [Tabler since the late '80s when used to work in Safari and he used to shop up there. I saw him and said 'Ioe do you have any openings in our store?' He said. 'You don't want that; that's a big cut in pay for you.' I said, 'I don't care; I hate my job.

Nelson told Tabler about her attempts to buy a bookshop up in Wash ington, which had been frustrated by curious book keeping on the part of the



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owner She said." 'I know I can pay it off over time if I could just get in there and work the stock and put a bunch of stuff online and freshen it up." In the frustrated Tabler, she had found the sympathetic ear she needed. "He goes, 'Well, I'll sell you one of my stores.' Just as casual as that None of his employees knew that he was even thinking about it. I said, 'Okay.' I grew up in East County, and I've lways liked Hillcrest, so I just went for it." She bought Tabler's inventory on a fouryear payment plan and set

One of her first concerns was the rent hike that had started Tabler on the road to selling in the first place. "I guess for a long time they were paying only was kind of dispirited; same Blue Door, They were both just outraged by the rent raise, and it's true that it was really hard to see it go up in such a big chunk. My arrangement now is that it will go up gradually; I'd rather have it go up gradually than wait u just slammed and the business hasn't grown along with [the rent]. I'm willing to just try to grow the way

Keeping up, of course, means raising prices. "Joe didn't like how he was going to have to raise prices, be I knew that wherever I did my business ... I knew that it was going to have to be competitive. Because, you know, if we're really going to make money, we have to make what we need to make to get by. A lot of artists undercharge, or people who don't pay taxes undercharge. But you have to make enough so that you can go get health care when you need it, so you can pay [some] once-a-year big bill. I was kind of prepared for it. I've been the person to raise prices," with the

expected results.

"People are, like, 'How come it's not \$1.95 any more? It's \$2.50!' That's just the way it is. I kind of knew I was going to be the bad guy n that way, so it's been okay I just explain, 'I just want to stay here. The rent's gone up. For a while, people figured it was the rise in SDG&E stuff. But I just say, 'Hey, look what neighborhood you're in. This is a very nice neighborhood; it's a very nice, safe neighborhood. If I'm going to compete ...

nplain." With regard to the "We base the price on building itself, Nelson found half the current value of that a little complaining of the book. Your average paperback today is six bucks. Tabler, "I had a problem with the city sewage backso three bucks is [our] aver-

ing up in the back - for the building. For a long time, I was calling the land lord, and they were just kind of fighting the city on finally called Code Enforce ment, and they were out here pretty quick." She was not able to stop

age price; \$2.50 if it's a lit

book people aren't really in tune with the reality. I

just try to bring them up to date a little bit. 'Well, let's

see; the cover price on this book is \$2.95. And what

year was that? Nineteen sev-

enty-two. How much was

the rent here in 1972, I won-

der?' Hopefully, they'll get

[it]. Some people don't want to hear what the real thing

is; they just want to

mangled. A lot of used-

the leaks, however. The bindery aspect of Blue stocking Bo has ground almost to a halt in part because of the threat of indoor showers. "The point was to have a bindery in here. I wanted to be bind ing in here while I was watching the store." But binding required a lot of concentration, hard to main-

tain in the face of frequent customer interruptions. And then the rains came.

"For a long time, the leaks were only along this one side row here, so it seemed okay. Then we had a leak right over the couch - the couch kind of saved the day; it soaked up a lot of water. But I started to think, 'What if it leaked over the [binder]?' Then I would just be, like, 'Sorry, our heirloom Bible that's been in your family for gen-

erations is ruined, and I can't fix it.' Once I had that thought, I couldn't sleep, and I moved it all back home." She's stopped taking repair projects and slowed down on her other work — the store takes too

"In a perfect world," she shrugs, "I would wish there weren't apartments unstairs But I like the old building, and the fact that it's been here so long made it easy for me to come in and

much time for more.

just start working one day. People's feet just walked them in here. I still get people who ask, 'When did it change hands?' They think it's still Otento, and that was 12 years ago now!" led her to make a dramatic

Violation number two: she isn't subsidized. Though she has bitten the bullet and raised prices, she says that we seem to basically just keep floating. I'm kind of still doing about the same business as Joe was," except she has a higher rent and a monthly payment to Tabler to contend with. She has three employees. "It's mostly me, and then I have people on weekends. Hunger for cash flow

inge: "We alphabetized. loe didn't alphabetize, except for fiction." (Tabler also separated hardback and paper back fiction, which Nelson has since mixed.) When customers asked after a book's whereabouts, "He was, like, 'It's back there on

the right side.' He wanted you to browse, to kind of get lost and lose track of time. I'm a much more 'take a person back and find the book for them' sort of staff person. I think there has to survive in the business climate of today - to com-

pete with a new bookstore The change paid off in more than one department When we organized Phifull; now, I've got four empty shelves, which is a little spooky. We don't have a Jazz section anymore once we divided music by type of music, we had no more books on jazz. No one's brought any back. But right about when I start to worry, someone will bring in a few things. I thought we'd never get any art books back when I stopped buying for cash, but eventually, people brought some

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The notion of competition with new general booksellers (i.e., Barnes & Noble, Borders) brings us to rule violation number cialize. If anything, given the influx of new books, the store is even more gen eral than when Tabler ran it. "I've always been of the opinion that you have to specialize, especially if you're tiny, but it hasn't really happened here yet. I wouldn't mind but I haven't had the

money to emphasize an particular area or to go and

"The stock is pretty much the same (as when I bought it from Tabler I. We did create a pretty big Women's Studies section where there wasn't one — that was the mair feedback I got from the staff before the store changed over. The women all said it section. People go by and say, 'Yeah, that's the feminist bookstore, but I don't know Our sections are so small compared to other book stores; it's hard to say, 'Well, we have a lot of this, because almost anywhere you go,

they're going to have more.
"I would just say it's a little neighborhood book

store. I'm forming...a little the trade-credit thing There's a small percentage of people who prefer to give us their money, as intrigu ing and wonderful as that sounds. I have people who will go to Obelisk or Borders and come back to me with a list of titles, which kind of blows me away [I'm] trying to be the community bookstore and not a collector's bookstore or a specialized bookstore." As a result, she isn't sure that the Internet, which she does employ sporadically, constitutes a significant por-tion of her sales — she doesn't carry many of the "special books" that Tabler said had to be put online To some extent, Nelson

regards competition with the Internet perilous. "The Blue Door was hit hard by the Internet. Hillcrest peo ple are really Internet savvy A lot of people up in this neighborhood have computers and know ho use a computer and can But she does see what she hopes is a chink in the online armor. "I guess what I'm trying to do is make special orders my specialty, she says. "I'm going to sub

scribe to BT Link (a weekly disk version of what use to be Books in Print |. That will make it so I can look up just about any book, find out whether it's in print

or not, and who to get it ble," she grants, "be "I've done out-of-print books for just about my whole career, and I'd like to be able to do new or used - because some of this stuff is in print, but you just don't know it. (A bookstore will say], 'Well, it's out of print, but it's not really out of print — it's just that they can't get it. It may not have a big distributor, but think I'm going to have to some company is making a reprint. That kind of thing go for it."

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is a lot easier and cheaper to get," if you can find it. "I'm kind of hoping that's going to be the case." Even with community

support, "It's kind of a gamthe subscription to RT Link is expensive — it's like a thousand bucks a year. And it's not like customers are going to see the book here first. I'm still special-ordering it." And if the book is easily found, "It might not be as cheap as it would be at Borders, because I'm tiny, and getting one book is a little more expensive. But I

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continued from page 1 fit in his idea of good is most certainly garbage and is to be thrown out. The only reason this gentleman would be given this gentleman would be given the task to review (and I use that term loosely, as Black Sab-bath's Paranoid was not even mentioned in the diatribe) a heavy metal albunt would be to cause a reaction from you

readership. I guess it worked, be cause here I am writing this letter Having Mr. Kleinzahler re-view anything released by any modern artists is akin to having me review jazz or classica music. I don't care for them, so won't give them a chance either

And by the way, as for "any-one over the age of 15 who lis-tens to ...metal...is either crazy, a moron, or both," I should in-form you that I am none of the above. I'm a 28-year-old white male who works as a software engineer for a profitable Sar Diego company. I hold both a Diego company. I hold both a B.A. and a B.S., I pay my taxes, and I support myself. I also happen to be a rabid fan of heavy metal. Maybe next time I could write a more objective review for you, and Mr. Klein zahler could just take his sus enders, basketball, and must collection of jazz vinyl and re

tire like the old fart he i Tom Wren

Metal Nightmare fanzing

# Copley At The

Whaling Bar I have not spoken to Matt Pot-ter in 20 years, since introducing him to his former boss and ing him to his former boss and nemesis Helen Copley, at the Whaling Bar in La Jolla. I find his "City Lights" column a must-read, and I visit San Diego frequently and always take home the Reader.

The "On the Waterfront paragraph on November 21 oted more of my biography noted more of my biography.
It's okay that Matt spells
"Schaefer" as "Schaeffer." But
he misses the big story and
finds me running for some offices I never considered!

Please know that it was
William Donald Schaefer who

ran for mayor of Baltimore and won four times, not me. I did own and operate a Balti-more hotel in 1986, and when Mayor Schaefer raised \$4 million to run for governor, seeing my name in lights at no extra into the GOP primary for U.S. senator that year upon the resenator that year upon the re-tirement of Maryland Senator Charles Mathias. Reagan's White House Civil Rights chief Linda Chavez (of late, nominee for secretary of labor, until she tripped on a nannygate issue). won that 12-person primary; I came in second. Senator Bar-I came in second. Senator Bar-bara Mikuksi won the seat and is now firmly in her third term. And I never ran for city attor-ney of San Francisco. I ran for city attorney of San Diego against John Witt in 1984, lost, nd was one of five candidates for San Francisco district attor nev in 1999 Could not resist



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taking on incumbent Terence Hallinan, widely rated as Cali-fornia's worst DA ever, I'd whomped him 40 years earlier for student leadership at UC Berkeley, and then and now, he was physically into fights with those who disputed him about something at the wrong time. I didn't make the runoff but made some good friends over

the summer, including another losing candidate, Matt Gon-zalez, who recently was elected county supervisor of the City.

And my career record is closer to 20 elections than 50. And my former Russian bride, Olga, recently became a widow and has been busy suing the deceased's insurance company. It's nice that Matt salutes

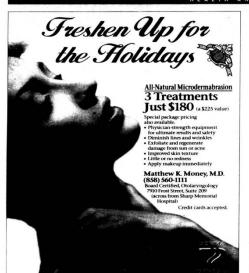
my October 30 major appeals court win on the right to write in; I was the attorney, and Michael Edelstein, a noted au-thor and write-in mayoral can-didate as a Libertarian, was my client. The Courtof Appeal or-dered write-ins in runoff elec-tions over the city's objections, basine it decision on the land-

cision in Canaan & Brother-ton vs. Charles Abdelnour, City Clerk. The Reader's readers have heard of Jack Canaan and re-tired ConVis chief Bill Brotherton, and everyone knows our legendary city clerk. And I was the winning attorney on that

that they've won my disbar-ment there; but the matter is now pending in federal court, and who knows where it will end. Until California shuts the door, I'll be comforting the af-flicted and afflicting the com-fortable. And the big news? Am one of two GOP candidates for exceptance of state in the secretary of state in the March 5 California primary,

hoping to be part of the win-ning ticket that maybe former mayor Dick Riordan of Los Angeles will head. The Demo-crats are likely to nominate (again) former Secretary of State March Fong Eu, a remarkable lady at age 80, and having bat-tled her in several constitu-tional election cases, I look for-ward to being on the ballot as





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her competition. Wish me well. It's not every day that someone from San Diego's history goes for state leadership — it was Bert Betts, state treasurer, over 30 years ago, and, of course, the 30 years ago, and, of course, the leadership of Pete Wilson after he retired from City Hall. Don't have to be a lawyer to be secretary of state, but it helps. Mike Schaefer

North Hollywood

## The Fascination With Alan Bersin

Reading your "Cash and Carry" piece in "City Lights" (Novem-ber 21) made me think about how occasionally I've run into people who have waxed eloquently about being a part of the San Diego Padres organi-zation. And every day, smilely whistle-while-we-work faces whistle-while-we-work faces on my television set go on and on about how being a member of the Wal-Mart family is a real treat and how they cannot wait to get up in the morning to go to work and bring joy to the to work and bring joy to the lives of all their customers. I do not know how many times I have heard employees of Qual-comm beam about how they are appreciated and trusted by the company for their intelli-

gence and creativity.

So! cannot help but wonder why Padres owner John der why Padres owner John Moores, Wal-Mart heir John Walton, and Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs and his son Gary are so fascinated with schools chief Alan Bersin, who has created a school system that hardly anyone feels a part of, a school system where it is extremely rare for someone to be trusted or rewarded for their smarts and ingenuity, a school system where nobody has a say other than the people at the top. The superintendent's approach to working with people is the ex-treme opposite of these city heavies, if I am to believe all

the positive things that I have heard about them. And if Alan Bersin is truly the bee's knees that these and other powers that be, especially the Union-Tribune, seem to think he is, why is so much money be ne is, why is so much money oe-ing spent to elect somebody who will support him uncondition-ally? If his programs are truly making a difference for students, shouldn't they stand on their own merit no matter who is elected to the school board

Hmmm, I am thinking that maybe Bersin, from his U.S. Attorney days, has something on a few people around town. Get on it. "City Lights." Ernie McCray

### Former Anonymous Voice

In reference to the "Blurt" ar-ticle (November 21) regarding the Clear Channel happenings of the last week; just a few clar-ifications. Kerry McCall's name is spelled Kerry, not Carrie, my is spelled Kerry, not Carne, my understanding is that 18 San Diego employees were fired, not 12; and Dave Baker would have only been heard on KGB with any regularity in the last six months. For years (seven or with 16 Mer. 19 June 16 June eight for him and four for me), he and I were the anonymous

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order to take a better position at KFMB AM & FM and also to avoid what I felt was immi-nent. Feels like I got out by the skin of my teeth

ter from Norman Farquhart (November 21) about Ken Leighton's "Blurt" in the vember 8 issue.
Norman, prerecorded voice

think that DJs will make more money and have more time to Andi Hazelwood Star 100,7/760 KFMB Production Specialist Who's Norman I'd like to respond to the let

ber the Arbitrons in Doug's time slot, and he always beat KPOP, constantly. When Doug Best was moved from a daily tracks are not live DIs. And to show to a four-hour Saturda show, KSPA was flooded with hundreds of telephone calls from irate listeners who loved Doug Best. And that's hundreds Norman. I'm sure his 30 years ir radio will far eclipse your mo ronic run on the air, Norman.

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in the article "Hegal Confu sion" ("City Lights," Novem ber 15) demonstrate a predilec-tion for political rhetoric rathe than a concern for human life They also demonstrate a pen chant for exploitation rather than an aptitude for sensitivity or logic Mr. Martinez asserts that

many-term congressman, and presidential wannabe Jack Kemp — was humorous and in-formative ("Chargers Vets,"

politician? If Jack could make the

eap to recovering conservative

we would be on to something. Kenneth E. Dunr Spring Valley

Inconvenient Death

Roberto Martinez's comment in the article "Illegal Confu

grants." He proceeds by blam-ing Border Patrol agents theming Border Patrol agents them-selves for the poor conditions of their vehicles, implying that it is their choice to "wear down those vehicles bouncing around the hills." Mr. Martinez cites as an example the accident on Tecate Mountain involving Border Pa-trol agent Stephen Sullivan.

does not consider his death or does not consider his death on Tecate Mountain to be a "mere inconvenience." We do not recal Stephen or any other Border Pa-trol agent ever expounding the virtues of driving in rough and dangerous terrain in the per-formance of their duties. Mr.

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Martinez ignores the fact that Border Patrol agents risk their lives on a daily basis to pro-tect human beings on both sides of the border — human sides of the border — human beings who all suffer the conbeings who all suffer the con-sequences of illegal drug and human smuggling. Add na-tional safety and security to the list of responsibilities on which such human beings, regardless of their origin, depend.

My three-year-old daughte Stephen's niece, refers to Stephen and other law-enforcement agents as heroes. She is too agents as heroes. She is too young to separate her concep of a government agency fron her experience with the indi viduals who comprise the agency. I hope that when she is old enough to develop her own opinions or criticisms regard-ing the policies of such agen-cies, she will not lay blame on the dead and defenseless. I hope that she will inherit even a portion of Stephen's respect for human dignity and com-

Jonathan Read

## Long Live Strachwitz

passion for human life.

Chris Strachwitz, founder of the exemplary Arhoolie Records phoned me this afternoon t ure me that he wasn't dead assure me that he wasn 1 dead, I knew that, actually, but in my column on Son House, Skip James, and Fred McDowell re-cently (Pop Music, "Black Snake Moan," November 8) the still-vital Mr. Strachwitz got grouped with the late John

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of the death of this pioneer blues and roots record pro ducer was premature, and I'm sure friends of his throughout the San Diego area will be re-lieved to hear it. My apologies to those alarmed by the news. Mr. Strachwitz and Arhoolie Productions thrive in El Cerrito California. Why don't you ask them for a catalog? Arhoolie can be reached at 510-525-7471 or 510-525-1204 (fax); mail mail@arhoolie.com; website www.arhoolie.com. Tell them I sent you, and wish Mr. Strachously yearns for world peace, and who doesn't? It's a wor-thy goal, especially with massdestructive weapons available today. But it must be under today. But it must be under-stood that not all people and nations of the world think in terms of peace (e.g., the World Trade Center attack). We, unfortunately, hav

enemies. It can't be peace at any price unless we are ready to accept possible domination with all of its ramifications Otherwise, there is no choice but to maintain an adequate defense on land, sea, and air, and this requires majority sup-port based on all the facts available in today's world

order? I'd stake the ranch that

San Diego Flight Attendants In

### **Hot Pants** Your photographic and print narrative blast from PSA's past on November 1 ("Picture Ste was quite nostalgic, although

bit off-kilter. I was hired as a flight atten ant in 1968 and flew for PSA until 1979. From 1976 until 1979, I was the president of the South-west Flight Attendants Associa-

tion, the independent union formed by the flight attendants The revealing tunic uni-forms sported by the (no, not stewardesses) flight attendants were known as "hot pants" af-ter the fashion of the time. Even then, we were known as "flight attendants." The term ended a discriminatory practice where male "stewards would serve only alcohol and the female crew would serve all other beverages.
The high-velocity turnove

in employment ended when the flight attendants organized in 1970. No longer could a femalflight attendant be fired for flight attendant be fired for getting married, attaining the ripe old age of 30, or not meet-ing the company-imposed weight requirements of a supermodel. The "Precious Stewardess

Association" was supposedly formed by a frequent-flier pas-

senger. We suspect PSA had a hand in this informal organi-zation — it was definitely not formed by a flight attendant. We did distribute the mem the time, we received snacks from our "Precious Passen-gers." Once, however, our crew was treated to a first-rate dinner at a Hilton by one of our

"Precious Passengers," who was the western region manager for the Hilton Hotels. For the Hitton Hotels.

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s advocate for the flight atter dants engaged me in more than one battle with the company, PSA generally treated its employees well. The flight attendants need to be remem bered with more consideration and respect.
Tracy Chambers Hill

All information came from the iflypsa.com website of Kevin Trinkle, who "started this site to help keep PSA's memory alive. — Editor

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pursue other ventures may be the stupidest thing I've ever heard in my life. I wonder how the DIs feel about that. And the DJs feel about that. And 97 percent of the listeners won't know that those are voice tracks? Where did you pick up that statistic? When big-band radio station KSPA went to voice tracks in 1994, the lister ers were all over it like flies to stink. You underestimate the

> you, Norman? I've never heard of you before. How long have

vou been doing radio? I remem

intelligence of your listeners, which is a stupid thing to do. And "who the hell is Doug Best?" Well, who the hell are

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and founded the Global Beer Network, having noted on trips to the States the growing interest in microbrewed beer. The 49-year-old Fincioen says his beer knowledge comes from his genes and his personal history. "As children, we drank table beer, which is two

**Pirate Hooch** 

Beer Tasting and Lecture

we drank table beer, which is two percent alcohol. At school we got eight ounces poured into glasses from big bottles at lunchtime. And our mothers always cooked with beer." Admittedly, beer doesn't have the

for example, 'I hope you find an

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same cachet as wine, but beer doesn't need it, says Fincioen; it has its own place in world culture. "You have to inderstand that wine was once reserved understand that wine was once reserved for the very rich, because wine can only be made once a year. Common people everywhere used grains to make alcoholic beverages every day. They still do in places like black Africa and in the rain forests south of here. Even in cities, rain forests south of here. Even in cities, they know how to make a seven-day beer. Ask any health worker who has been to Kinshasa; they will tell you of the potent beverage made from sorghum. In Peru the Indians make one from corn."
In antiquity, homebrews saved uncountable lives, according to this true believer in beer. "because it was the only

believer in beer, "because it was the only safe thing to drink. Alcohol kills bacteria



beers that are aged — and refermented in the bottle — are for sipping at a warmer temperature, like very good red wine." Guzzlers, no matter what their finances, won't want to choose among these. They're the type of beer that you Drink table beer 'That was 40 years At Hillcrest Whole Foods Fincioe can take an hour to drink.

tasting. They range from the fizzy, variously flavored lambics, to the triple fermented, dark-brown ales. Of the lambics, Fincioen says, "In Of the lambics, Funcioen says, "In Belgium we have been adding flavors since prehistory. We use all kinds of spices, herbs, and fruits. The kinds of tastes you can introduce are unlimited, from peach to coriander to orange peel

Calendar

The lambics are light. An ale Gulden Draak, by contrast, is so thick it "Barley wine" is another name for this

type of rich beer.

Among the 40 kinds of Belgian beer on the Hillcrest Whole Foods shelves, four-packs of 12-oz. bottles are priced \$449 to \$9.89. Magnums run \$22.99 to \$29.99. Apparently, these are a plebeian's beer green omore.

"You should serve the lower-end that when the same shelf in the same

ones, like the lambics, as cold as
American beer," says Fincioen. "You car
drink two, three, four of them, without
being too much affected. Our better

In Belgium, each beer is served in its own type of glass, Fincioen says. Some its own type of glass, Finctoen says. Som shapes are traditional. Others enhance flavors or aromas, like the snifters used for cognacs. At Hillcrest Whole Foods the beer will be served in plastic cups. Bread and crackers will be available

as palate cleaners; in reality, many more types of food go with beer than go with vines, claims our guide, because of beer's wider taste range. Beer with chocolate is not an alien combinat

Belgium. Finctoen hosts entire multi-course, multi-beer dinners. Of the 22 beers that he imports, only one is available on tap in San Diego. "We are only in one place: B.J.'s in La Mesa. They brew their own beer but

Mesa. They brew their own beer but have three or four guest taps, and my Piraat is always there." Some version of this brew was drunk by sailors in the 17th and 18th Centuries, according to Fincioen's

distribution of a pint of this ale kept the pirates in good health and gave them the spirit to survive the hard life on the sea,"

it says.

Oblivious to the boss' message about metaphors, the Web master goes on about Piraat, whose alcohol content is a potent 12.5 percent: "Piraat is a wickedly rich and rounded brew that packs a mighty punch. The powerful glow builds up from inside. Reminiscent of bread dough, spices, and tropical

framboise lambic as part of her research Under the cap there was a cork to be onlier the cap there was a tork to be pulled. A beer with wine pretensions? It was purplish-pink and tasted like unsweetened, raspberry-flavored soda. Conclusion: more research is necessary.

Beer Tasting and Lecture Friday, November 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Hillcrest Whole Foods Market

ns: 619-294-2800

"Friends, Piano, and Wine Night" — Fernando Landeros plans a concert fonight, Thursday, Novem-

ber 29, at 8 p.m., at the Grand Hotel (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). For details, call 011-52-664-681-7000

Classical Applyments the Occupate Filarmónica del Conservatorio de Música celebrates its first anniversary with a concert next Thursday, De ber 6. The music begins at 7 p.m

Omnimax Films, currently showing: Ousis in the Seu, featuring treatures of the Seu of Cortés and the Baja California Peninsula; Dolphins, 3-D Mania, and All

Taste the Holiday Classic The Taste the Hollday Classic The Nutcracker at the Tijuana Caltural Center Friday through Sunday, November 30-December 2, ar 7:20 p.m. each night. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Rio. Call 011-52-604-687-9600 for information.

Artistic Expressions of Tecate Artistle Expressions of Tecate, which expert caffspeople at work in Tecate when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this outing to visit local ceramic artists and painters and take in hands-on pottery-making demonstrations on Saturday, December 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$79. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (TECATE)

Off-Roadin' Motorcycles, the La Playa Masters Motocross race is set for Sunday, December 2, at 10 a.m., at the Cantamar Dunes. For more details, dial 011-52-665-654-5933. ROSARITO BEACH)

Access — with concert footage of B.B. King, Carlos Santana, Sting, and others. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For sho

information, call 011-52-66-87-960

OUTDOORS

Shorebird-Watching enters its mos

with migrant and resident birds sha

with migrant and resident torus strat-ing common winter grounds. Egrets, herons, terns, and a variety of other species provide endless entertainment as they go about the business of fish-ing and feeding in San Diego County's remaining coastal wetlands. Publicly accessible wetlands include

San Luis Rev River mouth. Buen

San Luis Rey River mouth, Buena Vista Lagoon, Agua Hedionda La-goon, Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, San Diego River flood channel (south of Sea World

Drive), Sweetwater River marsh southwest San Diego Bay, and Ti-juana River Estuary. The same birds can also be seen on the shores of in land reservoirs such as Lake Murray and Lake Miramar.

Explore Golden Hill or South Park with Walkabout perambulators on Friday, November 30. This moder-ate two-hour begins at 10 a.m. at Santos Cafe (at 30th and Beach). Bring money for an optional lunch after the jaunt. Call 619-231/3463 for information. GOLDEN HEL)

November's Full Moon rises dra-

matically in the east at around

wing (listed north to south

An Arbor Day Celebration is planned on Saturday, December I, at 9 a.m., in Kumeyaay Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Partici-pants will plant coast live oak trees and native shrubs in commemoration of Arbor Du. Ees information cell of Arbor Day. For information, call 619-525-8219. Free, (MISSION GORGE

4:50 p.m., a few minutes after sunset, on Friday, November 30. Barring the incursion of overnight low clouds across the coastal strip. San Diegans can witness the same full moon set-

ting over the Pacific Ocean at dawn

619-525-8219. Free, MISSION GORGEJ Sapsuckers and Raptors are usually in evidence when Audubon Society birders head out for the annual Lake Henshaw/Mesa Grande Road outing on Saturday, December I. Other sight-ing possibilities; golden eagle, bald ca-gle, ferruginous hawk, red-naped and red-breasted sapsuckers, and others. Meet the leader at 8.15 a.m. at

Dudley's Bakery (at the int of Highways 78 and 79). Bring a scope and lunch; there will be mini-mal hiking. Free. For information, dial 619-280-7710. (SANTA VSABEL) Boots and Paws, take a ranger-led interpretive walk with your dog and learn about the importance of dog care when in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, December 1, at

9:15 a.m. Bring water for yourself and your canine friend, along with a bag to pick up after your pet. Join the Explore the Plant World around the Mission Trails Regional Park's visi-

tors' center with ranger Paul Seiley during a native plant-walk slated for Saturday, December 1, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Many native plants from different habitats around Southern California are found in the park. Find Kumeyaay Campground at Two Pather Junipero Serra Trail: 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

619-668-3275, Free, obsession 608602.
Take a Family Fun Hike in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve led by Liz Kennedy and her king snake Pi on Saturday, December 1. The theme is "Hawks to Hummingbirds" when experienced birder Anna Gately. Stanton helps in the identification of winter resident birds of Southern California, on substring the same properties. California, as well as those migratis through on Sunday, Dec

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist, conduct ing an orientation at 2 p.m. on Sat urday, December 1, at the Claire mont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Yons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive).

Scope Out Hawks and Owls in the 275-acre oasis known as Rose Creek. found around the old Santa Fe Railhead out for a hike on Sunday. De-cember 2, from 8 to 9:30 s.m. To reach the trailhead, take the Genesee Avenue (north) exit from Highway 52 or Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; drive north to Decoro Street Park (on Decoro Street, on the west side of

The Planet Saturn reaches opposi-tion on Sunday, December 2, which means that it rises at sunset and sets t sunrise. This also signals the time when Saturn is closest to our own planet Earth. Turn a telescope on this creamy-looking pinpoint of light in the eastern sky after darkness falls,

Nature Hike, local naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including December 2, at 1 p.m. With over 30 years of study in the area, he'll explain the lake's history

the area, he'll explain the lake's history and the mountain ecosystem, including birds, plants, and animals. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars if you have them. The hike is free, but there is a Soper-car day-use fee. The Lake Cuyanaca Recreation and Park District center is at 15027 Highway 79, Call. 788-581-9904 or 619-447-8123 for details. (JULIAN)

Walkin' (and Shoppin') Outside the Box, step back to the days when prostitution and gamblers ruled during an Urban Safaris outing through the Gaslamp Quarter on Sunday, December 2, at 10 a.m. The fee is \$10; participants will receive a ten percent discount card for certain rea shops. For reservations and di rections to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Take a Walk Through Geological

noon. The route follows a steep trail: bring water. Meet the group at Caminito Propico and Calle Cristo-bal. Free. 858-484-3219. (MRA MESA)

ornings at 9 a.m. in Del Dios cross from Hernandez' Hideaway, 19320 Lake Drive) and at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings at the Carlsbad seawall (take I-5 to Tamarack, exit, and head west to the parking lot at

and nead west to the parking ion at the foot of Tamarack). Each gathering opens with an in-spirational reading and includes a picturesque walk. To make the re-quested reservations, call 800-797-2050. Free (ESCONDIDO, CARLSBAD)

Farliest Sunset (4:43 p.m. from San cember 6, a date that is not coinc solstice — December 21) because of the factors relating to the noncircular shape of the Earth's orbit around the sun and the tilt of Earth's asis. Early December is a good time to view the setting sun from the spectacular vantage point of Cabrillo National Monument at the tip of Point Lorms. During most of the vear, you can't do that since sunner occurs well after the since sunset occurs well after the park's closing time of 5:15 p.m.

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tion is billed as "the only all-streams," production of this classic Tchaikovsky ballet in all of San Diego." Performances on Thursday and Friday begin at 7 p.m., and mati-nees on Saturday and Sunday start at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are 51.6. Call 858-886-7834 for reservations.

Hard Stomping and Crowd Pleas-ing, enjoy the tough, theatrical en-tertainment "that turns tap dancing upside down" when Tap Dogs rocks

the California Center for the Arts, Es-condido on Friday, November 30, 8 p.m. The six performers hail from Australia, the U.S., England, and Canada. Tickets range from \$19 to \$49. Find the center at 340 North Es-condido Boulevard (at Valley Park-

way). Call 800-988-4253 for resertions. (ESCONDIDO)

Contra-Time, Martha Wild calls and Lime in the Harp makes the musi

and four traditional dances of the Philippines by guest attisst from Passact (the Philippine per forming atts company). Preceden include Re-ombiation, Carminode on la Tierra constitution, Carminode on la Tierra constitution of the Carminode on the

for the contradance on Friday November 30, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., fol-lowing beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. For more information, dial 619-283-8550, (NORTH PARK)

Ole Flamenco! The Academia de Baile Español presents the annual fla-menco show — featuring over 40 lo-cal dancers — on December 1 and 2. at the Clairemont High School The ater. Las Locuras de un Director wa written by Malka Winograd and written by Malka Winograd and Terry Salmons and was chore-ographed by academy director Juanita Franco. Guitarist Juan Moro and singers Marysol Fuentes and Pi-lar Moreno will provide the music. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Sturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickers are \$15. Find the school at

4150 Ute Drive. For information, call 619-275-4618 or 619-733-5730.

"Enter Your Sanctuary," a senior dance concert by Maria Cristina Ramos, is being presented on Friday and Saturday, Novembet 30 and De-cember 1. The program includes three choreographic pieces by Ramos and four traditional dances of the You Know You Want 16...learn to tango when June Rider and Ronan Mandra demonstrate and teach "rag-time tango" basics on Saturday. De-cember 1, at the Folk Dance Center. A partner is handy but not required. The workshop runs \$10.7 p.m., with request dancing at 8 p.m. For fees and other information, call 6.19-281. 5656. Find the center at 4569 30th Street. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

San Diego Ballet, and Xavier Hicks Dance Studio Hour, dancing in a va-

You Know You Want to...learn to

A Dance Tribute in memory of Ri-cardo Peralta is promised on Satur-day, December 1, at 73/0 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Per-formance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenuel: Expect to see works by Ri-cardo Peralta Danza Performa, Mc-

Caleb Dance, Jean Isaacs's San Diego Dance Theatre, California Ballet, Eveoke Dance Theatre Company,

present a recital at 7:30 p.m. of the San Elijo campus. The purpos of the event "is to demystify dance per formances, encourage people to real ize that dance is something anyone car

Unite with the Divine Within You! blisswoman on Newport nosts this class focusing on this 'liberating, self-empowering art form" on Wednes-day, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. Find the shop at 48:39 Newport Avenue; call 6:19-523-5543 for information. The fee is \$10, IOCEAN BEACH!

FILM

"Cold Fusion: The Power of Snow, this year's Warren Miller outing, may be seen November 29-December 2 in venues around the county. The film opens at the La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101) tonight. Thursday, with screenings at 6 and

See Cold Fusion on Friday (6:30 and 9:30 p.m.) and Saturday (6 and 9 p.m.) in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art

"Picture Bride," based on a a man she has never met, may be seen when the International Film Se-ries concludes on Friday, Novem-ber 30, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (at One Barnard Drive). The film won the Best Dra-matic Film Picture Award at the 1995 Sundance Film Festival and was also an official selection at the Cannes Film Festival. Director Kayo Hatta. will lead discussion of her film following the screening. Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free.

for Norton Rodriguez's "portrait of rebellion" Libertad, screening on Saturday, December 1, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Stars Oscar Torres, Yeni Alvarez, and others will be on hand for discussion following the film. Cal 619-236-5800 for information. Free

How Does Digital Technology is ood film industry make movies Find out when the DFILM Digita Film Festival hits town on Saturda December 1. The 60-minute pro gram features 12 "groundbreakin snort times, including an except from Destroying America, One Di-mension (Simian), Tempermental (EBTG), and Keepintime. The screen-ing begins at 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.) at the eponymous 838 G Warehouse Space, 619-239-3862. Free, (DOWNTOWN)

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the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, Decem-ber 3, at 6:30 p.m. The film follows seven children hailing from Israel and Palestine, aged 8 to 13, dealing with the complexities of their home-

some of the members is promised when the Sport Chalet Dive Club gathers on Wednesday, December 5, at 7 p.m., in the Canyon Room at Uni-versity Towne Centre (4545 La Jolla Village Drive). Free. For information, call 619-225-9051. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

Community" provides the theme for a film series at MiraCosta College. The series continues with *Lorenzo's* Oil on Wednesday, December 5, at

7 p.m., in room 3601 on campus (at One Barnard Drive). For more in-

rmation, call 760-795-6612. Free

Films Full of Food or famous meals thematically unite the selections screening for the "Art of the Cinema Class" meeting on Thursdays at Palo-nar College. On December 6 see The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie. Each class and movie begins at 6:30 p.m. in room P-32, and the pubis is welcome. Find the campus a 140 West Mission Road. For infor mation, call 760-744-1150 x2444.

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Achieve the "American Dream of Achieve the American Dream of home ownership" after the Home Ownership Center (formerly San Diego Neighborhood Housing Services) leads a seminar on Saturday, December 1, at 6 p.m. Find the office at 4089 Fair-mount Avenue. Free. For information, as they seek organisms that might hold new medical applications. Caves continues through December. dial 619-282-6647 (SAN DEGO)

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Tea Time, head to the Japanese ember 1, when Ayako Katyama pre sents a tea ceremony class at 10:50 a.m. The fee for nonmembers is \$7. To register, call 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

speaks for the Retirement Living Class on Friday, November 30, 1 p.m., at

Artists of the Weisman Collec-

tion" provide the topic when New-ton and Helen Harrison, artists rep-resented in "1-5 California: Four Decades of Contemporary Art" ex-hibit, speak for the Docent Guest Lecture Series at the San Diego Mu-seum of Art on Friday, November 30,

at 10 a.m. Admission is \$10.619-690

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Darkf Bittersweetf Milkf Head to Macy's school of cooking when the San Diego Culinary Institute offers chocolate tasting on Saturday, December 1, at 1 p.m. Free, Find the store in Fashion Valley shopping cen-ter, 7017 Friars Road; 619-299-9811 x4231 or x4233, (MISSION VALLEY)

Master Steel Sculptor and natural history "paleo artist" Larry Williams will demonstrate his craft — oxyacetylene steel dinosaur skeletons and anatomy subjects — from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, at the Dinosaur Gallery (1327 Camino del Mar). Free, 858-794-4855. (DEL MAR)

Significant Changes in Foreign Re-lations have happened since the

World Trade Center attacks, Paul Tai — professor emeritus of interna tional political economy at the University of Detroit, Mercy — focuses on "The Effect of the Tragedy on

on The Effect of the Tragegy on September 11 on U.S.-China Rela-tions" when he speaks for the U.S.-China People's Friendship Associa-tion on Saturday, December 1. The group meets at 2 p.m. at the Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. (13330 Salmon River Road). Free Call 858-566-0711 for details

"Snowy Doy and Smoky Night," in conjunction with the current exhibit at the Oceanside Museum of Art, the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators will host a panel dis-cussion and book sale on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$5. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787.

Photo Historian Bill Jay presents "/ Photo Historian Bill Jay presents "A Conversation about Bill Brandt" on Sunday, December 2, at 2 p.m., at the Museum of Photographic Arts. Brandt is considered one of the most creative and versatile British photog-raphers of the 20th Century. The talk is included in regular museum ad-mission, 56. For information, call 619-238-7559 x203. (BALBOA PARN).

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"Legal Issues in Cyberspace" get the

million years ago, when the conti-nent was joined to Antarctica, when Thomas Rich presents a lecture and Thomas Rich presents a lecture and booksigning on Monday, December 3, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Rich will describe his work quoevering dinosaur bones and reconstructing their polar environment. The fee is \$8. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to regiment on page 100.

Urban Ecology Has Existed as an in Urban Ecology Han Ecisted as an in-tellectual focus for some time in Eu-rope and is now emerging in the U.S. as a significant academic interest. In conjunction with the class Elaine Brooks is teaching at San Diego City College, you're invited to the "Urban Ecology Lectures." The series con-tinues with a "double feature" on Monday, December 3.

Monday, December 3. Plant ecologist Paul Zorner ex-amines "Ecological Footprints, Inte-grated Pest Management: Other Per-spectives on the Impact of Modern Science on Sustainable Urban Habi-tats" at 7 p.m. Learn about "Excursions onto Vacant Lots: An Ethnoe-cological Study of an Old Urban San Diego Neighborhood" when Brooks speaks át 8:30 p.m. Take in the lectures in room A-

204. Find the campus at 1313 12th Avenue. Free. For information, call 858-456-2582. (DOWNTOWN)

858-456-2582, IDOMPLIANCE, Roar of the Monarch, get the skinny on the "multitude of obstacles butter-flies must face when they arrive at their winter home in Michoacán, Mexico" when Bill Toone speaks at the San Diego Natural History Muthe San Diego Natural History Meseum on Tuesday, December 4, 7 p.r Admission: \$8. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for reservations, (BALBOA PARK

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"Stopping the Violence" is the subject for family enrichment seminars
being offered at the Atonement
Lutheran Church. "Age-Appropriate
Boundaries" are the subject when
Peggy Thurman speaks at 7 p.m. on
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Explore "The New Rules of Travel" when Peter Greenberg speaks for the Learning Annex on Tuesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. Greenberg is travel editor for The Today Show and author of The Travel Detective. Tickets range from \$29 to \$49; call 619-544-9700 to register, (MISSION VALLEY)

"Meet Your Muslim Neighbors" when a coalition of faith- and com-munity-based organizations host a se-

ries of "town meetings" to educate San Diegans about the Muslim faith and the Muslim community. The goals: "to diminish fear, address myths and stereotypes, and allow people to un derstand that the September 11 ter

derstand that the September 11 ter-rorist attacks do not represent the be-liefs or teachings of authentic Islam." The next meeting takes place on Wednesday, December 5, at 7 p.m., in the multipurpose room at Breeze Hill Elementry School (IIII Mel-rose Drive). Free. For more informa-tion, call 619-702-5399 or 858-279-1994. (WSTA)

"The Bombing of Afghanistan: A "The Bombing of Afghanistum A Violation of International Law" is the subject when Marjoric Cohn speaks at the Unitarian Universalist Fellow-ship of San Diego on Wednesday. December 5, at 7 pm. Cohn is an succiate professor at Thomas Jeffer-son Law School; guests will learn about "The Legal Implications. In-ternational and National, of the U.S. Policy in South Asia." Find the fellowship at 1036 Solana Drive; 858-509-1670. (SOLANA BEACH)

Dialogues in Art and Architecture, this series hosted by the Athenaeum dio Works" next Thursday, Decem-ber 6, at 7:30 p.m. Ray works with Robert Managurian's Studio Works in Los Angeles and New York, which specializes in architectural planning design and studio works

Admission is free. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street and by calling 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

An American Indian Portrait in oil will be demonstrated by Mark Martenson when the Foothills Art As-sociation meets next Thursday, De-cember 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the Lamp-lighters Community Theater (8053 ersity Avenue). For inform call 619-464-7167. Free. (LA MESA)

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"Killing Indians: Myths, Lies, and Ex-aggerations" at 7 µm. tonight, Thurs-day, November 29, at UCSD's Price Center Theater. Alexie is the author of books including The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fitight in Honovar and The Toughest Indian in the World. Admis-sion is free. For more information, call 858–534-6497. (J.A DALL).

"Available Space Percussion y Pal-abra" — evenings of spontaneous art-making with dancers of Lower Left, the music of red fish blue fish, and poetry by the Taco Shop Poets — are being presented Novem-ber 29-December 1 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. More than 13 dancers, poets, and musicians wil

dancers, poets, and musicians will present these entertainments, begin-ning at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$15 general. Find Sushi Performance and Visual Art in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For information, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

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the museum at 2080 Pan American Plaza. To reserve a spot, call 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK) wood talks about relationships, sex, and politics in her act. She'll appear tonight, Thursday, November 29, at 8 and 10 p.m. at the Sherman Creole Buffer Restaurant (7353 El Caion Boulevard). Tickets are \$20, available by calling 619-698-8797 or 800-690-0213, (LA MESA)

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laboration focusing on electronics and new music hosted by the Trum-merflora Collective and the Spruce Street Forum gets underway with a concert on Friday, November 30. The series begins when e33 and Hans Fiellestad open for Zu. The fun begins at 8 p.m. at 301 Spruce Street. Tickets are \$10. Call 619-295-0301 for reservations. (HILLCREST)

One Night Only, jazz saxophonist Pamela Williams will perform in oncert to support the 2001 San iego's World AIDS Day People of Color HIV/AIDS Conference on Fr day, November 30, at the U.S. Gran Hotel (326 Broadway). Tickets are \$20 and \$35. Call 858-277-6090 for

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The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). For reservations, call 760-436-6137 or 760-749-3113.

The Kearny Mesa Concert Band offers a selection of holiday mus prior to the lighting of the La Jolla Christmas tree on Sunday, December 2, at 3:30 p.m., at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Improvised Sketches and Musica Numbers based on audience sugges-tions provide fun when the Creative Urges Improvisational Comedy Troupe presents a charity benefit on lay. December 1, at 7:30 p.m the Church of Today (8999 Acti ity Road). Tickets are \$10. For infor mation, call 858-581-0050. (MIRAMAF

Noted Historian and author Harr Crosby will sign and discuss his new novel Portrait of Palema at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, at Walden-books in North County Fair (200 East Via Rancho Parkway). For more nation, call 760-746-4859. Free (ESCONDIDO)

Swing into the Season when wind artist Chris Klich and his Jazz Quin-ter perform for the fall concert series at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday, December 1, at 230 p.m. The ensemble will perform almost all of the contents of their new allows. Berfactions of Videricians album. Reflections of Yuletide

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Celebrate Hanukkah Early when the Klezmer Conservatory Band per-forms on Saturday, December 1, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for dido. Tickets rans from \$22 to \$32. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway), For reservations, call 800-988-4253, (ESCONDIDO)

The Five-Point Star Lanterns from the Philippines known as parols give their name to the parol festival planned by PASACAT from 2 to p.m. on Saturday, December 1, in t. Rita's School Annex auditorium (5115 Churchward Avenue). Orga nizers promise Filipino folk song and dances and performances by th PASACAT Harana Singers and PASACAT Harana Singers and Dancers, Filipino foods (for sale), parol demonstrations, workshops, and exhibitions, and more. Admis-sion is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children ten and under. Call 619-477-3383 for information. (ENCANTO)

Persian Electronic Music is promised when Shahrokh Yadegari presents a recital "in which the computer is used for creating timbre on Saturday, December 1, at 8 p.m., at UCSD's Center for Research in Computing and the Arts. You'll hear "Persian traditional music as well as electronic music."

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the campus of UCSD and is free and open to the public; call 858-534-4383 for further information and direc tions. (LA JOLLA)

Songwriters' Showcase, see some of "Southern California's best song-writers' including Joe Rathburn. Nathan Weldon, Cheryl Roth, Dave Howard, and Germin when the San Diego Folk Heritage Society hosts a showcase and workshop on Satur-day December 1 at the San Dienuife. day, December 1, at the San Dieguite United Methodist Church. The workshop runs from 3 to 5 p.

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Jump Start the Holidays when the
Bill Cantos Quintet presents a holi-day jazz celebration on Sunday. De-cember 2, at 7 p.m., in Schulman Au-ditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are \$15 general. For reservations, call 760-732-8078. (CARLSBAD)

Put 25 Candles on the Birthday Cake when the Book Works hosts its 25th anniversary celebrations on Sunday, December 2. The event in-A Dramatic Reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas is promised by Welsh poet Megan Webster with sound effects by Risa Goldberg on December 4, 6, and 11 at local Borders Books and cludes a discussion and signing by Mary Livingstone Beebe of Land-marks: Sculpture Commissions for the Stuart Collection at UCSD at sic stores. See the duo on Tuesday at the 5:30 p.m. Beebe's talk is followed by food and libations along with music by Sue Palmer and Motel Swing at Borders located at 1072 Can Borders located at 1072 Camino del Rio North (619-299-2201); at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive (858-618-1814) next Thursday, and on Tuesday, De-cember 11, at 159 Pietcher Parkway (619-593-5119). All performances be-gin at 6:30 pm. Free AMSSION VALEY, CARMEL MOUNTAIN. EL CAUDIO. 7 p.m. Free. The shop is located in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle; 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

signed by author Judy Coldsteir Botello on Sunday, December 2, a noon, at Captain Fitch's Mercantil (2627 San Diego Avenue). Free. For more information, dial 619-291-5464. (OLD TOWN)

Hollywood Holidays provide the theme for the Enrichment Series concert hosted by the Poway Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, December 2. Former Broadway per-formers Gina DeLuca and Eric Kunze will be joined by Chris Allen for the performance, including sons. uch as "White Christmas, Christmas," and "Silver Bells," As cording to organizers, "audience in-teraction will be integrated into the

reraction will be integrated into the performance."

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25, available by calling 858-748-0505. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). POWAY)

Open-Mike Poetry is promised at cember 2, at 7 p.m. Find the restaurant at 36 North Euclid Avenue, suite

Book Artist DeLoss McGraw signs his new edition of Lewis Carroll's Al-ice's Adventures in Wonderland on Sunday, December 2, at 2 p.m., at the David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004). The book features over 100 rich watercolor il-lustrations by McGraw. Admission is free. (DOWNTOWN)

Fantasy Authors Marc Scott Zicree and Barbara Hambly will sign and discuss Magac Time on Sunday, De-cember 2, at 2:30 p.m., at Mysteri-ous Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boule ard). Free, Call 858-268 4747 for information. (CLAIREMONT

4747 for information. (CAMEMON)
Meaning "Flower Season" or "Spring. Gamelan Pusp Warsa is a troupe of 18 musicians and dancers ranging in age from 7 to 13. The group plans a performance on Sunday. December 2 at 1 pm. at Tripte, children will perform traditional Balmee gamelan musis and dancer in full forth of the performation, did 1019-204 4-6867, (abb 10000).

sent a variety of choral works in-cluding, Monteverdis "Gloria in G Major" and "Dah-see rekena," with accompaniment by Akayas At-ule and the SDSU African Druming Ensemble. The choirs vill also sing "O Magnum Mysterium" by David Childs and other tunes in-cluding vasional favorites, including three Latvian carols. Tickee use 58 general. For reser-

vations, call 619-594-1696; for infor-mation, call 619-594-6020. (SDSU)

"Light Up a Life," San Diego Hos pice's 19th annual "Light Up a Life' festivities take place at 8 p.m. or Tuesday, December 4, at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Ex-

pect inspirational messages, music by the San Diego Symphony, and a

symbolic tree and menorah lighting. A \$25 donation sponsors a light on the tree. Admission is free, but call 619-278-6215 for the required reser-vations. (DOWNTOWN)

Virtuoso Pickers All, the member of Hwy 52 perform for the San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk

ember 4, at Round Table Pizza

(1161 East Washington Street, at Ash). Catch folk, bluegrass, and

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World Traveler Rita Golden Gelman shares tales of her expeditions and how she "created a spectacular life" when she signs and discusses Tales of a Ferniale Nomad at 7 p.m. on Mon-day. December 3, at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1535 Camino del Marcatte 307). Eres Eveniforni. A Memoir of Love, Magic, Adven-ture, and miracles is on offer in Thir-teen Senses, Victor Villacenor's sequel to Rain of Gold. The author will sign and discuss his work on Tuesday. December 4, at 7:30 pm., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 West-tion, Bothern, Cent. 85, 81, 114. Mar, suite 307). Free. For informa view Parkway). Free, 858-684-3166 tion, call 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR

Prison Activist and Poet Marilyn the readings. Free, Call 6197594-5318 for details. (SDSU)

Jazz in the Park, taste some "Holida Seasonings" during this concert planned on Wednesday, December 5, at 5:50 p.m., in the Sculpture Garden Court at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$10 general. For reserva-tions, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK

Free, Call 760-726-8380 for details.

"African-American Writers: Por traits and Visions" will be signed by author and professor Lynda Koolish Jazz Combo II at San Dienu State

University presents a concert at noon on Wednesday. December 5, in Smith Recital Hall. For information. call 619-594-6060. Free (SDSU)

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"Don't Hold Your Breath," trumpeter Carl Saunders joins the Palomar College Jazz Ensemble, Repertory Jazz Ensemble, Repertory Jazz Ensemble, and Palomar College Chamber Singers for a "hot winter's night concert" on Wednesday, December 5: The concert begins 48. n.m. in the Howard Roubeck at 8 p.m. in the Howard Brubeck at 8 p.m. in the Howard Brubeck Theatre, on the Palomar College campus (1140 West Mission Road). Tickets are \$10 general. For more in formation, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Jazzył The Jazz Saxophone Ens pazzył The Jazz Saxophone Ensem-ble performs on Wednesday, De-cember 5, at 7 p.m., in San Diego State University's Smith Recital Hall. Admission is free, 619-594-6031.

Outside the Box, poets Bill Avrin and Michael Turner perform for No Box-ders on Wednesday, December 5, 7:15 p.m., at the Other Side (40% 30th Street, at Polk). The featured reading is followed by an open reading, with sign-ups starting at 7 p.m. No charge, 619–521-0533, MORTH PARIN.

Horror Writer and film produce: and director Clive Barker will sign his new book, Coldheart Canyon: A Hol (Now) Post and (Former) Presi-

7812 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Mean? This question was poses Rich Mackin, who "has charmed underground "zine culture with

ticketmester

plans a spoken-word performance to celebrate the release of his book Dea Mr. Mackin... next Thursday, De Mr. Mackin... next Thursday, De-cember 6, at 8 p.m., at the Truth Art Gallery (343 Fourth Avenue). Mackin will be joined by the return of the Acoustipunks Union Local 138 and Razoracke columnists Money, Retodd, and Sean Carswell. Admis-sion is \$5. For information, call 619-323-4278. [Downrows]

Emmy Award-Winning TV Per Emmy Award-Winning IV Per-sonality Lean Nozizwe has written Starring in Your Own Life: Reveal Your Life a Blockbuster Hil? Nozizwe will sign and discuss her book at the San Diego State University Bookstore at 3 p.m. next Thursday, December 6. Call 619-594-7528 for inf

Jazz Piano is promised when Pamel at Palomar College next Thursday

Carols by Candlelight, Gramm next Thursday and Friday, Decen

er at 340 North Escondido Boul vard (at Valley Parkway). Call reservations (ESCONDIDO)

and tickets (also available through Ticketmaster, at 619-220 TIXS). Lis-

ten to the game in English on KSDO (1130 AM) and in Spanish on KURS (1040 AM), iPOINT LOMA)

In Commemoration of domestic vi-olence victim Virginia Eisenman-Centofanti (who was murdered by her ex-husband at the age of 25), the Gina Eisenman 8k Run/5K Walk: A

Run Against Domestic Violence i dated for Saturday, December 1

Events begin at 7 a.m. at Fiesta Is land/Tecolote Shores on East Mis-sion Bay Drive. For more informa-tion, call 619-890-4141. (MISSION BAY

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Gulls Hockey, the San Diego Gulls host the Bakersfield Condors on Sathost the Bakersfield Condors on Sat-urday, December 1, at the San Diego Sports Arena. The Anchorage Aces arrive for a game on Tuesday, De-cember 4. Both games begin at 7 pm. Tuckets range from \$3 to \$17.50, available by adling 619–224. 4025. The games are broadcast on KSIX1 (AM 1130), ISDORTS ARENA).

Body Boardin', head to the worth jetty beach at Oceanside Harbor for the Body Board International Contest running from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, For de-tails, call 310-325-0045. Admission is free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

Astronomers and Photographers Explore in Heavens



North Point Press, 2001; 186 pages; \$20.

FROM THE DUST IACKET: The ocktail is as old as the nation tha invented it, yet until this enter-taining and authoritative account, ory had never been fully told. its story had never been funy too.
William Grimes traces the evolution of American drink from the anything-goes concoctions of the Colonial era to the frozen margarita. rrative with arresting details

out racts, and contruit ngures.

After exploring the protosolon and the bartender, and the spread of the American cocktail to Europe; the golden age of the cocktail, from 1880 to 1920. when classics such as the bronx, mannattan, martin, and dauduit came into being; the Jazz Age and the subterranean world of the speakeasy; the post-Prohibition Iull and the Cold War landscape speakeasy; the post-Prohibition Iull and the Cota war iantomap of cocktails that followed; the strange efflorescence of a Polyne sian-influenced lounge culture; and the recent resurgence that ha produced a wave of exciting new drinks. (The martini, of course

gets a chapter of its.own.) The book includes more than one hundred recipes — for both classics and innovations.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: New York Times restaurant critic William ABOUT THE AUTHOR: New York Times restaurant critic William Grimes was born in Houston. His father, a newspaperpian, moved the family to the Washington, D.C., area when he accepted a posi-tion at the D.C. bureau of the Wall Street pournal. Grimes, the sec-ond of six children, told a reporter from the Washington Monthly that his mother, with six children to feed, had a regular rotation of dishes for dinner. Grimes said that in that rotation he remembered with particular fondness his mother's "Copper Penny Casserole with particular fodogs and beam." As a teernager, Grimes was a far of Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Grimes brother had a Sunday-mom ing doughnut route which the William, eventually took over. Grimes graduated in 1986 from Chevy Chase High School He received his B.A. from Indian University, and from the Uni

versity of Chicago, an M.A. in English and a Ph.D. in comparative versity of Chicago, an MA, in English and a Ph.D. in comparative literature. Recount crimes is wife, a painter, swanted to live in New York, the couple moved to the city in the early 1986. Ginnes financial control of the couple moved to the city in the early 1986. Ginnes financial control of the couple of the paper, writing about the arts and food.

In early 1999, Grimes was named as restaurant critic for the Times, succeeding Ruth Reichl, who left the paper to become Gournet magazine's editor-in-chief. The New York Observer, writing about Grimes after his appointment as restaurant critic, noted about the new critic's need for anonymity, "Grimes will be hard to the paper of the p spot. He looks like thousands of other guys in town. Standard issue face. Nondescript eyeglasses. Brownish hair. Blue jacket. Tie.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Lasked Grimes if he recalled what the first mixed drink was that he drank

He didn't, but he did remember this. "Well, let's see, my father certainly didn't drink mixed drinks. He drank Scotch on the rocks. And that was a cocktail. I actually made mixed drinks before I drank And that was a cockail. I actually made mixed drinks before I drank them because we would have cockail partets. He was a newspare guy. He would invite all his colorist over from time to time, and money as the barneader. It had to look it all up—the various drinks. I can't remember now how I found the recipes. Of course, people weren't coming in asking for very strange drinks. When you were mixing cockails for your parents, did they have available all the wonderful accounterments—the thakers, stit-

rers, jiggers, strainers, all that?"
"Well, this was back in the late 1950s, early 1960s; everybody had that stuff. Most people had bars in their house. And everybody had shakers, a jigger, a measurer, and that type of thing."
"How much did your parents pay you to mix drinks?"
"Ten bucks."

"Did you ever really screw up?"
"Everybody cut me a lot of slack. But I did notice some people sort of looking at me strangely."

Grimes writes that, by the 1930s, as Prohibition ended and drink-

Grimes writes that, by the 1930s, as Prohibition ended and drinking spirituous liquors again became legal, every aspect of drinking became standardized. "In the 1920s, America had revolutionized advertising techniques, and the newly liberated liquor companies could now put them into effect. With lavish print campaigns, the time of the lifting companies would establish a national branche in a material. giant distilling companies could establish national brands in a mat-ter of months — most of them unheard of before Prohibition. Local bourbons like Chicken Cock and Green River, or ryes like Sun Local bourbons lise (Chicken Lock sparaet, Green River, Jaco et yello supproced and Susquehanna, Gods sparaet, Green Lock sparaet, Green River, Jaco et yello yello sparaet, Seven Crown, Crown Royal, and Four Rosser, Futuresque focal labels were fought up by the jac ompanies and retired. Almost unnoticed, straight rive whiskey vanished from the American Secie. Once dominant in the Northesst and Middle dominant in the Northesst and Middle sparaet. Atlantic states, it became the quaint taste of a dwindling popula tion of old-timers. This was a severe loss, since the substitution o bourbon for rye has grossly distorted the flavor of dozens of cock

tails, chief among them the Manhattan."

I asked Grimes about rye and bourbon whiskies.

Grimes explained that straight rye whiskey — whiskey made from grains of the rye plant — was once the "only serious whiskey in America." Bourbon — whiskey made with corn — came late to

America and was not made until the late 18th Century. "The Ma hattan," Grimes said, "one of the greatest of all American cocktails hattan, "Grimes said, "one of the greatest of all American cocktails, really, I think, was intended to be a rye drink. Rye has a wonder-fully dry, light, piquant, prickly, contemporary quality to it. You can make a bourbon Manhattan. But it's a light too rich and too fat." "Do people still tend to mix drinks with bourbon that really

"Yes. I don't think most people have a clue what rye is. There

are only three or so companies — Old Overholt, Wild Turkey, and Jim Beam — who make a straight rye, so I think nine out of ten people you ask to explain rye would not be able to do it; therefore, they're certainly not going to have any idea what the possi-

DBBIGS are 106.11.

Straight Up or On the Rocks offers a recipe for the Manhattan.

"Like the martini," Grimes writes, "the Manhattan can be mixed sweet, semidry, or dry. The following recipe yields a semidry Manhattan. Use French vermouth only, and the drink is dry. Use outh and the drink is sweet.

And here is the recipe:

1½ ounces straight rye 4 ounce Italian (sweet) vermouth ounce French (dry) vermouth

dash Angostura bitters

Pour liquid ingredients into an ice-filled shaker. Shake, then strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with the cherry.

Hotel bars, I said, could be quite glamorous. Did Grimes

"Yes, I love hotel bars. I think they're the best thing going,

For the price of the drink, you rent the hotel, in a way. You get a very luxurious set of surroundings, and, think, a really good setting for enjoying a drink. New York has great hotel bars, and not all of them are ultra famous; there are little tiny tucked-away ones, gorgeous bars that most people don't know about. So it's only a couple of hotel guests and you.

Hotel hars Grimes added "also tend to have a long histor of highly professional bartenders, who make really excellent drinks. I don't think you tend to get that in regular bars. Those bars are more like a friendly guy behind the bar, maybe a vodka martini,

. a glass of horrible white wine."

"A glass of horrible white wine. Nothing very adventurou

A glass of horrible white wine. Nothing very adventurous or sophisticated, which is fine. I've seen a lot of good places. But I think that a good hotel bar is really one of the most pleasant." Grimes writes that there are probably more innovative bartenders at work today than there have been in generations; the also sees an increase in "productive collaborations" between bartenders and chefs. He notes that these bartenders have tossed out the packaged drink mixes that are a standard of many bars and have begun to use fresh ingredients. I asked about this trend

"There's more of a chef's way of thinking to how a lot of bar tenders have begun to operate — in restaurants in particular that have their own cocktail list. You'll see the chef confer with the bev-erage manager or the bartenders and actually communicate, so you get these nice collaborations.

"You see bartenders thinking about what the character of the To use barrelenest tunking about what the character of the restaurant is, what the flavor is, what coloring they want to bring to the drink that will cause the drink to accent the menu. And I don't think people thought like that at all as recently as ten years ago. A lot of these bartenders now are using liquors in interest-ing ways, using berbs and spices, infusing bluqors."

Earlier this year Grimes wrote in the Times that a black hen with a red wattle had come to live in his fenced Astoria. Queens, back

yard. "One day in the dead of winter, I looked out my back window and saw a chicken. It was jet black with a crimson wattle, and it seemed unaware that it was in New York City. In classic barnyard fashion, it was scratching and pecking and clucking." Grimes and his wife began feeding the hen and soon the hen began feed-

and his wite organ reeding the nean and soon the nen began reed-ing them, at the rate of five oges a week.

And then, several months after the hen arrived, seemingly
from out of nowhere, the hen disappeared. Grimes wrote."—happy
days have come to an end. We have the new nest, and 50 pounds
of chicken feed. The cats carry on as before. But the two humans

"I love hotel bars. For the price of the drink, you rent the hotel, in a

way. You get a very luxurious set of

surroundings and a good setting for

He hadn't. "She never reappeared. She disappeared without a trace — without a

are bereft. If anyone happens to see a fat black hen, tell her

this for me. There's a light in

the window and a warm nest

at the base of the pine tree."

I asked if the little black
hen had turned up, or if he'd
ever learned what happened

good setting for
enjoying a drink."
"Well everybody says that, but it seems so crazy — first of
all, it's not that easy to get a chicken to cooperate in a kidnapping.
Too, it would require a certain amount of daring, and what would
be the point."

be the point?

"Do you suppose she just left town?"

"The you suppose she just left town? I mean, she came out of the blue, for what reason I don't know, and left the same way."

"She gave you a really lovely story though, didn't she?"

"Yes, she was worth her weight in gold." He added. "I'm now doing a book about the chicken."

6:30 a.m., with running starting at 8.a.m. for information, call 619-235-

Surf's Up, the ISF Middle School Surf Contest is set for Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the beach on the south side of the Oceanside Pier (301 North the Strand). Admission is free. (OCEANSIDE)

Chargers Meet Seahawks, the San

My Way or Poway, enjoy the sceners

at 9 a.m. in the Carmel Mountain Ranch Center parking lot. For more information, call 858-451-3173. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

CUMPEL MOURTAIN / Volleyball for More Than Just the Tall, the organizers promise that all — married, single, short, and tall — are invited to play oulephall every Study at 2 p.m. with the San Diego Tall Club. Bring Iwan chairs, kids if you have them, "and a willingness to have fun." Free; non members welcome. The group gab to have fun. The group gab. Shore and Moortund for games. For more information, call 858-893.

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hosted by the Lawrence Family lew-sish Community Center. Each night of the fair promises an evening cut-cure with a distinguished author. Events get underway when Delbert Events get underway when Delbert Labon (for The Amazing Adva-tures of Kwalder and Clay), joined by Ayelet Waldman, appear on Stur-day, December 1, at 8 p.m. Tom Segev speaks on Sunday, Decem-ber 2; Leonard Fein lectures on oldsmith appears on Wednesday. These lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. (except where noted) and are followed by book signings. speaks on Tuesday; and Martin

ook signings. Cotable breakfast and lunch

peakers are also planned, along with he family day events — themed 'Adventures in Jewish Literature" this year - on Sunday, December 2. For ticket prices, reservations and other information, call 858-457

3161. Find the Lawrence Family Jew ish Community Center in Mandell Weiss Eastgate City Park, at 4126 Ex-ecutive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

The Lighting of the Holiday Tree in the culmination of the Chula Vista Holiday Festival, scheduled for Saturday. December 1, at 2:30 p.m. The seasonal musical entertainment, and more at Memorial Park (along Third Avenue, north of G Street). Admission is free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

Discuss Godel's Proof by E. Nagel and J.R. Newman with the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, December 1, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor confe the San Diego Public Library (820 F Street), 858-755-8978. Free; new-

from 10 a.m. to dusk. The 30-room adobe will be adorned for Christ-mas—100 years ago — with histor-ical decorations and arrangements Expect period musical entertain-ment, Iace tating, candle dipping, haywagon rides, and activities for children. Stay or return at dusk for the lighting of the luminarias and

carol singing.
Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for those 5 to 12 years old, free for those under 5. Find the Rancho at 2210 North Santa Fe; call 760-724-4082 for information. (VISTA) Book Sale, the San Carlos branch I

from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sat urday, December 1. Paperbacks and ardbacks of all types are offered The library is found at 7265 Jackso Drive: 619-442-1860, ISAN CARLOS

torical Society Museum honoring the San Diego International Dragon Boat Racing Team, opens on Saturday, December J. The team member and crackes will share stories behind the cultural tradition of dragon boat rac-ing on Saturday, December J. from 12:30 to 2:30 pm; refreshments will be served. Free. The exhibition con-tinues thousely Thursdow, Honores H. tinues through Thursday, January 31, 2002, The museum is located at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Holiday Fun is planned when the City of San Diego Parks and Recre-ation Department Disabled Services Program sponsors its 19th annual holiday carnival on Saturday, Deholiday carnival on Saturday, De-cember I, from II a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). There will be 30 game booths and live en-tertainment. Admission is free; food and game booth tickets are 25 cents agice. For information, dial 619-525-8247. (BALBOA PARK)

An African-American Marketplac boasting "world-class crafters and col-lectors" is planned from 10 a.m. to

Home, Holiday Home, the fifth as efiting the Polinsky Children's Center is set for December 1 and 2 in Kensington. The walking tour fea-Neisington. The walking tour fea-tures one contemporary and three historic homes, all professionally decorated. The fee is \$20. Tour hours are 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For information, call 858-571-1818. (MENSINGTON)

Start Off on the Right Paw, the San puppy support group every Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. You're invited to bring your puppy for socia

All Aboard for the Great American Train Show, steaming into the Del Mar Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2. The show boasts 14 large, detailed lay-outs; workshops; and more than 300 tables of model trains and acces-sories. Show hours are 11 a.m. to

Celebrate Local Cowboy Heritage during the ninth annual Vaqu Days, running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m Days, running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, at the Granny Martin Museum fairgrounds (24019 Japatal Road). Expect cowboy music and poetry: horsemanship demonstrations by Leslie Desmond, lerry Tindell, Pat Puckett, and Len Judd; crafts and art, pit barbecue, and kids' activities.

The admission fee is \$5 for adults, free for kids with par directions and details, dial 619-445-3946 or 619-473-8256. (DESCANSO)

World AIDS Day is being celebrated on Saturday, December 1, at 7 p.m., in the bandshell area of the Ocean-side Pier (found at the foot of Mis-sion Boulevard). This year's theme is "Men and AIDS: I Care. Do You There will be music, food, inst tional activities, and speakers. Free For more information, call 760-736-6764, (OCEANSIDE)

A Psychic Fair and metaphys conference is scheduled at Alex dra's BookStore from noon to 6 p

G: 619-298-3422, (SPORTS ARENA Let the Parades Begin! The Ocean Beach Holiday Parade and tree light-Beach Holiday Parade and tree light-ing takes place on Saturday, Decem-ber 1, starting at 5:95 p.m., finishing with the lighting of the 60- foot com-munity tree located in the sand at the foot of Newport Avenue. The parade begins at Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Newport Avenue and moves west on Newport to the ocean. Free, For ad-

ditional details, call 619-222-7091.

The 39th annual Starlight Yule Parade — with bands, floats, and Santa — traverses Third Avenue from H Street to E Street on Saturday, December 1, beginning at 5:10 p.m. Viewing is free. 619-422-1992. Free, (2010LIV 9534)

ditional details, call 619-222-7991

The Holiday Street Parade is so for Sunday, December 2, at 1 p.m. beginning at Palomar College (114 West Mission Road) and travelin down Mission Road, turning righ onto San Marcos Boulevard. The p onto san Marcos Boulevard. The pa-rade ends at Santa's Village at the San Marcos Civic Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Viewing is free. 760-480-4609. (SAN MARCOS)

Have a Passion for Things Made of Wood? Head to the 16th annual hol-iday woodcraft show and sale at Cut and Dried Hardwood on Sunday. ember 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p. play and offered for sale. Find the shop at 241 South Cedros Avenue: 858-481-0442. Admission is free.

The Light Time of the Year, orga-nizers of the Holiday of Lights at the Del Mar Fairgrounds boast of "the largest and most dazzling display of

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The work of marine and aviation painter Richard DeRosset is on e

rus industry that gave the town its name and claim to fame, along with the fruit labels that once adorned the boxes of oranges and lemons. "The Parson's Study" is a decorated late-Victorian room with original fur-nishings, including a piped "Chorister" organ, evoking the museum's origins as the town's first church. All of these shows continue

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hash flood. At a port about one half-rinle up the carpon, a steep-wided tributary ravies on the left spills, its virtual nuroff into the main the spills, its virtual nuroff into the main constricted tributary reveals the reflects of societies government of the spill of the spil you're not, back up a bit and find one of least two well-trod routes up the broken cliffs to the east. Up top there is a distinctly "rim of the world" sense, your gaze taking in the

population of highern sheep. place to obtain one



You'll probably stumble upon (hopefully not into) the tanks from above, where they can be cauthously swewed at the gloomy bottom of a slot like trench.

A sense of sloping sandstone ledges leads down the south wall of the slotlike trench to the outlet of the lowest tank. Bellow that are tire tracks leading to the North Forh of Palm Wash. The rest of the

forma is explored in Ethoes of Antiquity. Rock Art of the Volcans: Table-land, an exhibit of color photography on display through Sunday, January 6, 2002. The show features work by San Francisco photographer Jean Allsworth highlighting the pet roglyphs of the southwestern edge of the Great Basin north of Bishop. some of these rare petroglyphs ma

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including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the

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San Diego Museum of Man, spiri-tual paintings, vivid sequin banners, and papier makeh, wood, and iron sculptures are included in Voodov. Spirits in Hairian Art. The exhibit fea-tures a variety of objects relating to the voodoo religion, which evolved from a mixture of African religions.

and Roman Catholicism. See the

show through Sunday, January 27

skeletai remais reveal las in The Bones bon't Lie: Stories from the Grany, on view through January 27, 2002. The exhibit explores everything from bone recovery and identification techniques to uncovering evidence of nutrition, disease, and trauma, to

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San Diego Historical Society Museum, created in 1905 when an irri-gation project backfired, the Salton Sea has had a "boom and bust" his-tory. Developers in the 1950s and 1960s dubbed this desert area "Cali-fornia's New Mediterranean," envisioning a tourist haven. The sea's salinity levels have increased dramatically in recent years, driving matically in recent years, driving away many of the tourists and boaters. In Search of El Donalo: The Salton Son features Dake, and-white photographs by Christopher Landis, digitally reproduced by Nash Editions. See these haunting works through Sunday, May S. 2002.
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of Del Mar socialite Mrs. W.H. Sally Tippett. See the lats — dating from the late 1930s through the early 1970s — through Saturday, Febru-ary 2, 2002. Drawing from the society's fine art collections and augmented with loans from area collectors, Capturing the Light, on view through Sunday, March 3, 2002, celebrares the San March 3, 2002, celebrates the San Diggo landscape as perceived and painted by almost 20 artists. Look for work by Maurice Bruun, Churles A. Fries, Alfred R. Mitchell, and Charles Reiffel, the most celebrated of S.D.'s carly 20th-Century painters, as well as their contemporaries and 19th-Century predecessors. The museum is located in the

Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK) and artifacts, documents, and hards-on activities. View the exhibit through November 2002. Examples of ships from the 14th Century to the present are included in Masterpieces in Miniature: A Pre-cious Collection of Tiny Yachts. Nearly

50 tiny and elaborate models are in cluded, ranging in size from three inches to three feet. The exhibit, con-tinuing through Monday, Decem-San Diego Maritime Museum, al-most every year for 250 years, a ship loaded with silver from Spain's New World colonies crossed from Acapulco to Manila, then made the ha pulco to Manila, then made the haz-ardious return trip laden with trea-sures from Asia. Treasures of the Manila Galleons focuses on the Manila galleon trade, the original commercial link across the Pacific. The exhibit includes recently discov-ered pieces from the cargo of a ship that wereked on the shores of Baja California about 1575, the earliest-ADVANCE

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Martin Wright conducted Saint Paul as though it were the greatest oratorio in the world.

the cornerstone of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, on Fifth Avenue downtown, was laid 50 years ago. In appropriate commemora-tion of that event, the church presented a

tion of that event, the church presented performance (in English) of Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio, Saint Paul. This is a rarely heard work, and the performing forces, under the authoritative direction of Martin Wright, gave it a polished and powerful reading that made the best possible case for its musical

Saint Paul first performed in 1836, parrates Saint Paul, first performed in 1836, narrates and dramatizes four episodes in the early history of Christianity: the prosecution and death of St. Stephen, the first marty to the faith; the sudden conversion of Saul of Tarsus, a Jewish opponent of the Christian movement, who subsequently under the name of Paul) becomes the chief apos (under the name of Paul) becomes the chief apos-tle of Christianity; the missionary preaching of Paul and the other apostles, and the violent op-position it arouses; and Paul's departure from Ephesus to Ierusalem, along with words suggest-ing that he will be martyred. Mendelssohn's models for such a large-scale

choral work were the Passions of Bach and the or-atorios of Handel. Unlike those great predecessors, he was not naturally attuned to vocal composihe was not naturally attuned to vocal composi-tion, or to dramatic music on profound themes. His own native talents lay in instrumental mu-sic, elegant, shapely, lyrical. Nevertheless, he repeatedly strove to master the oratorio form, and even wrote a couple of small operas. In Sain Paul, his achievements were considerable, al though there were many weaknesses as well. Even rongest parts of Saint Paul are less memo rable than their counterparts in the composer's Elijah, which came ten years later (and which also has notable weaknesses, along with some indis-

putably great music).

Saint Paul is at its finest in its choruses, all of them written with skill, and many of them authentically exciting. Fortunately, the recent performance was especially successful in the choral sections. Stephen Sturk's immense PACEM chosections, Stephen Sturk's immense PACEM cho-rus (the name is a punning acronym of "Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music") turned out to be an exceptionally well trained group, and its members responded splendidly to Martin Wright's dynamic and meticulous conducting. There was a similar response from the orchestra, which in spite of its somewhat restricted numbers made a glorious sound — vivid, clear, robust, colorful —

former long-time chorusmaster of the San Diego Opera and currently chief conductor of the Netherlands Radio Choir, is a musician very much in the tradition of the late Robert Shaw: an expert is

of the late Robert Shaw, an expert in choral music, yet at the same time an all-round conductor of deep musical understanding. He con-ducted Saint Paul with intense conviction, as though it were the greatest oratorio in the world, and at times his

greatest oratorio in the world, and at turnes nis skill in bringing out the work's grand Handelian sonorities and deft Bachian counterpoint almost made the listener believe that was so. Still, neither Wright nor his singers and play-ers could consistently efface the evidence that in Saint Paul Mendelssohn — for all his learning spoke the language of Baroque oratorio with a distinctly non-Baroque accent. Where he attempts distinctly non-Baroque accent. Where he attempts thandelan grandeur, he often sounds pompous; where he attempts to imitate Bach's piety, he often sounds sentimental. Moreover, Handel's sure operatic instinct for characterful and passionate arias seems beyond Mendelson's grasp (a deficiency he partially overcame in Dipubli, This is most notable in the music composal for Paul himself, which has the tone now of inflated rant

himself, which has the tone now of inflated rant, now of heavy-handed holiness — qualities for which bass Philip Larson, conscientiously singing the role at \$1. Paul's, cannot be faulted. Indeed, it is in the music for the solo singers Indeed, it is in the music for the solo singers that Mendelssohn's invention here is feeblest (although some might reserve that description for the darb imitations of Bach chorales). The price frequency is the control of (carried chiefly by soprano and tenor) through which the story is advanced are generally dull afwhich the story is advanced are generally dull af-fairs, and most of the time singers Kathleen Halm and John Edward could do little to give them in-terest or life, other than displaying well-placed voices and sensitively shaped phrasing. (Like all the soloists — and, more remarkably, the chorus as well — their diction was impeccable, so that one could follow the text easily.)

Edward's light tenor, an attractive instrument Edward's light tenor, an attractive instrument very much in the British style (Philip Langridge, John Mark Ainsley, Ian Bostridge), came most fully into its own in the avautina "Be thou faithful unto death," one of the few truly significant pieces of solo writing in Saint Paul. No doubt realizing. the possibilities of this music, Edward closed hi book and performed the cavatina from memory with a resultant intensification of dramatic preence and lyrical beauty. The score's other first-rate

solo passage, "But the Lord is mindful of His own," was sung by contralto Martha Jane Weaver with the stunning occal richness and emotional concen-tration we can always expect from this

the music of Saint Paul completely ful-fills the dramatic potential of the text, it would be Mendelssohn's treatment of the words of Jesus heard by Paul during his terrifying mystical experience of con-version: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" With consummate bril-liance, Mendelssohn set these words not liance, Mendelssoln set these words not for a solo male voice but for the women's voices of the chorus, accompanying them in the orchestra with instrumentation rein-forcing their otherworldly character. The effect is electrifying. Here, at last, Mendelssohn escapes from the influence of the Baroque master and makes use of his own ravishing imag-ination. There would be many such moments in Elijah, but this is the musicalframatic high point of Saint Paul — and Wright and his singers performed it to

on the ideology of a work of Christian mu

cism of blood and race that characterized the peoples of antiquity. "Has the writer never heard of Stoicism? Has he never read the Old Testament books of Ruth and Jonah? And in any case, ancient tribal solidarity was a totally different matter from "mysticism of blood and race," which is a 19th-century Romantic concept.

He then asserts that Paul rejected "anti-Semitism," and that "what Paul proclaimed was nothing less than pan-humanism." In fact, Paul's nothing less than pan-humanism. In fact, Paul's message, repeated endlessly to Gentiles and Jews, was this: "My religion is true; your religion is false or inadequate; if you want to get on the right side of God, you'd better renounce your religion and accept mine." That is not exactly what I would call "pan-humanism." Founders of religions are not noted for sweet reasonableness, and Paul is no ex ception. If modern American Episcopalians are tolerant and broadminded, they did not learn those

lews of the oratorio who oppose Paul are vehement but devout men, not the mob of Bach's Passions Mendelssohn was far more just to them; perhaps it was due to his origins that he understood Paul's adrience more disposed to treat Jews as decent human beings who chose to worship God in their

No one involved in the magnificent performance of Saint Paul can be held respon-sible for the views that appear in the oratorio and that are whitewashed by the defensi program annotator. But in this day and age, an American per-formance of Saint Paul might be more effective in the original German, a language fev understand, so that without could concentrate on what is valuable in Mendelssohn's im-

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program repeats on Saturday, De-cember 1, at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$8 general. The group performs a varied repertoire ranging from Renaissance madrigals to Koral arrangements of popular music. Both concerns take place in French Parlor (in Founders Hall at USD, 5998 Alcala Park. 104 619-260-2280 for details, UMDA WSTA)

"A 2001 Extreveganze" is planned "A 2001 Extravaganza" is planned by the San Diego Symphony during concerts November 30 and Decem-ber 1 and 2. The program features classical works that director Stanley Kubrick made "the sonic Indisace" for the film 2001. A Space Oelysey, the orchestra, led by Jung-14 by will present "Also Sprach Zarathus tra" by B. Straus, "On the Beautiful Danube" by Johann Straus, Ligeti's "Attemphere", and the adeas of the con-"Atmospheres," and the adagio from the Gayane Ballet suite by Khacha-turian. The works will be "comple-

turian. The works will be "comple-mented by selections from composer Alex North's unused original score for the film."

The concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from \$15 to \$70. For reservations, call o19-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

The USD Symphony Orchestra led Chaikovsky. The music begins at Sunday, Tickets are \$8 general. For information, call 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

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Chorus presents its annual "Messiah-Sing" on Saturday, December 1, at 2 p.m., at 8 [Enzabeth Seton Catholic Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street). Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 seniors, \$8 students. For ticket information, call 858-534-4637, (CARL-SBAD)

A Taste of Opera is being offered by classical guitarist Claudia Tornsäufer on Säturday, December 1, at 10 a.m., in the San Diego Community Col-lege District's West City Center au-ditorium (3249 Fordham Street).

"Classics, Christmas, and Chanakah," it's the theme when MiraCosta College's North Coast Symphony Orchestra presents con-

The Vaughan Williams "Hodie" and "Fantasy on Christmas Carols" may be heard when the chancel choir and erwork chorale, orchestr. masterwork charale, orchestra, soloists, and organist perform on Sun-day, December 2, 47 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South), Child care is available by reservation; an offering will be received, 619–297– 4366, (MSSON VALLEY)

"I Low Opera" is being presented by the Small Opera of San Diego at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, at the Academy of Sound and Music 1495 C Street's, Singers of all ages will be performing arias, art songs, and Broadway favorites (a profes-sional accompanist is provided). You're invited to sing listen on SS. For an "I Love Opera" is being presented

audition appointment and information, call 619-702-1495. (DOWNTOWN

ard Conversations, the Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard Conversations series continues at the East County Performing Arts Center with a look at "Five Fabulous Frenchmen" on Sunday, December 2, at 2 p.m. The French composers in question include Debussy, Ravel, Saint-Saëns, Fauré, and Poulenc. Tickets are \$12 \$17, and \$22. Find the theater at 21 East Main Street. Reach the box office by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

The choir sings a cappella music writ ten from the Middle Ages through the Renaissance — madrigals, chan sons, and the sacred masses and sons, and the sacred masses and motets — along with dips into the romantic and modern periods. Ad-mission is by donation. 858-755-1616. (DEL MAP)

"Christmas Music for Piano" ma be enjoyed when pianist Nicolas Rev eles performs for the Pier View Wa by Bach, Liszt, Chopin, Poulenc, and Beethoven. The concert begins at 4:30 p.m. at Saint Mary, Star of the Sea Church (609 Pier View Way). An

A Program of Favorites by Tchaikovsky, I.S. Bach, and Hande performs on Sunday, December 2, at I.p.m., at the Rancho Bernardo Presoyterian Community Church (1701) Comerado Road), Admission is free Call 858-487-0811 for information

MANCHO BERMARDO)
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Rivera performs with pianist Michael
Bailzer on Sunday, December 2, at
Say p.m., at the Athenseum Musis
and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street).
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Call 838-454-5872 for more informatting in the Athenseum Call 838-454-5872 for more informatting in the Process.

The SDSU Symphony Orchestr plans a concert on Sunday. Decem-ber 2, at 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall on the San Diego State University campus. Tickets are \$10 general; thal 619-594-1696 for reservations. Call 619 594 6042 for information

A "Chamber Music Spectacular" is promised when oboist Susan Barrett performs with members of the Or-chestra of San Dieguito Chamber En-semble on Sunday, December 2: The program boasts "Quartet for Englis Horn and Strings" by Françaix, Brit Horn and Strings" by Françaix, Brit ten's "Phantasy Quartet," Mozart' "Quartet in F Major," and the Vaughan Williams "Household Mu sic." Ensemble members include vi olinist Lynne-Marie Friedrichs, vio list Ann Gref, and cellist Alayne Armstrone

Isst Ann Gref, and cellist Alayne Armstrong.

The music starts at 2 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Tick-ets are \$15 general, \$10 for seniors and military, \$5 for children and students; a family rate of \$25 is offered for two adults accompanied by at least one child. For reservations and information, call 760-436-8744. (ENCINITAS)

Celebrate St. Andrew's Day with th evensong planned — for this patro saint of Scotland and fishermen o erywhere — on Sunday, December 2 at 4 p.m., at St. Michael's by-the-Sea at 4 p.m., at 5t. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (2775 Carlsbad Boulevard). The Stirling Bridge Bag-pipe Band and the choirs of the church will present the selections by Thomas Morley and Str Hubert Parry, Call 260-229-8001 for infor-mation. An offering will be received. A reception with Scottish treats fol-lows. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrate the Leasen with San Diego Symphony!

## This Week!

Masterworks SERIES 2001:

A Space Odyssey!

November 29, 8 p.m. (California Center for the Arts, Escondido

November 30, 8 p.m. December 1, 8 p.m. & 2, 2 p.m.

Jung-Ho Pak, conductor

Hear filmmaker Stanley Kubrick's sonic landscape from the groundbreaking film 2001: A Space Odyssev.

Winter Pops SERIES Holiday Pops! December 7 & 8, 8 p.m.

Matthew Garbutt, conductor San Diego Master Chorale San Diego Children's Choir Mariachi Champaña Nevín Florencia Tinoco Barone, soprano Crusader Bells

Enjoy a festive holiday concert featuring traditional carols, a celebration of Las Posadas and the ever-popular sing-a-long.

Family Festival SERIES Holiday Pops! December 9, 8 p.m.

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accomplished singer.

If I had to pick one moment where
the music of Saint Paul completely ful-

perfection.
I would not ordinarily need to comment sic, since that is traditional and widely sic, since that is traditional and widely understood. What do you expect of a religious oratorio, after all, except religion? But some distortions in the program notes for this concert require correction. The notes tell us that "Paul, the ambassador of a supranational religion, was the first person of classical antiquity to denounce the mysticism of blood and race that characterized

olerant and broadminded, they did not learn those irtues from St. Paul but from the secular and ra-onal tradition of the 18th- century Enlightenment. Finally, the annotator claims that "as Paul re-ceted anti-Semitism, so did Mendelssohn.... The

Mendelssohn, "Saint Paul Saint Paul's Cathedral

Martin Wright, conductor; PACEM choir and orchestra; Kathleen Halm, soprano; Martha Jane Weaver, contralto; John Edward, tenor; Philip Larson, bass

servaries Mendelssohn and his family, after all, had

versaries, Mendelssohn and his family, after all, had been those stern and pious Jews." Mendelssohn, indeed, came from a distinguished family of German Jews; his grandfather was the en-lightened Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn. His father, a banker, converted to Protestant Christianity when Felix was seven years old. In Saint Paul he composer strove mightily to appear more Chris-ian than the Christians. The Acts of the Apostles tian than the Christians. The Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament text on which most of the ora-torio is based, is a rabidly anti-lewish document, and each of the episodes Mendelssohn chose paints "the Jews" as rebels against God, persecutors of no-ble, patient, and pious Christians, and bigoted sectarians whose favorite expression is "Stone him to death!" One wonders what Mendelssohn felt as to death: One wonders what Mendessonn telt as he reinforced these depictions with powerful musi-cal settings (above all in the choral passages). Did he ever think of his former co-religionists, who even while he was composing were being subjected to humiliation, exclusion, and often violence, just because of such stereotypes? Did he imagine that any contemporary listener paying attention to what the oratorio actually says would come out of the expe-

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## **Acid Master**

An etching of his aged mother made in 1613 is a moving textural drama of the feathery leathered-ness of aging skin.

the first dated etching was made in 1513 by a Swiss draftsman named Urs Graf, a negligible artist, villainous mercenary, and, by all reports, a thoroughly vile human being. The process, which developed out of engrav-

The process, which developed out of engraving — incising lines on a metal plate, for years the most popular form of printmaking — surged in the 17th Century in the Low W.S. E. Colden Century when Holland, a marshy strip

of land 150 miles long and 90 miles wide, becan of land 150 miles long and 90 miles work, became the most prosperous country in Europe, Trades and trading flourished, the middle class grew and prospered, and superb artists documented the social expressions of the new wealth. Etching entailed drawing on a wax-coated copper plate (Albrech Dürer had made a few using iron), which would yield an image when the

ingiron), which would yield an image when the plate was dipped into an acid bath that bit into the metal. The length of the bath determined the depth of the bite, and the plate could be re-worked after each print. Different tools produced different effects. The pointed burin furrowed clean, sharp lines. The drypoint stylus, a steel needle used on the plate after the wax had been the plate after the plate after the wax had been the plate after the plate after the wax had been the plate after removed, left burred tracks useful in creating deep shadows. The formal life of etching de pended largely on the way chiaroscuro released

pended largely on the way charoscuro released pictorial energies by setting light against dark.

In the 1620s, when Rembrandt began working to turn the medium into a modern instrument for making great art on paper, etching was held in high esteem, on a level with

painting. Because of the vestiges of the medieval guild system, a painter or etcher was considered a specialized craftsman possessing specific tal-ents. Rembrandt wanted to dissolve this tight definition and invent himself as an artist in the

definition and invent himself as an artist in the modern sense, as an idosyncratic temperament of expressiveness working in different media and treating a variety of subjects. He adgreat hands, a passion for image making, a scrupulous eye, and an ambition to promote himself and conquer the market in whatever medium he worked in. His astound-REVIEW W.S. DI PIERO

whatever medium he worked in. His astound-ing productivity was driven in large part by commercial demand, nearly exclusively so, if we are to believe Svetlana Alpers' argument in her controversial 1988 book Rembrand's Enterprise. The Studio and the Market, which presents Rembrandt as a creation of market forces.

Because etching allowed multiple states to be printed from the same plate, we can watch need to the same plate, we can waite making formal decisions and experimenting with technique. One of his innovations was to apply a thin film of ink on the plate after pulling the first print, so that when the second sheet was run though the press, it the second sheet was run though the press, i absorbed the surface coating and created un usually subtle tonal variety. He could also maximize his income by varying a print from one stage to another, leaving out a tree here or putting stage to another, leaving out a tree nere or putting in a window there, thus peddling four prints, say, to buyers who believed they were each get-ting a unique work. Rembrandt took in student assistants. One of them, the greatly gifted Fer-

dinand Bol, learned the dinand Bol, learned the master's technique so well that his etchings are sometimes indistinguishable from Rembrandt's. In Man in High Hat, we can actually see where Bol's signature was scraped away (by some loose-fingered dealer, probably) so that it ould be passed off as a Rembrandt. The 1630s and 1640s

were Rembrandt's salad years. His paintings were much in demand, and he had sufficient means to compile an art collection of his own comprising paintings, drawings, paintings, drawings, prints, Persian miniatures, and Asian ceramics, before ill events bankrupted him in 1656. In 1648 he etched a darksome self-portrait -his last in the medium his last in the medium— in which he's sitting at a work desk making an etch-ing, making marks that are himself, his attention aslant but stonily concentrated. The corner of the short window curtain be hind him curls flirtatiously in the wind with a delicacy

pertly trained student)

could pull off.

Etching can achieve a velvet nocturnal gravity, but in Rembrandt's hands gravitas is always ty, out in removalet's inacts gravines aways executed with a quality most artists (and writers) aspire to: lightness. Etching also permits a tight economy of gesture and pose. In a genre scene of a poor family begging alms at a burgher's



Self-Portait, Etching at a Window, 1648 Rembrandt van Rijs

The Age of Rembrandt: Etchings from Holland's Golden Century, through Sunday, January 13, 2002 San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-7931)

kind countenance and tender gesture. The un happy scene doesn't bring our spirits down (though it makes us recognize the anguishing dis-



ing the world of contingency quilibrium of capitalist afflu equilibrium of capitalist afflu-ence) because Rembrandt's hand lets the scene bear its grim meaning lightly. He con-His portraits are sumptuous articulations of contingency. An etching of his aged mother structed such figure groups in etchings as he did in his paintmade in 1631 is a moving textural drama of the feathery leathered-ness of aging skin. We see the flesh as an aging soul, skin and muscle tone drooping from the proximity of death. She's locked into a ings, building up the but measured pathos.

Much has been said about
how Rembrandt "probes the
depths of the human soul." I contemplative pose, hand clenched on her breast, and don't know what that means exactly. The soul has no depth, one feels her entire body doing

not as I think of it anyway the work of reflection, just a the work of reflection, just as Rembrandi's corporeal form in that early self-portrait is one tough node of attentiveness. The Golden Age produced great landscape etchings. Artists exposed how nature expands through space as a network or webbing of matter. In Jacob van Ruisdael's Little as an energy irreducible to ob-servable or material accidents that drives and fills life's dy-namics instant to instant, in the strung-along narrative of our existence. This is what Rembrandt made manifest. His etchings isolate one frame in the narrative saturated with and brightened by an aware-ness of mortality. He could write into a face or body a sum In Jacob van Russdaef's Little Bridge, we see the natural world and the world of foot-bridges and thatched houses constructed in it, precariously of expected or imagined appetites, desires, aspirations. scored and cross-hatched and responses, stilled into a way of being, a way of greetupon an initial emptiness of nonbeing. Like so much

Netherlandish art, it has a muted glee for the simple muted giee for the simple presence of trees, rocks, rivers, humans, dogs, goats (many goats in Dutch printmaking), and pouchy-faced leopards modeled on animals brought back or reported by trading expeditions. One of the great landscapes

One of the great landscapes in art history is Rembrandt's Three Trees. It's a portrait of weather as an unstable hous-ing for human beings. As our eye moves left to right, we pass from deeply scored straight lines of hard rain to a drizzly whipping up of wind and clouds, to columns of sunshine. Across the landscape shine. Across the landscape, minuscule figures go about their lives. A horse pulls a loaded cart, an artist sketches with his back to the scene, a fisherman watches his line, and in darkest shadow two lovers in the bushes appear tangled into the landscape that holds

Along with lightness artists — some, anyway -want speed, nowhere more ev ident than in Rembrandt's etching of Christ driving the moneychangers from the tem

ple, which has a crisp, super

ple, which has a crisp, super-charged physical immediacy. The small, congested compo-sition jumps with different trains of action. The gale force of Christ's anger drives the moneychangers leftward, his

fury modulated and gently re tarded by temple activities

performed in the upper right of the image. Even a sedentary pose can have quickness, like Rembrandt's Diana. His ver-sion of the conventionally youthful goddess of chastity is

an older woman who has borne children, apparent from

borne children, apparent from her prolapsed uterus and sag-ging breasts. She's a Dutch household-style goddess, homely, unflappable, mildly amused by what she seems to know is our studious and voycuristically disappointed

gaze.
The works I've mentioned.

along with etchings by several of Rembrandt's contempo-

of Rembrandt's contempo-raries, are on view at the San Diego Museum of Art in The Age of Rembrandt: Etchings from Holland's Golden Century.

It contains great things. See it, if you can, before it closes on

January 13, 2002. ■

## LISTINGS

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## GALLERIES

by gallery artists Kevin Bean, Stephanie Weber, Jennifer Bain, and others are also featured.

others are also featured.
See the show through January
2002, Find the gallery at 415 South
Cedros Avenue; 619-881-2401. Reg-ular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues-day through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, and by appointment. (SOLANA BEACH)

Artist, Naturalist, and Environ-mentalist James Coleman is show ing new original oil paintings and se-lected art at the Wyland Galleries. The former Walt Disney Studios at imator will be on hand tonigh Thursday, November 29, at 6 p.m. at the gallery found at 1025 Prospect Street, suites 100 and 200; call 858-459-8229 for reservations. Free

Busy on Thursday! The artist will also visit the Wyland Gallery at 855 West Harbor Drive, suite A, at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 30, Free, To RSVP, call 619–544-9995, (DOWNTOWN)

"Nest," featuring work by Robin Harker, Michele Harvey, Tom McKinley, and Bjarne Sorensen, opens at Scott White Contemporary Art with a reception on Friday, November 30, at 6 p.m.; the show concludes on Saturday, January 5, Find the gallery at 7601 Grand Avenue; 858–551–5821, (JA 1001A)

"30-30: A Group Exhibition" oper at the David Zapt Gallery with a re-ception for the participants on Eri-day, November 30, at p. pm. Regular hours are mon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and by appoint ment. Find the gallery at 2400 Ket ther Boulevard, 619–232 5004. See the exhibit through Sunday, Decem-ber 30, (DOWNTOWN)

"Pilgrimage to Machu Picchu," so San Diego artists are leaving for Peru. To initiate a sultural/arts exchange as part of the Free Trade of the Americas concept. An exhibit of their work may be seen on Novem her 30 and December 1 at the Effred Lee Gallery (43). [Street) Viewong, hours are for 10 gm. on Trisbo, not 30 and December 1 at the information, add for 18 wor 7521. (assignment)

More Than 50 Artists have work on ofter when the Hyde Gallery Art Council Fourth Annual Fundrasing Exhibition and Austion takes place on Friday, November 30, in Gross-mont College's Hyde Gallery. The social affair and silent auction start at 6 p.m., the live auction begins at 7:15 p.m. The exhibit concludes with

2/15 pm. The exhibit concludes with these events. Grossmont College is found at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. Gallers hours are 10 a.m. to 6: 00 pm. Montaly through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. For information, call 6/19 644–7299. (ELACOS).

Holiday Sowi

door, their burdensome destitution — the mother carries an infant on her back and a young boy in tow — is balanced by the householder's



















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## Calendar ART

The Passage of Time is suggested in New Paintings by Robert Ginder on view through Saturday, January 5, at Quint Contemporary Art. Ginder creates his signature "contemporary secular icons" using materials and techniques familiar to medieval craftsmen, but the subjects include California bungalows, palm trees, and fruit still-lifes. Meet the artist during a reception planned on Fri-day, November 30, at 6 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

It's C-Note Time! The annual C-Note Celebration and sale at the San Diego Art Institute begins with fes-tivities on Friday, November 30, at 6 p.m. The show includes original artwork done by institute member artists, with all pieces on offer for ciartists, with all pieces on offer for ei-ther \$100 or \$200. See the work

through Sunday, December 9.
Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m.
to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday,
noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more
information, call 619-286-0011. Regular admission is \$3. (BALBOA PAPR)

ular admission is \$5, (844B0A PARR); Fifteen Painters, Two Book Arlists, three photographers, one art thera-pist, and three art galleries are par-ticipating in the "holiday open house" and reception planned on Friday, November 30, at 6 p.m., at the Studio Arts Complex (2400 Ket-tuer Boulevard). For information, call 619-696-7230. (DOWNTOWN)

The Advancement of Ceramic Arts through community involvement and education is the mission of Clay Associates, which announces its

Associates, which announces its biannual pottery show and sale on Friday, November 30, 6 to 9 p.m. Destinctive pieces of sculpture and pottery will be on offer, and many of the arrists will be on hand.

The show continues through Saturday, December 22, from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday through Friday, 10 associates at 1667 Adams Avenue. 619-561-1806 (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Double Vision" at the Santa Ysabel "Double Vision" at the Santa Ysabel
Art Gallery includes wildlife paintings by San Diego County artist loe
Garcia, along with a collection of his
plein air oil paintings. The show
opens with a reception on Saturday,
December 1, at 4 p.m., and continues
through Sunday, January 6.
Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m.
to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.
The sallers is found at W333 High.

The gallery is found at 30352 High way 78 (at the junction with Highway 79); 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

Pirst Sunday Celebration, head to Gallery 16b at the Spanish Village Art Center for an opening reception for "Three Blondes Celebrate All That Gitters and Glows" on Sunday, De-cember 2, for artists Susan E. Roden, Gloria Cassady, and Carol Foster at 4 p.m. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to See the show through December (BALBOA PARK)

"Starry Nights" — an all member exhibition and reception and silent auction — is set for Wednesday, Drember 5, at 6 p.m., at the Del Mai 15th Street). The auction benefits the

"Let There Be Light," the annual holiday exhibition at Trios Gallery, is on view through December. The

exhibit showcases hand-blown glass art along with "modern antique lighting art" by Jim Gibson. Meet the artists during a reception set for Wednesday, December 5, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery at 130 South Cedros Avenue, with hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily (extended hours are

#### ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Mulunar explorations, space probes, and land-based telescopes have given us dazzling images of the earth, the planets and moons, dis-tant galaxies, supernovae, and stellar Astronomers and Photographers Ex-plore the Heavens features more than 75 photographs, ranging in date from the 1969 Apollo 10 mission to more recent images from ground-based observatories and orbiting

spacecraft.
The exhibit includes a selection of 19 large-scale black and, white and color digital photographs from San Francisco artist Michael Light's book Full Mour: Apollo Mission Photographs of the Lunar Landscape. The works of astrophotographer David Malin (View of the Universe) are also

Main (View of the Universe) are also represented in this show.

Our vision of outer space was shaped by popular culture long before Neil Armstrong took his first steps on the moon. More than 100 examples of pop culture's most incressing representations of outer space and space toys are gathered in Man (Off Space Toys and the American Company of the INMS and 1000 (the year of the first moon landing), reflect Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, entering this new millennium, contemporary art is more diverse than ever before. Newly accessible inthan ever before. Newly accessible in-formation and communication tech-nologies have provided fresh mate-rials for artists. Lateral Thinking: Art of the 1990s highlights the significant works the museum has added to its permanent collection over the last decade. Approximately 40 new paint-ings, sculptures, photographs, instal-lations, and videotapes trace the muof the first moon landing), reflect America's fascination with space travel and exploration. Both exhibi-tions close on Sunday, January 13, seum's engagement with the art of our time in the exhibit. A special selection of works from

Death Comes to Everyone: Partici-patory Offering. The installation consists of more than 100 wooden crosses, clay bowls — filled with

crosses, day howls — filled with grains, beams, and other organic ma-terials symbolic of Mexico's pre-His-panic past — and votive candles-man of the control of the control of the control of the control of the through Fidals, November 30. The first sculptural installations in the ongoing Public Projects series are by San Diegan Kenneth Capps. The 20 metal sculptures can be 1000, sited by the artist and the mu-cumum curtast around the center and

2002, sited by the artist and the mu-seum curator around the center and in adjacent Grape Day Park. This is one of the largest displays of Capps's minimalist works. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For in-formation, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDID)

(#SCOMDO)
Mingel International Museum of Folk Art, Venini — Glas and Design an World Perspective centers on the work of the Venini factory in Venice. The exhibition also contains at glass by contemporary artists and by Louis Conflort Tiffans, as well as examples of ancient Egoptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Art glass by Benjamin Moore, Marvin Lipofsky, and Dale Chihuly, all of whom have worked at the Venin factory, are also included in the show, which closes on Sunday, Jan

show, which closes on Sunday, Jan-uary 6, 2002.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timker Museum of Art. For additional information, call 619-239-0003, (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art, Powntown, artist Alexis Smith and poet Amy Geritler are exhibiting The Sorcerer's Apprentice. The exhibit in-cludes sculpture, collage, wall text, and dozens of brooms, addressing Diaz and Ezra lack Keats are fee Diaz and Ezra Jack Kests are fea-tured in Snowy Day and Smoky Night. Keats authored and/or il-lustrated more than 85 books in his lifetime; Diaz, who began his career right here in the pages of the Reader, has illustrated numer-ous children's books. The exhibi-tion continues through Sunday, January 6, 2002, at 704 Pier View Way. For more information, call 769-721-2787, OCCAMSDID. and dozens of brooms, addressing, hemes such as fairy tales and their archetypal characters, witchcraft and fish beliefs and their retainonships to sexuality, domestic life and drudgery, how women and girls have bear as as the custodians of everyday existence, and the varied meaning of the word "sweep" and related metaphors. See this collaborative sculptural installation through Tuesday, January 22, 2002. San Diego Museum of Art, the

day, January 22, 2002

group of 15 site-specific commis-sioned works of public art located on

the UCSD campus. Both shows close on Sunday,

January 13, 2002. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA IOLIA)

(MARA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, assembled mostly from vintage prints
taken from the '40s through the
'60s. Bill Braind: A Retraspective
contains 155 of the most wellknown images by this master photographer. The period encompasses
his edw documentary style of the

tographer. The period encompasses his edgy documentary style of the '20s, an interest he developed under the guidance of Man Ray during his time in Paris in 1929; and a selection from Brandt's 'Perspective of Nudes' series. The artist demonstrates the relationship of photography to sculpture and modernist abstraction in these works created with an old wooden late camera.

with an old wooden plate camera (which is included in the exhibit).

See this exhibition through Sunday.

powerful medium of etching is the focus for the exhibit The Age of focus for the exhibit The Age of Rembrandi: Etchings from Holland's Golden Century. The show boasts 49 works by Rembrandt and other Dutch artists who produced etch-ings during one of the most cra-ative periods in the medium's his-tory. According to curator Steven Kern, these works on paper cannot be exhibited very often for long pe-Surveying the depth and range Surveying the depth and range of the museum's holdings. Selections from the Permanent Collection: The 1970s, on view through Tuesday, January 22, 2002, suggests the variety of approaches employed by artists in the U.S. during this decade. It was a "decade of tremendous experimentation and innovation." The exhibit includes works by sculptors and painters associated with minimalism. riods of time "due to the ex fragility of the etchings and their sensitivity to light," so catch the show before it closes on Sunday, uch as Donald Judd and Rober Mangol, as well as conceptual ar pieces by Barry Le Va and Bruce Nauman. Find the museum at 1001 Ket-

show before it closes on Sunday, January 13, 2002.

A reinstallation of approxi-mately 40 European paintings from the museum's collection and from private collections exploring the im-pact that the politics of war and rev-olution had on art between 1870 and ring the museum at 1001 Ket-turer Boulevard (at Broadway), di-rectly across from the Santa Fe Rail-road Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN) 1940 is offered in European Ar 1870-1940: War and Revolution. exhibit through Sunday, July 28 exhibit through Sunday, July 28, 2002. During his period, there was a tremendous vitality of the arts in Europe. The exhibit illustrates how artists' personal statements expressing outrage at the horrors of war are among the strongest images in the sixty of art. The works included in the show "reveal how images of in the credible power and beauty country credible power and beauty country credible power and beauty country change, in explicit and ferrors of the country of the country country of the country of the

> 1-3 Cattornia: Four Lessages of Contemporary Art has been rein-stalled for viewing through Mon-day, March 18, 2002. The exhibit surveys art in California since 1960, with works grouped by media, the-matic displays based on an idea, historical period or style, and a selec-tion of works from the 1990s by artists who have gained national with a space for viewing film and

chological dislocation, and socia

The second rotation of india miniature paintings, gathered in Kr ishna: Lover and Hero, picks up the story of the Hindu god Krishna (where the previous exhibition of Kr ishna's childhood left off). These paintings tell stories of Krishna's ex ploits as a young man — as ar plotts as a young man — as an amorous playmate, ardent husband, and a heroic counselor in war "called upon to manifest his divine nature." Enjoy these paintings through Sun-day, January 27, 2002. For additional information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, Choices Saint Anthony, opening on Satur day, December 1, is an instructive in the museum's permanent collec-tion. See the show through February 2002.

See this exhibition through Sunday, January 6, 2002. Truth, Beauty, and Lies: A His-troy of Photography, the third install-ment in "The Visual Classroom Ex-hibition Series." focuses on the identifiable subject matter in pho-tographs while also stressing the mystery and beauty of images. The hotographs while also stressing the mystery and beauty of images. The mystery and beauty of images. The photographs included age drawn from the museum's permanent collection. Visit the "Classroom" through Tuesday, January 8, 2002. Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado, For information, call 619-238-7559. The museum's permanent col The museum's permanent col-lection includes European masters. 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



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Angels Among Us
The Coronado Playhouse stages
Leigh Scarritt's Christmas musical
about "the strength of family, the
power of love, and the presence of IPLITIE." CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DE CEMBER 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT RDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT

Brilliant Traces
New Village Arts, the North
County's newest theater organization, presents Cindy Lou Johnson's
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and within their fragile shelter."
Mark Stephan directed.
NEW VILLAGE ARTS, THE GRANARY IN
MAGEE PARK (COAST HIGHWAY AND
BEECH AVENUE, CARLISBAD, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, THROUGH DECEI
BER 9: THURSDAY HROUGH SUNDAY
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Catakilla Conapiracy Mystery Cafe's new dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skilla in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CATE, OPENENDED RUN. FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Chalk It Up to Murder

Chinese Coffee character study of older best friends' volatile relationship. Robert Dahey directed. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH DE CEMBER 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT



7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT

A Christinas Carol
The San Diego Repertory Theatre
presents a "fantasy circle" adaptation of Dickens's classic. Scrooge runs a circus. Joan Schirle directed AY, NOVEMBER 30, THROUGH DECEN

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Fault Line One-Acts
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The Girele. AULT LINE THEATRE, THROUGH DECEN BER 1: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Finger Painting on a Murphy Bed OnStage Playhouse offers David Paterson's romantic comedy about a brother, a sister, and a gentleman caller. E. Duane Weekly directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE. THROUGH DE CEMBER 1. THURSDAY THROUGH SAT URDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Heaven Rocks Jason Mershon's musical comedy takes us to rock-and-roll heaven, where "all those lived-fast, died-

where "all those lived-fast, died-young music greats have entered the pearly gates." CABRILLO DINNER THEATRE, 2001 NIMIZE BOULEVARD (AT ROSCERANS, II THE QUALITY INN), POINT LOMA, OPEN-ENDED RUN, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DINNER AT 7:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:15 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 5135/25-856

Holiday Memories
The North Coast Repertory Theatre presents dramatized versions of Truman Capote's autobiograph ical short stories, "The Thankagiving Visitor" and "A Christmas Memory," Sean Murray directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATER. HROUGH DECEMBER 30; THURSDAY HROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUM

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SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT



BY JEFFREY HATCHER MARCH 31 - APRIL 27

Presented in a limited engagement, this provocative new play is set just after the Restoration, when women were first permitted to act upon the stage. This lush piece imagines the events surrounding famed Shakespearean actor Edward Kynaston when he is banned by the king from playing the female roles that made him a star.



ADAPTED BY JEFFREY HATCHER DIRECTED BY CRAIG NOEL & KAREN CARPENTER MAY 26 - JULY 6

Noel and Carpenter co-direct this adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's novel, An Unsocial Socialist. Hatcher's romp shows us an oxymoron of a hero – a socialist millionaire – who tries to reform British society by stirring up the students at England's most



BY HAROLD PINTER DIRECTED BY KAREN CARPENTED

This searing drama, by one of Britain's foremost living playwrights, probes the seven-year relationship between two lovers - both married to other people. As the play moves backwards through time, we see the affair's erosive effects on their lives and the lives of those around



BY JOHN MURRELL MARCH 24 - MAY 5

Globe Associate Artist Joseph Hardy returns to direct John Murrell's intimate portrait of one of the most popular actresses of the 19th century. Sarah Bernhardt, "The Divine Sarah," as she came to be known, rose to prominence – first in Paris and eventually around the world – due to



BY DAVID SCHULNER MAY 19 - JUNE 30

In this West Coast premiere, David Schulner paints a lyrical, intimate portrait of a couple's entire life together – their dreams and their downfalls – all projected from their first date. Directed by Globe Associate Director Brendon Fox, whose last effort. The Countess, gently touched the

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STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH DECEM-BER 2: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDA AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, DECEA

How the Grinch Stole Christmas The Green Mennic's bask. He still speaks warpy rhymes, and still hates Christmas (when he sees stockings, he thinks of feet) but doesn't know why (don't ask), and his heart's till two sizes too spain to easily the state of the still be supported to support the state of the state of the state holiday cheer from the pear shaped citizens of Who wille, little know ing that there's more to Christmas than mere gifts. The Globe The-atre's annual Christmas show's a atre's annual Christmas show's a treat for eyes and ears. John Lee Beatty's cartoony sets make snow-drifts look like vast scoops of melting samilla ice cream; Robert Mor-jan's costumes turn the Who' into bulbous candy canes. John DeLuca's Choreography finds order and style in something as clogged as Christmas shopping. And regu-lars to the show— Julan Gamble or Mel Mar be in solven as a contraction of the con-traction of the contraction of the contraction. as Old Max, the Grinch's crstwhile

as Old Max, the Grinish's erstwhile poosh; Meilunda Gilb, Elien Blow-man, Rusty Ross, Robért Max Aulay — perform with fresh verve, Guy Paul's Grinish, a collage of voices, can still sagre and charm, often in the same breath. And when young Mary Frances McClay sings "Santa for a Day," she could those wines. Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, THROUGH DE-CEMBER 31, TUESDAY THROUGH SUN-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. NOTE: THE



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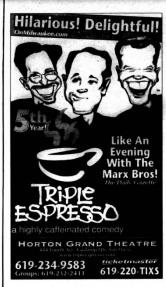
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if on second bose, unmilked. at every word, gesture, and joke. Then every word, gesture, and joke. Ther in a vule face, the house lights come up, and the audience becomes the detective. The show's core, and obviously the cause of its longevity, lies in the give-and-take between cast and audience. During the interropation the actors become re-actors. They ad-lish and support the cast. They ad-lish and support the cast. They ad-lish and support the strength of the support the strength of the support the have a butlet? How do you eat?"), the cast, especially Rick Meads as top cop Nick O'Bjen, is at its best in this format. Shear Madnes be-gain in 1978. Along with physical comedy and madaprops (one char-acter gets labeled a "genital liur"), the play derives humor from top! cal and focal references. Seed updating (when we, the bast time with (when was the last time you equated Sandy Duncan with Wheat Thins?). The show bills itself as Thins?). The show bills itself as mindless fun. Much of it is, and no more. But some local reference—negative remarks about Lakeside and Paradise Hills, for example—raise nagging questions about the anything for a-laugh mindset behind the production.

Worth a try.

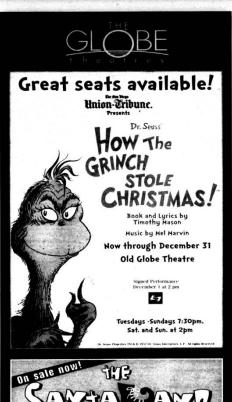
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about one minute left with his 15 minutes of fame. Right w, Rick Rockwell is j [the answer to] a bad trivia question." But Rockwell, who started in show business 20 years ago doing standup at local comedy clubs, is back in the news. The Encinitas

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**Bick Backwell** last

the fallout from his Who Wants to Marry a Million

studio back when he had

appearance. According to Jeff and Jer's producer, Tommy Sablan, "We had him in

they aired it anyway. Now Rockwell is suing KZZU "for general damages in excess of \$20,000" because the station set out to "disparage and humiliate and mock" Rockwell and that it "illegally taped his voice." KZZU's Ken Hopkins who is part of the Bre

radio station for airing an interview between him and fake Tom Brokaw. DJ Dave

Sposito is part of the wacky Breakfast Boys morning sho on KZZU, Spokane. He's famous for his Brokaw

KZZU did not tell Rock

Boys crew, suggests that Rockwell should lighten up. "It seemed like that little thing was the least of his worries.... You could see him getting roasted on Leno or

the inside track

A Spokane journalist said

Rockwell's presumption that he was not being recorded sounds a bit recorded sounds a bit fishy. "If he thought he was talking to Tom Brokaw, can you tell me he couldn't assume he was being recorded? If I'm talking to Tom Brokaw, I would assume I was being recorded. If I was recorded. If I was [KZZU's] attorney, I would exploit that." But the journalist admits Rockwell may

have a point. "It was never

divulged that they were divulged that they were taping or that it was an act. That is in violation of a Washington state statute that says you cannot make an illegal recording of a conversation. It's part of the wiretap law." He said Sposito wiretap law." He said Sposi has been doing his Brokaw shtick for "seven or eight years... They have been skating on thin ice.... One time he did [the Brokaw imitation to Dan Rather and Rather ripped him a new asshole. I'm surprised they haven't gotten in trouble

Neither Rockwell's

Yakima-based attorney, Brendan V. Monihan, nor Rockwell would respond to a

"It's hard to know who to

root for in this case," said the

journalist. "I think Rockwell

self How could Rick

Rockwell be embarrassed any

"People are coming together

and showing their unity and pride for our country — and

more?"
"Right now, it's a very

important time in our country," said Sablan.

had already embarra

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there's good ol' Rick Rockwell, suing anyone he can to get a quick buck." — Ken Leighton "I could have gotten a huge signing bonus, but I only took very little money up front. As a result I got more...royalties. I bet on myself, if you know what I mean."

In a cover story in Music Connection magazine, lewel was giving some music industry advice to according to an operati with close record company ties who was involved in Jewel's signing to Atlantic sever

substantial and health signing bonus," said the nsider involved with Insider involved Jewel's signing to "It was in the Atlantic. "It was in the six figures. Back then that was extremely healthy for an unknown singer-

songwriter."

In the article Jewel said she was signed after

showcasing at the now-defunct Inner Change coffeehouse in Pacific Beach. Question: "With your mother [Nedra Carroll] being your manager, was Atlantic Records the choice

made by the two of you? Answer: "It was all me."
But that answer tweaks
reality, said the insider, who
said that Inga Vainshtein was actually Jewel's manager at the time. "The mother was just tagging along. And don'



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forget attorney Eric Green span, who [represented] the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Stone Temple Pilots. Jewe

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did not bother to mention how [Vainshtein and Greenspan] brought other labels in to bid on Jewel. lewel was virtually not involved with that (hidding

process]."
Vainshtein was fired by
Jewel and is suing Jewel for
\$10 million for breach of

contract. That trial is set to enter a Los Angeles court-room July 31, 2002. Vain-shtein would not comment for this article because of the The inside

sold 15 million copies worldwide. The followup, Spirit, sold 4 million worldwide. Early

figures were not yet available for the newly released This "The label started by saying they expected to sell 450,000. Then they revised it

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down to 350,000," said the

insider. An L.A. Times record review gave This Way 1½ stars out of five saying, "This motley wardrobe represents the artistic cluelessness that has drawn critical barbs ever since the debut Pieces of You

made her the pinup poet of the high school set." Jewel's manager/mom did not return a request for comment.

- Ken Leighton

Jewel is no longer the only singer/songwriter who moved from the San Diego coffeehouse scene into a major-label contract. Java



loe's regular Jason Mraz was

deal with Elektra. Mraz usually performs with local percussionist Toca Rivera.

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Rivera, while not included in the Elektra contract, will join him in the studio and on

subsequent tours.
"I want to pop into Java
Joe's as often as I can.... I stations have transmitters in Mexico and are officially Mexican stations, they operate as any other San Diego broadcast facility — selling commercials to San Diego advertisers based on actually do a lot of my writing at a motel in O.B., writing at a motel in O.B.,
which is a couple of blocksfrom Java Joe's. It's this great
old motel called the Ocean
Manor Apartment. The
owner is 91." Diego advertisers based on San Diego ratings.

"All I know is what I read and what my clients tell me," said another Califormula staffer. "Salespeople from Clear Channel have been

Mraz will play his first local show since signing with Elektra Tuesday at Brick by

- Ken Leighton

"Two years ago we had our Christmas party at the Hotel del Coronado. These guys don't

Coronado. These guys don't mess around when it comes to Christmas parties." The anonymous staffer was talking about happier days over at Califormula, the Chula Vista-based radio group that operates Z90 (XHTZ-FM), Hot Country XHCR EM) and Radio Latina

(XLIN-FM).

It's a lump of coal for those stations this year.

"The Christmas party has been canceled. It was pretty devastating. The morale is pretty low. It makes me want start polishing up my

Last week, Inside Radio, a website dedicated to the radio industry, said in print what has been rumored for a year: that Clear Channel is preparing to take over the three stations owned by operates but does not own By law Clear Channel three stations owned by Victor Diaz, While all three

By law Clear Channel is only supposed to own eight stations in San Diego. "Sooner or later someone in the federal government is going to notice that this is a monopoly," said an employee at a non-Clear Channel, station. "What I don't get is why

do they want more stations when the ones they have are failing? The Mix 95.7 just tanked. B94.9 [a non-Clear Channel station] kicked its ass in the '80s format. Clear the 80s format. Clear Channel is the corporate gang that can't shoot straight, and they want to acquire even more stations so they can drive them in the ground as

telling our clients for a year that Clear Channel was about

to take us over."

I mention that Diaz and his son Alex are not fond of

"They are very private

"So don't you guys ask

him what's up?" I ask.
"He completely denies it
to us," said the Califormula

employee.

If Clear Channel takes
over operation of Z90, Hot
Country, and Radio Latina,

that brings the number of

local stations controlled by

Clear Channel up to 15. This

Clear Channel up to 15. This includes the 8 U.S. stations it owns, 6 Mexican stations it would operate (including 91X, XTRA Sports, and 92.5 XHRM), and KSDO, which it

youldn't have anything to wouldn't have anything to say. It's all up to the brokers and attorneys."

The employee says Victor spends four or five days a week at the office.

people. Victor probably

returning calls.

Clear Channel marke manger Mike Glickenhaus did not respond to a request for comment. — Ken Leighton

Former San Marcos real estate broker

Christopher Store though the outburst by New York the outburst by New York
fireman Mike Moran inviting
bin Laden to "kiss my royal
Irish ass" was his cue to enter
the recording studio.
Moran's brother John was killed in the tragedy.
"When [Moran] said it

[at Paul McCartney's Concert for New York]...we were all struggling to understand what we were feeling, but he

came out and said it."
Storc says he turned to a songwriting friend to help him write "The Ballad of Mike Moran."

you've made a big mistake / The spirit of America, you're never going to break / In remembrance of my break remembrance of my brother who from earthly bonds did pass / Osama, step right up



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and kiss my royal Irish ass.
"I got two former fire-fighters, a former Navy medic, a reserve sheriff deputy, and some people who do community theater, said Store about the group he formed to record the song.

They are called the Chamber



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Store says he will donate all net proceeds from CD and cassette sales to surviving family members of fire-fighters and rescue workers who died September 11. So far he said radio talk show hosts Hugh Hewitt (heard on KCBQ-AM) and Larry Elder

KCBQ-AM) and Larry Elder (KABC, Los Angeles) have played the tune. "The Ballad of Mike Moran" is \$9.11, available through www.firemansong.

- Ken Leighton

URL watching — SoCal-Raves http://www.socal-raves

org/ SoCal-Raves describes itself as "a forum dedicated to itself as "a forum dedicated to the discussion of anything having to do with raves and the underground club/dance scene in the Southern California area." The homepage links to a calendar of events held at fixed loca-tions. Leave the second of the con-tions. The progression of the con-tions of the tions. San Diego raves include Project Cathedral (a very mild rave), held the last Sunday of every month at St.

Paul's Cathedral (Fifth and Nutmeg) and Monday's '80s Night Thingy at the Kensington Club (Adams Avenue, 21 and up). Venue cover charges and house rules are often noted. At Impact (every other Thursday at Mr. O's in Mission Valley), a dress code is strictly enforced, "neati teams" are obeas and girls aget. is strictly enforced, "neat jeans" are okay, and girls get in for \$8 while guys must fork over \$10.

The calendar also men-tions the elusive set-up-and-party-down-before-the-cops-

ome raves requiring phonein screening and secret phrases to confirm location. The ACA Music Fest planned The ACA Music Fest planned for February 1 and 2, 2002, in Acapulco, Mexico, is just such a TBA event. The SoCal-Raves mailing

list was started in late 1992. Members can browse an Members can browse an archive of messages, but navigation is easier if one first reads the FAQ, to help decipher terms like "SCRubber" (short for SoCal-Raves sUBscriBER), "ODP" (open-deck party, a gathering of SCRubbers where anyone can take turns running the can take turns running the open turntables and tape decks), and "PLUR" (an acronym for peace, love, unity, respect). "These four ideals...make raves more

positive and life affirming than other kinds of parties or club scenes," explains the



positive and life-affirming posts: "Josh" lowes A Clockwork Orange, especially the life-affirming scene where gangleader Alex belts out a show tune while beating an old man. "Karen" would rather talk about getting drunk "Everclear and drunk. "Everclear and koolaid [sic], mmmm." "Boyelektric" reviews an event, commenting, "The mile or so walk through the desert and under a barbed wire fence kinda sucked."

"Christina" (a.k.a. "Sassyat 19") likes men "Sasyat19") likes men, especially those with short hair in front but long in the back — "mullet" style, "Mary" says, "Mullets forever! Wear 'em with pride. Long enough in back to swing your hair around to the music, short enough in front to keep your hair out of your

french fries and ketchup."
"Little Sadie Snackcakes" "Little Sadie Snackcakes" mentions, "I have an extra free ticket to Sea World... theme parks suck if you don't have someone to get kicked out with." "Randy" asks, "Did

"Randy" asks, "Did anyone find a set of keys at Basswerks? There are about five of them on a keyring. Possibly up on the bed thing in the corner of the second room." Cisco Kid has his keys but is missing out on attention. "Did anyone see me at Monster? I was wearing a doctor's outfit with a psycho doctor mask. Since there weren't too many people in costumes, maybe

someone saw me. Anyone? If you noticed him, or Randy's keys somewhere around that bed thing, don't leave these poor guys

hanging. (Those with or who know (Those with or who know of sites created in San Diego or that focus on local music are encouraged to forward info/URL links to jas2669@ aol.com.)

- Jay Allen Sanford

CD review: Farces Wanna Mo, The Love Album, Dugong Classics DGC-7014

Love is all around — the Lee's intensity (courtesy of Eric Burdon). Don't say I don't tell you IRRELEVANT

Anyway, as always, it's a treat that can't be beat to pick up a Farces Wanna Mo newie...I bet they do six a

year. Only 62 minutes, a little short by FWM standards, but

short by FWM standards, but just DIG these lovetune titles: "I Love Paris" and Barry White's "Love's Theme" (the only covers)... "I Love Puppies"..."Love Canal Revisited"..."Batman Loves Danger"..."Mother Love in Lowner (1950)!" "Misery. Lompoc (1956)"..."Misery Loves Crumpets"..."Lovele in Leucadia"...I can't WAIT

- Richard Meltze

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## **Can't Drive Drunk Anymore**

"The Democrats haven't been real interested in us, but hey, all their money's the same."

ountry music is kind of the redheaded stepchild of the San Diego music scene."

teve Hill, Renegade Saloon, November 2001

It's pushing 9 p.m. at the Rene-gade, just off route 8 at the Lake lennings turnoff in EL Cajon. Rhythm guitarist/vocalist Steve Hill is about to change out of his Hawaiian shirt and, I think, sneakers and into boots, a western shirt, and new-looking white cowboy hat, maybe a Stetson — but what do I

Hill takes some time to talk about things country and San Diego as the place fills. The owner of the club comes by to tell Hill about a phone call he just received from someone wantphone call he just received from someone want-ing to know if Hill Country was playing. The caller was a fan but was reluctant to come be-cause of what he described as the "pornographic daming" the group inspires, greated the prospec-tive patron go to church instead, and I stayed later than I should that might on the lookout for

this phenomenon that never materialized. There's a lot of country fans in San Diego. the control of comment and the dependent of the control of comment and the control of comment because the clubs are way out on the outskirts of town," the 27-year-eld Hill says. "There are no country clubs in the Gaslamp or P.B. A lot of bands could use the exposure, but, for example, In Caboots, the man country music club in town, will seldom have live music, and the control of but a lot of them don't come out to the clubs any

ment there is only Mulvaney's and here [the Renegade]." Hill was named national country entertainer

Hill was named national country entertainer of the year (2001) in Pigeon Forks, Tennessee, the band was named band of the year (competing with 250 different acts), and guitarist Lonnie Dawson was instrumentalist of the year. Hill is the singer, songwriter, and spark plug for the four-year-old San Diego Music Award-winning quintet Hill

Country.

"Ever since I was this tall," he gestures, "my grandmother listened to KSON. Until I got to my early teens, I pretty much listened to country and Elvis. First concert I ever went to, I was seven or eight, my grandma took me to see Merle Haggard. One of the greatest shows I've ever seen. Our band does a lot of his stuff. The second show I ever saw was Elvis Presley at the Sworts Aten is 137?

Sports Arena in 1972. Sports Arena in 1972.

"When I was old enough to start choosing my own music, I got into rock and roll. I was a heavy metal fan — I'm still a huge Ozzy Osborne and Black Sabbath fan."

Steering Hill back to the state of San Diego's

country scene, he cites law and order as a damper.

"You can't drink and drive anymore. It's not Tou can't drink and drive anymore. It so not like it was 20 years ago. You can't just go ut and get shitfaced, then drive from Lakeside to Ocean Beach and not worry about it. A number of things are bringing the country scene down. But you are seeing a resurgence in the real old country, and I think that's a backlash to, like, Shania. Twenia and that stuff. "sight on the serge of Twain and that stuff — right on the verge of pop music. Pop music with steel guitar and fid-dle in it. That's a lot of what you're seein' right

"We find ourselves somewhere in the mid-dle of all of that. We're not that slick pop stuff. But we are real uptempo."
"Maybe more Southern kind of high-energy

country," offers drummer Duffy Guerrero.
"I wouldn't go so far as to call it country rock



either," Hill puts in.
"But not the kind of stuff," I suggest, "you listen to when you're drunk and getting divorced either?"

"There's gonna be some of that stuff on the

"There's gonna be some of that stuff on the CD," Hill allows, "because we all have our roots too. We like to cover the spectrum."
Hill Country has all the material for their first CD and are awaiting some backing to the tune of about \$10,000 (a budget figure well within reason for decent production values). The recording is to be called Vagabond after one of their several originals that are regularly requested at clubs like the Renegade. It would requested at clubs like the Renegade. It would be hard to find a band in town more ripe for recording —not just bands who think they are. Even a live record would be bound to please fans no end, and it's not hard to see why. When the musicians hit the opening bars of "Vagabond," the dance floor fills, often with ranks of line dancers who more or less know

what they're doing.
While poetry scholars may not be poring over their lyrics in the near future —

She sits all alone waitin' by the phone Wonderin' why he haun't been home for days And who's keepin' him away oosn't even try While she never asks questions, doesn't even try Knoves he's gonna tell her another pack of lies And then...he'll be gone again

She knows that she oughta just get up and leave He doesn't love her, but she wants to believe Cuz she's in love with a vagabond

"Vagabond" or "Stay in Rodeo" by Steve Hill:

I've got a Bible to tell me what's right

I we got a stose to test me what s right. Two boots to keep me on tight. And every now and then a good woman to hold on the day I make my last ride. That'll be the day that I die. Or I can settle down with some friends I know. But I think I'll stay in rodeo.

- you hear no complaints from the dance

The group's stage presence is professional and confident, and they are very much aware of the audience. The sound is on the loud side for some but meticulously balanced and no doubt DAT-friendly (digital analog tape). Tap ing them live on a Sony cassette recorder produced better results than trying that once at Golden Hall with Keith Richards and the X-

Pensive Winos.
Hill Country are show-oriented. They may not be swinging from trapezes à la Garth Brooks, but "we don't just stand there like our boots are

nailed to the stage," Hill says.

The band leader (who wouldn't pose for a picture unless the rest of the band was included)

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mentions Merle Haggard mentions Merle Haggard again, and Elvis Presley, George Strait, Travis Tritt, and Dwight Yoakam as influences. He also cites new artist Brad Paisley as "a wicked guitar player." Duffy admits to lis-

"We don't just stand there like our boots are nailed to

the stage." tening to "a lot of Latin

The resulting effect — with Lonnie Dawson's Telecaster Lonnie Dawson's Telecaster and Paul Brown's pedal steel— is, at moments, a kind of U2 meets Pure Prairie League. Coupled with grizzled but note-perfect vocals from bassist Mike Silver (like Waylon Jennings in Silver (IBKe Wayton Jennings in good voice and in a good mood) as well as effortless-sounding backup harmonies, and seamless modulations — I had a momentary sense of an imaginary musical evening with members of the Eagles and with members of the Eagles and the Pretenders, who are acci-dentally booked at the same oadhouse with Alahama Little Feat, and Ry Cooder.

It may be said with accu-racy, I believe, that guitarist Dawson understands the Tele-caster. Rock, blues, and country guitar aficionados probably know what I mean: Dawson feels what the Telly's Dawson feels what the Telly's good for, working bottom strings in brutal and ballsy Du-anc Eddy turnarounds, then shifting gears to Travis-picked triads or fill vocal pauses with tasty trills. The San Diegans have re-

The San Diegans have re-cently returned from gigs in Arizona and Palm Springs, will be playing in Ramona and at Mulvaney's in upcoming gigs, as well as the Coronado Ferry Landing and In Cahoots in Oceanside. Last year the band played a private party for Colin Powell and Dick Cheney at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. "We've Powell and Dick Cheney at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. "We've done a couple of things for the Republican Party," Hill says. "The Democrats haven't been real interested in us, but hey," he shrugs, "all their money's the same."

Hill Country is also the official KSON road show band

ficial KSON road show band and appears live often in conjunction with promotional events with that station.

"KSON will always announce where 'we'll be appearing even if it's noj a KSON-related deal. They've been real good about that, Hill says, Fans and the online currious can check out the band and upcoming schedule by logging on the Hillionarthy Hollionarthy Holli

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as the story of the musical Terezin concentration camp in Czechoslovakia during the Second World War. It is a story that tells us a great deal about music and the human spirit. I can't think of another that tells it so eloquently.

Terezin is only an hour's drive north from Prague. Its history dates from the year 1780, when Emperor Joseph II of the Austro-Hungarian Empire built a fortress there to protect his empire. Located at th confluence of the rivers Elbe and Eger, Thereslenstadt (in German), or Terezin (in Czech), became a earrison town with its fortress in

walking distance. The town is surrounded by ram-parts that form an enormous star, with a square in its center and its streets at right angles. The town could accommodate, comfortably, about six thou-sand inhabitants in its barracks and private homes Across the river Eger is the actual stronghold, re-ferred to as the "Small Fortress,"

with ground fortifications, storage rooms, and corridors. It was never to serve its original purpose, instead winding up being used as a secturity prison. During the Nazi occupation, it became a

concentration camp.

The first Jewish transport arrived in Terezin on The first Jewish transport arrived in Terezin on November 2, 1944, after the genule population had been exacuated. The transport delivered 342 young men who were assigned Aufgaukommundo (building detail). Not long after, two transports, each containing a thousand souls (damost all elderly, infirm, or children), arrived from Prague and Brino, in November 30 and December 2, respectively. On December 4 another thousand young men, lews recruited under phony pretexts, were deliv-ered to Terezin for Authaukommando detail. By

Between November 1941 and May of 1945. 139,654 people passed through the gates of Terezin. Thirty-three thousand four hundred and nineteen

died in Terezin itself, and 89,934 died in Terezin itself, and 89,934 were deported to the east, most of them to Auschwitz. Of these, some 5 percent survived, including 1000 of the 15,000 children under 12.

In effect, Terezin was a holding pen for Central European Jews destined for extermination in the destined for extermination in the killing factories of the east. This circumstance was not to change in the course of the war, and there is no happy ending. But the phenomenon that developed at Terezin, specifically its musical cul-

Brahms ture, distinguished it from any other camp. Terezin became one of Europe's musical centers, even as its conductors, instrumentalists, and singers continued to be taken away and put on transports to the east. The en-sembles and soloists kept arriving,

organizing, performing, and then being taken to the gas chambers and furnaces at Auschwitz and similar points of no AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

return.
It is difficult to appreciate in our own philistine culture just what role serious music played in the lives

what nole serious music played in the lives of Central Europe's educated population. It was, put simply, part of the labric of ro-dinary life. In lieu of records and radio — the latter probably available on a limited basis in the lapture probably available on a limited basis in the population centers during the latter part of the 1930s — there was an abundance of amateur mu-latach, but it during the latter part together and also, but it during the latter part together and also, but it during the latter part together and also, but it during the latter part together and also, but it during the latter part together and also, but it during the latter part together and also, but it during the latter part together and also, but it during the latter part together and also, but it during the latter part together and also, but it during the latter part together and also, but it during the latter part of the latter part and also shows the latter part of the latter part and also shows the latter part of the latter part and also shows the latter part of the latter part and also shows the latter part of the latter pa play, be it during lunch, after work, or in the play, be it during lunch, after work, or in the evenings, much as one might play gin rummy or bridge. Music was the cultural staple among civi-lized people in Mitteleuropa: Schubert, Beethoven, Haydn, Bach, Mozart were their bread and wine. The Germans were not unaware of the promi-

nent status of many of those they were sending to Auschwitz. It served the Nazi purpose to have these Jewish intellectuals and artists disappear gradually. Thus it came to pass that Terezin became the pre-

Thus it came to pass that Terezin became the eminent gathering place for levish artists, espe musical artists, during the Nazi occupation. It was also an unusual setup. The in-carcerated population was overseen by a lewish Council of Elders, who, though ap-pointed by the Nazis, exercised a certain benign autonomy, within limits. Further, the Nazi overseers seemed more disposed to Nazi overseers seemed more disposed to tolerate theatrical and musical performances in the context of what they called Freizeitin the context of what they called Freizeri gestaltung, or Administration of Free-Time Activities, which wound up including Czech and German theater; cabaret; a large mu-sic section with subdivisions for vocal, instrumental, and popular music; lectures; programming; scheduling of performances and practicing; technical department; chess;

and practicing technical department; chess library various sports, and so on. Those in charge of the music section were responsible for bringing into Terezia musical instruments, sheet music, and books from the confiscated lewish pos-sessions stored in the Prague synagogue. Many instruments were smuggled through by immates, even the odd cello, dismantled and later glued to-

even the odd cello, dismantled and later glued to-gether. In many instances the Nazi guards turned a blind eye. If nothing else, these cultural distractions kept the prisoners man-ageable, even though as many as 150 of them were dying every day in Terezin from the filthy, inhuman conditions and lack of med-

The first musical program took place on December 6, 1941, only a couple of days after the ar rival of the second Aufbaukommando. It was a variety show in hall number 5 of the "Sude-

ten" barrack. It included a master of ceremonies, two violinists, a flautist, two accordion players, a seven-piece jazz ensemble, a recitation, a magician, and a stage manager. These performances were either secret or semisecret, but over time, as the Nazis found out about them, they were tol

scribed his situation at Terezia

For an artist, it was a tremendous opportunity to work during the war in his own field, with exceltent colleagoes, and extualy, in a certain serias, in 
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Karel Fröhlich was sent to Auschwitz, which he rvived. Then on to Buchenwald, which he sur survived. I rien on to Buchenwaia, which he survived. He returned to Prague at the end of the war, and, after an audition, was appointed concert-mater at one of the opera houses.

One of the significant composers to pass through Terezin was Victor Ullman, who was quoted at one point with regard to the situation for a musician

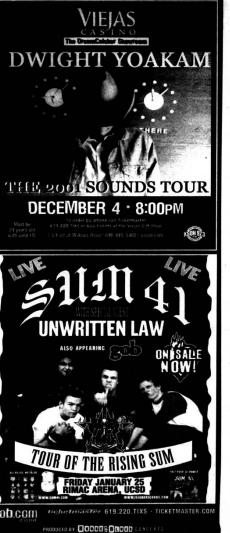
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However, it must be emphasized that Theirienstac However, it must be emphasized that Therirenstadt has served to enhance, not impede, my musical ac-tivities, that by no means did we sit weeping on the banks of the waters of Babylon, and that our endeavor with respect to arts was commensurate with our will to live.

Another of the camp's musical community, an opera singer named Greta Hofmeister, said it the most plainly of all: "Music! Music was life!" More on Terezin and its music next week.

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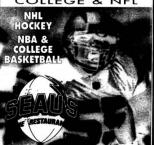
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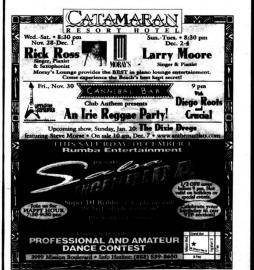
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BY DAVE GOOD

For the post several years, **Norteen Buffalo**'s been teaching prisoners in the California been teaching prisoners in the California think about it, a hory is the prefect instrument for an immate on the long stretch. Most harmonics are small, durable, and chesp. They take years of practice to master in the property of mouth organ as a tool of the blues culture, there is no other musical instrument that comes close to sounding so damned lonely.

Buffalo is one of modern music's stan dard bearers for harmonica players, even though, until now, he hasn't had a solo album out in nearly 22 years. He specializes in the larger, chromatic harmonicas that tend to

sound full-blown chords. He often records them acoustically without amplification, because he thinks they sound better that way. He is devillah in his ability to neight be tiny holes and push out emotions and trick maneuvers. And over the ways. Buffath has nitwed. maneuvers. And over the years, Buffalo has ployed with about a hundred people including the Doobie Brothers, Johnny Cash, David Grisman, Bonnie Raitt, and Roy Rogers, the slide-guitar wizard.

wizard. Buffalo began play-ing harmonica at seven and won his first talent contest in the sixth record shows a regrade. He comes from musical parents: Buf-falo's father played harmonica, his mother was a jazz singer, and there was an uncle was a jazz singer, and there was an uncle who got a Grammy for his work on the sound-track of The Wizard of Oz. The diverse influences show — Buffalo is able to blow rock, bluegrass, or jazz with equal authority, or ket

record shows a return to blues roots, Buf-falo's show is more than a heap of blues songs. He's got shuffles and torches, older tunes about the Valley of the Moon and trees, and he still sings and bobs and shim-mies like a good harpman should.

NORTON BUFFALO, Humphrey's Back-stage Lounge, Saturday, December 1, 8:30 p.m. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497. \$12.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 1105 Occan Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780, Music is rocklaternative unless otherwise noted: Thursday, Treple Circus, May Polic, May River, and Fotter Friday, Sighly Sissepi, St. Dog, Rail Borns, and diffent, Saturday, call Julia for information. Sunday, Call Julia for information. Sunday, Call Julia and Princh.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-1081. Friday, Diego Roots and Crucial.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All shows start at 8 pm. Thursday. Bent

Cirkus, Megaroot, and Big Dollar Bill, rock: Friday, Blow Up Betty, Datma, Three Against One, and Deadline. Saturday, Swan. Life Hates Me. Mower, Hedshel, and Downspell, beavyfgroove. Sunday. That Fat Frog. heavy/groove. Sunday, That Far Fro Down Inside, and special guest. Wednesday, the Underhills, Lobster Tank Divers, and the Push Cushions

Shores Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-0541 Thursday, and Saturday through Wednesday, 8 pm, live jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach 858-483-8847, Friday, Siren, rock

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6 pm to 10 pm, Barry Levich, piano
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Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-6550, Friday, Walkabout, rock

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 838-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:30 pm, Rick Ross, jazz piano,

saxophone, and vocals. Sunday, Monday, and Toesday, 8:30 pm, Larr Moore, piano and vocals.

Second Wind, 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-8813. Friday and Saturday. Top Dog and Deeper Purple, rock. Shooters Bar and Griff, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Jack Pollack, piano. Tuesda and Wednesday, Stephen Knight.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Friday, the Fremonts, blues, rock. Saturday, Scottie Blinn & the Tiki Torchers,

tor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 th Mission Bay Drive, Mission 858-490-3380. Friday, Black mbo and Agua Dulce, jazz.

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Loose Blues Band, Angel Hayes & Uncle John's Big Roll Band, the Blues Invaders, and Top Dog, variety.

Eve's Cocins & Cantins, 6690 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-284-5874. Friday and Saturd 7 pm to 10 pm, Charlie Morse, acoustic.

The Inn at the Park, 3167 Fifth Avenue, Hilkrest. 619-296-0057. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Rick Ross, jazz piano, saxophone, vocals.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400, Thursday, the Marinators, pop. Friday, Evans, acoustic. Saturday, live music. Wednesday, Tommy Price, acoustic.

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O'Connell's Pub and Nightchub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-276-5637. Friday, Fish & the Souweeds, funk, blues. Saturday, the Michael Bliss Band, rock, blues. The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-6594. Friday, Brax, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, the Hatchet Brothers, folk.

**SN**TE

"Country is not pretty." That's what singer/songwriter Robbie Fulks says. He put the slogan on a T-shirt, and to get the point across, he coupled it with an unflattering drawing of his own face. Like a lot of his songs. It's a self-deprecating joke, but it's a joke with bite; he might have made a T-shirt that said "Country is not Shania" or "Country is not Fair."

the constraints of the industry on one hand and the purists on the other — but it's not pretty.

Just ask Rosle Flores, who covers

She's been working he butt off playing roots rock since she founded a San went solo in the late '80s

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Fulks's "I Push Right Over" on her most recent album

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ROSIE FLORES

(To hear a sample of **Rosie Flores**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4785.) ROSIE FLORES, Tio Leo's Lounge, Saturday, December 1, 9 p.m. 619-542-1462.

The Scene, 7514 Clairermont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-911 Music is alternative/rock. Saturday, Martin Campbell with Stranger.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos, 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday. Pure Flow, rock.

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5 pm to 8 pm, Donnie Finell and Company East

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park 619-542-1462. Thursday, Hot Rod Loncoln, Friday, call club for information. Saturday, Rosse Flores, rockabilly.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area), 8'8-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, the Jame Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet.

Downtown

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fith Avenue, downtown, 619-236-1616. Thursday, Latanya Lockett, Friday, the 802 All-Stars, Saturday, the Disco Pimps, Sunday, Whitey Consell & the Tone Kings, blues. Wednesday, the Revelations, reggae.

downtown, 619, 233, 4355. Thursday, Glon Fisher con Alma, Latin and raditional jazz. Friday and Saturday, Primo, Latin jazz. Sunday, Hollo Gentry, jazz. Monday, Glen Fisher con Alma, jazz. Tuesday, the Shep Meyes Quartet, jazz. Wednesday, the large Camberto Quartet. Latin Revelations, reggat:
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5 pm to 7 pm, Sue Paloner and the
Booget Wooge Uno, swing, Sunday,
6 pm to 10 pm, Barbara Jamerson,

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Palm Court: Thursday through
Saturday, 5:30 pm to 12:30 am, James
Parrisk, Sunday through Wednesday,
5:30 pm to 11:30 pm, John Cain.
Prince of Wales: Thursday and
Sunday through Wednesday,
6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Daniel Jackson, jazz.
Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to
10:30 pm, Jim Trousdale. Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-2444. Friday and Saturday, Chess

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course "Mercy of the Chef "dinner (\$45, or \$70 with wine pairings). The latter isn't a set menu but fea-tures whatever Stebner (or his sous chef, if he's off) is inspired to cook that night, following any spec-ifications (desires or taboos) that you care to make.

ifications (desires or taboos) that you care to make. Ideally, the "Mercy" includes some dishes not listed

on the regular menu - but this doesn't always on the regular menu — but this doesn't always happen. In my experience, the 16s' smery is Ises Bledy to be strained on quietre evenings than on week-end peaks, when the dining room is parmed. In fact, if you'r e really serious about food, perhaps the best nights to enjoy 10 are probably Sundays and Mondays—"industry nights, 'Stebner calls them, when most restaurants are closed and forth show up for dinner here. Not only is Stehner generally in the Istichen them (his tous aligned or dar Vedenberg).

control as casks and inside a bread, because the beautiful process of the control process o

the ritualized "Hot platters!" but instead she said,
"These are too good to not share." And she was
right. We were soon purring at each other to "try
the fig," "taste that sauce!" One plate held sauteed
foic gras in a wash of butter with a touch of balsamic, garnished with perfect ripe figs.—

910 Restaurant

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alternating sweetness and earthiness with the same alternating sweetness and earthiness with the same melting mouth-feel. DazaZement came from a few little batons of candided Florence fennel — who would imagine? (I matched this with a big, expan-sive Pinot Gris from Alsace, but if you want to drive yourself really mad with food-lust, consider pair-ing this dish with a glass of French Sauterne, a sweet desert wine that's also a traditional foie grass accomdessert wine that's also a traditional tote gras accom-paraiment. Jegually ambrossid was Stebene's signature lobster risotto — one constant on the mutable menu. I'm sure you've encountered hundreds of ordinary seafood risottos that are permeated with lobster or shellfish stock so strong that it soon wea-ries the palate. Here, instead, the rice is cooked to

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John Tschogl: Maya's aid was different from the others; she wasn't someone who was "financiall secure." I'm a professional paper

Maya: This was around the time of the Super Bowl this year. I'm a missage therapist, and with all the athletes in town, I was pretty busy.

John: The place was practically

she could recognize me. I said, "I'm the only 6'6" guy in here."

Maya: He was standing by the dryers when I came in I went over and he gave me a little hug. John: She said. "I'm here." I thought, "Yes, you're finally here." I

was taken with her right from the start. She was so gorgeous at she started folding my shirts. Maya: We went to a bookstore after

John: We had a date to watch the Super Bowl that Sunday, but at the last minute we decided to have a picnic on a bluff overlooking the ocean instead. There was nobody around. We had the whole place to

Maya: Four days later, John asked me to marry him on the Spruce Street Bridge. John: We met on January 25 and

got married in a private ceremony on February 9. Two months later we did it all over again, in front of our family and friends at the house I over him now. We just took them to Yosemite. We've also gone camping at Green Valley Falls and in Anza Borrego. John: I can't believe I've found

someone who likes to be outdoors as much as I do, but who makes me ing at home. We were made Maya: I think it's important to keep looking for the right person and no settle for less. There are no maybes

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that, drank some hot chocolate, and talked for hours. The following week I called the other govs I was dating through Reader Matches and Maya: My granddaughters fight Do you have a Reader Matches "Success Story" to share?

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a luxury cuisine based very little on "luxury foods" and much more on inspired combinations of fluxuriously perfect ordinary foods — clean, fine flavors that tatte like themselves. The dishes you'll find on the menu tonight won't be the same as those I attemed with the same as those I attemed as the same as the

Stehner made his mark as chef at Azzura Point at the Loews Coronado Resort until last winter, when the management of the Grande Colonial Hotel lured Stebner to La Jolla to involve him in plans for reinventing the hotel restaurant (the erst-while Putnam's) and redesigning its kitchen, a

project finally completed last summer. The result is a simple, almost ascetic dining room, seating about 50 (with room for a few more on the street about 90 (with room for a few more on the street-patio). It's does in dark woods and cream brightened by a colorful semi-abstract painting along the top of a long, narrow mirror that reflects the room, itself becoming an animated pseudo-painting of a bistro. Banquette seating along the edges softens the

ambient sound. Jazz plays at moderate volume,

small groups of locals hang out at the bantam-size

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For an intermezzo, we shared an autumnal bowl of creamy puréed parsnip soup, its sweet-spicy parsnippitiness lent creamy pureed parsnip soup, its sweet-spicy parsnippitiness lent a soulful undertone by a few chewy bites of moist and very smoky slab-bacon. Parsnip puree reappeared thoroughly disguised and gainfully employed in the chestnut filling of silky agnolotti ("little lambs," stuffed pasta sim-(Tittle lambs, 'stuffed pasts similar to ravioli) — a devilishly clever ploy to lighten and subtly sweeten the nut-paste. The garnishes were small fresh fava beans (in any other locale but here they'd be five months out of season) and whole chanterelle mushroom caps sauced with mushroom bouillon, to mainmushroom bouillon, to main-tain it as a purely vegetarian dish. (Stebner's wife is a vegetarian, so he always includes one noncliche vegan dish on his menus.) An extra element I did not welcome was another splash of white truffle oil, a trendy gar-nish of the mid-'90s that's now reached San Diego and is threat-ening to inundate us all. Although the brand (or quantity) that Stebr uses is consistently mannerly rather than gross (as white trul fle oil can sometimes be), I found it still too pushy, brawling with the chestnut and overpowering the quiet, woodsy mushrooms.

Red meat and poultry are scantily represented on 910's compact menus, but in autumn Stebner typically turns fish and even shellfish into rewarding meat equivalents, surrounding them with the season's down-to-earth vegetables. A couple of months ago, I enjoyed delicate (and perfectly sautéed) Diver scallops in the company of chanterelles, artichokes, and pota-toes. At the more recent Sunday dinner, a hunk of snapper was hard-sautéed to crisp the skin but leave the center still moist. It tasted as though the fish were part cracker, part butter. In the surrounding slick of yeal-stock surrounding stick of veal-stock sauce were tiny brussels sprouts, sweet-pungent young turnips (both purple and white), and small rectangles of salsify — a Belgian-born root vegetable known as "oyster plant" for its white flesh and faint hint of oyster flavor. Older American cookbooks mention salsify but cookbooks mention salsify, but it's become very hard to find— perhaps because it takes half a year to grow and, once picked, it doesn't keep very long. I was

thrilled to encounter it on my plate. An even rarer treat shows An even rarer treat shows up with venison: Cardoons are stalks of an Italian vegetable closely related to artichokes, and they are tough customers, yield-ing only to ruthless trimming: peeling; long, slow cooking; and heartfelt pleas to "be nice." Here, they're very nice, sliced and swathed in a creamy gratin with sweet potatoes, white potatoes, and a touch of Parmesan. It's the sort of dish that makes you stop and taste every bite carefully will it be potato or cardoon this time? The venison proved to be a loin-hunk of Cervena, which may sound like a Slavic Goth-

creatures who gambol in the woods, building strong muscles (the better to jump your fence and chomp your rosebushes). Nor are they Texas farm-raised deep are they Texas farm-raised deer, which still have a touch of gaminess. No. Cervena is so very gently farm-raised that the loin meat most resembles wet-aged beef tenderloin. It's emphatically not Bambi's mother, but it's definitely a Disneyland version of vention, so tasjeful it's nearly cand their customers) are totally taken with Cervena, perhaps because it's so inoffensive, and 910 because it's so inoffensive, and 910 handles it as well as any, which is to say, they serve it rare is to say, they serve it rare — on this occasion accompanied by a trace of subtle sauce and a gar-nish of small prunes. (For those who crave full-flavored red meat, the menu usually includes a beef rib steak, entrée-size only. Another good bet, when available, is the rich, melting meat of braised veal cheeks, served on a haunting cel-

At an earlier meal, we enjoyed the set-piece of the dessert menu, a "half-cooked chocolate cake a "hall-cooked chocolate cake," which proved a much-lightened version of the usual chocolate lava cake, featuring airier cake and thinner "pudding." The restaurant also offers a tremendous array of housemade sorbets and ice creams, including such adventurous flavors as basil or (scary thought!) honey-rose-may. Some of these find their way to the top of warm, baked-to-order pastries, which in cold weather run toward solid comfort foods. A very sweet fort loods. A very sweet carrot-parsnip cake with wal-nuts and a suice of pureed raisins was reminiscent of the best fruit-cake your Aunt Mabel never made; it was royally crowned by a scoop of ravishing butternilk sorbet, rich-textured for a sorbet,

venery, we were ready for a sweet.

with a subtly exotic zing from orange rind. Pear and dried-cherry almond tart had a light, cherry almond tart had a light, thick, nutty crust, ample and interesting filling, and a topping of ginger sorbet that gently tin-gled on the tongue. By now, my sweetie and I

had our own tingle going, after a dinner that felt like a quick, a dinner that felt like a quick, fervent love affair or perhaps a great New Age massage. Amaz-ingly enough, we realized, all this pleasure and indulgence actu-ally cost much less than a massage. Although 910 is a hotel restaurant, it's not aimed at vacationer but straight at the hearts and tummies of locals. It's not just for no special reason.

Although he was inspired by his mother's cosmopolitan cooking, Michael Stebner didn't realize that he had a passion for food until he got a job as a busboy when he was 16. Thereafter, he trained on the job as a chef, working at the Phoenician in Flagstaff. Arizona, and then at Caesar's Arizona, and then at Caesar: Palace in Las Vegas. From there he moved on to the Loews Coro-nado Bay Resort for seven years starting at Market Cafe and gradually rising to the position of executive chef at Azzura Point.

ABOUT MICHAEL STEBNER

"My wife is a vegetarian, and I always want to have at least one vegetarian dish, so she does-n't have to eat another moussaka or grilled portobello mushroom," said Stebner, when asked about When the call came from the Grande Colonial. Stehne the Grande Colonial, Stebner initially wasn't interested in jumping ship. "Azzura Point is such a great place, but I'd been there for seven years, and I was so comfortable. When the genthe menu. "I have more money meat and fish. And as for veg-ctable garnishes on the dinner menu, it's about 75 percent [from] Chino's. I might keep black bass on the menu for two eral manager of the Grande Colonial called me, I didn't have Point, but...the opportunity was there — an opportunity to fig-ure out what I was made of as a chef. To be in a place where I'm [from] Chino's. I might keep black bass on the menu for two weeks, but it's going to have four different garnishes in that two weeks, depending on what Allie [the forager] brings in. That's in a community of people that dine, I can see my own po

a little more. I could almost feel what I preach — I let the ma ket decide how the menu myself getting too complacent at the Loews. The Silver Strand written every day.
"The Mercy Menu, a

at the Loews. The Silver Strand is a little isolated, and the restau-rant had gone as far as it could go there, a five-star resturant in a three-star resort. Here, I sat down with the owners and the general manager before I was even hired, and we all had the call The Mercy of the that is up to my discretion. What Iry to do is have something that we don't have on our regular menu. This Startudey inght we served Bedon oysters, because we had only 20 of them, and we had had only 20 of them, and we had had only 20 of them, and we had for the servery for the s even hired, and we all had the same idea for what we thought would work in La Jolla, and that's what we have now. It is working now. I'm really happy about that." There were definitely some rough spots along the road, as can happen to any artist, what-ever the art. "There was about a ever the art. "There was about a five-week period after my son's birth on September 2 when I was in a fog, and I couldn't honestly get anything together," Stebner recalls regretfully, "Usually it's once or two weeks a year that I kind of get writer's block about cook-ing, and then I get over it. This time, around the second week

in October I got back on track,

and the last month has been one of the best months of cooking that I ever had. Lunches are still a little hard, because we don't

a little hard, because we don't have that many people. It's eas-ier to cook for about 100 people, where you can make changes and improvements as the people are coming in. It can actually be harder to do a slow night well.

be a local place for La Jollans and anybody else who wants to come over the hill — that's their restau-rant. We want people to come in and feel like they're getting per-sonal attention, and that's what that menu is all about. Even o the busiest nights, I've never said 'Well, the Mercy menu is gonna be this.' Some dishes may repea but it's never set."

Stebner is currently teach-

Stebner is currently teach-ing a cooking series. Otherwise, though, "My concentration now is the restaurant," he says. "I want to stay in my own house and cook, because that's what I think the greatest chefs do. Working with The greatest chefs do. Working with for three weeks, that's what I saw him do and knowing chefs. I saw him do, and knowing chefs like Jean-Michel [Diot, of Tapenade], who for two years didn come out of his kitchen — an t paid off. That's the kind of chel want to be. I'll stick to the stove. I'd like to do a cookbook some-day. Somebody just asked me when, and I said, 'As soon as I'n good enough.' I don't know enough yet to write a book. learn every day."

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ourse, now that I'm in the Gaslamp I want somenec cheap and interesting. Hal There's a 99-cent
nec, and a couple of Subway-type outfits. Then
u dive into Gaslamp Gulch proper. Pricey food
laces drift by. Dakota, Roger's on Fifth (in the
building where Wyatt Earp used to hang out). e Tattoo, Quattro Gatti, de Medici, Ole ue Tattoo, Quattro Gatti, de Medici, Ole ddrid... I mosey past couples swilling big gob-s of wine, discussing what kind of first SUV to y junior. Finally, near Market, I fall into Fred's exican Café. Why? Menu has items with singleit prices. Trouble is, I order up a Dos Equis out thinking and - whack! That's \$4.25 right re. Nice big fat glassful, but ouch

Result is, I'm back on the street, head spinning m drinking too cold too fast, traipsing up the er side, heading back to Broadway. Gotta admit, the street's beautiful. The crowds, the colored

mit, the street's beautiful. The crowds, the colored canvas awnings, the clinking glasses, like a scene from wassizname? Renoit? Sigh. Looks like the 99-cent. I cross E Street and walk past a fenced-in outside sitting area, about half a block before the zouzo of Broadway. White tablecloths, blue cloth nap-

kins. "Gyroscope," asys the vertical sign in Greek and English. Is this yet another refuge for the Daddy War-bucks crowd? Maybe not. The menu board shows Greek sandwiches un-der five bucks. All right! I'm inside. Tables trately secured the Tables stretch around the open kitchen to way back. But Darota, the wait

ress, sits me right here at the window. Check my watch. Ayee! Twenty minutes before my bus. "In a hurry," I say.
"No problem," she says. She hands me the

Her accent's pretty. She's pretty. Polish. Behind her, the walls are white and pale blue. Make-believe shutters open onto views of Greece. But concentrate shutters open onto views of Greece. But concentrate, man. Clock's ticking! D'agh, tiger shrimp, with Greek salad, stur-fred vegetables, basmati rice or homemade fries, hot pita bread, and tratalik sauce, \$12.95. Nup. New York steak, same sides, also \$12.95. Puggedit. Beef Badoob plate (two slewers with toma-toes, onions, and bell peppers), same Uh-uh. I see that at lunchtime, everythide, \$10.45. price, but that doesn't help right now

So I look to that beef kabob, but the sandwich

version (\$4.95). None of the sides, of course. They also have lamb and chicken breast sandwicher Plus, of course, the gyro. Lamb and beef mixed in pita bread.
"Ready?" says Darota.

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"Ready!" says Darota.
Oh heck. When in Greece... "A gyro, and a glass of wine. Red. Burgundy." Mad impulse, but I'm thinking Aristotle Onassis: what would he do in my situation? Like, potentially, but not actually rich? Show style, that's what! (It's \$3.00 a glass at night, \$2.50 at lunchtime.)

glass at night, \$2.50 at tunchtime.)
What is t about rushing? Everything tastes
twice as delicious! The lamb and beef splurging
out of the steaming-hot curled pita bread are bril-liant. Partly it's the onions and tomatoes, mostly
it's the marination — and the sauce. Tratziki. Yo-gurt, but with garlic and cucumber. I take a chew gurt, but with garlic and cucumber. I take a chew and, because gyros meat is mixed, marinated, squashed back together, and then sliced, it's all as tender as if it were filet mignon. My poor overworked teeth can handle it like pros. Just as well, the time I've got. I take a glug of burgundy. Perfect match. Sit back a moment. Watch the river of good-timers striding by outside, including the strong-looking guy with a huge long cigar and a lady on each arm. Brother, right now, you're welcome

ning this for 15 years, since way before the Gaslamp gas hot. "My main business is still the locals." he says. "We're really buys at lunchtume, nothing's over \$40,0 Mondy businessmen come, because not many places are as cheen pa smine in the area. The Greek chicken saled [56,95] is always popular. But Frindy, everybody comes firm y special, the L'amonada. The composition of the composition

Knock back the burgundy. Oh man. Darota packs what I can't eat. "Maybe you bring your wife next time and try this," she says. She's taking a richtime and try this," she says. She's taking a rich-imelling oval plate to some customers. It's a selection of just about everything Greek. Gyros, moussaka (the eggplant dish), spanakopita (spinach pie), dolmades (stuffed grape leaves)... "It's for two," says Darota; "\$24,95 at night. \$18.95 lunchtime. It's called 'symposium."

And then, I'm back in the world. Bus stop Corner Fifth and Broadway.

orner Fitth and Broadway.
"Hey, bro, got a spare quirley?"
"Say whu?"
"A straight."
"Oh. Right. Sorry, don't smoke, pal."
But I feel so good I'd give him one i∏ had it. ■ Turns out the owner, Karim Latif, has been run-

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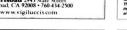
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wines of many a San Diego amateur wine-maker have found their way to the wet bar/wine labi in local guru Lum Eisemman's Del Mar home. Eisemman estimates that he runs tests on "several samples per week— much to my wife's dismay, I can do titratable acid. Hi all the brits measure.

acid, pH, all the brix measure ments, residual sugar. I can tell whether malolactic fermentation has occurred. I can make a fairly has occurred. I can make a fairly crude measurement of alcohol content. I have a small still appa-ratus that can be put together— I use it very seldom— so that I can

make a fairly crude measurement of volatile acid."

Though he is not a professional winemaker, Inough he is not a professional winemaker, the demand for Eisenman's talents and equipment extends to the professional realm. He has spent time doing tests and analyses for Menghini winery, for Witch Creek, for Schwaesdall, and for Belle Marie, and it is in the realm of the professional that his skills become critical. "Seven or eight times out of ten," he says, "if you make a batch of wine and you're reasonably clean, the wine turns out just fine. If you're a home winewine turns out just line. If you're a home wine-maker, you're happy seven or eight times out of ten, and the other couple of times, you pour it down the drain and say, 'the hell with it.' At a commercial winery, you often can't afford to do that. The problem wines, the exceptions, are where the science comes in.

Eisenman owns a phase contrast microscope. Eisenman owns a phase contrast microscope, which helps him identify rogue microbes in a hurry, before they can ravage an entire batch of wine. But usually, his aid is required in less me-chanical matters. Take, for example, the matter of acid adjustment.

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It starts with the heat. "In Southern Califor ris starts with the neat. In Southern Califor-nia, "explaine Bisenman," the climate is such that the grapes are almost always deficient in acid. The result of that is you produce a wine that tends to be a little bit on the flabby side, particularly if the grapes are a little bit overripe. Most of the local winemakers pre-

fer slightly overripe grapes, because they have problems get-ting enough color — the heat tends to strip the color out of the

Crush MATTHEW LICKONA The standard winery solu-tion to a deficiency in acid is the addition of tartaric acid — the highest-concentration naturally occurring acid in grapes - to the unfermented juice. "If you had fruit that camthe untermented punce. If you had rrust that came in at 4.2 pH"—generally, the higher the pH, the lower the acid — "a correction would certainly be in order. You might add a reasonable amount of tartaric acid, and if the pH came down to a reasonable level — 3.6 or 3.7 — you'd go about your business. But sometimes, it doesn't come down; you add a big jolt of tartaric acid and it moves from 4.2 to 4. You're still in trouble, but

moves from 4.2 to 4. You're still in trouble, but the wine is starting to taste pretty tart." Why doesn't the pH drop as the acid content rises? One reason could be the presence of potas-sium. The same heat that helped ripen the grapes while stripping the color also induced the vines to "start extracting lots of potassium out of the ground," which is then funneled into the ripening fruit. The presence of large amounts o potassium can throw off the relation of pH to to

Explains Eisenman, "The higher the titratable acidity — the total acidity, the tastable acidity —

the lower the pH in general, but other cations"—in particular, potassium—"can come in and displace the hydrogen atoms" on the molecules of tartaric acid. The potassium gloms onto the spot once occupied by the hydrogen atom, creating a dissociated hydrogen ion. The number of these hydrogen ions are what determine a wine's pH, so as the potassium displaces the hydrogen on more and more turtaric acid molecules, the pH common to the contract of the hydrogen on the contract of t

ormally release in solution. This is bad news for the wine, for several reasons. One of the most salient is that "the pH sons. One of the most salient is that "the pH strongly affects the way in which sulfur dioxide interacts with Junwanted microbes. There's only a small portion of the sulfur dioxide which is really biologically active, and the Jiste of that portion is determined by the wine's pH. A wine with a pH of 3 would be pretty tart, and a minute amount of sulfur dioxide would just twpe out the microbes. On the other hand, with a wine with a pH of 4.1, which is pretty high but certainly not unheard of, you couldn't add enough sulfur diox-ide to control the bacteria. If you did, the sulfur dioxide would be so prevalent you wouldn't be

able to drink the wine."

So there you are, with corrected acidity but way too high a pH. "You're still in trouble, but the way too high a pt. 'You re still in trouble, but the wine is starting to taste pretty tart. You can add another big dose of tartaric acid, and now the wine will be so tart that you probably couldn't sell it. But if you put it in a tank and chill it down, the potassium bitartrate"—the potassium-laden tartaric acid molecules — "will precipitate out." When that happens, "the total acidity will come way down, and the pH will remain about the sampH, you will recall, being a measure of free hy drogen atoms]. If the pH is still too high, you can repeat the procedure," dropping the pH without sending the tastable acidity through the roof. Says



Eisenman, "What you're really doing is getting of the potassium," restoring the number of drogen ions to a quantity commensurate with strength of the tartaric acid present in the soluti As Eisenman points out, anyone can do t process of "chilling and adding, chilling a

adding, and it always works. But it's a very pensive, laborious process. It costs a lot of mo to cool a tank down and it's far better to do th major corrections before you start the ferm tion; you end up with much better quality finished wine. Wine becomes dog-cared— can wear a wine out just by handling it." trouble is, "you never quite know, you can't alytically predict where the titratable acid and pH are going to end up" after fermenta
"That's where experience and intuition cor
I don't know that I have a lot of experience I don't know that I have a lot of experience, I think my intuition is pretty good. I seem to I a knack for doing those kinds of measurem and making those kinds of adjustments."

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a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes frest Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, an Dover sole. Abalone and Marylan soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please cal

for directions. Open nightly for di ner. Expensive. — E.W.

ROSANNA'S 806 South Coast High way 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738. The original Rosanna's across the stree from the Lumberyard is under renova-tions to become a full-service Italiar dinner house. Meanwhile, Rosanna' Deli, 1070 North El Camino Real

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KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090
Adams Avenue, 619-283-7546. This
small, friendly café, a great favorite with
the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the ington Library, ness morning out the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick ba-con, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the halfcheese, cooked fritata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage

nsive. — E.B. (8/01) KHONG TEN QUAN 4658 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-282-7615. Look for a mini-mall with bright-yellow signs, including "Karaoke Cafe." In this functional "Karaoke Cafe." In this functional space next door to a sometimes-loud karaoke bar, the basic menu — pho, noodles, et al. — is cheap, fresh, and delicious, arriving with heaps of fresh herbs for do-it-yourself wrapping and/or garnishing. But there's a separate menu of house specials (you'll have in Saigonesy restaurants. These include venison, goat, frog legs, and snails. Not everything will be available — the latchen staff is picky about quality and price. Staffers speak very little English, but point- and-shoot works. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (2001)

MAMA'S BAKERY AND LEBANESE J 4237 Alabama, North Park. 688-0717. This informal little jurant is more interested in quality 6.3 Sades (217.2 ints informat influe has presentation, concertaining on the specialistic they do well. Manu's offers qualk melas with a culturary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and gase. Recommendal gase. Recommendal failed standwish in Manu's friesh made sass, (soff faithered). On cool days warm up to a bout of food mudamus, or slow-cooked beam (starty fare and garban-ros). Try also spinach pie, (about habit plannoist timoly pureed eggalant and hummus). Inexpensive:— MN. (1999)

OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street DMILL CAFE 3049 Ohio Street, tith Park, 619-294-3804. The best-ot secret in North Park looks like a sas chalet inside, but serves 1950s serican eats in big platefuls. Break-its buffs should check out the pork should be one oggs, potatoes, and nt, or biscuits and gravy, or the fa-just pigs in a banket (three sausage ks rolled in hot cakes with powdered ogar). The lunch and dinner menu i so good and cheap — for instance olden fried chicken with vegetable

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (Euclid), 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned i and potentially wery specy Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, injera, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as or an edible dish towel and serves as other and edible spoon and an edible blecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up orsels in your right hand.) The meat mbination platter here isn't nearly exciting as several of the specialties, in kirfo (spicy beef fartare) is very

CAFE ON PARK 3831 Park Boulevard (Park and University), 619-293-2725. (injunite portions and good food such this a standout for people with large than a standout for people with large there are long wasts on weekness for breakfast and lunch (served simultan-neously) and dinner. The place and food in the long standout and the standout large standout and the standout large standout large standout standout large standout large standout (CIT) DELICATESSEN 535 University good, the goral-goral (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your perfections (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegets fire, be-pecially, sing with flavor. Open de-pecially, sing with flavor. Open day, very inexpensive. Rest rooms not wheelchair-scessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. — NW. (1200) SOUL BOOD EXPRESS 840 South

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ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Ave

Philadeliphia Cheese steak sandwish (with fired bell peppers, onions, mush rooms, and mozzarella). Bento, Guidagni says what makes his sand wishes so special is that he has the murtucked in from cheese steak central. South Philly itself. Other Italian American goodies include the Thalian Stallion' (Geno stalmic Lapoeules) and the control of properties.

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BREAD AND CIE 350 University Ave-nue, Hilkrest, 619-681-3922. Twelve varieties of bread are baked daily in a 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Outrageously good because of the crusty exteriors and density.

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Fifth Avenue, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking—tons of formato sauce, olive oil, and garlic—then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch. Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

SOUL FOOD EXPRESS 440 South 47th Street. Southeast San Diego. 619-264-0202. The careful kitchen at Soul Food Express provides masterful home-style Southern cooking that makes you feel caref for, looked after. It is the deep frying, endless slow-sim-meting, barbecuing, and so on that gives this American regional cusine its soul. And you will taste it in Soul Food Express' collind greens, candled yams. beer files, fired catalith (an excellent ex-ert files from Lathibia (an excellent ex-CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jew-ish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for 59.95. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Inexpensive. — E.W. Saturday, Inexpensive. — E.W.

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue,
619-295-2510. Onion rings served in a
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steak, pasta, and a variety of extra-lean
charbroiled hamburgers, plus the consweet potato pie. Soul Food Express has less to do with style and panache than with comfort, and with pleasure. Inexpensive. — M.N. (7/99)

charbroiled hamburgers, plus the con-tinuous service from breakfast to late-night keep this cafe crowded. Breakfast omelets particularly good. Desserts are homemade. Noisy and high spirited, this cafe is open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Ingenerative — E. W. GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettos and ice creams, pas-tries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — E.W.

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LAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (Fourth and Ivy), 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers and 1a carte menus and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excllent service. Pato dising, weather permitting. Closed Stonday, Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Low moderate to expensive. — EW. (1900).

Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balbou Park, Prado fea-tures cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian with cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a mu-seum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up mar-garitas. Dinner reservations vital. Inte-tior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrae e tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list.
— N.W. (12/00)

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SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE
3737 India Street, 619-574-7737. Cassual Thai food, noodle dishes, soups,
sate (grilled chicken, beef, pork) to eat
in or take out. Best bet: chicken noodle
soup and curry served Wednesday
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same menu all day. Inexpensive. —
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TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 Univer TASTE OF SZECHUAN NO Univer-vity Avenue, Hillerst, 619-29-1-1686. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the atomishing firendlines of the man-agement, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so in the chopped thicken in lettuce cups. If you parted upon request in advance, the con-parted upon request in advance, the

#### DOWNTOWN

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadwa 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian American food. And they're not meant from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches poetfers. from a pizza slice to barbecue beet candwicks, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub Louisian style hot stuasge link, marinara sauce, and melled cheece) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies plus garlished and salad. Burthe main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they restill open, from 1000 a.m. to to 300 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive.—
E. B. (201)

BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue

moderate. — E.W. (n/00)

THE CHEENE SHOP 401 G Street, 619-323-2303. This cafe offers outrageously good sandwiches of which my favorites are the Black Forest ham and the roast pork. Muffirs and cookies are baked on the premises. Paper plates for food but real mugs for coffer and tea. Open daily. Inexpensive. Branch in La Jolla. 2165. Aventula de la Playsa. La Jolla. 2165. Aventula de la Playsa. La Jolla Shores, 858-459-3921. — E.W.

La Jolla Shores, 858-459-3921. — E.W.

CHIVE 5-558 Fourth Avenue,
619-232-4483. This downtown hot
spot is sleek, stark, dramatic, a restaurant in which to "be seen." Their "cuissie moderne" is Assan and Caribbean
influenced and succeeds the atmosphere. I found the salmon and porktage basen outdone by their sakes, but phere. I found the samon and pork osso bucco outdone by their sides, but recommend the beef filet and rack of lamb, which Chive's generous kitchen toasts to perfection. Behind the arti-fice. Chive's staff is cordial and effi-cient, as kitchen talented, if a little arty

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway

Saturday, to 2:00 p.m. Sunday. — E.B. (8/01)

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FIG'S 801 Fith Avenue (corner of F Street), 619-234-3467. This handsome Caslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuinier in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-tange chicken, genuinely rupe tomators, great groppontols) are employed in well-excuted duber that are creative in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

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Moderate. N.W (8/01)

REUBEN E, LEE 880 (Harbor Island, Drive, Harbor Island, n19-29) 1880.

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faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed, and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be in-consistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly au-thentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, thentic, zesty bosulfabasses. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corpo-rately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this mem down-stairs at sister-restaurant Jared's. Din-ner Wednesday through Saturday, Bar-gain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — N.W. (901)

SEVILLA 555 Fourth Avenue (at Mar-

ket), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979, www.cafesevilla.com. (Also in Carls-bad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but Euro-civilized tapas bar consided but have evident upon but for syntamous washing, a remaining during room with serious Spanish en trees, and a hosement inghibit dubing not a soembly line paths. The best research as the properties of the path of t

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it feels like you get more to munch. Or-der a large coffee to wake you up, or sober you up, whatever you need. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

STAR OF INDIA 423 F Str 6/95-84-9891. This Indian resturant is most popular for the all-you-can cat buffet, available weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 250 pm. and Starteday and Sunday from noon to 300 pm. pagne. Vegetarians should make note of the many vegetable and rice dishert with innovative preparations. Review the with innovative. Be aware that breads are als caree. Open daily, lands and dinner. Inseparenive (buffet)

STAR OF THE SEA 1360 North Har bor Drive (Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chic new setting 619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chie, new setting with the same romanufa. In we, a altented star of the Sea. In a chie, new a talented Rawor combinations that are hold but same. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an advors-ravishing chef's tasting menu, which can include a clein-star of the same set of the sa

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BUON GIORNO 4110 Bonita Road

CROWN ROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611, ext. 7284. Open only for Sunday brunch and spe-cial events. The food is competent, but

11 Street, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. The pizzas and pastas are tasty and the salads are huge and tresh. Excellent service: Inexpensive to moderate.

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KARIHAN RESTAURANT 2220 Plaza

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LA BELLA PIZZA GARDEN 373 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 519-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, iella looks inte an italian tarininisse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended amily runs this business. Their secrets family runs this business. Their except are: long bours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes stan-dards like spagnetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or stald. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and susanee. LYDIA'S CAFE AND NIGHTCLUB

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ZORBAS FAMILY RESTAURANT

fish, fish with sauces, squid, abalon and oysters, all in a variety of prepar tions. Price of entrées includes sou salad, rice, dessert, beverage, and afte dinner drink. Almost always crowde Open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

TIJUANA

(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-526. From the United States use the prefix 011-526 when calling Ti-juana: when calling in Tijuana us-ouly the restaurant's seven-digit num-

BIG BOY RESTAURANT 9892 Avus Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring). Tijuana. Open 24/7. Besides having excellent Mexican

cattlemen, politicium, Bais i heavy hir-ters. Day or might. Big Boy is always-busy, Gringo food's no problem. Bread-stast include eggs, bacon, sausage-friedes, toast, jusc, and endlesc coffer. Nobody will object if you sat upping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order you won't — you'll crack and order politics, emodel ham, onions, lettuce, tomatores, fries, and salad. Or the chicken beard manated in tepqula with

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LA LENA 11191 Blvd. Agua Calient 686-2920, Don't miss the charmir room, the open grill, and the tortil maker who prepares fresh tortillas as it diners are seated. Dinners come with a diners are seated. Dinners come with a apperizer and soup, and some of the en-trees are extraordinary. Try the pair ("fin"). Routed quall and chicken di-well here. Open daily, lunch to late din-ner. Take Revolución to the left ham-bend where ar becomes Agua Caliento Continue past the viol in high-rise lover-of the Grand Hotel. A large sign mark the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inceppreshe to moderate. — EW

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sive. - E.B. () SAVERIO'S RESTAURANT MEDITERRANEO Avenida Carles Robirosa 260, 686-800 or 681-849e. This "in" restaurant attracts a young

IE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Stre ing room is partially outdoors, ete menu to go. Reservations or parties of six or more. Lunch ys, dinner nightly. Inexpensive pizza) to moderate. — E. W.

RLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach ve. Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100.

#### MIDWAY. MISSION VALLEY

nue, Old Town, 619-291-4695. Cafe Coyote is a good spot for a light Mex-ican meal with Southwest influences. Best bets à la carte are black bean chile, quesadilla with pappa relish, carne sisada, carnitas, and Margarita chicken. Breakfast includes blue corn panackes and American dishes. Young adults

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, 619-223-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-oper-ated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted

IACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Ave-nue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's.

Best bets are angel hair pasta, mine-strone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chiken cacciatore always on the mens. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost fam-dy restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open dally, lunch-and dinner, contin-uous service weekends, inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

CAFE COYOTE 2461 San Diego Ave-nue, Old Town, 619-291-4695. Cafe

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mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto edav geing vorum teathar couring patter, sparking salads, and yeasty, fresh-saked rosemary gartic bread (a-rully) amin jurgaz crust). Pattas (many featuring fresh seefcod) are near-per couring fresh seefcod) are near-per couring fresh seefcod) are near-per couring the seefcod; are nearly simple gailted or roticeried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where che flosh McGinnin gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nitrot med. Lunch weekdays, dinner nitrot weekdays, dinner nitrot weekdays, dinner nitrot weekdays, dinne

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ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a bee

ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, Suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a

110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination plates which contain seame chicken, tempura, and gyoza dumplings. The egetable and shrimp tempura is out-standing. Closed Sunday. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. In-expensive. — E.W.

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERICAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-3442, wown nativeyfill com. This place feels like some or's baronial country retreat. Since 1917, it has sat under a grove of California Live Quise 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Resource restaurate 18th beats durk into. town. It once housed the Chatesus Masque restaurant. Els heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows—you arat wishing you'd brought your fee. By keep prices reasonable and attitude seasual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest ocrates a pertire interesting histon of manche freed frogs' legs in a comment of the collection of t

Street, East Village, 619-239-3568. Ar-chitectural students, dissel mechanics, and guys of the street hang out at this restaurant-market in one of Centre City's more knockaboust neighbor hoods. Don't worry. Mas as South Koran, a lifelong set captian. He can haad die 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 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. Inexpensive. — E.B. (901)

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appears. Suite 110, Alpine Boulevard.
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CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ters who run this only-in-Lakeside in-stitution. It's a low, red, grapevine-cov-cred onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking los hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has deer straight out of Dodge City. The merun has two isdes: the A side offers baroain exical standwishes

side festures big steaks, while the Bis side offers hagain priced sandwise priced sandwise priced sandwise priced sandwise bide grilled barbecued beef or the Poor burger, a flame broiled quality pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fairs. On Thursday with the sister's morn sooks one of her age or what the customers have asked for so get on down there at word in pensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

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LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 Na tional Avenue. Logan Height 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a sin 619-261-0914. This restaurant is a sim-ple place, large and spare around formica tables, that serves uncompli-cated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the larb, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepversity in K-Mart Shopping Mall, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large paries (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeriess crab in special succe, and frog legs. Open daily, lunch moderate. — E.W. (1999) to upper moderate. — E.W. (1999) to upper moderate. — E.W. (1999) to present the second of the second of

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PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tips resistant— the longest found that the present and—the longest found to the present source of the pr to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. In-expensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, 619-285-1635. This storefront Street, 619-285-1635. This storefront café with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well prepared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, banana squash with spicy yogurt sauce. Lunch and dinner buffet of basmati rice with six tooppings. buffet of basmati rice with six toppings for \$6.49. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

#### UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-480. The frequently the planting ing menu tries to embrac wevral discussion arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many faller due to flaws in conception, while the planting the selections with enought weekings to stand up to items found up to item found up to items found up to item found up to item found up to item found up to items found up to items found up to items found up to items for the found up to items

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BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF INDIA 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillicrest Cintrace of the Arman County of the County
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former proprietors of Monsoon. You
will find the food subtle and sophisticated. This Indian restaurant is a blessing to our community. All-you-can-ear ing to our community. All-you-can-eat buffet lunch \$8.98 daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to up-per moderate. — E.W.

COTTAGE CAFE 2321 Fifth Ave 19-696-0071, www.cottagecafe-indiego.com. The Polish feel of this iddown cafe is palpable. But you can at American if you want. The Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of "Farmer's Breaksas" is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled person of the property of the p

seven days. Inexpensive. — E.R. (907).

EL ZABAPE 4042 Park Boulevard,
University Heights, 619-692-1652. This
stylish little Mexican restaurant on a
tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof
that not all taxe o shop food is equal. Try
a shredded beef or chicken taco or
tostada and you'll know what we mean,
with their generous mounds of juscy,
slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their

unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive.—M.N. (1/00)

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fried wraps, and the vegetarin is turns too many dishes bland (ev when they're spicy), since the kind-shuns Thailand's fish based "sec-sauce," many jak It doesn't help that lesh components (shrimps, chicke-etc.) all taste like they've been parbod in plain water and tossed into the pat the last minute, with nothing left give to or gain from the succes— so you craw soap or curve, you're best with the elaborate vegetarian version with the elaborate vegetarian version.

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Robinson, H THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The electic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the last of appetizers. Open week, and appear of the provided provided and appear of the provided pr

panied by jammy garlic-chile-fruit jam Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy fried wraps, and the vegetarian slar turns too many dishes bland (eve 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Hillcrest, 619-294-306). Interestin (available as a continuous pitcher or in-bargain price bottomless pitcher or in-house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the pa-trons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tues-day through Friday, dinner nightly Moderate. — N.W. (6/01) MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 Un 619-298-8899. A splendid place to o der a feast for a large party (give at lea four hours notice). Banquet dishes in clude casserole soup, scallops in per per, General Tso's chicken, and shrim in Chinese sauce. New vegetarian men

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town, named after the most revered nown, named after the most reverse writer work energe read. The Intel's brew home boasts bare board floors, durmoul level gave windows, and ac-tiversic lists satisfy around the bar mage, Pub guith a label and plans-spo-len. Stephena's pic, bangers and much ploughnash plate the picked omous and where, South egg, and firmston and where, South egg, and firmston great with a pint of rich Highis beer, as a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's soars beef dimmer is worth dragging wounds out of bed for too, incepen

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succulent pork slab) and wok dishes. Slightly dressy; noisy weekends with loud live music; long and busy bar. Moderate to expensive, — N.W. (8/01)

Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (801) BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), 619-233-6623, Very classy stmoophere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat ap-petizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entries or steak and crab-cakes served with lots of organic veg-etables. A sectioner addition to down-town. Dinner only, from 5:00 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

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DEMEDICI 815 Fifth Avenue,
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the name of Harry Potter, more specifically the name of Harry Potter, more specifically the name of Harry Potter and the Sorcere's Stone, may mean a beloved and best-selling children's book by J.K. Rowling. To the children's filling critic it. childless film critic it

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of, among others, Adventures in Babysitting,
Home Alone, Mrs. Doubtfire, Nine

Months, Stepmom, and Bicentennial Man, chief rival of Steven Spielberg for his in-touchness with the Inner for his in-touchness with the Inner-Child. I say "only a movie," albeit a heavily promoted and almost instan-neously profitable one. Those qualifiers don't count for much when the is the count for much when the is shar tout. No longer applicable, quite plainly, will be the line of defense to he effect that, however good one to but it might be, the kids at least are read-ing it, reading something. Now the kids can get back to just watching again, and order it seatored in the universe. Without having read the book my-self, and without needing to consult anyone who has, I can infer a slavish fidelity to the text on the grounds that no special-effects movie, no "event" movie, no movie scored by John Williams, no movie

REVIEW
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bubfire, Nine out a schedule of dramatic incident.

It's more a matter of going new places and meeting new people (or new owls, goblins, troils), a social schedule. I could happly have put up with the 'unmovielike' pace — I night even have been moved to proclaim it 'nov-sense of narrative drive, an earlier waterness of a task, a challenge, a goal. As everyone already knows, and as I have tardily found out, the bespectaded little hero is a put-upon orphan day, and despite the interference of an abusive adoptive family of Dick-It's more a matter of going new place

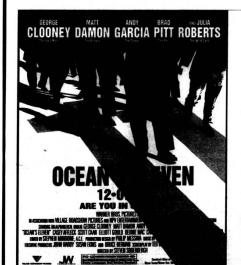
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ensian grossness, discovers that he is a natural-born wizard and is now el-igible for admittance into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, school of Witchcraft and Wizardry there to develop his infinite inner potential. In short, he is a close cousin to every neglected, unappreciated unloved, scorned, mocked, but ulti-

hero out of Hans Christian Anderhero out of Hans Christian Ander-sen's fairy tales. (He is also, by the way, the second Harry this year, after the one in With a Friend Like Harry, to be added to my arm's-length list of titu-lar Harrys. And I'm not even tempted to pad the list with the Harry diminu-tive of Shallow Hal.) In the end — past the formless and unfollowable same

of Quidditch (sp.?), past the giant of Quidditch (sp.?), past the giant three-headed dog, past the lethal over-scaled chess match — his plodding path will lead him to a confrontation with the evil entity who slew his parents. But this destination is not signposted with the efficiency or urgency of a Hamler (for instance). Maybe admir-ers of the book will be content with



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Spy Game details the last day at the office of a retiring Company man, or CIA agent to you laymen, Robert Red-ford. He has just learned that his prize protègé, Brad Pitt, has gotten himself rrested on an unauthorized mission in China (or in CIA-speak, has "gone off the reservation") and is scheduled for execution in twenty-four hours for execution in twenty-four hours— plenty of time to give him a worse pummeling than he ever got in Fight Club. His superiors, mindful of deli-cate trade negotiations, seem willing to look the other way. The main area of interest in this so-called "game" (an indicator of Smiley cynicism instead of Bond idealism) is the limitation of the playing field to CIA headquarters: the long-distance string-pulling, the circumvention of official channels, the concealment of activities from the nigher-ups, the whole cat-and-mo observes the classical unities of time (twenty-four hours), place (CIA headquarters), and action (the covert rescue operation). It's to say it could have obved them

served them.

What weakens this area of interest, apart from the rampant implausibility, is, first, that Redford alone is portrayed as a figure of cloak-and dagger romance (it's apparently all right to recruit a suicidal car bomber o plow into a building of innocent people as long as it's our side who hired him, and we manage to knock off the bad guy in addition to scores of innocents, and the dead innocents aren't Americans) while everyone else in his line of work is a pen-pushing clod, buffoon, slimeball, straw man, etc. What weakens it even more what shoots holes in the three uni what shoots holes in the three uni-ties — is the flashback structure that gives rise to a kind of career highlight reel on the protégé (as his mentor sesome action for action's sake. Or ac-tion, anyway, for the trailer's sake. Action for bringing-in-the-suckers' The highlights fail, however, to

supply any reason why the old-timer would go to such lengths to bail out his understudy (when he had expressly told him, under similar circumstances, that he wouldn't). We are forced to fall back on the physical likeness of Redford to Pitt, and the fact that Pitt Redford to Pitt, and the fact that Pitt had in essence already played Redford in A River Runs through It, fueling speculation on a sort of familial blood tie or at least maybe a fraternal bond between fellow matinee idols. Director Tony Scott, never very attentive to structure, always stuck on the surface, could not be expected to play up the aforesaid area of interest. He has long seemed genuinely attracted to the old masculine action genres (car racing, aviation, the private eye, etc.) but he expresses that attraction through a prettification process (in this case alternating turquoise tints and gold tints) that effectively emasculates the genre. For him, freshening a genre en-tails nothing more than a fresh coat of paint. Fresh, and of course fashionable.

Sidewalks of New York, a multicharacter cross-pollination romantic comedy, has been described, for promotional purposes more than for critical, as Woody Allenesque. This seems to signify that (a) it takes place in New York City; (b) the line, "What are you talking about?," is spoken fre-quently and disingenuously when the

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speaker knows full well what's being talked about; and (c) the writer-direc-tor is also the star. For all that, the description would fit more snugly it (a) Edward Burns were, or had, as well iculated a screen nersona as Woods Allen; (b) he could see himself occ sionally with analytical and self-mocking detachment instead of always as a Really Cool Guy; and (c) his wit

were sharp enough to cut butter. He undoubtedly has more generosity than Allen, not just in sharing the lines and the limelight with his surrounding cast but also in shower-ing them with acceptance and affection. Only one in the central core of six — Stanley Tucci - is an out-and-out rat fink, although all the men tend to act a little like con artists. All the women anwhile tend to act carbonated (Heather Graham and Brittany Murphy (Heather Graham and Brittany Murphy, but not Rosario Dawson, tend in ad-dition to act vigorously shaken before opening.) So if the scope and scale of the thing are completely human, the acting and the writing are not. And that lazy device of direct-to-camera ews of the characters canno give it a documentary verisimilitude without raising the question of who's doing the interviewing. And why.

Erratum. Last week I named Harold-Clurman in the line of lone film critics at The Nation, stretching back through at The Nation, stretching back through Manny Farber to James Agee, when Robert Hatch (I think) was the one I intended to say. Here's how it hap-pened. I was going to name the current critic at the magazine, Stuart Klawans,

but I honestly don't keep up with it anymore, and I thought I had better check at the newsstand to be sure he's still the guy, and how to spell him. Though he was listed in the masthead that it loses its balance and topples off the screen. Barry (Diner) Levinson, giving it a slove from behind, appears to have decided that the anost crucial function of a film director today is to fill up a soundtrack album with a selection of catchy tunes. 2001 as the film critic, someone else was re as the film critic, someone else was re-viewing a movie in the arts pages of that issue, making Klawans a bad ex-ample of what I was talking about: the lone gun. So I hastily tried to recall

who was reviewing in The Nation dur

ing my own formative years, and came

ing my own formative years, and came up with the name of Harold Clurman. Well: it's true he was reviewing back then in The Nation, and it's true I got something from him as an exemplary critic, but it was theater he was reviewing and not movies. A couple of

wires got crossed in my head. (Clur-man had directed one interesting film

nair in the Forties. Deadline at Dawn

so even now it doesn't seem far-fetched

so even now it doesn't seem far-fetched to me that he could have been writing about movies.) This, by way of excuse, was the week of Thanksgiving; the

deadline came a day earlier than nor

mal; and the truth of the matter did

not bubble up from the swamp of my

memory until too late. I can see there

will come a time when I will have to will come a time when I will have to devote space in every column to mop-ping up the messes from the previous column. Before then, should anyone

wish to start up a Remove Duncan

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mention their various vaudeville disguises for the bank jobs. Thornton's character, the hypochondriac brains of the operation, upstages Willis's tight-lipped man of action (if that's what he's supposed to be) at every turn, but that's no great distinction in a movie that resches so far out to the audience

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Bohind Enemy Lines — Bosnia story with Owen Wilson and Gene Hackman, directed by John Moore (CAMBL MOUNTAIN: CHILLA VISTA 10; CAMBALM MOUNTAIN: CHILLA VISTA 10; CAMBALM MARCHANDA 8; ENCONTAIS R: FASHIONI VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSAMONI CENTRE: GROSSAMONI TROLLEY; HAZARO CENTRE 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA DULA 12; MISSIONI VALLEY 20; OCCANISDE 18; PAUM FROMENUEZ 24; PARINY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; BANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/30)

Black Knight — Time-travel comedy starring Martin Lawrence, directed by Gil Junger. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;

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Benes — Ghetto ghost story: blaxploitation clichés blended with spook-house ones. The tore of youth, the jokiness, the CG effects,

Khalil Kain, Bianca Lawson, Pam Grier, directed by Ernest Dickerson. 2001.

Broad and Tulipo — Licia Maglietta, a earring out of the toilet bowl at a rest stop

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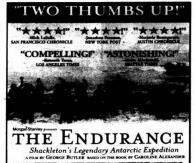
go off on one of those nonradical feminiat odyneys, in fact quite a conservative and contrast, in fact quite a conservative and contrast to the contrast of the contrast to th ional as well, and he takes awa

much time from the heroine. But directo Silvio Soldini keeps the movie light on its feet, with a fill-in-the-blanks method of reet, with a fill-in-the-blanks method of blackout and ellipses, and doesn't get blackout and ellipses, and doesn't get bloged down in unnecessary details. (No need to spell out, for example, why the broine might want to get away from her blowhard husband and withdrawn son.) And the the moves in and out of dream scenes with a smoothness and searches and search as trappass to the move in and out of dream scenes with a smoothness and searches and search as trappass. smootnness and seamlessness that surpass Fellini and approach Buñuel. Bruno Ganz, Giuseppe Battiston. 2000. \* 1 (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 11/29)

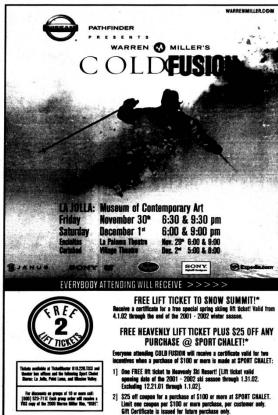












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Domestic Disturbance — Suspenser in the tried-and-true pattern of the Boy Who Cried Wolf: a mendacious early adolescent (Matt O'Leary, vulnerable as required) who discovers that his well-heeled new stepdad discovers that his well belief of new steptial. (Vince Vaught) is first of all a heef and next of all a psychogathic killer. The police might be forgors for disdeleving that he forgors for disdeleving that he discovered the second thing through the change to keep the best of the forgors for the distribution section of the content of the forgors cannot for the content of the cont of the ex-wife and mother (Teri Polo, a thand the role of high tensor and their human had to so, an ear to the foundies, with which momes table in America, and the Human, and it codes are at to the foundies, with which momes table in America, and seek Buscema, abouilde from the wicked suepriables year, but turns up antibodies. The seek Buscema, abouilde from the wicked, and the seek at the formal weeding, ceremon "Child via register for a soup turners! That's what I I have got sou if it doesn mored." I had so he then comprisently hange around a best here more and what the have got sou if it doesn more and a sheet here around the seek and which the more proposed hange seems and which become the hard to have a man adult bedoctore in this town!". Although the finale goes voquishly over the your air any sign and a semilable stopping point, director Harold Becker, I'the Onson others; mantains, and and integrity in this continuing, and career long avoidance of bland blend of Jodie Foster and Helen



2001. ★★ FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16:

Don't Say a Word — "Aburd" kidnap-scheme, to adopt the adjective of the psychiatric here (Mahael I kongas) to describe his one day task (or eise...) of unlecking the subconcuss of a ten-year mental patient (Brittany Murphy) and retrieving ask side glift give of unknown relevance. No less aburd is the idea that the kidnappers themselves would know its kidnappers themselves would know its

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relevance, to say nothing of the idea that they would know the digit is embedded in the patient's subconecion to begin with. There are other abundances such as the There are other abundances such as the cameras throughout the dector's sparriment to monitor the movements of his bedrudden wite—but why go on? The real point of the enterprise is sample to demonstrate, by means of Froffic lide times and godded amerawork, that director Gary Fleder is as camerawork, that director Gary Fleder is an up-10-date, as outring edge, as hip and happening as ambody else in Hollywood — a sheep in Versace Gothing. With Sean Bean, lennifer Esposito, Oliver Platt, and Famke Jamsen. 2001. — "(IASSAMP 25) VOGUE)

The Endurance — George Butler's documentary on Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica in the Nineteen Teems

F for Fake — Orson Welles's tediously P FOF PARO — OFFOR Welles y (calously prankish essay on the topic of illusion and reality, incorporating both staged and spontaneous material, as well as some second-hand stuff, all shuffled together in a second-rand stuff, all shuttled together in a hand in-quicker-than-the-eye style. Some of it is moderately intriguing (the sessions with art forger Elmyr de Hory, shot not by Welles but by François Reichenbach), and some is merely embarrassing (the elaborate ruse about Picasso). Welles himself, a blimpish

imp in a five-and-dime magician's outfit narrates windbaggily in an arch tone that makes everyone in the audience feel like an eight year-old. 1975.

From Hell -- An earth-shaking An earth-shaking — or haky, anyway — hypothesis as to the dentity and motives of Jack the Ripper. It ssues not from hell, exactly, but merely issues not from hell, eaacht, but menty from a "graphic novel" by Alan Moore and Eddie Campbell. The Hughes brothers' adaptation, Laising its cue, in externelly graphic, in addition to grucosome, grimy, opticasque the Elephant Man thrown in monotomous and dull. It features the customarily monotomous and dull. It features the customarily monotomous and dull lohmy Depp as the laudanum-addicted detective on the case, and Heather Graham as a twishly diamond among streetwalking images of coal it resuld not be a compliment to any that they and their florith accent, Kartin Carifidge, Sauan Lynch, 2001. Katrin Cartlidge, Susan Lynch. 2001. • (GASLAMP 15)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's

Stone — Reviewed this issue. With Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Ian Hart, Alan Rickman, and Richard Harris; directed by Chris Columbus.

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Heist — Relatively speaking, this has to be considered David Mamer's most commercial piece to date. Relative, that is, to one starring loe Mantegna or William H. Maxy. A cast headed by Gene Hackman and Danny DeVito, in addition to Delroy Lindo, Sam Rockwell, Rebecca Pridgeon (Mamer's wile), and Rickly ly & Mamer! Mannets wife), and Rickly Jee A Mannet regular), may get the movie into wide release in shooping mall multiplexes instead of limited release on the specialty create. But in hardly constitutes the greediest gang of screen there were assembled. In any event the cast given Mannet everything he might commercially desire of tension ref., even very the cast given Mannet everything he might commercially desire of tension ref., even very the cast given Mannet everything he might commercially desire of tension ref., even very the cast of the commercial desire of the composition of the commercial and the composition of the former fainted. The composition plot to test — solvies upon twists question upon twist question. plot twists — twists upon twists upon twists — do get a bit balled up. These are issists—do get a bit balled up. These are not, needless to say, forced ha Mamet by box office dictate. They have always been an essential ingredent in his bag of tricks. But the self-imposed obligation to top himself, and more sunsts the farther the plot is spun out. The real fun of the thing, though, is the gifteringly polished Mamet dialogue teres, repetitive, rhythmical, sidomatic, eminently quotable (Rockell, "I'll De as quiet as an ant pissing on cotton." Hackman: "I don't want you as quiet as an ant pissing on want you a quiet as an ant pissing on cotton. I want you a quiet as an ant not even thinking about pissing on cutton? In More than any exterpt can possible above the pission of the control of the control of cotton of action, the edge of your earl thrill of the dialogue in in the dazzling athleticism with which the conversational bill is kept in the fair. In stated back and forth: treated to trick spins and wicked spikes and diving suce, more permitted to touch the dring suce, more permitted to touch the dring suce, more permitted or touch the disput. It would be true to say that this stife of dialogue drives acteriors to itself. of dialogue draws attention to itself. It would be no less true to say that it amply

REY 16: TOWN SQUARE 14

Intimacy — Mark Rylance and Kerry Fox in an erotic drama made in England by the

Iron Monkey — Eighty-some minutes of martial-arts inanity, an earlier, unearthed directorial effort by the fight choreographe of Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, Yuen Wo Ping. No doubt we have the Ang Lee film to thank (if so inclined) for its film to bhank (if an inclined for its cachmantion, andgerhaps also for its wide release with English subtitle, in place of dubbing. The story relief of Zoron like masked vigilantie in the mid-19th Centure, and the masked vigilantie in the mid-19th Centure, and the Mandows Kirk Chinese trash-talk: "I mercented the Stadow Kirk." Snappy comebask: "I'm going to kirk you into the Andows', the Buildon's Palm, and the Phring Shevers. The nonletchal action is at moth filliagan between the sound of the Mandows', the Buildon's Palm, and the Phring Shevers. The nonletchal action is at moth filliagan betweeneys assist as a possible mother filliagan fillia once frenetic and fattle, a bit like watching moths flinging themselves against a porch light. The final battle on wooden poles over a pool of flame produces a couple of fatalities only because — what's to keep the combatants from flying away as before? — the movie has to end sometime. Donnie Yen, Tsang See Man, Jean Wang, 1993. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

TOWN SQUARE 14)

George Clooney in O Brother, Where Art Thou? and Tim Robbins in The Hudsucker

deligntial now this term doesn't just trip off the actors' tongues, but falters as if in a foreign language. Where the Coems lift fires under the cool Clooney and Robbins, they

K-PAX — No, not an easy-listening radio station, and not a merger of Kotex and Tampax, but an undiscovered planet in the constellation Lyra — or so says Kevin Spacey, who is either a bona fide spaceman Space, who is either a bone file you eman the early extended to the early exidence, again from the actor's surraine, and in other sides of either antice still exidence of the americanistic insemi teri evidence. If the this, without negating the early evidence, I table way, the suppression, Leff Bridges, as a disctor at the mixed must facility of the Psychiatric Institute of Mushbatta. Reeps peeling the institute of Mushbatta. Reeps peeling the institute of Mushbatta. Reeps peeling the strategy of the size of the psychiatric Institute of Mushbatta. Reeps peeling the strategy photography by the label Mushbatta in sample, and the size of the size o

The Last Castle — Robert Reiford returns to Brabaker made as a prison returns to Brabaker made as a prison reformer, only this time it's a military prison and he himself is a prisoner, a much decorated general, former Viernam POW, author of the biblical Braders of Communal, and a man of such lovally and integrits that he epited not to fight the charges against him. But then the sadiets, commandant Lames Gandelfini), an arms hair soldier with a sinister task for a fassical music visible and the sadiets. James Candolfini, an arms, har while with with a similar take for classical music what kind of man is this?), awiken the recodulations in him. The photographs is a uniform drah gazy green, so dark as to obsoure the faces. Of the wolution to the problem of Redford's wrinkles. But only unit an ownship is, or involution, could not a surprise to the problem of the pro Director Red Lurie, externing to the viewer whose hunger for mith. clarifies here what was veideral arleady in The Controder that the learness and modesty of Determenc, his debut, were unto Innecessity and not out of choice. And any hope that a biomer film critic might be able to teach a leason or two has been beatern down beneath simple sermonising. With Mark Poulha and Richm Wigner. 2001; 38:188-2008-15.

Uto as a House — Dying man's last wish: to build his dream house and at the same time bond with his influints; incommunicative, pierced and glue-aniffing son. A feel goocy movie, defly photographed (by Vilmos Zsigmond) but burulally, manlingly manipulative. With Kevin Kline, Hayden Christensen, Kristin enburgen: directed by Irwin Winkler.

throw a muzzle over the usually unbridled Thornton. Open and gabby enough in his first-person narration ("Me, I don't talk much" and "Me, I don't like entertaining"). he is practically catatonic in demeano

The Man Who Wasn't There — The first Coen brothers film to disappoint. That's not to say it's not good, certainly not to say it's not even as good as their first, Bood Simple, when there could be no expectations and so no disappointment. The brothers have not suddenly lost their touch. They do for Billy Bob Thornton what they sid before for Thou's and Tim Robbins in The Hudsuber Persy, namely make an unpalatable actor palatable, largels by gifting him with an interesting and well-written character, in this case a mortholly withdrawn barber employed in his bother in Jaw's shop in post WWII Santa Ross, and a would be ground floor meeter in a new tangled enterprise known as dry cleaning. (It's delightful now his term doesn't just trip off delightful now his term doesn't just trip off form of human waste.) A mostly morose spasmodically winking pasticlie of James M. Cain, the film has the artistic detachmen sal. Cam. the finite has the arrival detachine we expect of the Coorns—always happy to put words such as "Wop." "Nip." "Heinic," and "pansy" into the mouths of their characters, even the more sympathetic ones—and it has, in wome measure, the ingenuity of plotting we expect as well. (The

he is practically catatonic in demeanor, allowing us to study and appreciate the Edward G. Robinson ploshness of his skul, not to the Walfer Haston bomies so his skul, not touch the Walfer Haston bomies so his skul, not touch the Company of the Walfer Haston bomies and the State of the Stat

hero's money-raising scheme: to blackmail his wife's lover anonymously for the affair he secrely suspects.) Yet there is something unexcitingly deja vu — Eng. trams. Jevon there, down that — about the systalling way in which the plot goes avey, and something hand-me-down about the roundabout way (straight from the Cain fields) in which justice ultimately gets done. Then, too, the suspicion arises that the novelty of the brothers' first essay in black-and-white was supposed to make up for any lack of freshness and originality elsewhere. And the black-and-white, at least the daytime blackand-white, no matter how "appropriate" or "correct" (or pedantic or obvious) a choice it was for a period film noir, looks a little pale, a little milky, a little washed out. Frances McDormand, James Gandolfini, Michael Badalucco, lon Polito, Tony Shalhoub, Scarlett Johansson. 2001. \*\* (COVE. THROUGH 11/29: HORTO PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 11/30

computer animation prefaced by a refreshingly retro (ca. 1960) two-dimensional title sequence. Safely recommendable to any child up to the age of

five, and less safely as his age increases. The whole premise of a parallel universe of monsters making nightly forays into our own universe, bottling the screams of children for fuel, all the while thivering in terror of the children themselves, is insufferably condescending to monsters an truckling to children ("Kids these days, the sust don't get scared like they used to"). And the "salute" to the master of stop motion animation, Ray Harryhausen, in the form of Tarryhausen's Sushi Bar, seems more an Harryhanem's Sushi Bar, seems more an insult, a passing wave to the covered wagon from the window of the stillner. The sheer industrionances of at all—the canaling out of gags, the copions visual detail, the dam bursting rush of the action—would be easier to appland, easier to link up with future Lioney. Tunes, of the artwork were easier to look at. Instead of, for matance, appe eved and beer bellieft lighted their green with purple spots, a one-eyed pea with twiggy limbs, a Jabba the Hutt in a twigge limbs, a labbs the Hott in a doorman's vest and bowtie. Only the shithering crossbreed of chameleon and maints approaches the tolerable. And each of these, in any case, is overpowered by the overfamiliar speaking voice of folm Goodman. Billy Crostal, James Cohum, and Steve Buscemi, respectively. Is there some









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Mulholland Drive - David Lynch's The aight Story, we are hereby reassured, was Straight Stary, we are hereby reassured, was the abertation, the twisted story is the one for him. In this case it's a braided story, besides twisted, of the intervined fates of two women, one light and one dark, a starry eyed, starry weatered Hollywood hopeful from Deep River, Ontario, and a haunted, hanted aminesia, from who knows where. The filmmaker's freedom from normal plot logic, to put it in the most neutral light, frees him to do pretty much whatever he wants. (Or, in a more jaundice light, frees him to be the poster boy for self indulgence.) In the result, the entertainmen value is fitfully higher than in the average value is fifully higher than in the average plodder chained to conventionality. For examples: the abstract sweing-dance competition of the opening and the later lip-sync auditions to Girl Rock goldie-oldies. the well wishing delerly couple at LAX whose mile-wide grins stretch all the way to rictus: the spectator-sport lesbainsim tailored for the beteronerual male (the hill) landersone little, known Naroni Witt. landscape: little-known Naomi Watts, a wholesome Penelope Ann Miller type, and Laura Harring, a former Miss USA, formerly spelled Herring but never mistaken for a



Sidewalks of New York

that freedom from logic is that Lynch is freed, too, from viewer involvement. And when toward the end he makes a concerted effort, zigging and zagging, to leave the viewer behind (dislocated time, swapped roles), most viewers will be just as happy to let him go ahead, if only he'd hurry up hours, much of it clunkily staged and - the most disheartening deviation from The Straight Story — smearily photographed.

2001. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/29)

Novecame — Run-of the mill black comedy (remember when there wann' a black-comedy mill when black comedy as a mark of individuality's about a denist whose well-ordered existence is disrupted to high-risk sex. lifted ruly traffic, and murdee Steve Martin cannot help but lighten at with a tone of just kidding. And an uncredited Kevin Bason lightens of turber with a consentional be assumed to the sex of the conventionally amusing turn as a Hollywood star who butts into the police investigation in the course of researching a role. Deep into it, there's a good moment when Martin, cornered by cops in a seedy motel room, vaults himself into the crawl space over the bathroom ceiling and heads out to wherever it will take him in a plucky stemps at escape. With Laura Dem, Helena Bonham Carrer, Elias Koteas, Scott Caan: written and directed by Dwid Alkina. 2001.

† (HILLOREST CHEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The One - Parallel-universe adventure sum, a "multiverse" — of identical populations, with Gore the U.S. President in one of them, Bush in another. By killing off 123 of his clones — through "unauthorized 123 of his clones — through "musualmerzed travel by illegal quaturen timent." or something — one megalomane has inherited their energies and become a supermars. Only one still remains, but he too supermars. Only one still remains, but he too the doubles, setting up a fastile of the Titans. let Liv. He Li. (Or maybe he now should be upgraded to Rockethin Li Li Amybeith and a bush has anything whatsover to say about parallel universe—— "he's not be daried to the instation. Marrix martial arts, would be loth Woo shoulders, and heavy metal." imitation. Marix mariial arts, would-be john Woo shootus, and heavy-metal accompanied chases, 50 that eliminates director and co-writer James Wong and producer and co-writer (den Morgan from the roll of those with comething to specifical Gugino, Delroy Lindo, Laon Satham. 2001. Great Wilst Jo. Crission Walter. Great Wilst Jo. Crission Walter. GUGLAW 15. MISSION MANGETPLACE 13. GUGLAW 15. MISSION MANGETPLACE 13. MISSION WALTER 20. OCEANIOR 15. PAM. PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18:

Out Cold - Snowboarding in Alaska, with Jason London, Willie Garson, and Lee Majors, directed by Brendan and Emmett

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Serumilipity — Unbothersome fluff to do with romance and destiny and the One Right Person, Jonathan and Sara, meeting cute at a glove rack during Christmas rush (he shopping for his current girliferind, abe for her boyfriend), apend several magical bours together, and then separate without knowing the other's name: he writes his on on the noted of a Garcia Maroure novel — on the noted of a Garcia Maroure novel on the flyel of a Carcia Meruper movel— both to be re-entered into general circulation — and they leave their fate to fate. Seven years late, the week before they're to wed their respective new partners, they deperately to give fate a hand. The total concection is supremely precious, which is not to say of great value. (Slightly leave value, even, thun director Peter to the control of the control of the control of the respective properties of the control of the control stack his scenes, if not the show, playing a dipper, Yanni-hard, New Age musical. the flyleaf of a García Márquez novel steals his scenes, if not the show, playing a dippy, Yanni-haired, New Age musician who is nonetheless a feasible flance for the heroine. Kate Reckinslat. The preferable, after all, is only John Cusack. With Jeremy Piven, Molly Shannon, Eugene Levy, 2001.

\* (CAMMEL MOUNTAME, FASHON VALLEY 18.

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Bhatlew Hal — A high concept low counsely from the Farrelly brothers, Peter to the Concept of the Concept of the Concept the Bhatley and the Concept of the Concept the Shatley and the Concept of the Concept of the people around him after he has spent of the people around him after he has peter of the people around him after he has peter of the people around him after he has peter of the people around him after he has peter of the Concept of the Concept of the Concept Type around the Concept of th to issues of internal logic. Inner beauty, in order not to overcomplicate or redefine the topic, proves to have as narrow a range as the hero's notion of outer beauty. In most cases, it looks exactly like the supermodels, calendar girls, starlets, and mannequins be was chasing at the outset, regardless of whether the outer person more closely

resembles a horse or a hippo, (Doesn't anyone's inner beauty have any chinks in it? Doesn't anyone have any inner hideousness?) His sense of touch apparently can't tip him off to the true cor outer person ("The brain sees what the heart wants it to feel"), but an article of clothing wants it to feel '), but an article of clothing that appears to him as a Size 4 will be revealed, when removed, in all its tentlike splendor. This doesn't tip him off, either. The hero is sometimes able to see the inne beauty of men as well (GQ types), but prio acquaintances in his life, from his pudgy

best bud to the brunette hottie across the hall, look just the same as before. At one point, and only one, it is suggested that the apple of his eye (Gwyneth Paltrow, a snooty sort of beauty) is herself capable of seeing inner beauty without the help of Tony inner beauty without the help of Tony Robbins, although this seems to mean that she has no idea of the actual age of a prunefaced co-worker. Possible complications are explored no further than the doorsall. 2001.

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Bidowalks of New York — Reviewec this issue. With Edward Burns, Heather Graham, Stanley Tucci, Brittany Murphy David Krumholtz, and Rosario Dawson; written and directed by Burns. # (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Spy Samon — Reviewed this issue. With Robert Redford, Read Pits, Stephen Dillard, Marianne Jean-Beptine, and Catherine McCormack: directed by Tomy Scott.

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Tapo — Richard Linklater's three-character chamber piece with Ethan Hawke, Robert Sean Leonard, and Uma Thurman. (HILLOREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/30)

Rachael Leigh Cook, directed by Steve

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Thereon Ghosts — Unrecognizable remake of a thrifty little William Castle haunted-house thriller — now noisy, busy, sloppy, and ugly. With Tony Shalhoub, Embeth Davidtz, Matthew Lillard, Shannon Eirabeth, F. Murray Abrahm, directed by Steve Beck, 2001.

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Touch of Evil - Orson Welles at his most orotund as director, but not quite most rotund as actor. Rotund enough, though. ("You're a mess, honey," he is told by a wise Mexican whore. "You ought to lay off those candy bars." And later, after he has sent an underling to fetch coffee, he mutters with sincere disappointment, "Didn't you bring

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Training Day — A slicker, mainstreamier Bad Lieutenani, tagging along on an interminable work shift with a crooked LA. narc. Even if you are prepared to believe the worst of the police (even if, perchance, you were a member of the O. Simpson jury), it's a stretch to believe that any cop would parade his badness quite so openly in front of a first-day trainee, no openly in front or a risk-day trainer, no matter how eager to please and needy of endorsement the trainer might be. It's a stretch of another sort for Denzel Washington to be the bad guy, and it brings out his less commanding — his showy and flourishy — side. Ethan Hawke, as the

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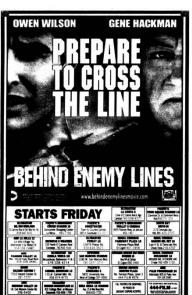
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Of Justice and Injustice

Chewing over this 18th-century Scot-tish philosopher's ideas on justice, for kicks, on a Friday night may not be everyone's cup of meat, but at the Del Mar chapter of the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group at Barnes & Noble Bookstore on El Camino Real, beneath fluorescent lights rivaling any precinct back room, this is exactly what's

going on. Hosted by Sara Clark in conjunc-tion with Barnes & Noble and directed/moderated by Del Mar chapter cofounder Skip Spalding for some 12 years now, a dozen or so highly (by all evidence) educated men and w an evidence) educated men and women are deconstructing David Hume's Moral and Political Philosophy on a Friday night in November. Cutthroat contra-dictions, arch dismissals, and dry ironies are put forward in genteel tones. Comments like "I don't think Hume was discussing justice as we've come to know it." And the reply, "Well, actually, yes.

it." And the reply. "Well, actually, yes, he was," is the highbrow verbal wrestling equivalent of a flying body block or a knee to the solar plexus. As the discussion gathers momen-turn and the disclaimers fall to the way-side ("I didn' treally understand it." fol-

temporaries and an acknowledgment of what must have been a religiously dis-comfitting and wildly original examination of the concept of justice at the time of publication), imaginary gloves are slowly being removed, revealing finely honed intellectual talons. Controversy is in the air, and while below-the-belt jabs of "Sophistry!" or "Puerile thinking!" are avoided, subtle dagger thrusts of dis

of "Sophistry!" or "Puerile thinking!" are avoided, subtle dagger thrusts of dis-dain such as, "Mum, possibly "(meaning, "in your dreams" or, "What, are you on glue?") can be equally devastating.
"This is about 20-page reading, which is typical of a Great Books discus-sion," says Spalding, a reserved and professorial-looking gent. He introduced wi-fe Sandy, who finds a folding chair in the circle and joins the dialogue in progress with canny points here and there.
Spalding gese on: "The selections that be creat Books Foundation a non-

Spalding goes on: The selections that are made always lend themselves to discussion. The program is a creation of the Great Blooks Foundation, a non-profit organization headquartered in Chicago.

Beginning the Chicago of the Chicago of the Workshop of the Works 50s quiz-show whiz Charles Van Doren to write How to Read a Book. Adler and Hutchins then "began a commercial venture with the Encyclopedia Brittanica and published what they called The Great Books of the Western World. After a and published what they called Inc Creat Books of the Western World. After a period of time they felt that they weren't being read. They created the reading and discussion program to stimulate interest in the great books. These 20 pages should whet your appetite for all of Hume. This was not at money-making even ture. They did it because they felt these were the great ideas which should be under-

stood and preserved for all time."

Meanwhile, discussion is underway.

Member 1: "I counted one sentence that was 60 words long."

Member 1: "I counted one sentence that was 60 words long." Member 2: "A very telling secretise." Member 1: "Someone came up with what he called "The Fog Index." It had to do with understanding difficult writing. The idea was to count the number of words in a sentence then count the number of three-syllable words and the wided is by an efact to carrier at the number of years of schooling you would the second of the second of the second of the second of the words. need to understand it."

Laughter among the 12 members.

Member 3: "[Hume] starts off with something I thought was really incorrect from a visceral point of view: that an act can't be just in and of itself; you rect from a visceral point of view, that an act can be used to understand the motive. It's almost separate from whether or not justice is present. To me, you have to look to the act for justice."

Member 4-"He doin't confine the statement to justice alone. It was any virtuous act. For any act to be virtuous or just, you have to discern a correct inner

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Member 3: "I think that's right. I think he was saying that justice is kind of this balance of passions. You need stuff, you want stuff

this balance of passions. You need stuff, you want stuff..."
Member 5: "Property...
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When the 1: "Right. You want property. That's passion number one. You done the student of the

in 1711 in Edinburgh, Scotland. He attended university there when he was 12 and left a few years later with no degree. "He studied law but developed an imurmountable aversion to everything but the pursuit of philosophy and general learning." This pursuit resulted in Hume's nervous collapse." I love that in a philosopher. His Treatine on Human Nature was largely ignored in 1740, and to went to work as a tutor for an imane marques; the only lob he could get due to his "alleged athesim." The basic writer's story, you could say. Adler and Hutchins were right in my case hearing the Del Mar chapter discuss the studies of the basic was full met along the Great Books guideline, whetted my appetite for "the basic unstand" also Ebeleve, Ceel It DeMile referred to the Biblio.

On page 166, I hit upon a sentence that tied all the preceding yards of prose together for me. It reads, "These words would be perfectly unintelligible and would more have any idea annexed to them than if they were of a tongue perfectly

As the discussion gathers momentum and the disclaimers fall to the wirthous or just, you have to discern a correct inner motive."

Member 4: "It dish I continue me statement to justice atome, it was any just annexed to finem than it mey were of a longue perfectly utuous and the statement of justice atomet. The statement of the proposal in the was saying that the motive is related to the self. You do things for the self, whether it's for approval, recognition, survival...the self

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associate certain aromas with the holiday ing mulled wine wafting out of the kitchen This season, I decided our home needed to be filled with olfactory cheer, and not just when baking or trimming the tree. So I set off in search of holiday sprays, incense, or scented

At Cathedral in Hillcrest, on University Avenue, I picked up six different holiday candles and a package of cinnamon incense, inlust across the street. I hurried into Inhale and Just across the street, I hurried into Inhale and bought a cinnamon incense and one labeled Frankincense & Myrrh. How much more Christmassy can one get? Off to Trader Joés. I noticed they had a couple of candles for the season. I snatched up the deal of the day — a green octagonal candle with three wicks, six inches tall and six inches across, by Potpourr inches tail and six inches across, by Potpourn Designs called Winter Breeze for \$4.99. I also took a fancy to the four-inch by four-inch plum Pomegranate candle by Rustic Element

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candle by Rustic Element (\$5.99). Ralphs carried a few choices of holiday fragrance sprays and candle scents all by Glade On to Illumina Glade. On to Illumina-tions at Fashion Valley Mall. They had three sizes of scented jar candles in Christmas Tree, Cranberry Orange (my two prefer-

ences of the three), and Egg Nog for \$6.95 up to \$19.95. Also on display were hand-made scented pillars in Christmas Tree and Cranberry Orange costing from \$8.95 for the two-by-three, which lasts 35 hours, to the threetwo-by-three, which lasts 35 hours, to the th by-six pillar for \$22.95, which burns for

Kmart carried a 20-ounce glass iar candle with lid by Candle-lite in a cinnamon apple We sniffed like hound dogs.

scent for \$4.99 and also a 20-pack of four-inch incense sticks in the same brand for \$.99. Nei-ther caught my fancy so I headed north to Es-condido to Canterbury Gardens & Giffs on South Escondiol Boulevart. Here was a mag-ical Christmas wonderland lavishly decorated trees at every trun, holiday tables and train sets. Saint Nick on top of the roof. I swooped up a few Christmas votives and a Christmas spra for the testing and raced home

That evening I invited my friend Sarah and her husband John over to join my husband Patrick and me for some smelling. We started off with the sprays - a push of the button and four noses, nostrils flared, searched the air for the scent. We air for the scent. We sniffed like hound dogs. The Glade Mountain Snow (\$1.49 for 9 ounces at Vons) smelled like Speed Stick deodorant. This would be perfect for a clean-bathroom smell." said

a clean-battroom smell, said John. "They could easily repack-age this as "Springtime Shower," he laughed. "Ooh, this Glade Cinnamon Sticks spray [\$1.49 at Yons] is for those who like Big Red gum," Sarah said. "It is too pungent for me but if you were a cinnamon lover, you'd enjoy it, she added.

"The Glade Apple Cinnamon [\$2.99 for a two-pack at Ralphs] is the first one that I can smell from a dis-tance," remarked Patrick. "A sweet ar-tificial mom's apple pie," added Sarah.

The last Glade spray was the Holiday Evergreen spray (\$2.99 for a two-pack at Ralphs). "A very light yet distinct pine, mountain-cabin aroma to this one. An unmistakable holiday scent, it is my favorite of the sprays," Sarah

The only other spray I had found on my journeys, besides the Glade, was some by Trim-mings. I picked out their Sugar Plum Berries

(\$10.99 for 4 ounces at Canterbury Gardens & Gifts). It had the strongest odor of the sprays. "Eew, smells like the fluoride rinse at the dentist," John girmaced. "Or cough medicine." I laughed. "This smells too much like candy." laughed. "This smells too much tike candy, added Sarah. I anguished over having picked this dud over the other choices at the store. "These sprays don't last five minutes," I said. "They will be useless for the Christmas party."

On to the festive Glade candles. They all came in a glass cup with different holiday paint-

ings on them — the gingerbread man, a snowy meadow, white and gold swirls with gold stars. We lit one in each of the rooms of the house We lit one in each of the rooms of the house and after some berry strudel and vanilla bean ice cream, we entered each room to smell some results. "The Glade products all have a recogniz-

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odor." The Sugarplum Dream (\$2.69 at Ralphs) was the pick of the Glade candles with its sweet berry odor. We fired up the two jumbo candles from Trader loe's. The big mama Winter Breeze three-wick can-

Winter Breeze three-wick can-dle by Potpourri Designs left a lot of blue-green die on Sarah's hands as she smelled the wax, "Just like a blue snow cone," she remarked. Once lit, though, it was near odorless. But for \$4.99, it was a steal even it just for ambience. The Pomegranate four-by-four-inch candle by Rustic Element (\$5.99 at Trader loe's) had a clean, subtle fruit aroma

After a coffee break for the nose, our After a coffee break for the nose, our sharpened senses headed on to the buys from Cathedral. The Illume brand (\$9.00 for a two-by-three-inch candle) and the Aroma Natu-rals (\$9.50 for two-by-three pillars) permeated the room. They were pricey for their size bu made up for it in natural aromas. Only the white Illume Evening Snow was light on frawhite Illume Evening Show was light on fra-grance. Held up to the nose, the candle itself smelled of soapy licorice. The Illume Roasting Chestnuts gave off a caramelized sugar odor. The Silver Fir reminded us of church incense. The Illume Mulled Wine won first place for the evening with a full-bodied, tea-like aroma.

The second favorite was the Aroma Naturals Orange Clove and Cinnamon. Unlit, the
citrus smell came out predominantly. Lit, the

clove and cinnamon gently moved in. "This Aroma Naturals Spruce and Fir This Aroma Naturais spruce and Fir smells just like when Dad brings in the Christ-mas tree," smiled John. "This is the most clas-sic holiday-scented one, it's my favorite," he

added.

We moved on to the small votives from Canterbury Gardens & Gifts. The Root brand Candy Cane votive smelled just like Hot Tamales candy. All at the table grimaced. But I amales candy. All at the table grimaced. But the \$1.35 Cranberry volties by Root hit a pleas-ant note. "This also brings me right back to my altar-boy days," laughed John. Though marked cranberry, it had more of a grape odor mixed with church incense. I had also picked up a few votives by Trimmings at the Canterbury Gardens shop. At \$1.99 each, they were also

prices but claimed to last for 15 hours. The ev rgreen Winter Pine had no smell. Sarah took winter Pine had no smell. Sarah took too close of a sniff and the burgundy Brandied Fruit singed her eye-lashes. The aroma—a deep betry potpour; aroma—was worth

aroma — was worth the loss. The last Trim-Holiday mings votive was the White Christmas. "It Evergreen White Christmas. It reminds me of new dothes at the mall, reportion the christmas me of new dothes at the mall, reportion the christmas me marked lohn. "Well, I think it smells just like cream soda," Patrick countrieed.

After five we pulled out the cinnamon

incense sticks by Spiritual Sky, which I had bought at Inhale on University in Hillcrest (\$2.75 for 20 sticks). "Incense all smells the (\$2.75 for 20 sticks). "Incense all smells the same to me," offered Sarah. "It is hard to pick out the cinnamon," added John. Inhale also sold Frankincense & Myrrh aroma pillars (tit-tle one-inch pyramid shapes) by Airs. "Smells like church," we all exclaimed simultaneously. "You can't put this darn stuff out," muttered

"Incense just reminds me of teenagers said Sarah. "I wouldn't use it for a party. I'd go with the candle. Candles last longer than the sprays and they add such a nice ambience."

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#### Happy Anniversary, Baby

Jack and I celebrated our tenth wedding anniversary Friday. I was awakened at 6 a.m., when our second daugh-ter, Angela, shook my shoul-der. "Mommy," she whispered directly into my ear. "Mommy. Are you awake?"

"I am now," I croaked. Four-

teen-month-old Ben raised his head and stirred where he lay snuggled against my left side. Three-year-old Johnny rolled against my other side. "Can I take a shower now so

"Can I take a shower now so you can do French braids for the awards ceremony?" Angela asked. "Sure," I answered. The night before, I had promised Angela I would do her hair in French braids She was slated to receive a first

on the shower. I listened to the boys' breathin on the shower, I listened to the boys' breathing and thought about my wedding day. I'd gotten up around 6:00 that day, too. One of my brides-maids, AnneMarie, met me at a salon in La Jolia. We spent the morning sipping lattes while a staff of hairdressers and cosmeticians styled our hair and applied makeup to our faces. I remem nair and applied makeup to our races. I remem-ber sitting in front of the mirror as the hair-dresser pinned my veil in place. The other hair-dressers gathered around. "You look so beau-tful," AnneMarie sighed." "Don't cry," the hairdresser said. "You'll

spoil your makeup."

Last Friday, I combed Angela's smooth,
dark hair and twisted a French braid on either

side of her head. "Thanks, Mommy," she smiled

side of ner nead. Thanks, Mommy, she smiled and hugged me. "Can I have a French braid?" eight-year-old Rebecca asked when she walked groggily into the room. "I'm getting an award, too." "If you take your shower right now," I

while Rebecca showered in the kids' bath-While Rebecca showered in the kids' bath-room, I stepped under the hot water in Jack's and my bathroom. Angela stuck her head in the door. "Lucy just messed up my braid," she cried.

"I'll check it when I get out," I told her.

When I got out of the shower, I inspected Angela's right braid. "It looks fine," I told her. "Lucy." I turned to my five-year-old daughter, leave Angela's hair alone

quarter award at the small Catholic academy where Jack and I send Johnny and Ben had gotten up. I could hear them playing with trucks in their room down the hall. I got dressed, plaited Rebecca's hair, dressed the boys, and helped Lucy choose

an outfit. Then we all trooped downstairs for While I stood at the kitchen counter pouring juice, the phone rang. Angela answered "Hi, Daddy," she said. Jack leaves the house

every weekday morning before the sun rises to get from our home in San Marcos to his job in Santee. "Mornow did English to the santee." ntee. "Mommy did French braids for the awards ceremony."

Angela handed the phone to me. "Happy anniversary," Jack said. "I love you."

"I love you, too, sweetie," I answered.

"Happy anniversary."
"Tell the girls I'm sorry I won't be able to

be at the awards ceremony. Could you take some pictures?"
"I'll try," I told him, "I'll have Lucy and

"I'll try," I told him. "I'll have Lucy and Johnny and Ben, so we'll see how it goes."

On the way to school, I thought about all the pictures we'd had taken on our wedding day. I had the photographer come to my con-dominium to take candids while my bridesmaids and I got ready. Then we met Jack and his family and the rest of my family at Kate Ses

nis tamily and the rest of my tamily at Aute Ses-sions Park a little after noon. The sky was clear and a little breeze blew up off Mission Bay. I remember smiling until my cheeks hurt. At the awards ceremony, I waved to Rebecca and Angela where they sat with their respective classes. I found a seat on the aisle halfway back in the parents' section. Lucy and Johnny clambered over me and took the next two seats in the row. Benjamin strained against the seat belt in his stroller and set up a frustrated grunting noise. "Sshhh, little man," I whispered as the school principal opened the ceremony with a prayer.

Benjamin grunted louder. I unfastened his seat belt and lifted him from the stroller. He climbed up onto my chair and waved at the people in the rows behind us. They smiled and waved back. When I turned to get the camera

out of the stroller's basket, Benjamin top ward out of the chair. I heard a sicker as he smashed his head against the seat in front

of us.

I whisked my now-screaming baby out the auditorium's back door. He hollered and complained for a minute or two. I spent the rest of the ceremony ducking my head into the door om make sure Angela and Rebecca hadn't been called yet. When they received their awards, I

called yet. When they received their awards, I crept closer to the front of the auditorium with the three kids in tow and snapped a few shots. When we got home, a dozen long-stemmed red roses waited for me by the front door. I opened the card. "What does it say, Mommy?"

"Dear Anne," I read. "Thanks again for saying 'Yes.' Love, Jack."

The Monday after Jack and I got engaged.
he had a similar bouquet delivered to me at

he had a similar bouquet delivered to me at work. The card back then read, "Thanks for saying 'Yes."

I thought about all we'd been through dur-ing the past ten years: five amazing children, good times, at least our share of pain and hard work. I thought about the evening lack had alwared for our anniversery disease on the

planned for our anniversary: dinner on the waterfront and a carriage ride through the

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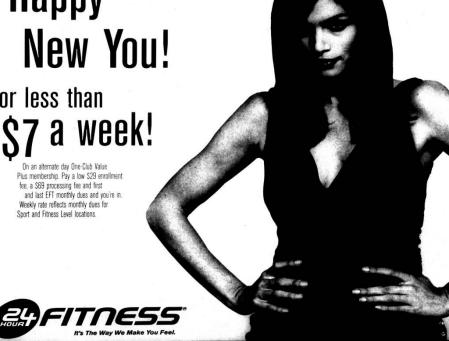
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