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Just finished reading Thomas Larson's article about the geo-thermal plants near the Salton Sea ("How Steam and Sun Can Light Your Life," December 6). The article was fascinating and The article was tascinating and well written — a glimpse of what is going on four miles beneath the Salton Sea, why it's going on, how it got to be that way, and how we're harnessing it. Wow! I couldn't put the article down. I appreciate when your feature articles go deep into natural science stories about our locale. I mean, where else would we be able to get it? Thanks again! Terry Hunefeld

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I was thoroughly enjoying the
article "How Steam and Sun
Can Light Your Life" (December 6) and wondered if thight
be possible to get it electronically so I can share it (with appropriate attribution, of course)
with the Rocky Mountain Insti-

Wider Dissemination

Once every few weeks, I find your cover stories well written, pertinent to my interests, in-formative, and worth passing on to my friends and acquain-

on to my friends and acquain-tances. It happened this week (December 6) with Tom Lar-son's story on "How Steam and Sun Can Light Your Life." Regrettably, the Reader does not seem to be making any effort to facilitate he pass-ing-on of such articles. While many of the publications on the planet have some form of the planet have some form of Internet publication and link-ing, the Reader seems content to carry exciting articles, have them read by a few hundred people, and let those excellent journalistic efforts die on the journalistic efforts die on the vine without reaching the thousands and millions in a broader national audience who might find the articles very worth-while. When I checked with the Readler last year, they wanted \$25 for me to get a saail-mail hard-copy reprint of an article, or something to that effect... not a really great way for me to pass an article on to others.

point. But surely there are ex-cellent efforts out there de-signed to strike a compromise between guarding copyright protection and the right of an author and publication to be paid for their work, and facil-itating the wider dissemination of that work. I believe the New York Times (just as an example) provides a glimpe of an article in its archives, and then if you really want to read it, you pay in its archives, and then if you really want to read it, you pay some modest fee. I would en-courage the Reader to make some effort to evaluate imple-menting such a scheme. I would request that someone on the Reader discuss briefly what effort they might be making to make their better articles more widely available, for a fee or otherwise.

Josh Landess

"City Lights" stories and Matt City Lights' stories and Matt Potter's cover stories can be found at our website (sdreader.com). Although the Reader is consid-ering the possibility of posting other cover stories on the site, it is at this time not a high prior-ity. — Editor

Gross Exaggeration

Iwould like to stress a few points that weren't clarified in the otherwise well written December 6 article about Francia Parker School's mod-ernization request ("City School"). As a parent of two Parker students, I can tell you that every effort is made to keep traffic congestion to a minimum. Most of the chil-dren who do not live in the school are transported by Parker's fleet obuses, which I would like to stress a few Parker's fleet of buses, which Parker's fleet of buses, which keeps parent traffic to a minimum. If Mr. Grimm was to visit the area in the evenings, weekends, or during the summer, he would find much less activity than if private homes were located on the site, a fact that is confirmed by the high that is confirmed by the high selling prices of adjacent houses. A quick check of my son's year-book shows 24 teachers plus administration and mainte-nance persons. I was not sur-prised at Mr. Borden's gross exaggeration of the teaching-staff size, considering the harassstaff size, considering the haras-ment campaign he is spearhead-ing. Everyone is entitled to his own opinion and say, but to carry on a sign, poster, and picture vendetta against Parker that has frightened the chil-dren and parents is despicable. Parker School has been a good neighbor and certainly deserves respect and considera-tion of its much-needed requests.

Ernie Grimm responds: Mr. Borden states in the article that "there are 50 to 50 saulty nem:-bers." According to Grant Licht-man, assistant headmaster of Francis Parker, the number of staff, "varies during the day. It gets up to 60 - plus during the middle of the day."

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Whites of their eyes Judging from the latest public relations salvo fired by Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar commander Major General William



Without Bundon' Chairman of the Board, 'prodaints' Out vocation is to be supermedy perspert when our nation is most valnerable,' and vives to "guard against a domestic threat surrounding the air station's fence, surban sprawd and encroachment." A painted stork on loan from the San Diego Zoo to the Topeka Zoo turned up in an Oklahoma City backward last week, and the Topeka zookeeper was forced to admit he misled the public, reports the Topeka Capital forural. Three of the storks a report that only too had example and that they'd been returned. When San Diego Zoo officials called to report that the third bird had surfaced. Coler issued a mea culpus: "Recause I have onlyrecently been made zoo director and because of a history of negative publicity about the Topeka Zoo. I was reluctant to make publis that under my watch we made a mistake. I was wrong to have allowed an incorrect impression to stand a fact and I accept full responsibility for this error of judgment."

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He Had No Right to Fire Me

By Robert Kumpel

Crystelle Love, 22, is on her way to a job interview. Sporting a black leather jacket, gray miniskirt, and black nylons, Love looks defant. She lost her job me to work there anymore.

I was angry at him too. He

didn't have any right to fire

The firing was especially

me! I didn't do anything."

surprising because Love be

her boss before her termina-

tion. "I have friends who

work there, and they said

that they heard he didn't

want me to go back to

school — I had to drop out

lieves she got along well with

looks defiant. She lost her job three weeks ago and describes the event with a tone that seems to suggest that she doesn't get mad, just even.

doesn't get mad, just even.

"I was working for a cleaning service, and he fired me. I worked for them for about four months here. Before I moved to San Diego a year ago, I worked for them in Sacramento for almost a year."

The "he" Love refers to is

the owner of a local house

cleaning franchise. "He

brought me into his office

and told me that I had an at-

titude problem and that he

had heard some rumors

about me. I found out later

that he told the EDD (Em-

ployment Development De-

partment | that he didn't fire

the but that I voluntarily quit

my job. At first I thought it

was funny. He never fires

anybody, then he fires me

and he tells everybody I quit.

I live in Chula Vista and he

had me drive all the way to

El Cajon, an hour drive, to

tell me that he didn't want

ployees aren't happy, you're never going to get ahead. You can't be miserable and go to a job every day. I was working five, sometimes six days a week. I'd like to work 25, maybe 30 hours per week." Fortunately, Love's hus-

concerned that his customers

are happy, but if your em-

band, an E-4 in the Navy, helps pay the bills. He recently returned from a threeyear assignment in Japan. "He doesn't make much money! He just reenlisted. I lived in Sacramento while he was in Japan, I didn't want to live in Japan, but he'd come home for visits."

Unlike Love, her husband didn't find anything funny in her being fired. "He wanted to go beat up my old boss. They didn't get along very about \$300 to \$350 a week."
She and her husband have
no savings, and she estimates
that their bills run about
\$1100 a month. "We just
bought a new car, and we
owe about \$22,000 on it. I'll
have my old car paid off by
next year."
Working at the cleaning

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service was not Lowe's idea of a long-term career but a necessity to sustain her family while she attends school. 'So far, I've had to work full-time and go to school part-time. I'm four units away from an A.A. degree in journaism at Southwestern. After that I want to go to UCSD and major in communications. I already have my career in mind. I just need a job to fin-ish toward my career, I'd like to write, write stories. I'd



Crystelle Love

of school earlier this year when I had my baby. But he told me a whole different story, that he was firing me on the basis of a rumor, and he wouldn't let me defend myself. Then he told every-body else that I was more interested in going to school than working, so I took a leave of absence to go to school, and I would come back in October.

"Overall, I think he tried to treat me fairly, but he tried to treat me fairly, but he

back in October.

"Overall, I think he tried to treat me fairly, but he failed miserably. I think he's money-hungry. He just wants to make so much money so that he can retire, and he pushes people. He's

well because he had me doing crazy stuff at, like, nine o'clock at night. And we just recently went to a company picnic - that was on a Saturday and he fired me the following Tuesday. My husband called up and asked, 'Where's my wife? She was supposed to be home three hours ago.' And they'd just tell him, 'Oh, she's out.' There were also a few instances when my son was sick and they never contacted me to let me know that I needed to

go pick him up."

Love misses her salary.
"The pay was okay — at least
better than fast food. I made

probably like to work in pub-

"Since I've had my son. I can only go to school parttime. If I look four or five years down the road, I'll probably still be in school or possibly just finishing." Love's son was in day care, but the high cost has left him under the care of Love's brother while she looks for work.

Since her old boss reported Love as leaving on her own, she is ineligible for unemployment benefits. "I think I can last about five days if I don't find a job. My

In Lakeside, Chickens Make Good Neighbors

By Ernie Grimm

There are a few ways to spot Hilliker's Egg Ranch on El Nopal Road in Lakeside near Santee. One is to look for one of several

chicken signs — the animated white chicken will be extending his right wing toward the ranch Another is to spot the five-by-five noadside sign that reads. "WARNING, notice to all surrounding properties, you WILL be affected by flies, odors, dust, noise, and other irritants, inconveniences, and disturbances from this existing egg ranch. This is an existing agricultural operation with the right to expand."

You can't use your nose to find the ranch because the sharp ammonia odor you may associate with chicken farms is absent. Harold Hill-liker, second-generation owner of Hilliker's Egg Ranch, explains why. "It's called the coning and drying method. The manure piles up and it cones. The more surface area it has, the faster it deter."

The drier the manure, the less odor it emits. Twiceyearly removal also helps. "We take out fertilizer in October and May. A lot of it goes down to Imperial Valley, and I have some local people who use it for their gardens. It's excellent fertilizer, very high in nitrogen. And in October, I will spread about three acres [by the road] with the fertilizer because we farm those acres. There will be a little odor...but we spread it and then we'll disc it in and turn it over so we don't have that problem."

Removal of the chicken

manure and keeping it as dry as possible also cuts down on another agricultural byproduct, flies, "because flies breed where there is moisture," Hall liker explains. "So we use the coning and drying method, and we manage the fertilizer. How do we do that? lust by working at it. If you see a wet spot, you've got to go get the wet spot out and get it dry. So it's a continual management process."

The year-old Pinery Grove housing development lies immediately to the east of Hilliker's Egg Ranch, which has been there since Hilliker's father opened it in 1942. An eight-foot wooden fence separates the farm from \$275,000 homes. Mario Busslacchi has owned one of the tan stucco houses for a year. "When we first moved in," he says, "we had a fly problem. It was almost enough to make you want to move. You'd have company coming over, and files would be sticking to the walls and ceiling and hovering all around. A lot of the neighbors were complaining."

Busalacchi says the fly problem was solved when a homeowner contacted Hilliker and came to an agreement. "He was in contact with [Hilliker] about everybody complaining about the flies," Busalacchi recalls. "He typed up a letter and walked it to all the neighbors and said, 'Don't call the county, he's going to try to control the flies more.' Now, we get a few here, but last year this porch area would have been covered with flies. It's not bad anymore. Once in a while, you get a smell, but not usually. We leave our windows open all day because the breeze comes from that direction, and it's not bad at the present of the present

all."
A block east, Bert Lemons
has lived in his new house
since March. "Once in a
while," he says, "we get some
flies in here, and once in a
great while we have some
smell. But it hasn't been a
great problem for me. I usu-

ally don't smell anything."
Lemons says he would
never consider complaining
to the county about the egg
ranch. "I wouldn't want to
cause [Hillibs." on yeric' he
says. "After a. he was here

Complaints. no complaints, Hillikes, points out that the State of California and the County of San Diego both have "right to farm" or dinances under which he is "grandfathered in." A man of medium build, Hilliker displays the vitality of a man used to physical work. Trim and tan, at 59 he looks about 42. That's partly due to the Wally Cleaver flat-top hair-cut he wears. He speaks with a fast- saced style, though he



Harold Hil



Cleaning, sorting of

quickly tires of talking about flies and odors. He'd much rather talk about chickens and eggs. "We've got 25,000 chickens on the ranch," he says. "They're strictly for laying eggs."

ing eggs."
Hilliker also keeps some cattle and a few sheep, pigs, and geese. A couple of emus roam the field between the road and the chicken houses, attracting passersby. Spot the ostrich-like bird as you whiz

by on El Nopal, and you're likely to spot the chicken sign advertising ranch-fresh eggs. "We do a lot of tours for sylved of a lot of tours for smember of the Laketide' school board, "and the kids love the emus. We try to have different animals for them to see when they get here because they want to see "a

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job took care of our car payments and insurance, so my payment is due on the 17th his is due on the 22nd, and

This is the first time I ove has ever lost a job, and the new terrain of searching for work is leading her to look at

morning - I found this one in the paper. It's a sales position, but it's supposed to be more flexible so I can go back to school. It's just impossible to go to school without a job. I'm interviewing with the Greenview Funeral Parlor.

ternet at various job sites, stead of stalling me." then I go to the paper every Sunday. I try to call the jobs that offer phone numbers.

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Also keeping Love busy is the business of settling the score with her former employer. "I'm in the process of trying to prove that he fired

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anything would be good ev-idence against him."

Love is convinced San Diego's job market is difficult to crack, "It's harder to find work [here] than in Sacramento. Here, they all work at Taco Bell " ...

want you to be bilingual. I took four years of Spanish in high school, but I just don't speak it well. I can read it and understand it, but I can't speak it to save my life. If worse comes to worst, I'll go Chicken neighbors

around the farm, but they're not used for breeding "They're for aesthetics," Hilliker says. "Our eggs aren't

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buys, white leghorn and brown leghorn, are not the same breed of chicken you buy to fry. "They're bred specifically for laying," he explains. "There's a lot of genetics behind it. I always compare chickens to horses Racehorses are bred for speed or endurance. A big draft horse is bred for muscle, to pull. It's the same with chick ens believe it or not A meat bird is a big fat bird like that draft horse. These ones here are bred to lay eggs. An egg hen only weighs three and half to four pounds. All she does is lay eggs. She's thin and trim, like a raceborse."

Hilliker quickly adds, "Don't misunderstand me these are healthy birds. They're just smaller.

When the day-old chicks sometimes 1000, some times 2000 of them - arrive 18-wheeler from the hatchery, they're put in the brooder house, which has heating elements built into the concrete floor. They stay there until they are nine weeks old, when they are moved into the "grow house Hilliker says. "We also call it our teenager house becaus they mature physically and

At five and a half months the hens are moved from the grow house into one of the other four wooden-walled, metal-roofed 40-by-100 foot chicken houses. There they live in long rows of elevated wire cages, three to a cage. The three-foot elevation of the cages allows the chicken manure to accumulate in conic piles and dry underneath the cages. The bottom of the cages are slanted so that, when an eggs is laid, it rolls into a trough at the front of the cage, where it will be picked up during the 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, or 2:30 p.m. collec-tion. "Then we put them on a machine," Hilliker explains, "and they'll en through, and they're cleaned and weighed and candled — that's where they go over a light, and you look inside of them to see if they're okay, make sure they're not cracked or anything. It's part

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"People say," he continues, 'Your chickens aren't healthy, you keep them in pens.' But when they're in the cages, I can give them a balanced diet. The better job I do for them in that regard. the better job they do for me. Before they will produce for me, I've got to maintain their bodies. We in agriculture get accused of doing mean things to animals. But everything that the animals give us — whether it's milk, eggs, or meat - is a result of how well we cared for them. As far as animal husbandry and being kind to animals, we're going above and beyond all the people who have a few chickens running around their backyard."

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up, and it's sent to us in a big The cost of feed changes

constantly, but Hilliker says he spends an average of \$3000 on the 22 to 24 tons of feed he uses per week. His other costs include buying chicks — "They're usually 50 to 75 cents each, depending on the market," says Hilliker's son, Frank — maintenance, utilities, and paving one emgrown children. Offsetting

hens. "They start laying at five and a half months," Hil liker explains. "They lay approximately two years, and

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ranch and, every day, truckloads of eggs roll from the

customers; stores and restau rante "from Ocotillo to the Mexican border to Oceanside," Hilliker says. "You can find them at Henry's in El Cajon. You can find them at Denny's down by the airport. You can find them at 101 Diner in Encinitas, you can find them at a lot of the Henry's, you can find them

in a lot of the Albertsons." Hilliker's son, Frank, sets the wholesale prices weekly by watching the commodi-

ranch to Hilliker's wholesale ties market. The price is gen erally between "90 cents and 40 cents a dozen," Hilliker

> Asked how much, if any, profit the operation generates, Hilliker answers, "I get asked that all the time. We make a living. You're not go-ing to get rich doing this, but u'll make a living

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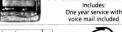
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trey, soatt:
In movies and television, when you see a hand with a pen or pencil write something on a piece of paper, is that really the actor, or does Hollywood have a large reserve of people with excellent permanship that they call on to write on screen! I thought that the elves might have the proper insider connections to get to the bottom of this conspiracy.

Matt and Michelle. San

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ATTHEW

ALICE

Aw, you know us — real tight with the stars. Real tight. They wouldn't want me to tell you this, but you can bet that if you're not looking at a star's face, you're not looking at the star at lal. Figure Nicholson and Stallone prep for a role by going to calligraphy classes? Stars aren't even willing to stand for shots with their backs to the camera; they use body doubles to do that. On film, any disembodied hand, foot, etc., etbow, boob, whatever, is 99% sure to be a "parts model," a person with some particularly photogenic feature. According to local talent agent Nancy Washburn, when you see someone writing very neat script in a movie or I'V commercial, you're watching a calligrapher hire dysculfically for his/her pennanship. So termember this rule of thumb: it's somebody etie's thumb.

Dear Matthew Altee: My brother and I are both third-generation San Diegans who have lived in Pacific Beach for many years, and we have argued our whole lives over how to pronounce the names of two streets here, Fanuel and Chalcedony. I finally proved I was right about the latter by showing him the word in the dictionary, but the former is still a point of contention

between us. Can you track down the correct pronunciation of Fanuel for us, so we can finally agree about how we say it?

I'm sure your brother has had just about enough by now. I'm irked just thinking about the situation, and I don't even know you. So why don't you take your medals for that "kal-SED-uh-nee" victory and move on to other things. If your brother is a lifelong PBster and he's found his way home every day, he probably pronounces Fanuel just fine. FAN-youul? That's good enough for PB historian John Fry, who explains that no one really knows where the name came from, so there's no definite historical guideline. If you believe the speculation that Fanuel Street was named after historic Faneuil Hall in Boston, then speculation that ranucl street was manded after instorte. Faincill is all upginent maner, oughly Fain-you've opened a can of phonological snakes. Faincill is a Huguenot name, roughly Fain-OYE in French. One historian believes the Faincill family pronounced it FAN-nel, in Anglicized form. Bostonians today pronounce (or mispronounce) it FAN-nel Hall or Fain-NEEL Hall or FAN-you-ul Hall, all of which gives your brother plenty of leeway and you

Hey there, wisdom scout ttey tneer, wisaom scout:
While making our list of family items to do this week, I used the abbreviation "Xmas" to
indicate shopping for the holiday. My 12-year-old son asked me why it was abbreviated as
"Xmas," and in my wisest vice, I muttered, "I don't know." Do you know the answer to
this to I can get my title as "knower of everything" back?

The kid's 12? Even if you get your title back, it's maybe good for only a year or two, at best. After that it doesn't matter how want you are. You're gonns) susts be one more old goey. So "fluxes we better get on this one fast to maximize your shelf life.

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Hev. Matt I love tea. Who's Earl Grav?

not much room to complain.

Earl was a British prime minister in the early 1800s. The story goes that a grateful and powerful Chinese gentleman, whose life was saved by a British envoy, made a gift to Earl of some Chinese black tea flavored with oil of bergamot, a fruit in the citrus family. When Twinings began selling it in London, they put the PM's name on it.

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

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INDIANAPOLIS 4

This started out as an Up-With-Chargers column, and, believe you me, we're going to get to that piece of business in a moment. But, first, I have breaking news straight from the mother culture. Let's clap our hands and shout. "Twenty-nine

Let's clap our hands and shout, "Twenty-nine college bowd gamesting absed of myself. The original islea was to guckly acknowledge the upcoming college bowd searon and outside a lost on the good news about our Stott. I thought, "I be better get those was about our Stott. I thought, "I be better get those when the stott is thought, and the stott is the stott is the stott in the sto

drives a red Lexus SC 430. Then, on to the Chargers revolution.

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So, we have a business opportunity. That's a good thing, good thing. Many will lament commercializing an honored institution to the point of irrelevance. Think of Major League Baseball.

Commercializing honored institutions. That's

a bad thing.

Mostly, sports bettors will rejoice. Unlike the NFL, where spreads are drop-dead accurate, college bowls pit teams who normally play in different conferences. This makes a betting line harder to score. Occasionally, bookies put out a soft line, soft meaning not very accurate, when two obscure teams meet in an obscure bowl.

Taking advantage of bookies. That's a good thing. The Annual College Bowl Pig-Out Sowl Name: Favorite Spread Underdog

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Denomination: Wesleyan Address: 11330 Campo Road, Rancho San Diego, 619-660-5000 Year founded: 1954 Year founded: 1954 Senior pastor: Dr. Jim Garlow Congregation: 2400 members Staff: 30 full-time, 45 part-time Sunday school enrollment: 220 Annual budget: \$4.5 million

Annual budget: 44.5 million
Weekly giving: \$87,000
Singles program: yes
Diversity: mostly white, some Asian
Dress: casual to dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m.,

Take Highway 94 east and travel past Encanto and Avocado Road and Lemon Grove and past and Avocado Road and Lernon crove and par-Caltrans' huge derelict-looking Route 125 pro-ject. In Rancho San Diego, Highway 94 turns into Campo Road. Here, more than a decade ago, Skyline Church bought 138 acres in the "middle of nowhere," More than a decade ago, "nowhere" was less precious, and Sky-line Church had never

heard of the black-tailed gnatcatcher.

ing, bumper-to-bumper traffic headed east on Campo Road. Men in Day-Glo vests directed cars into and out of Sky line's multilevel park-ing lot. A shuttle — the kind used at theme parks — hauled wor-shippers from one side of the lot to the other. In front of the church miniature donkey wearing Santa caps towed children in tiny towed children in tiny buggies. A large horse towed entire families in a bright red sleigh on wheels. At one booth, children lined up to have their photos taker with Santa. At another black-leather-clad mer black-leather-clad men with scraggly beards— members of Skyline's Skyrider Motorcycle Club— chatted about their hogs. More than

1000 people crowded into the church's audi-

torium for the 9:45 a.m Hanging from the auditorium's jet-black ceiling, a dozen large monitors broadcast what's happening on stage. A six-man a cappella group named GLAD was on hand as a holiday treat. The New Jeron hand as a holiday treat. The New Jersey-based group has performed together for 29 years. Their style is smooth jazz-swing. They started with a few contemporary hymns before Jaunching into a three part. Thistory of a cup-latent performance of the performance

Liturgy . Music

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Very good

Extraordinary

congregational

Reverend Garlow is a tall, broad-shoul-dered man who looks like he played football

"The Bible," he told us, "is really a happy

He said he was amazed by how often the words "joy, gladness, celebration, delight, and happiness" appeared in the Old and New

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Reverend Garlow told us that the reason the Bible uses these words so frequently is that, "God wants us to be happy. "When things are going good, He wants us to be happy. And when things are going bad, He wants us to be happy. I know this can be difficult. Especially in times like these when

be difficult. Especially in times use trees when the future seems uncertain. When you're not really sure what the future may hold. When you're not sure that God is in control." Reverend Garlow admitted that he some-times has difficulty staying happy when con-fronted by adversity. He made reference to "everything that was taken from us during our recent relocation." He mentioned "freeway issues" and "eight-hour relocation-team me ings." He said he has nightmares in which he ings. Fite said in the has night mares in which he dies and is transported to a place where there's nothing but a large sign that says "Operated by Caltrans."

that sign, I know for sure that I'm not in heaven." When confronted

by hardship, he said, we should think of others who are less fortunate. "Right now in

Indonesia, 63,000 Chris tians are surrounded by hostile Muslim by hostile Muslim armies. Think how happy those Christians would be to be able to worship without threat or intimidation. Think how happy they would be to be able to go to church in meson."

church in peace." I spoke with Fran Lane, one of the 14 ordained ministers who work at Studies Personal Lane Skyline. Reverend Lanserves as the church's operation manager and is familiar with the difficulties Skyline has encountered in relo-cating from La Mesa in its Rancho San Diego location.
"We had our first

service here on Palm Sunday. We basically Sunday. We basically spent \$21 million building a \$5.5-million building," she said. "We had to leap over 47 hurdles to get the job done. One of the hurdles was blue gran-ite. We thought we'd have to blast it only

once, but blue granite is very hard, so we once, but blue granite is very hard, so we ended up blasting it ten times, and the cost rose exponentially. Then there was the black-tailed gnatcatcher, this little endangered bird that lives in the field right across the road from us. From April to August we had to pretty much stop construction because we could have no heavy equipment moving up and down the road. I guess the little black-tailed gnatcatchers try to mate at that time and there was concern that any loud or sudden noise could frighten them and stop then

.no liturgy

from mating.
"But that's all over. We've already out grown the new 64,000-square-foot build-ing. Next spring, God willing, we'll break

- Abe Opincar



Dear Aunt Trudy,

I've developed a distaste for baby-making culture. I'm 40 and childless. Nearly everyone I know is rushing into breederland. Objectively it's a wonder ful concept, if that's what you want, but scratch the surface and I find that most of my peer group has transformed themselves into people who think their place on earth is significantly more valuable than that of the regular Joe (me) who just wants to pursue life, liberty, etc., but doesn't want to populate the planet. It burns me up that I constantly have to hear about how "selfish" I am for not have ing children, while people who have kids are automatically held in high esteem. It's as though they are normal, good citizens, and somehow I am not. It also saddens me to see cool, vibrant people I know in their primes slow down, fatten up, and rvative in many cases when they become parents. What a cycle. Count me out.

MARRIED IN HILLCREST WITH NO KIDS

Dear No Kids.

Your choice not to propagate should be respected and honored. Parenthood is incredibly challenging even for those who wholeheartedly desire it. That people who do not feel they have a calling to parenthood would refrain from it seems wise, just as those with no calling to the religious life would do well not to enter it. I'm someone who's reached a white-haired. grandmotherly stage of life as aunt to many but mother to none. Along the way I've endured all kinds of remarks about my childlessness. These conversations never bothered me. I was and still am at peace about my decision not to have kids. This is not to say it was an easy decision. Remarks of the type you cribe usually indicate insensitivity or inse curity with their own situation on the part of the speaker. So perhaps you can spare some of these nide folks a little sympathy even as they "act out" in their bewilderment. (Such comments can cause great pain to those who may not be childless by choice.) More than once I've encountered people who were so torn about this fraught subject that they declared in one breath that I was missing the pinnacle of all human experience by not having children and in the next said they were incred bly jealous of my freedom as a childless person. We who are lucky enough to inhabit this amazing planet for a little while have a variety of things to contribute to the human parade: kindness, expertise, great and small discover-ies, art, offspring, wit, brilliance. Everyone contributes in his/her own way. And it's not as though there's a shortage of humans. I adore children, and my own role in their lives puts me in mind of the folk adage Hillary Clinton famously invoked about how "it takes a village

to raise a child " It seems perfectly appropriate that some of us produce babies and others participate in their journey as fellow villagers. And just for the record, I do not agree that parenthood in and of itself causes people to "slow down fatten up and turn conserva tive." Sadly, aging does take that toll on many of us, but a brave few fight tooth and nail as the birthdays whiz by to remain open-minded quick, and liberal, with varying

Dear Aunt Trudy,

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OCATED NEXT TO THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE ON PARK BOULEVARD, Buddhis's Light Bookstore has a large selection of books, accessories, and statues. Inside, Charles Hardy, 43, works around a Buddhist shrine in the center of the store. Born in San Francisco, Hardy came to San Diego ten years ago and converted to Buddhism from the Episcopal Church two years ago. He explains the Buddhist view of Christmas with the clarity of a professional spokesman. Tesus would be considered a bodhisattva in the Buddhist perspective. A bodhisattva is an enlightened being who can go to nirvana but chooses to stay in this world and assist others in being enlightened themselves. Christmas is totally OK. Actually, I can't generalize for all Buddhist faiths, but in general, I would say that Buddhism has no difficulty at all with the concepts and practices of Christmating, Christmas included. Any other religious faiths and practices are OK with Buddhists. We have no problem with

men. "At the temple here, we have a holiday open house. We invite people in for a kind of Christmas celebration here in the neighborhood, to meet and greet everyone. Christmas is just fine with me as a Buddhist. I don't decorate my home, because my wife and I never decorated our home for Christmas in the first place, but we do send out Christmas cards."

Among the Buddhist faith Hardy spoke of is Nichren Daishonin Buddhism. Brenda Omusi, a client at North Park's Controversial Bookstore, practices this brand of Buddhism. Originally a Seventh-Day Adventist, Omusi s a convert. "There's different types of Buddhism, but this is true Bud-

dhism. We don't have a temple in San Diego anymore, although we have a community center. But I have an altar in my home, and I recite my mantra every morning and evening." Omusi does not believe in Christmas, but she does celebrate at Christmastime. "I enjoy the season. I don't worship the Christ-like thing, but I enjoy the presents. I give presents and send cards that read 'scaon's Greetings' and things like that. "If Christmas is one religion trying to impose itself on everyone else, Omusi doesn't feel it." I think that years ago it used to be like that, but not anymore— at least with

the people I hang out with."

The Hare Krishna Temple on Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach is the center for one of San Diego's most visible Hindu sects. Badri Narayan Dass directs all the temples of Southern California, although he resides primarily in Pacific Beach. "That's my Krishna name. I'm a servant of all the other devotes. Officially, I oversee temples in Los Angeles, Laguna, Boise, Denver, and Utah. We also have another temple in Encinitas, and we're opening one in Escondido. I'm a

member of the governing body."

Narayan converted to Hinduism from the Episcopal Church.

As he describes his life and beliefs, he speaks with a cheerfulness that is contagious. "The soul is eternal — but I'm actually 49! I met my spiritual master in 1969, and I took vows as a full-time student monk in 1970."

Like Buddhists, Hare Krishna members have a place of respect for lesus, while not viewing Him as the key to salvation." We recognize lesus as an avatar. 'Avatar' means' one who comes down. We accept Him exactly as He says He is, the Son of God, and that He's come to prearb the pure love of God. So we always have a nice celebration on His birthday, the 25th. 'That celebration does not include Christmas decorations." We are coming from an Eastern tradition, so we don't want to steal their thunder! But we give presents. What is it they say? You can take the man out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the man. 'We're all raised in America, so it's a traditional time to give grifts to friends, family, and children, and people's families get together. It's a tradition that we're raised with in this culture.

"I don't want to minimize it. We do respect Jesus. We'd say that we're sincerely following Him." While the Krishna path may include following some of the teachings of Jesus, there are other traditions of Christmas that they reject. "We're not violent. So we're not into all those poor birds being roasted. Toso out the Christmas goose! [He laughs.] And, of course, there's the stock answers about commercialism. Theman, you know, Christ and Christmas. We do agree that it's not just a time of festive consumerism, but it's supposed to be a time of reflection and rededication to higher spiritual principles."

Up the stairs in a small building on Park Boulevard, San Diego's Taols stanctuary offers classes in tai chi and meditation and philosophy, Bill Helm, S1, has been the director and senior instructor for 12 years and has lived in San Diego since 1970. "I was raised as a Methodist and sort of fell out of Methodsim in the '60s and discovered Taoism as a philosophical tradition, then later discovered it as a living tradition, in the sense of practice, where voire actu-

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"I never use religion for business. I respect religion as religion."

Charles Hardy

ally doing something rather ing a book and thinking As Helm describes it. Taoism is more a philosophy and discipline than a religion. "Taoism is a wis-

dom tradition that empha-

and cosmos and the development of a harmo relationship for the individual with nature, the cos mos, and society. Traditional Taoism doesn't have a conversion or salvation approach like Christianity and Buddhism." In fact, Helm says that one can practice Tao-



ism and still be a member of any religion one chooses. "As far as the Taoist philosophy and practices are concerned, they are not exclusive in terms of where a person may want to find a deity or their particular worship.

Helm's description of Christmas from the Taoist

perspective is complicated. "A Taoist view of Christmas would focus around the contingency of Christmas and the winter solstice occurring in very close proximity. In the Taoist tradition, the winter solstice is a period of time where the rebirth of the yang, or the



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light, is observed. That's the point in the cycle — and Taoism emphasizes natural cycles — where the yang is just being reborn and the yin is at its highest. In a sense, it's similar to what Christians consider the birth of Jesus to be, in the sense of the birth of the light and

the birth of the Savior.' If anyone is capable of ignoring the commercial hysteria at Christmas, it would be the Taoist. "In general, those aspects have nothing to do with the time and season. Those are evidences of how society has moved away from the natural path

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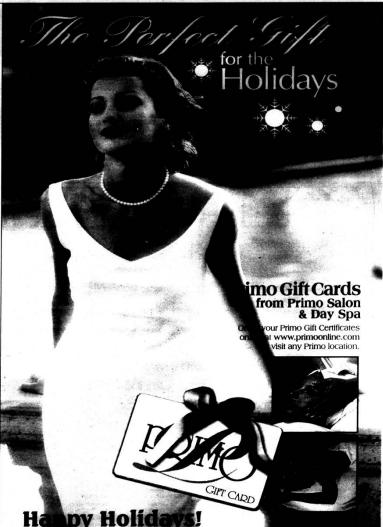
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Taoist family in the same sense that the Chinese experience. So people on an indiebrate Christmas, but it is vidual basis come to some greatly modified by their kind of integration of their Eastern philosophy. "Most paths, especially if they're in a family context, with people find a certain balance, because in this countheir beliefs in terms of Taoism, nature, and so on, I try you're not born into a

think probably most people seem to approach it from the perspective of trying to recognize the spiritual sig-nificance of that time of year and put up with the general folderol that comes with it and if they have kids, to allow the children



to feel a part of rather than apart from it."

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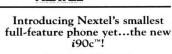
ing shop would seem a likely ple and call out their names and they'd look up like, 'How does that man know my name?' He had a great time doing that! Whether he

was Jewish or gentile, it didn't matter, he really enjoyed the job." Dr. Jefe's Body Pierc-

place to find alternative religions, but Jeff Fagen, its owner, is a practicing Jew. Raised in Philadelphia. Fagen, 35, has lived in San Diego for 11 years. Fagen describes his Judaism as "somewhere between

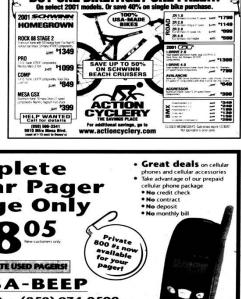
Reform and Conservative. I'll go to the synagogue on holidays and Chabad dinners." Like Schloss, Fagen decorates for Christmas at work while practicing Judaism at home, "Why would I put up a Christmas tree at home? I'll decorate

ish faith, I recognize all of my Christian friends who are very involved in the Christmas holiday. our area has changed some-"My dad, Dave, was the



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it's so commercialized that it's really about business. You know, the parents stressthe gifts for the kids - that's not really Christmas and what Christmas is. They're thinking about their children and the ones who don't

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have children are thinking about the parties. Being business owner, I look forward to Christmas because it's usually kind of a bonus time of year for me. We're always busy then." One of the local Jewish

community's most visible

spokesmen is Morris Casuto, director of the Anti-Defama tion League, Casuto, 58, belongs to a Conservative synagogue and, like the other Jews interviewed, doesn't mind Christmas at all. "I may be a somewhat unusual individual - I happen to

love the Christmas season! I probably own close to a dozen Christmas tapes and CDs — not 'Jingle Bells,' but the 'Oh Come All Ye Faithful' variety. I think it's among the most beautiful religious music ever written. When I was growing up in

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New York, before the period nen we started calling this the 'Winter Season,' it was the 'Christmas Program and I was in a choir singing Christmas songs at public school. I could still give you a few verses of 'Adeste Fide les,' but I could never bring myself to sing the line 'Christ the Lord.' I would hun that - it was a little beyond what I was prepared to do

"I grew up in New York City, and during the winter holiday, students were off and they had term papers to write, and I would us the 42nd Street Library for research and walk down 40 or 50 blocks in Manhattan and it was a phenomenal experience. Last year, I was back in New York on business, but I had a chance to see the tree again at Rock efeller Center, and it seemed much smaller to me than remembered it. My family and I have a tendency to go out and find the best-look ing Christmas lights we can find around different parts of San Diego."

Although he enjoys looking at decorated homes, Casuto draws the line when it comes to nativity scenes in public parks, "We have been and continue to be troubled by sectarian religious displays on public property. I understand that there are large numbers of people, almost invariably Christian, who say there is nothing wrong with that. I wouldn't be surprised if they couldn't see what's wrong with that, because to then it doesn't indicate that this is a Christian nation. And if it is a Christian nation and people have said thisthat somehow Christians hold a position higher on the ladder than anyone else We've heard individuals say that you can't be as ethical or moral if you're not a Christian, and elected officials have said that if you're not a Christian, you can't go to heaven, or you'll go worry the lewish commu nity because we've been hav ing a dialogue with God for 5700 years! But the impact of an elected official saying that leads one to presum that there's a possibility that belief will have an impact on how they make their decisions and interact. The Anti-Defamation League went after Senator Lieberman. We basically said, 'Hey,

enough! People aren't going o be electing you because of your theology. You've made your point about who you are — now talk about the issues.' We got a lot of flak for that. When you're a member of a majority religious faith in a country, it is easy to see your religious

symbols as benign. When ou're a member of a minority religious faith, it is less easy to see that.

"Christmas doesn't bother me because it is not a religious holiday for me. The mercantile, or business. aspects don't irritate me unless Christmas-sale ads start appearing in Novemgious music being played ber, but that's not my issue. during a winter songfest I am troubled by some [pub-There are also teachers who lic] schools that tend to go out of bounds when they make it a schoolwide relitalk about their own reli gious function. There are gious views during Christ individuals in San Diego stime. But on the whole who call us from time to I have been brought up to time who are concerned about the amount of relisensitivities away from a

holiday that is, in its purest form, extraordinarily beautiful."

Casuto is careful to explain that this is one issue where he does not necessarily speak for the Jewish community as a whole. "The like any other community



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Philip K. Paulso

Hanukkah is not a secular holiday. It is a holiday that celebrates freedom - freedom from religion or free dom for religion - but it has some very miraculous components that individuals should not overlook. But Christmas will continue to be a holiday of overwhelming importance to the country, both spiritupeople go into a supermarket

ally and financially." In Casuto's opinion. the biggest imposition Christmas has presented to and don't even see the decnon-Christians has occurred orations, because they're in public schools, "As we not looking for them. They're become a more sensitiv in that store to buy some community understandthing and get out. Where Christmas was intrusive was ing that not everyone is a Christian and not everyone in the schools. Increasingly, is the same type of Chris-

tian, Christmas becomes far less intrusive on non-Christian individuals. The point of impact on individuals of non-Christian faiths was basically during school. Why? Because stu dents were captives in schools. Individual shoppers can not shop in a store where they feel 'pushed' at religion. You can't escape Christmas decorations but that's not intrusive. Many



at the fact that so many people remembered that Christ-

pathetic and sensitive to the impact on non-Christian students, so it's not surprising that Christmas is seen in a more benevolent

"For good or ill, Christized. I remember being in Indianapolis during a major controversy over a crèche on public property. A numher of com munity leaders came together at the mayor's office, and I'll never forget a bishop from one of the Christian denominations there saying, 'I'm saddened at the degree of animosity between different groups brought on by this contro versy, but I must tell you

mas is a religious holiday. Now, he was being some what sardonic, but it has become so secularized that it has become a much easier holiday to deal with than it used to be. There was a time when everything was closed, I remember. Stores weren't open. You couldn't eet milk, You couldn't get gas. The impact of a religious day on the broader community was much greater. Now everything is open

the points of impact are Casuto doesn't send out cards, but his reasons are more personal than reli

much reduced."

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A native of Syria, Tarabishi moved to San Diego seven years ago. "I lived in Aleppo, close to Turkey When I came to the U.S., I moved to the Bay Area because of my job. After that. I came here because of the school. They have ar Islamic school here and I wanted to raise my children in an Islamic environ ment — I have four daugh ters. So I moved here for the school and established my life here.



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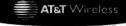
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The Christmas season sometimes falls concur rently with the Islamic holy nonth of Ramadan, "We follow the lunar calendar, which is different from the solar calendar. The lunar year is 15 days shorter than the solar year, so last year Ramadan came in Decem ber. This year, it came 15 days ahead, starting in November. Next year, it will be at the beginning of vember. So last year it was at the same time as

and we learn from that because He is a prophet of God. I wouldn't be a Mus-Christmas, but it moves." Muslims also show a great deal of esteem for Jesus. lim if I didn't believe in We consider lesus, peace be Jesus, Moses, Abraham upon Him, as a great prophet all those prophets, because of God. He's one of the five they all came from God. greatest prophets - Noah We have been ordered Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and to respect the other reli-Mohammed. He came with gions, Christianity, mainly the truth, the message of and Judaism — we call them the People of the Book. We Christianity for His time,

the Son of God. "We recognize Christianity as a religion because it is written in our holy book the Koran. If you read the Koran, vou will see more about Jesus Christ, peace be upon Him, and how He would teach His disciples,

and we look upon Him as

a prophet of God, but not



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have to respect them and cannot afford it. respect their rituals and treat them in a fair way with jus tice, but we do not partic ipate in such celebrations

distaste for mixing Christ mas or any religious holiday with business. "My owr feeling about all those going

as Christmas?

crazy in the malls is that this is not religious. This did not even exist in Christianity. Jesus Christ did not ask Christians to go and buy such an amount of gifts and be in debt for the next year and keep paying those bills. I feel like buying so ated by man, and it's not good for the people who

"I never use religion for business. I respect reli-gion as religion, so I don't send cards or participate and decorate. Because to celebrate is part of the wor ship. Celebrating is wor shipping, and I'm a Muslim."

Tarabishi is indifferent to the festivities and deco



rations that seem all-pervasive at Christmas. "It's up to them. We respect other religions and their rituals that they celebrate, but we do not participate. In general, in the United States, there is freedom of religion, and most people are open minded. We have an Intro duction to Islam class here every Sunday, and we talk about Christianity and comparative religions. Gener ally, I don't see people get-ting offended. Most people

are open-minded. Sometimes some of my customers say Merry Christmas, but that does not bother me at all. From his point of view, he is thinking that he is greeting me in

David McAliste a good way. How could I be bothered by that? But it's my duty to tell him about Islam, because it is a missionary religion, like Chris tianity. It is the duty of every Muslim to present this to others with no compulsion We have been ordered to be kind and nice to the other

Paganism, the belief in many gods, is enjoying a resurgence of popularity, and books on paganism can be found in most New Age bookstores in San Diego Chloe Crosthwaite, 50, works at the Controversial Bookstore in North Park. A resident of Boulevard, Crosthwaite comes to San Diego twice a week to work. She

people."

smiles warmly as she describes her beliefs. "I'm Universal, and I draw from all traditions, and I'm interested in all traditions. I think basic truths that can help me in my search to find my way back to God, or out of separation. I'm a pagan aning to me that I honor that all things are alive, that the earth is alive, and I honor the elements that make up myself as well as everything else that I can see in phys ical reality." Born in Ohio, Crosth-

waite came west when she was 25. "I was lucky, because I was raised with metaphysical beliefs all my life. My mother, who I was with until I was 7, was a practicing Christian, but from 7 on, I lived with my father. He did not attend any church, but he had very metaphysical beliefs. So I was raised with that freedom, which I'm thankful for I've always been a spiritual seeker, and I've looked into many different traditions and have not found that any one needed to be the one tradition that I follow excusively.



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Crosthwaite decorates for Christmas, but minimally. "Right now I live in a trailer!" she laughs, "I'm always decorating! At Christ mastime I'll usually bring in a poinsettia, but I didn't last year. I helped other friends decorate Christmas trees. I'll put my Christmas cards up from my family.

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little bit of gift-giving. I try to keep it within my means. I think it's real harmful to be going out and shopping like crazy. I don't do any o that. I do very simple gifting I would say I do gifting all year-round, and what I do at Christmas is a little more oriented towards the kids. I try to keep it a little

simpler." Although not a practicing Christian, Crosthwaite has thought about what Christmas means to her. "It means bringing in the light - the light in my heart. Love and compassion center for me around Christmas. That would be my focus of the Christmas

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season, and my understanding of Christmas would be trying to open up my light and being more of an planet and to those around

Crosthwaite believes that, for most people, something has been lost at Christmas. "I think the focus has become materialistic, and that's off track from what Christmas and the teachings of Christmas as I understand them are. We've been derailed. I think it's pretty harmful, with the craziness of people going outside of their means with gift buying and having it be about

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material things. I think gift-ing is wonderful, but it should be totally within a person's means, and that isn't what happens at

There are other problems Crosthwaite sees at Christmas, although they are not religious. "I think people have their own internal struggles about Christmas. There's a lot of pressure about the gift thing. but there's also a lot of pressure to be with your family, and many people don't have functional families to be with. Many people spend the holidays alone and can be very depressed. I think Christmas is problematic

for a lot of people in this

Ellen Largura, 30, works in the clothing section at the Black in Ocean Beach. She relaxes behind the counter, smoking and talking on the telephone. She describes her religious philosophy as "leaning toward pagan for probably the last five years. My mother was Catholic, but she never pushed it on us. I never went to church, but I was baptized as a child. I've never really been religious. I've always taken other bits and pieces of other religions that I found interesting Paganism is mostly about the earth

I like that. Christianity sometimes makes me angry because I think people are ignorant. They just believe what they are told and don't do any research on the subject. I think the Bible was written so long ago and it's been in so many people's hands—changed from one language to another — that if they told me to rewrite it, I'd put my two cents in. But I don't really believe in any of that or anything that

"I prefer to celebrate the solstice, the coming of winter, but I work in retail. where Christmas is pretty big. I grew up with Christmas, so it doesn't bother

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me. I don't decorate or send out cards, although I get them from people." Emily Sloop, 25, is a Florida native who has lived ay away now for Christmas! in San Diego since 1999. Although raised a conser **NEW 2001** vative Jew, "I'm kind of or my own now. I'm not affil **PFAFF HORBY** iated with any organized religion. I don't know if I would call myself an atheist, but I have my own set of beliefs. It kind of comes Plati, a well-known German company, has just released for sale to the public a limited number of new "Hobby" by Platf heavy-duty free-arm zigzag sewing machines. Sews all fabric, Levi's, canvas unbeleteny mylon down to good leads to good - everybody's good and you get what you give. "I get involved superficially. I don't mind it so much, but having never really had it in the house, I don't have any feeling about it. I don't decorate or send EVEN SEWS ON LEATHER! cards, but I send gifts -Model #101
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egorized by the West as a igious sect, or cult, but Rasta is a way of life. Ras tas see religion as another method of control by Babylon." When asked what he means by "Babylon," Major explains, "Babylon' is like the illusion of the Tao. It is 'All is vanity.' We have to confront that and deal with it, and some do it better than others."

Christmas does not fit into Major's path as a Rasta. "My take on Christmas is basically that it represents one of the best instances of the sacred becoming profane. It's basically a pagan-founded falsity and erroneous bunch of propaganda that Chris-tians and Christianity have propagated and blended with capitalism very well. In terms of the masses of people celebrating Christ-, most of them don't go to church - it's more about trees, presents, and consumption. It's really gross consumption, so that ever makes it worse. What I'm saying is, most of us deal with Christmas on the basis of tradition and not spirituality. "Most people, unless

they're pretty reverent and devout, get caught up in some aspect of Christmas, even those who celebrate Hanukkah and Kwanza and Ramadan, One of the reasons this is so easy to do is because, basically, we talk about Christmas or a certain point on the calendar - the harvest time, the end of the year - where people are being thankful or looking forward...in fact Christ was probably not born in December, if there was a Christ. So it evolved not from Christianity but from paganism. The more that we get into transcending the various religious celebrations that occur at that time, and place that spirituality where we can cross

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then..." Major pauses briefly. "As I had to remind my peer and comembers of the Friends of Malcolm X Library - last year, they wanted to have a Christ mas party and also make it a fund-raiser. They ended up calling it a 'Christmas party and I was a little annoyed and upset because they failed to take into consideration that it was not only not politi cally correct, but it's also...well, Malcolm X was a Muslim. Many in our community are Muslim, and there's just so many different religions. To just chau vinistically, if you will and rather arrogantly call it a Christmas party instead of a holiday party or something more multicul tural and less whitesupremacist... Another aspect that Christianity has tended to do is buttress,

enforce, and propagate white supremacy, and that's

those various horders.

another reason why I'm really turned off from it.

Emphasizing that this is his own perception of Christmas, Major says most Rastafarians probably don't reject Christmas to the degree that he does, "They go their various ways, but many are increasingly going with Christmas as Ethiopian in origin and celebrating in that context. Christmas is January seventh on the Coptic calendar, so while they do celebrate Christmas, there is a notion that His Imperial Majesty [Selassie] is the second coming of Christ. So some embrace that. I think the more serious Rastas that would embrace Christmas would embrace it like that, with that idea."

Jeff Archer is the preshope that it's real." ident of the Atheist Coalition of San Diego. A San indifferent about Christmas, "As an atheist, I don't Diego resident for 18 years. Archer was not brought up practice it because of the with any religion but was not raised as an atheist either it's nice to have a day once

thing one way or another along with each other, nobody has to work, you because it just wasn't a part of my life. When I was old have a nice meal, things like enough that I had to make decisions, I just came to the that. Most of the artifacts you see — Christmas trees and stuff - are pagan in conclusion that I'm an atheist." The author of four origin anyway. They're not religious, and a lot of fun-damentalist Christians don't books, including Theater in a Squared Circle, about prosional wrestling, Archer likes to tie his conversations into the topic of wrestling. He did so immediately in our

"I never questioned any-

talk about atheism and

Christmas by quoting Ron Barrier, the spokesman for

American Atheists and a

pro-wrestling referee, "He

said, Wrestling and religion

are identical. You pay good

money to go inside a build-

ing, see something totally

contrived, hoping against

religious things, but I think

Surprisingly, Archer is

"I have nothing aga it, but I don't like to see religious Christmas things on public property. I disagree with that totally. How about the Muslims? How about the lews? They are believers, and I'm not, and I would be more upset if I were a believer with Christianity dominating an area officially, on public money."

If the popular perception of an atheist is that of a humorless person ready to sue at the drop of a hat. Archer hardly fits the description. He punctuates almost every remark with a joke or ronic statement, "I had a









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Even though he doesn't believe in Christmas or celebrate it, Archer does send cards. "I'm a graphic artist, so I make my own. I do something that's usually relevant to the person I'm sending it to, but no religious message. It'll read 'Happy Holidays' or things like tha It's a very secular message

Archer doesn't find religious messages at Christ-mas problematic because he feels that Christians are putting pressure on him all the time "Year-round I have it put on me by Christians who want to know if I have morals. When they find out you're an atheist, it's 'Well, my pastor told me I shouldn't be speaking to you.' It's not a disease, you know! At Christmas — maybe it's because the Christian community is more forgiving they're not quite as nasty to nonbelievers as the rest of the year."

One message that does noy Archer is the one or the billboards that reads. Jesus Is the Reason for the Season," "They bother the hell out of me. It's all legal, I guess, since it's on private property — and I'm a firm believer that you can do what you want on private property - but I don't believe in this stuff. I believe

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"We're not any different than anybody else. There are atheists on death row, there are atheists who lie, and there are atheists who are great people. If you look cally 10 percent of the country is atheist, yet less than half of 1 percent of people in prison for violent crimes are atheists

get upset by Christmas unless it's on public property. We're more upset with the County Board of Supervisors' spending \$5000 last year on the National Day of Prayer public money. That would offend us a lot more. Or a public event when people get up and pray. Christmas is not a greatly contentious issue ith atheists unless it's on public property. Then it secomes illegal and becomes our taxpayer money supporting this. Like I say, from my point of view, a believer

more upset than I would be by something like that. "I lived in Europe for

eight years, and they have their holidays over there that are not religious, but it's a time of the year when people have the day off. I can agree with that. So I'm not offended by the fact of Christmas, but I am when the religious aspects come into the public arena.

"Most Christians think atheists hate Christians. We don't hate Christians. We just don't believe in the same stuff that they do."

Another prominent San Diego atheist, Philip K. Paulson, 54, was the coplaintiff with Howard Kreisner in the lawsuit to bring down the cross on Mt. Soledad. Like Archer Paulson is not offended by Christmas and even sees some economic necessity in it, "I'm totally in favor of the Festival of Retail. The Festival of Retail is what catapults our nation's economy into the next year. We need the Festival of Retail. What the message of Jesus means to Americans can be said in one word: ka-ching!"



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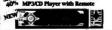
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publication called the Alternative for a few years, and I did a calendar for it in 1995. We had things a little different in it like Fidel Castro's birthday instead of George Washington's. A friend of mine looked at December 25 to see how true I was to my nonbelief, it read 'Federal Holiday'!'

Even though he doesn't believe in Christmas or celebrate it, Archer does send cards. "I'm a graphic artist, so I make my own. I do something that's usually relevant to the person I'm sending it to, but no religious message. It'll read 'Happy Holidays' or things like tha It's a very secular message

gious messages at Christmas problematic because he feels that Christians are putting pressure on him all "Year-round I have it put on me by Christians who want to know if I have morals. When they find out you're an atheist, it's 'Well, my pastor told me I shouldn't be speaking to you.' It's not a disease, you know! At Christmas - maybe it's because the Christian com munity is more forgivingto nonbelievers as the rest of the year."

One message that does annoy Archer is the one on the billboards that reads. "Jesus Is the Reason for the Season," "They bother the hell out of me. It's all legal. I guess, since it's on privat property - and I'm a firm believer that you can do what you want on private property - but I don't believe in this stuff. I believe

and they accept it blindly. As far as them putting the sign up, fine. But if I put up billboard that says, There Is No God, the thing would probably be burned!" He

laughs.
"We're not any different than anybody else. There there are atheists who lie. and there are atheists who are great people. If you look at the statistics, theoretically 10 percent of the country is atheist, yet less than half of 1 percent of people in prison for violent crimes are atheists. "As a whole, we don't

get upset by Christmas unless it's on public property. We're more upset with the County Board of Supervisors' spending \$5000 last year on the National Day of Prayer public money. That would offend us a lot more. Or a public event when people get up and pray. Christmas is not a greatly contentious issue with atheists unless it's on public property. Then it becomes illegal and becomes our taxpayer money sup-porting this. Like I say, from my point of view, a believer of another faith would be

more upset than I would be by something like that. "I lived in Europe for

eight years, and they have their holidays over there that are not religious, but it's a time of the year when people have the day off. I can agree with that. So I'm not offended by the fact of Christmas, but I am when the religious aspects come into the public arena.

atheists hate Christians We don't hate Christians. We just don't believe in the same stuff that they do."

Another prominent San Diego atheist, Philip K. Paulson, 54, was the coplaintiff with Howard Kreisner in the lawsuit to bring down the cross on Mt. Soledad. Like Archer, Paulson is not offended by Christmas and even sees some economic necessity in it. "I'm totally in favor of the Festival of Retail. The Festival of Retail is what catapults our nation's We need the Festival of Retail. What the message of Jesus means to Americans can be said in one word: ka-ching!"

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Paulson's take on the holiday is darkly cynical. "The Christmas shopping-cart music and the Christmas displays — you see them every year. They're just

Again, like Archer, Paulson does not believe nativity scenes or religious dis-

plays of any kind belong on public property or should be subsidized with public funds. "It's already been established law. Howard Kreisner went to court on that in San Diego, and, according to the local judge, who so happens to be Chris-tian and biased — she leg-

islated from the bench, based on her own religious and political biases, stating that the nativity scene is OK, as long as you have Santa Claus sitting on Jesus' lap. She said as long as you have rein-deer, Santa Claus, and secular ideas alongside the nativity scene, then it's OK.

and preference for the Chris-

"I celebrate the winter solstice, which is around the 21st or 22nd of Decem ber, and that is the natural the atheists have something

We celebrate the solstices and equinoxes, whereas the Christians celebrate anything that has to do with Jesus, which was a figure in the Middle Fast Christmas is the holiday of retail that makes sense to me. It doesn't make sense to me to have it as a religious holiday,

because why should we promote the Christian religi in this country we have several religions, and among those religions, Christian ity is just one of them. Why should that be more promi nent than any other? I think the reason why we haven't had religious wars in America is because we've had the separation of church and state. I think we should promptly abandon the Christmas holiday and call it the Festival of Retail which it is Abandon it for religious reasons, because it's in violation of the separation of church and state. Don't get me wrong — I think we should have freedom of religion, but I also think we should have freedom from religion.

"The other thing is, the Christmas story is really a Middle Eastern story. It has nothing to do with the United States of America: it has a lot to do with the Middle East. I don't see how it relates to us at all. The story of Jesus is totally irrelevant to any moral, ethical, or profound value that could affect people. The Christmas story is about a little infant — it's a nice little story, but it really does not involve people in the United States; it involves people in the Middle East. t has no place in American culture. American tradition, or American history.

"If you talk to any of the major department stores, they would really object to getting rid of the holidays, secause that is what really brings our economy forward from the previous year to the next. We need it, because that's the time of year that makes up for all the losses. They may have three quarters of losses, but the inter season, marking the Christmas holiday season. terms of actual positive cash flow for the businesses."

If any of his ideas sound funny, Paulson is completely in earnest. "I am not say ing this to be cute. It is indeed Festival of Retail. I find the Christmas story of Jesus very sacred. And I respect the Christians' reverence for His voice rises in intensity I have a great deal of respect for that — but I don't agree with it! Not only do I not ree with it, but I sense that Christianity, being a

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ing to push their religion through government edict! And because it is being pushed down the throats of all nonbelievers whether they want to believe it or not whether they want it or not - you got it. Too had In other words, the Christians are saying to the non-Christian world: 'This is what we believe, and if you don't like it, pound

"Think about it. Would the Christians want to have a special holiday for Satan?

sand?

Let's say the Satanists which is a religion — should have a special holiday. Would they be standing in the front door of that schoolhouse demanding that Satan be offered as their Lord and Savior? I don't think so! Or. let's say the atheists want to do what they did in the Soviet Union, say that athe ism is the state-supported system and idea — which I also object to! I don't want to do away with religion. I believe in the open marketplace of ideas, and I'm very much in agreement

with the idea of teaching a little bit of an intellectual comparative religions in the schools. We should teach stretch, and I sense that the Bible really has outlived its mythology. And along with usefulness. It's great for lit ythology, we should teach erature and great for amuse ment, but as a scientific doc the Baptist version of creationism as being the seven ument, it lacks anything...it lacks validity, reliability, and day story of creation and usability. sand years ago because they added up all the 'begottens' - that is, all the peo ple who made love in the Bible — and figured out, after you add up all the peo-

"So back to the Christ mas thing, it's just one example of how the Christians want to push their religion down the throats of every body. Again, though, I do not want to do away with the Fes-tival of Retail, so we need to come up with another idea. I say, abandon Christmas and continue with the Fes tival of Retail."

at all.

Before its closing this year, the Blue Door book store in Hillcrest had been a landmark for alternative literature and independent thinkers since 1961. Daryl Jackson, 22, worked at the Blue Door and has lived in San Diego for two years. His view of religion varies "It depends on what mood I'm in, but I was raised Catholic. Every once in a blue moon I still consider myself a Catholic — espe cially when I'm home in New Orleans," While he

doesn't reject Christianity ticipate in their Christmas outright, he has little tolerarties and stuff like that. I ance for Christians, "They're spend a lot of time alone at really hypocritical. They go Jackson's former around telling you to do good things, then they say

worker at the Blue Door, they hate half the people in Tamara Johnson, grew up the world. If you don't belong in San Diego. "I suppose to their religion and follow their faith, they kind of shun you could say I'm an atheist. I would agree with Dary you and don't like you. You that Christmas is extremel capitalistic...but it's a good want specifics? The Mor mons — they're evil! One excuse to party! I don't mind of my friends' sisters got that and getting together with friends at all." Her tone married in the temple at grows more serious. "But I hate shopping so much. I Salt Lake City, and he was in the process of having his name removed from the refuse to go to the malls rolls of the Mormon Church from before Halloween until and he couldn't go to the after February. I like Christwedding. I don't like them mas lights and I'll put them up. The story about Christlackson smiles as he mas is nice, and it's probably historically interesting, says with complete seriousness "Christmas is the but I don't really go for the most vile, disgusting thing 'God' business. I think that on the planet. For one, I there was probably a guy don't particularly buy that named Jesus, and all of those

things probably happened, but I don't buy the Son of whole Jesus Christ-Son of God thing. Second, it's way too capitalistic. I don't dec God thing.
"I feel a lot of pressure

presents, but that's not always something I can afford. And feel this pressure from the media to spend more money

While she may decorate and want to buy presents, there's one thing about Christmas that Johnson cannot abide, "I think it's evil to tell kids the story about Santa Claus. I think it sets up lying right away. with kids, and I wouldn't tell a class or roomful of children that there's no Santa Claus, but I think it's really

Chris Reimer owns and operates Wisdom Crystals, a small shop on Newport Avenue that sells crystals, rocks, and jewelry. A big man with a gentle manner, Reimer's philosophy reflects beliefs typical of many Ocean Beach residents. "I wasn't really raised with any particular faith. My parents weren't churchgoers, although they did encourage me to go to Sunday school if I wanted to. Mostly Baptist or - I think we went to an Episcopalian church at one point. We grew up in an area that was

predominantly Catholic, in New Mexico. "I wasn't particularly influenced by anything in the Church that moved me in one way or the other. More than anything else, my particular spiritual beliefs come from some experience with the 12-step programs that started about 1984. Since then, I've been openminded and explored all possibilities, as far as faith and beliefs. I've tried to read a little bit of everything. believe that we are all children of God and that Jesus was an example of the poten tial that we can live up to. I also believe quite a bit of the Buddhist teachings, and I'm drawn to anything that is positive in nature, that promotes love and nderstanding.

"We put up a Christmas nativity scene. It's become thing we do based on strong Christian beliefs. Unfortunately, Christmas has become more of a media event or economic event than the celebration of the birth of Christ. While that's unfortunate, on another level it does bring people together. I enjoy Chris

and what that message was about - hope and love and the idea of giving gifts and service to others. It's not a oliday that I'm particularly moved towards any more, except for the children '

more for the children than

anything else. I don't have

any myself, but my partne

has three children, and we

were with them in Texas last

Christmas. I think it's just

a joy to give them the true

message — or what I believe to be the true message: We're

celebrating the birth of Jesus

or what I believe

David McAlister, 57,

Beach and was intoxicated when he spoke about his religious beliefs. Claiming to be a Vietnam veteran and a San Diego resident since 1951. McAlister initially said that the only thing he believed was that he was mad at the world. When pressed to explain, he said,

"I'm just hurtin' right now I lay down on the beach. sleepin' in the sand, shit like that. I have no complaints against anybody. I believe in a higher power that I call Jesus." Reluctant to identify himself exactly as a Chris tian. McAlister says that

gets on everybody's nerves man, and you know why Because it's really not about Christ Christmas isn't about Christ — Christmas is about sellin' things, man. It's got nothin' to do with what Christmas should be about."

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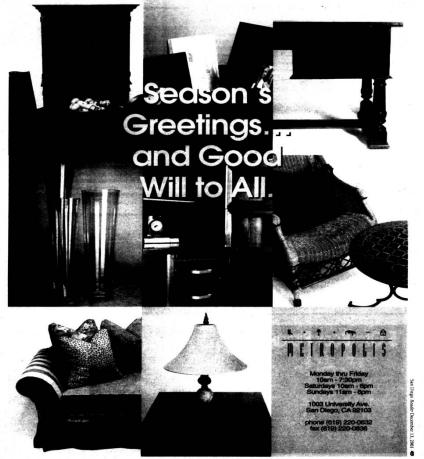
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mericans are suspended in the searing ethers of revenge fantasies. Even our most onic beatnik, Wavy Gravy, is wavering. When push comes to shove comes to kill, I don't know what I'm going to be doing at any given moment," Gravy told the San Fran SIGHTSEER cisco Chronicle recently. "I mean, if somebody's taking out my kid or my life, I don't know how Gandhian I can be." In New York, knee-jerk brutality has displaced the usual urbanity. In the weeks after the attacks, the New York Times conducted a street poll. "Find them and kill them," one man said. "No court. No trial. Electrocute them." That was among the more humane suggestions heard on the streets, the article reported: "On the Upper West Side, a selfdescribed opponent of capital punishment advocated a parade on Broadway with Osama bin Laden's head on a spike. A neighbor preferred burning him alive. In Midtown, men in business suits were talking about nuking Kabul." The front-page of a recent issue of the Village Voice read like a New York Post headline: "The Bastards!"

"The most hideous execution envisioned by New Yorkers is not much of a threat to someone who sees violence as glamorous and death as a ticket to paradise," the Times argued. "A better punishment, or at least a better revenge fantasy, might be a life sentence in a prison cell whose walls are covered with the snapshots of weddings and vacations we've been looking at the past week. A terrorist would spend his days not with virgins but with victims.

But as we fume in front of the nightly news. as our brains broil with a terrifying vengeance, as we blurt out to our loved ones impetuous scenarios for answering the attacks, we would do well to consider the advice of the 17th-century French playwright Pierre Corneille: "To take revenge halfheartedly is to court disaster; either



condemn or crown your hatred." For those willing to act on their urges, the

Pentagon has an offer: send us your proposals and we'll consider them. In a 24-page "broad agency announcement" issued through the oddly named Technical Support Working Group's BIDS website (www.bids.tswg.gov), the Pentagon is asking for "help in combating terrorism, defeating difficult targets, conducting protracted operations in remote areas, and developing countermeasures to weapons of mass destruction." Included in the solicitation are guidelines for the design of a variety of high-tech gadgets, from surveillance software to portable polygraph machines and lightweight personal armor.

The information presented at the BIDS site is "meant to encourage responses from industry, government laboratories, educational institutions, and other sources to provide technology solutions to the requirements identified in...downloadable...packages open to the general public." The current package establishes a three-stage process for evaluating proposals, which are due on December 23. Phase I consists of the solicitation, receipt, and evaluation

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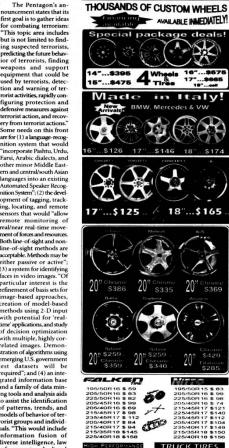
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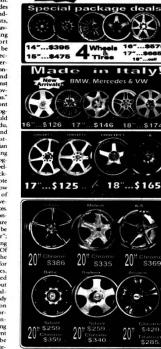
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> i There seemed nothing to do now except wait. When Peter saw Joe in the halls at school. Joe would barely nod or ignore him completely, and the one time h got up the courage to start a conversation about the surfboards, Joe just turned and walked away. Peter tried to plan some kind of campaign, but before he knew it school had drawn to a close for summer vacation. And then one day his grandmother said she thought she would let him drive the Buick to Pine Lodge instead of hiring a man, and he found he had not thought once about their annual trip to

the mountains, and about Ralph Waller, who might be at Pine Lodge too.

The Wallers were not there when he and his grandmother arrived, but each morning he had to attack. There would be the confused and fearful antic ipation as he and his grandmother went downstairs for breakfast and the huge relief when he found that the Wallers had not come But the fear followed him ughout the day; as they

walked back from the post office the Wallers would seem to lie ahead in ambush; during the afternoons and evenings he would read or work on model airplanes in his room, where he could hear cars coming up the road and, by rising, see the front steps of the lodge from his window. And always, in the mornings, he would be sure that Ralph Waller had come while he was asleep. But the Wallers did not come to Pine Lodge that summer.

When they returned to San Diego and his grandmother retired to her bed for several days, as she always did -

tired out from their stay in the mountains - he felt as

though he had been released from prison. The first few days he could feel his strained nerves and his brain, which had been wound to the breaking point, slowly relaxing, and on a Sunday morning when Hermione, the maid, called him to the phone he ran downstairs, thinking it must be Hickey or Bryan asking if he wanted to go to the beach, or at it might even be Joe. But when he picked up the phone the "Hello, Pete?" that came over the wire was Ralph's, and

instantly he felt an aching exhaustion, and yet a kind of relie

and fulfillment of the dread he had carried through all the weeks at Pine Lodge. "Hi, Ralph," he said.

"Been up to Pine Lodge?" Ralph asked. "We couldn't get up. Mon père couldn't get away this

Ralph's voice was shrill but reverberant, as though he were speaking from a great echoing hall filled with ople who were listenin quietly. "You're sure no kind of friend" he said "I'll he vou didn't even know I was ick. I was in the hospital fo nine weeks."

"Oh," Peter said. "What was the matter?"

"Pneumonia. I had one of the worst cases of pneumonia they've ever seen up t Mercy Hospital, I guess. They thought I was going there for a while.

"That's too bad." Peter sat down, holding the phone out a little from his ear. "You ought to see where

they drained my lung," Ralph said. "What're you doing now. Pete? How about com-

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"Oh, I can't," he said

"Why not?" Rainh demanded, and, before Peter could answer, said, "Well, I'll tell you what. I'll come out to your place."

"No. No, you better not. Not today. My -" "Listen, what -"— my grandma's

pretty sick. I can't --"I'll just stop by," Ralph said. "I've got the Auburn. We can go for a ride

"No! Listen —" "I'll be out in about half an hour," Ralph said and hung up. Peter sat there, hold

ing the receiver. Finally he replaced it gently. "Oh God," he whispered aloud. "Oh God Oh God what'll I do?" He fled up the stairs to his room. He stripped off his trousers, put on his swimming trunks, and pulled hi old cords on over them. He hurried down the hall to his grandmother's room.

She was sitting up in bed with a big white pillow behind her back, reading the Literary Digest. Her black eves swam at him from behind her glasses. "Grandma, I'm going out breathlessly. "I'm going out to the beach with some of the guys. They just called

"I thought I'd ask you to read to me for a little" his grandmother said. Thin vertical wrinkles showed on her upper lip as her mouth tightened. Beside her on the table with the lamp was the glass in which she put her teeth at night. 'My eyes are very tired,"

He grasped the edge

of the door. "Well, I can't right now," he said. "I promised to go with them, you see But I'll be back early, Grandma."

She didn't reply. She removed her glasses and passed a hand lightly across her eyes.

"Listen, I've got to go now. Grandma," he said urgently. "But I'll be back early, honest. I'll read to you when I get back." He retreated, watching her for some sign, either of grudg-

ing consent or of disapproval: but he couldn't wait. would just have to take whatever she would do to him when he returned. He made himself walk slowly down the hall, but going down the stairs he broke

into a run. As a streetcar rolled along the street away from his house it occurred to him that Ralph might drive by and see him. He bent far down to tie and retie his shoelaces, and then sat

slumped in the seat with his face turned away from the window. What would Ralph do when he found he wasn't at home? He pic tured Ralph and his grand mother conspiring to punish him, waiting there together for him to get back But that was foolish, he told himself; his grandmother would detest Ralph. And Hermione would not let he was gone and his grandmother was sick in bed. He was feeling better when he transferred to the Mission

Beach streetcar. At Mission Beach he made his way along the crowded boardwalk away from the hamburger stand A cool breeze came in over the seawall that stood between the beach and the boardwalk, but the sun was hot and very bright on the sand. In the shallow water were many bathers, but south of the lifeguard's tower deserted, and far out, where the waves were breaking, he could see three surf boarders. One of them was paddling in at a slant before a cresting wave, a distant











brown figure in white trunks. balancing with arms out stretched as the wave curled ehind the speeding board burling it in toward the beach. When the wave dwindled and died the surfer sat down, halting his surfboard's progress, turned it around, and on his hands and knees paddled back out toward where the other two still

Peter vaulted over the seawall, took off his clothes. and piled them at the base of the wall. He ran down the hot sand and dove into

and fell with a splash. The a breaker. When he came red nose of the board dipped up, swimming outward through the cold water, the down, the tail heaved up and over until the board other two surfers had caught a wave. One of them was came rolling in before the lanting toward him on a board with a bright red lifeguard called Red, shot prow. He stopped, realizng it was Joe, watching Joe Peter hurried through crouched forward tensely the chest-deep water to catch and working his arms up Joe's board. The prow

and down, loe's blue trunks slammed against his wrist. ere pulled far down on and the side he finally his hips, showing a broad grasped was slippery. He pulled it back from the wave and, as loe moved in toward The board tilted, and him, shoved it in his loe waved his arms wildly direction

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"It feels awfully slippery," Peter said. "I don't see how you can stand up on it at all."

Holding the board, Joe board slapped loudly on the water. "It's not so hard,"

'You look pretty good," Peter said. "Have you have you been out many

"About every Sunday since the end of school." loe gazed down at his board, is though trying to make up his mind whether or not to get up on it and paddle out to the break again. Finally

he said, "I can usually catch them okay. I can't steer ver well yet, is all. That's why flopped just then." "How's the board

work?" "It's okay. It's a little

avy in the nose, Red says. It's okay though."

"That's good," Peter said, and folded his arms and squeezed them against

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his stomach

"You been up in the mountains?" Joe asked.

"Don't think he doesn't 'We just got back.' know it. The best surfer and good fun." he said, pulling biggest big dicker around. I keep hoping Red'll knock up on his shorts. "It's really fine when you start down his ass loose one of these days, but I think Red's scared the wave. But you sure get of him." He jumped with another wave. "You want nubbed up at first. You beat your shins all up, and your to try the board?" damn hipbones, and I jus Peter tried to stay on the about castrated myself once

heavily muscled, his smooth

dark body had a stuffed.

almost obscene look that

reminded Peter violently

of Ralph Waller's fat

voman's chest. The surfer

grinned as he shot past

them. "Break a leg yet?" he

"That's Phil Gardner," he

said to Peter. "The goddam

surfboard in the little waves

Joe didn't answer.

"He's really good, isn't

called.

bastard."

you've really got to watch close to shore while loe howed him how to page The first surfer came dle and how to steer by trailin again, steering off on the ing a foot in the water. Joe shoulder of a wave trail. had him lie on the board while he pushed it before the ing one foot and then the other to make the board little waves, and Peter would zigzag rapidly. He had black feel the momentum catch ing the board up, the tail hair cut short, and he wa tanned even more darkly rising and the red prow slapping as it slid over the than the lifeguard. Although his shoulders and chest were water, until it began to slip

to one side, when loe would vell, "Stick out your foot!" one!" But it would be too late, and the board would tip and roll over while he still clung to the waxed sides. When Red and Phil

Gardner had come in and dragged their boards up or the beach. Peter paddled swimming beside him, and holding onto the board when it breasted a wave At the sandbar Joe turned him around. "Okav." loe said. treading water. "You might as well try a real wave."

"Maybe I ought to practice a little more in close" Peter souinted his eyes against the sun as he looked back to see if a wave was forming.

"Oh. for Christ's sake!" loe said. "I came out here and tried it right off. That's the only way. You'll be all right." He turned to look seaward, shading his eyes Besides, I've got your board all varnished and ready to go. All you have to do is

"Oh!" Peter said, "Thanks, Joe." Suddenly Ralph seemed only a night

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and a ridiculous menace on the telephone. "Thanks a lot," he said

"I didn't have anything else to do," Joe said. "Her comes one! Paddle like hell!"

his shoulder, the sun on it in gold spangles; he began to paddle, at first seeming to move backward ag the green rising wall, then standing stationary, finally moving slightly forward Then he felt the force of the

the red prow rising and

shaking, felt the alive, strong

lifting up and slightly back

as though he were being

drawn in a bow by the whol

power of the ocean. "Pad-

brought his hands down

vithout force, grasping with

wall beneath him. He dus

in with his hands again, this

time holding them stretched

out and braking, straining

his whole body against the

fright at the shee

The board slipped safely back over the wave, which rushed toward the beach He laid his cheek against "You didn't paddle.

work just before it gets to Peter nodded, and kept nodding to Joe's instructions. But he didn't listen, hearing instead the impa

tient slapping of the red

prow on the water, feeling t through the board.

Joe said, swimming toward him, "You've really got to

"Get ready!" loe cried.

This time he began to ing his hands to dig deep and strongly. He felt fright and something immensely more than fright swelling in his throat with a sudden, soar ing, powerful lift. He made arms stroke, his hands thrust against the water on either side. He saw the green wall rising beneath him.

"Get up!" Joe yelled "Get up! You've got it!"

Peter grasped the edge of the board, pulled his legunder him, made his hands let go, made himself rise as he saw the crest breaking white beside him, the long red prow leaning down now wavering and jerking and speeding faster and faster orward until he knew tha there was no more control. and could only go with the board, plunging forward and awful thrill of speed and pure physical abandon, the red prow leading him and carrying him out of himself and out of every thing while he waved his arms and bared his teeth, his throat swelling and his mouth straining wide, and Ralph Waller and his grand left behind until there was only the surfboard and him self. He cried out hoarsely



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as he fell away and down and the water rushed to meet him. He saw as in slow motion the prow going under the green water, but he could not move, paralyzed now and suddenly he had fallen and was crash ing through the water, forced endlessly down until his lungs ached, and still down until his feet hit bottom and he thrust with them moving up at last with his seeing above him the long shadow of loe's surfboard spinning contemptuously away toward the beach.

His head broke through

the surface into brilliant light. He gasped for breath. He couldn't see the surfboard behind the fringe of white speeding shoreward. was knocked off balance by another wave, and when he rose again Joe was swim ming toward him.

"Christ!" Joe cried. "I thought it beaned you! Are

Peter nodded. He felt confused, with a sadnes and sense of loss he could not understand. "Sure," he said quietly, "But - I guess I oughtn't to try any more

Joe said, nodding. They swam in together, loe's board was stranded at the water's edge. "I really thought you you'd only moved back you would've had it. I didn't do that well for a hell of a time."

Peter didn't say anything. They dragged the board up onto the dry sand. Suddenly he turned and looked Joe straight in the eyes. "I was going to write you," he said, "From Pine Lodge. But then — but then I didn't."

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Joe's eyes flickered slightly, his cheeks sucked

you?" he said and swung away, pulling his trunks back up on his hips. "What do you say we go have a mburger, huh?" They had hamburgers

nd Cokes and lay on the beach next to the surfboards. talking about surfing and about the coming term as though nothing had hap pened. When Joe wanted to go surfing again, Peter said he had to go home.

when he got off the street car and walked slowly along under the trees to his house He went right up to his grandmother's room. There was no answer when he tapped on her door. He ought she must be asleep until he heard her stirring. and he knew she was no going to speak to him for while. It didn't seem to matter very much, and as he stood there before her door he had one of his

rolled up on her thick white insight when he felt no fear arms. She frowned at him. of his grandmother, and no Who was that terrible boy righteous aggrievement who came here this either, but only a kind of

He stood in front of the icebox, his back to her. "I don't know Why?"

"He sat out in his car. honking and honking and honking," Hermione said. was trying to have her nan He just sat out there he ing to wake the dead. I had to go out and tell him to go away or I'd have to call the police. He bonked and honked. He said he was supposed to pick you up.

could have been." Peter said and decided he didn't want anything to eat and left the

He went to the bath. room to take a bath. He lay in the hot water and thought about Ralph, who would know why he had not been

at home, who might even come past again without calling. He would tell Ralph to go to hell, he thought with sudden resolve "Go to hell, you bastard," he whispered fiercely. "Go to hell, you dirty rotten goddirty goddam bastard! You better not come around here if you don't want my

calling me up. He stared down at his body, distorted under the water. There was a red pinched band around his waist where the cord of his swim trunks had cut into the flesh. He ran his hands up

grandmother to call the

olice. And you better quit

his tired legs. He had almost over and over like a kind of incantation as he gently himself had not done that washed from his body the sand and salt of Mission almost done it. Maybe next Sunday he could do it. He would go down to Joe's ii Each Sunday he and house early Sunday morn-Joe spent almost all day on their boards. But even mo ing, and they would wax his board, and Mr. Bailey than the surfing, he found he liked floating out on the

water beyond the breaking

waves. They would lie on

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He and Joe would go surftheir backs on the slick ing together next Sunday waxed decks of their surfboards, talking sometimes each with his own board, or lying silently, the boards and maybe on his own pitching gently with the board he could do it. "You better quit calling wavelets, the prows slapping, an occasional seagull me up, you dirty rotten stinking bastard," he whiswheeling and screaming overhead, the sun high and pered again, repeating it

hot and the air scented with

They made friends with Red, the lifeguard, who went to State College and was a basketball star. Red was building a new redwood and balsa board, with which he asked them to help him sometimes, and he told them all he knew about surfing, and about San Onofre, a little town up the coast beyond Oceanside. where there was a fine sheltered beach under the bluffs a place to camp, and surfng even better than at Waikiki in Hawaii. Red wanted them to go up there with him for a week before school opened, but loe

couldn't because he had to work during the week, and Peter knew his grandmother

would never let him go. They were loafing on their boards one Sunday when the waves were small talking about it. Phil Gardner was there too, at a lit tle distance from the rest of them, sitting with his feet up on his board and look ing back over his shoulder for waves. Peter watched him covertly. Phil was ever older than Red: he had already graduated from college and was studying to be an architect at some school in Los Angeles. He hung

around them a good deal

although he always seemed

very scornful of their

He didn't appear to be listening to their conversa-tion, moving his hands in the water on either side to keep his board pointed in said to Red "So that's the kind of fellow you are. Camping with plump young

Red laughed and cursed

"I know the one I'd take if that was my inclination," Phil said, grinning. "But I wouldn't want to break into a going concern. Why don't you get yourself a woman, Red? Maybe that would straighten your gene

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"I do all right," Red 24 hours a day trying to get into every bag in San Diego, but I do all right.

Peter edged his board away from the others, thrust ing against the water with his legs. He saw a wave coming, a big one, rising clean and sun-flecked behind them. "Here comes a wave! Phil scramble up on their

attempt to catch it himself. watching Joe and Red and knees and begin paddling. "I hate that son-of-a bitch Phil Gardner," Joe said to Peter when they were

carrying their boards up to

the beach later that after

noon, "Every time we're having a good time surfing he comes out and wrecks it just by being there." But they saw more of

Red and Phil than of anyone else, because the four of them had the only surfboards at Mission Beach. Herm was on the beach once in a while, but always with Paula Hughes, Hickey had gone with his family to Balboa for the summer months, and Bryan was playing in tennis tournaments around Southern California. Nevertheless it was a

nemorable August for Peter It was the surfing with loe on Sundays that made it so. Also, Ralph did not phone again or show up, and his randmother was not being difficult because he was at home all through the week to read to her whenever she wanted him to and to take

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her for rides in the Buick. Toward the end of the month Hickey came back and Bryan was through with his tournaments, and more and more often, when he and loe came in from surfing, they would lie on the ach or play touch football with Hickey or Bryan and Herm and the other fellows from San Diego High.

no longer drew away from der and painfully swollen the crowd, and he realized why: loe would be varsity quarterback when football eason started. He was thinking about it one Sunday n, after a game of touch football, they were lying in a circle on the beach with their heads together, panthe and Ioe, Bryan, Hickey, Herm, and Bud Ingle and lim Connor, two other members of the team. Peter the hamburger stand. felt a jealousy he did not

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want to feel as he watched oe grinning at something Hickey had said, thinking that Joe could belong whe he permitted himself to. More and more loe was returning to the society of which they both had been members while he Peter was slipping quietly but surely away from it. He gazed off down the beach, omething in his throat ten

He watched two girls go down to the water's edge holding hands. The beach was crowded today: ove beyond the lifeguard stand, against which Phil Gardner's laminated surfboard leaned, was a group of San Diego High School girls. A mob of people streamed along the boardwalk behind the seawall, and music blarec from the loudspeaker above

When Peter turned

fficulty sustaining attention ifficulty organizing tasks

back they were all laughon, Herm," Bud said. "It's ing at something Hickey had said about Paula. Herm Jim's turn. You got to be Pierre last time. looked mad. "Is it true?"

Bryan said, "Can she really

flex those things, Herm?

Herm hammed him on the

arm hard, and the two o

them wrestled and rolled

on the sand, while every-

one laughed and scram

bled out of their way. Jim

Connor piled on top of

"Lookit that damn lucky-

Pierre!" Bud Ingle shouted

and threw a bandful of sand

over the struggling figures.

"Eet's locky, locky Pierre

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wash off. When he came

back he shook water over

Hickey and Bud. "Aw, come

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Herm struggled away

Hey, Pierre, cut it out!"

Pierre Herm!"

"Hev. hev!" Hickey said.

"Oooooh, eet's locky

them.

"Oh. that Herm's always so darn lucky," Jim Connor said in an effeminate voice walking around with short prissy steps, his hand or

A shadow came across the sand: looking around. Peter saw Phil Gardner standing behind him in sleek green tights and a Tshirt, a bottle of Ne-Hi in his hand, "Hi, Phil," Bud Ingle said.

"What's going on over here?" Phil asked.

"We're just fooling around," Bud said. "We just found out we got a Pierre on our hands.

"Aw, cut it out, Bud," Herm said.

Phil Gardner took long drink of Ne-Hi. When he lowered the bottle his lips shone damply. He said.

difficulty awaiting turn
 forgetfulness

"I know where he could find himself a couple of palsie-walsies." His eyes mont Peter's and

Ice had turned over or his side and was looking at Phil. "Who do you thin you're talking about, prickhead?" Phil's grin faded a lit-

tle. "That's not a nice word Don't use it again." Shove off, prickhead." "I said don't say it

Joe rose to his knees and brushed the caked sand off his chest. "Prickhead," he said quietly.

Phil dropped the pop bottle. His hands slowly clenched, his eyes slowly looked from face to face around him, finally settling

"Aw. let him alone, Phil." Bud said placatingly. "He didn't mean anything. Hickey rose, "He's no

as big as you are, big guy," Hickey said. "But he's got a lot of buddies" Phil looked around

once more and grinned. 'Well, I'll see you again,' he said to loe.

loe didn't answer Nobody spoke until Phil had turned and moved away. Well, it's been nice know ing you, Joe," someone said Joe lay down again and scooped sand beneath his chest. "What the hell, loe." Hickey said. "He's only eight feet tall. You can take him. loe didn't even reply or even look up for a time, but finally he grimaced at Peter and rinned a little. Peter avoided his eyes.

When the conversa tion drifted onto football practice, which would begin next week, Peter lav star-

rubbed the sand from his body, which felt tender and he could hold it there until his breath was gone, until he had to suck something into his lungs, and, breathing water, die. But when his in the men's room on the

the joke about lucky Pierre

was. It seemed to be very

Everybody referred to Pierre

in the burlesqued French

accent; he had seen the name

scrawled on the wall of the

lavatory, and it adorned the

boardwalk. He whispered

lucky-Pierre stuff

you heard it?"

artition beside the toilet

'Say Ine what's all this

"Aw, it's a joke. Haven't

Peter shook his head.

"I kind of forget how

it goes," Joe said. After sev

eral false starts he told the

shook his head. "Don't you

get it?" Joe patiently repeated

the last line. "Oooh, eet:

lucky, lucky Pierre. Again

heez een zee meedle! Get it?"
"Oh, hell," Joe said.

"These guys're three queers.

him. Then sand suddenly felt

very hot and gritty beneath

Christ's sake! Jesus, Pete!" Peter nodded and laid

his cheek against the ho

with mock annovance.

"Don't laugh or anything.

know I did a lousy job

The others were discussing

the Hulbert sisters; some

one asked loe about Gerry

He didn't listen to Joe's reply

He was thinking abou

Ralph Waller, and he thought

Abruptly he got to his

his head must burst with

feet, ran down to the water's

edge, and dove flatly in. He

came up facing the hori-

toward it, then stopped and

Peter turned to look a

"Homosexuals, for

"Well, hell," Joe said

Peter closed his eyes.

Homos, You know.

his body

sand

telling it.'

popular, very funny, ar

"Let's get the boards out and go surfing again,"

towel, grateful that los seemed offended and did breath was gone he rose not come after him.

the beach. Joe was coming down toward him.

"I've got to go home."

'I've got to be home early," he said and hurried toward the seawall where he had left his clothes and

He was afraid to buy He got off the streetca them. He watched, and in downtown San Diego when the bespectacled, hunched little man who ran and went to a little cigar store, where, in the back, the cigar store was out of sight, he stuffed them under there were used magazines

was looking for, and he the top of his cords. He paid found them all in a single for an air-stories magazine and tode the streetcar home to Mission Hills. In his room He found two he wanted he took the two magazin. out from under his belt. He one listing an article called "The Curse of Homosexu sobbed dully when he found

his sweatshirt and inside

his belly stained and branded

vith cheap black ink.

the author, Oakley Hall

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Deople who don't write think that for people who do, nothing's worse than the cuts that come with revision. Not so. Cutting, that's only goodbye.
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How it starts is that I stare down at the empty paper. Some mornings, I repeat the old seaman's prayer "Lord, the sea is so large and my boat so small. Help me." Then, almost always, old seaman's prayer or no old seaman's prayer, I get an odd lump in my throat, probably from being high strung and nervous. I ignore the throat lump and with my thumb and first two fingers, I grip the pen. The pen, usually, is an ink pen fit-

ted out with an Extra Fine nib and filled with black washable ink, wash-able being crucial because I not infrequently get ink on the blouse or T-shirt or whatever I'm wearing on top. What wants to get to paper may begin as no more than mood or tone or an itch in the mind. Whatever it is that's seeking ink, that wishes to secrete itself into words, may be as amorphous as an idea or overheard sentence or as well-defined as a subject assigned by an editor.

On bad days, as you would guess, the blank page stays blank, becomes a summer solstice, a neverending longest day of the year, one of those days when each time you walk to the door and look out, the sun will not have moved and the sky is white and the air dry hot. Maybe

ten minutes pass and the paper turns to desert where a single engine plane crashes and wind howls and blows sand. There are no survivors. Not even the copilot can trace with what's left of his finger a sentence in sand before he dies from thirst. But my plump fingers



I am always trying to hold these secrets motionless. and steady, for long enough to x-ray them.

still grip the pen. Although everything remains a picture and nothing is turning into The Letter. Corot a word, I do not give up.
"He shoots blanks."

That's what men so old that they are even old enough to be my father will sometimes say, about a man who cannot impregnate women. When the page stays empty, that's how I feel. I am shooting blanks. Dead in the water, too, is an expression that describes how I feel.

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Also, very, very scared. You will remember, ore readily than you wish, those times when you have been in love with someone who perhaps did not love you as much as you loved him or her. You wait for the telephone to ring. You envision his black phone or her red phone. You picture the night table on which his phone stands and the balled-up damp Kleenex you left tucked into the corner of his high-backed club

chair; you picture the shad-owed nook in the hallway where her red phone sits you recall the musty odor there in the pale green rug, white hair stuck in the rug's pile where her cat rolled over so that you could scratch his stomach. If she will only call, if he will dial your number, if you can hear her voice, if he will say the word. If the bush

If he does not call, if she does not punch out your

number, life is not worth living. When the bush does not burn and no words squeak through the Extra Fine nib onto the blank page, life is not worth living. I am not one of those

people, who, with Shakespeare's banished duke, finds "books in running brooks, sermons in stones." Not me. Any hike — up hills, through unpopulated valleys, along reeks — terrifies me, as does any boat ride or innertube float on a big lake or long river. I want to be where billboards are and cereal boxes and slips in fortune cookies. Even license plates or T-shirts imprinted with 'SUX" or the Goodyear blimp or sky-writing or baggage labels and bumper

stickers are better than a mountainside or a lake that reflects the cloudless summer sky. I am also not crazy about music without lyrics. Forget the "Moonlight Sonata." Write

down the length of my spine and I'll stand with my back to the mirror and look over my bare shoulder and read you writing on me. "Moon light," you said, echoing the old song, "becomes you, it goes with your hair."

Words take the edge off. On walks into wilder ness I have had to be kept held back, from spray-paint ing nouns — elephant, lemonade, Paris - onto escarpments and outcroppings. Panicked, I have sharp-ened a stick and scratched out into dirt:

Catch me before I kill more

Chainhead loves the whole wide world and, by Wallace Stevens,

She dreams a little, and she feels the dark Encroachment of that old catastrophe.

My fear of raw nature is a wordlessness feels like, to me, is loss of consciousness oblivion a blackout a shade pulled down over the world with not a slit of light let in. I need words. I need them so badly and am made so happy by them that on almost any day I am conten to sit with a dictionary and read words beginning, say, with "go." There's goiter according to the American Heritage Dictionary, "a non cancerous enlargement of the thyroid gland, visible as a swelling at the front of the neck, that is often associated with jodine deficiency. There's goitrous, goiter's adjective form. Quite how you'd use goitrous in a sentence, I am not sure. "There's a swelling on Polly's father in-law's neck that, to the doctor, looks goitrous"? There's "Golconda." "A ruined city of south-central India west of Hyderabad." There's gold bar, gold beetle, gold braid, gold brick gold bug, Gold Coast, gold coinage, gold digger, gold dust, gold foil, gold leaf, gold mine, and many gold's and golden's later, there's

As for goldfinch, I am almost as happy with the word as I am with the bird itself. Hand me a paper on which you've printed "goldfinch" and I can imagne the banana-skin yello plumage, the black tail, the busy mites that seethe through its feathers. I can hear its song. I can recall

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how, with its sharp bill, it pulls needle-like niger this-tle from the mesh feeder or picks broken sunflower hearts from off the cedar porch rail. Kissing and groping and vanking off the see hrough panties — sex frightens me too unless somebody hurries up and says, "This will never lead anywhere. This is just for

onight."

For all that, there are days when no matter how long I hold the pen, wiggle the black ink backed up in the pen's bladder, nothing comes Nouns and verb crumble. I am more cut off from words than are those mites on that goldfinch. The page remains empty. The hand that would hand this to you is empty. If I were a man, and young or even middle-aged, I would masturbate. Just to have some-thing to do with my hands. But I am not a man, so what I do is straighten T-shirts and stockings in my dresser drawers and jars of jams and jellies on pantry shelves. I untangle necklace chains. I throw away mail, both opened and unopened. I water house plants. In spring I stroll out into the garden and deadhead violets and nsies; in summer, I deadhead petunias and busy lizzies and pinch out from the center of the redsplotched emerald green coleus plants, the shaft that shoots up when coleus bolts to seed. In any season, I pour seed into the bird feeders.

Part of the reason the empty page often refuses to fill is that even when I write about someone else, even when I (or, you) write about something as apparently impersonal as weather, fresh ow, or unfiltered sunshine, an empty page is also a mirror wiped clean. You see you. I see me. Ugly old. dull old, crazy old, red-eyed,

lump-in-the-throat me. For soup-making, I have plenty. But for writing, I don't have much. My experience is small. Once I got older, outside of what occurred in other people's books, not much happened. not to me, not in the flesh. I have not permitted it. I have allowed only domes-tic details, the baked potato which I break open with my fingers and from whose

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Certain facts I hide from myself. I don't even write them in my journal. I hide what happened when I was young. The last time I spoke with an old friend about what happened when I was young, she said, "You talk as if this were still happening." I did not say to her, "It is I will say it to you. "It

What I will not write shows up at night, in dreams: I hug Lily the dachshund

and wish she'd bark and hare her teeth at what's after me. I wish she'd bite it, hard. These things that I hide show up on the blank page, not as words, but as ocea too deep to swim, too stormy and vast to cross. These fact that I do not write will go down with the ship that is me, the plump me that the sea monster will swallow. I cannot easily tell these

secrets. If I could, or, if I would, the blank page might fill faster. Perhaps you are one of

those people who sits down, puts pen to paper, and writes Perhans you have few secrets. almost no fears. Lucky you. For many of us this not being able to write sits atop a paradox. There is the anx

iety. Words - writing or

reading them — serve as

hedge, as windbreak, against

the first paragraph onto the

is anxiety. If I can just get

consciousness and off the page the material that provokes the anxiety. What begs to be written, those secrets, I refuse to write. Therefore, many hours pass during which nothing is written, and, what does get written, is written slowly and in the midst of great suffering, or, if not suffering, tumult. What is the source of

page, that anxiety, at least

momentarily, will subside.

But what keeps words from

the page, what blocks me, is my effort to keep out of

this anxiety? Behind the closed door, behind the shuttered windows, in the gloom of an interior workshop are these secrets that I keep from you and these secrets that I keep from myself. About the secrets I keep from myself, I know this: I am always trying to hold these ecrets motionless, and steady, for long enough to

x-ray them, to see deeply and thoroughly into their center. I am trying to bring these x-rays to the surface of the page and develop them to see in black or white the bones and the shadows and lumps in the organs. At the same time, behind a strong and compelling narrative, behind a useful fiction, I am always trying to hide these x-rays and what they show.

Much goes on in the exterior world in which I live. I play my necessary part in these activities. I swim arm over arm in an awkward crawl, when they swim I walk where they walk; I si at the table and raise my glass when toasts are proword: Leven blow out all the candles on the cake and lick pink frosting off the end of my finger and giggle. But I tion, or, I am not paying proper attention. By no means am I all there. I am ssed in the activities that take place in this interior workshop, where, at any hour, a drama acts itself out. This drama may be com plex, with many scenes and acts. This drama may be a singular and poisonous scene, a dilemma, played out again and again. This scene hopes eventually to have its ques tions answered and to find

resolution. This scene also

wants what no one can

give - this scene wants the

wrongs put to right, the truth

wn. This scene wants

redemption. Perhaps your mind is drawn inward in this way. You are trying to work through something to settle it. This thought or series of thoughts that engages you has the feel of a problem that wants solving. You cannot settle, at ease, as long as whatever this problem is

All the while that I work at the page, these interior dramas play in the backund. I am always, at some level and to varying degrees, trying to enter these dramas, rather than merely evading and stepping daintily or chursily the action. For isn't the action that goes on in this hidden workshop rather like a suffering patient on an emer gency-room floor, the blacklittered with filthy bandages and bloody gauze and stench from battle? I think so. No matter what has

one on in houses where I've lived and towns on whose maps those houses can be found. I have been more engaged in the goingson within this inner space. I have always been trying to understand why I am who I am. Today, while I write this, it is Mother's Day And even though I am a mother and received the appropriate beribboned gifts rom my two daughters and from my grandson, the person on whom my emotions are concentrated, with whom they dwell, is my mother. I am not a mother today. I am a child today. Belt flying above her head, the leather snapping, my mother chases She screams in her operation soprano, "I'm going to cut the blood out of you "When she catches up with me I am crying. I am wet with tears. I am shaken with sobs

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pretty red and are sharp and dig into my shoulder. She screams, "Don't you dare flinch when I touch you." can hear my own weeping. She shakes me. She screams

"I'll give you something to cry about." She does. She has She did I was garbage to my

interest. I was garbage. I tell myself when I sit

over the blank page, "You

have to sit there, you have

to stay until the bell rings.

In obedience to this com

mand. I sit until mid-after

noon, Entire hours - one

two, three - pass. I stare

at paper. I write nothing

The paper gathers dust. Its

I gain pounds of pure

emptiness. When I stand, I

am exhausted. I am heavy

with blankness. I have put

on so much numb dumb

ness that my skirt pulls

tight, across the hips and the buttons on my blouse,

its fabric now spotted with

ink stains, pop off. I go to

the closet and take out ar

enormous billowing

are printed larger-than-life-size red hibiscus, a design ele-

ment meant to obscure him

grown to hundred inches

do it. Nothing can hide how

empty I am, a giant sow

fattened on blankness, on

long yowels, oohs and aahs

that seek and never find the consonants that would

ing, or, I've written noth-

ing to go back to. I have only

filled pages, blackened the

white. The page seems

gagged, hushed, a hand

infolds over its mouth, a

knee pinions its crotch, holds

it down. When I go over what I did write I see tha

I'm in trouble with my verbs

when you're in trouble with

your verbs, you're in trou-ble with your story. All I got

down were versions of "to be." Nothing hops. Noth-ing gleams. I didn't even get

the easy guys — run, walk, lift, jump, kiss, fondle, slurp,

fall. Adjectives didn't show up at all or got to the page

Three days pass then four, and I've written noth-

vordlessness, on aimless

round. The hibiscus don't

muumuu. On the muum

to my father. I was garhage To my father's father and my father's stepmother, I was a small person of no



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so late that the blocky nouns onto which I'd tack them had already gone by, I have turned flesh to stone and princes back to frogs made nstrous by dioxins Some internecine tan-

gle, some inner drama that is working itself out internally wishes the stage of paper to show itself, but the writer, who is also the cen sor, is keeping it out. The writing itself, the activity of writing, is a bottle in which messages are placed. The process of writing is an enclosed process. The activity is pleasant and not pleas ant You often cannot hurry it. There is an operation going on, an action, that must complete itself, or near completion, before the word get to the page. The words that will complete this operation are seeking each other out. When they find one another and adhere to one

another, then a writer has a sense of being able to go forward, to write what he has write. The writer is the doctor, palpating the ounded part. The writer is the nurse, hovering over the bed, the table, the slowly

filling page. So that yesterday I stood at the sink and rinsed out glasses and stuffed cucumber peels down into the garbage disposal. What I've written's no good, I said. I write because I don't know what else to do with myself. I write because otherwise all I would do is read and wander the town with Lily the dachshund on her leash. And, of course, I write because that's what I get paid to do, and I need money. At least I don't write because I think that I hav something to say, I don't, I have no message other than my own peculiar loneliness.

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I do want to tell the story that I am supposed to be writing. And, always, nonfiction piece or my fic-tional story. But what I see when, months later, I return to those pages, is that what n is not what wanted to be written. This story whose pages I turn has been the bottle into which what wants to be written is stuffed: the bottle is then tossed into the water at the water's edge. What, eventually, you will hold in your hand and run your eyes across has served as a carrier text, a story through which the actors and ele-

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ents of this interior drama are written in invisible ink. They lurk directly behind the text that you read. There are those of us

who are needy readers, who read not just for information and escape but for words that will save us. When we read we sometimes com across certain passages that are more a life raft or lifeline than they are lines from a poem or paragraphs from a story. We throw ourselves onto these passages, we grab their fraved ends. We hold on tight. We trust the words to go. When we find these passages, or, when they find us, we frequently do not text that its words are able to help and even succor us. We may feel a certain affinity for the author. We glance at his or her photo on the dust jacket, search the face for an expression familiar to us from our own mirror We may or may not find that expression, a gaze that where you've been." This author's story may seem banal or his poem appears to lack depth of field. Yet something in this poem or this story is there when we most need it, something in the words is ready and able to save us. I like to think that what we are sensing at such a moment is the presence of these texts behind

Everything I write, no matter how much what fills the page appears to inform the reader about George Washington's False Teeth or Pedagogical Approaches to Arithmetic in Southern Norway, is also always about this inner drama, this text behind text. As the words for the story of George Wash-

ington's False Teeth get in line to march toward and blacken the page, other words, perhaps words that incite thoughts of betrayal and cruelty and illicit sex and women gone bad and filth wolf children, crawl on their bellies toward that same white paper. They act out their parts in a restrained hand jive; they squeal and mewl their speeches in tiny subsonic voices. If you read closely you might hear those squeaks and sighs and moans and sobs. You might hear a music box play old hitparade tunes. You might feel breath in your ear or a sharp fingernail on your cheek or teeth on your nipple. You might put your mouth down on the page. It is not possible to know, for sure, whether you will be helping me or I will be

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artistic potential lost to the world due to the great slaugh-ter known in the history books as World War II (Pop Music, "Horror Chamber," December 6). European culture has always been more inclusive than European politics. The in-

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fluences had never been disre-garded because of one's ances-try or religion. Until, of course, the Nazis declared war on cul-ture. While the Nazis did more than their fair share of bloodletting, the obliteration of the gifted and the non-gifted really began in the other great slaugh-ter known as World War I. One has to wonder if the setbacks in European culture resulting from these two wars didn't cr ate an artistic vacuum filled by three-chord musicians and three-chord musicians and painters who cannot draw. Dan Epperly University Heights

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My God, the humanity. Ken Meyer Jr. **Investigate Gwinn**

I see that our city attorney is very busy trying to get a San Diego Union-Tribune reporter fired for printing the truth ("Did Casey Gwinn Try to Get Don Bauder Fired?" Novem-ber 29). No wonder he doesn't

Did he have a fling with Eve Selis? Why else would he write a coherent review ("Blurt," De-cember 6)? I could actually re-

late what he was saying to his subject matter! Please, get a doctor immediately and send him to Meltzer's penthouse suite! Someone spiked his latte!

suite! Someone spiked his latte Maybe he is having a flash

about a councilman breaking the law and was told that they no longer accepted these com-plaints and that it should go to the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission told me Ethics Commission told me that they cannot do anything until next March at the earli-est, since they are just starting out. Of course, Gwinn knew this, since his office is counsel first thing the Ethics Commi hrst thing the Ethics Commis-sion should investigate is the city attorney. The next thing they should do is get them-selves a new lawyer.

Mel Shapiro

Check That,

("Did Casey Gwinn Try to Get Don Bauder Fired?" Novem-ber 29). I seem to recall that on or about October 1, 1998, a or about October 1, 1998, a San Diego grand jury came out against the feasibility of the baseball stadium and that re-port was not released on time, or was held in abeyance, so that it could not affect the November 1998 election. Check on that. Matt Potter! on that, Matt Potter!

J.P. Lopez

Sick Philo-Semitism Infortunately, Jonathan Sav

Matt Potter!

Unfortunately, Jonathan Sav-ille, whose musical expertise is generally unimpeachable, has seriously jeopardized his credibility as a man and as a critic by an unwarranted and foolish incursion into "ideol-ogy" in his review of Sx. Paul (Classical Music, "Under the Thumb of Bach and Handel, Thumb of Bach and Handel," November 29). The aposule Paul never rejected the Jews but sought to bring them into ful-fillment by their hoped-for ac-ceptance of Christ. If Mr. Sav-ille finds this appeal offensive, that is his problem, not Chris-tinitic." A cone whose work tianity's. As one whose work was primarily focused on the so-called Enlightenment, I would say to Mr. Saville that its "rationalism" is another form of fanaticism, in this case in the cause of secularism, atheism, and "Christophobia." Mr. Sav-ille's ideology may find the Acts of the Apostles "anti-lew-ish," but a Christian scholar was primarily focused on the ish, but a Christian scholar might find Mr. Saville to be simply an anti-Christian of the common sort. The problem with Mr. Saville is that he obviously believes that to be a Jew is a racial and ethnic thing, a blood tie. In this, Mr. Saville difblood tie. In this, Mr. Saville dif-fers not at all with the Aryanist-Nazi view that "blood" is ev-erything. Thus, if Mendelssohn was a Christian, according to Mr. Saville, he had to go on thinking he was also a Jew. Thus, to be born into a German family in America forces one to renain a "German" even after being America some 200 years! This

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is the kind of thinking which destroys not only the soul but all humanity. I am a human person, a citizen of the King-dom of God. That is all.

dom of God. That is all.

In the 21st Century, the rage
is to be "philo-Semitic." In other
words, Christians are stampeded into thinking in terms of
their "Jewish roots." One needs
to be constantly on guard to
avoid being called "anti-Semitic."
All of this is patent nonsense. Indeed, it is sick.

Christianity was meant to dissolve all ethnic, national, racial, cultural, and territorial bound-aries. Jews, Greeks, Romans, Syrians, Egyptians, and all other peoples became Christians and izens of the Civitas De There was to be no one "Cho There was to be no one "Cho-sen" People lording it over others, assuming an apartness within the Body of Christ. It is regrettable that Mr. Saville

can't accept this, but in the long run, it makes little differ-ence if he does not. Name Withheld

Jonathan Saville replies: Comments like these were, of course,

Possessed
This is in regard to a review in the November 21 issue on the subject of heavy metal music (Pop Music, "Moronic Nephew"), I am a fan and musicain of metal, and I'm appalled at what was said, but not surprised. The article was written by someone who knows nothing about the metal genre and has never lived it or represented it. Metal is, a form genre and has never lived it or represented it. Metal is a form of music that should be re-spected, such as jazz and classi-cal, which has earned its respect rightfully so. The writer

to Black Sabbath or heavy metal is crazy or a moron. If the writer had said that to Ozzy, Tony, Bill, or Geezer who are well in their 50s, they do such an act and waste their time with a writer that knows nothing about metal and its It's too bad that writer Au-

gust K. is moronically possessed P.S.: Hey, August, please stick to your jazz and classical reviews. That's where you know

Tony F. Metal

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look at people's lives and say to them, 'Okay, we're going to treat your life like the candy store on the corner. Here's your income, here are your expenses, and here's your debt.' For most people, "according to San Diego bankruptcy attorney Mark Miller, "their candy store is going our of business. We can't let people's

Mark Miller, "their candy store is going out of business. We can't let people's personal lives go out of business. That is where bankruptcy comes in. Enron, the energy giant that just filed for Chapter 11 (corporate bankruptcy), gets all the press, but personal bankruptcy — Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 — is on the rise, Miller told me. The Wall Street Journal recently reported that only about one

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should be."
Miller said that filings a this Jefferson
Street office are up about 20 percent.
"In the 12-month period ending
September 30," he explained.
"bankruptcy cases nationwide totaled
about 1.5 million. That's a 14 percent
increase.

every year, but a full 15 percent should be."

"You would be amazed," Miller said. "I had one guy who was selling his plasma twice a week to make minimum payments. I had four clients in the last year who tried to commit suicide right before coming to see me.

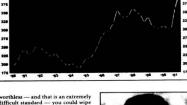
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I've got people from all walks of life. I've got families where both spouses work, but maybe the wife's income just covers credit card debt. I say to the guy, 'How does it feel that your wife

guy. 'How does it feel that your wife is working for Visa?' " Miller explained that debt woes usually begin early and can haunt someone until they die. "I see people," he said, "who started out when they he said, "who started out when they were in college and got into it because the credit card companies put applications for cards in the extbooks that they bought at the bookstore. So they started there, with about two or three thousand dollars. Then they were the big man on campus after they graduated and started buying drinks for their friends — 'Hey, let drinks for their friends — 'Hey, let me get that,' they say. And then let's flash forward to their 30s and 40s. They're not quite making the money they need, so they're using credit to finance their kids growing up and such. Then we fast-forward to when they're in their 70s and Social Security is their only income, so they have to live off credit. It really is a cradle-to-

Inve off credit. It really is a cradic-to-grave situation."

Most debts, including credit card balances and medical bills, can be crased by filing for bankruptcy through Chapter 7 or Chapter 13, but one kind of liability, student-loan debt, is almost moossible to cancel, "There is only what is called a hardship discharge



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worthless — and that is an extremely difficult standard — you could wipe them out. Also, if you were disabled, or if the school went out of business, or if the school committed fraud, then you might be able to erase your studentloan debt, but other than that it's very loan debt, but other than that it's very difficult to get rid of. The government believes that it is in everyone's best interest that student loans are really easy to get and relatively inexpensive. So if you're going to set up programs that encourage creditors to loan to people it should then be very difficult to get rid of the debts. because there is a rid of the debts, because there i

rid of the debts, because there is a public policy in this country that we want people to go to school.

"Listen, it's false advertising,"
Miller said. "You take out \$40,000 to go to a state college and then you become a high school teacher, where you make \$30,000 a year. We get a lot of people who work hard who are crippled by student-loan debt. What we have to do is say. 'Look, here is what I can do for you bankruptcy-wise to wipe out your credit card debx, the medical bills, and all of that.' In terms of the student loan, in some instances they can pay interest onl for a short period. But the real probler for a short period. But the real problem is that we're giving students credit card debt on top of their student loans, so we're hitting them with both barrels." Exacerbating the problem Miller explained, is 'that universities won't let him counsel students.

"They will not let me on campus to give seminars." he said, "because to give seminars." he said, "because

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to give seminars, he said, Decause the credit card companies don't want me there telling the students not to get the cards."

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about ten years. Also, there's the business of hiring a lawyer. And contrary to popular opinion, going to prison is a real scenario for people who can't escape their debt through bankruptcy. "Some people say there's no such thing escape their debt through bankruptcy.

"Some people say there's no such thing
as debtor's prison." Miller said. "You
know what? There is. If someone sues
you, and they ask you to come to court
to disclose your assets, if you don't
show up, the judge will issue a warrant
for your arrest. It's scary."

— Justin Wolff

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The orchestra also presents a Christmas concert on Friday, De cember 14, at 8 p.m., at the Tijuana City Hall (found in the Zona Río). Admission to this recital is \$11 U.S. Questions? Call 011-52-664-684-9320 for answers. (TIJUANA)

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"Romance con la Luz" is the title for a talk planned by photographer Phillip Scholz Rittermann on Friday December 14. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. at the Casa de la Cultura (Avenida Paris #5, Colonia Al tamira). Free. For additional details, dial 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

"Laudate Pueri Dominum," a Christmas choral concert is planned when the Children's Opera Choir of Tijuana presents a Christmas concert on Saturday, December 15, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Tickets are \$8.50 general, \$4.25 for s

Calling All Hogs! There's a Harley on Saturday, December 15, begin ning at 10 a.m., at Avenida Revolu-ción and 7th Street. Free, Call 011-52-664-685-0206 for more information. (TUUANA)

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But Wait, There's More! Busy on Saturday? The Centro de Estudios Musicales presents a Christmas con-cert on Sunday, December 16, at 1 p.m., at Teatro Benito Juárez (on Calle Candalos Victoria) Calle Guadalupe Victoria). Free. 011-52-646-172-2850. (ENSENADA)

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OUTDOORS

Liquidamber Trees, or sweet gums, the colorfully deciduous trees gracing front yards, parks, and campuses throughout the San Diego area, have been putting on a good show for the past month. The maplelike leaves of ome varieties have turned from some varieties have turned from green to purple to red; the leaves of other varieties have faded to a golden yellow. Other varieties will hold on to their leaves until the new year. Most will regain their foliage by late February.

Toyon, or "Christmas berry," one of the more distinctive shrubs of South ern California's native chapstral plant community, has begun to flaunt clusters of red berries. Hollywood (California) derives its name from the hollylike appearance of this

toyon can be usually be found wher-ever large patches of native vegeta-tion survive, but especially in the tion survive, but especially in mo-thick chaparral covering some north-facing slopes. Toyon branches may look inviting to cut as a Christmas wreath — but they're protected by California state law.

re characteristic of late fall and early winter's dry spells. You can drive up Soledad Park in La Jolla or Moun Helix in La Mesa for an all-encom passing view. Or try hiking up to vantage points such as Cowles Mountain in the San Carlos area and Woodson Mountain near Ramona. Don't forget to bring a flashlight for the trip up or down.

An Annular (or "Ring") Solar Eclipse occurs in the mid-Pacific Ocean on Friday, December 14. As Ocean on Friday, December 14. As seen from the right places south of here, the moon will pass centrally over the solar disk but fail to block all of the sun's bright light. For San Diegans, this is a minor event: the sun will barely get nicked by the silhou-ette of the moon during the after-noon. Mid-eclipse occurs at about 1:30 p.m.

Journey into Blue Sky, naturalist Journey into Blue Sky, naturalist Dianne Kurtox leads an introduc-tory hike through the hike on Satur-day, December 15. A "family fun hike" is slated for Sunday, Decem-ber 16. Both outings start at 9 a.m. Free. Find the park on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. For information, call 858-694-3049, (POWAY)

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Saturday, December 13, Bring wa-ter, wear stardy shoes, and bring binoculars (if you have them). The hike starts at 9 a.m. in the trailhead parking lot. Find the canyon at 19324 Santee Lane. o19-956-4707. (VALLEY CENTER)

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Learn About Plant Communities and the history of Sutherland Dam when docent Mark leads a two-mil hike in San Dieguito River Park or Saturday, December 15, from 10 a.m to noon. For reservati tions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free (RAMONA)

Dedicated to Rescuing Wild Animals in trouble, the Wildlife Assistorganization hosts an orientation on Saturday, December 15, at 2 p.m., at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Juniper Serra Trail). Participants are trains and equipped in all aspects of the work. 619-921-6044. (MISSION GORGE) Rock People Hike, join Will Bowe

Rock People Hisk, join Will nower on a hike to examine the stones, rocks, pebbles, and cobbles of the canyon "from an intuitive, spiritual, and sensory perspective" on Satur-day, December 15, in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. The adventure be-gins at 3 p.m. in the west-end park. ing/staging area off Sorrento Valle Road, one-half mile east of the inter section with Vista Sorrento. The out-ing is free; call 858-484-3219 for more

See Purple Sea Urchins and Lob-sters in the tidepools at Hospital Point with a naturalist during the tidepooling expedition planned by the Birch Aquarium-Museum on

Saturday, December 15, at 3 p.m. The fee is \$12 for adults, \$8 for chil-dren 6 to 13. Advance registration is required; to make reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

The Glorietta, Margarita, Mo Limited Plus, take a "mansion troll with Walkabout explorers on Wednesday, December 19, a 8:45 a.m. To reach the starting poi 5:33 a.m. 10 reach the starting joint take the Coronado Bridge, turn left after the toll booth onto A Avenue turn left at 5th Street, and right onto Glorietta Boulevard to the 6th Stree meeting place. An optional lunch foll lows (bring money). Call 619-231 7463 for information. (CORONADO)

DANCE

Bellydancing and live Middle East-ern music is promised at the Claire de Lune coffee lounge tonight, Thursday, December 13, at 8 p.m. Featured dancers include Anissa, Cyrena, Milana, and Ramona, ac-Cyrena, Milana, and Ramona, ac-companied by Al Kimie. Open danc-ing is planned. Admission is \$5. Find the coffeehouse at 2906 University Avenue; 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Contra-Time, the Old Twine String Band makes the music and Steve Bar-low calls for the contradance on Fri-day, December 14, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Duncing begins at 8 p.m., fol-lowing beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear softsoled shoes. For more information, dial 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

"Dance Attitude" will be exhibited when the Palomar College dancers present all-student choreography performances at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15, in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Pale mar College. Tickets are \$10 general. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. For reservations, dial 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Nuts to You, it's The Nutracker time again. Ballet Arte Dance Theatre pre-sents its version of the classic De-cember 14-16 in Parker Community Auditorium (at La Jolla High School. Auditorium (at La Jolla High School, 750 Nautilus Street, at Fay Avenue). The cast includes over 100 students The cast includes over 100 students and pre-professional dancers from North County, along with guest pre-formances begin at 7 pm. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 pm. matter on Saturday and Sunday, Tickets are 100, 815, and 825. Call 858-829-505 for reservations. IcA #03LM. City Bulle 105 fact Dept. with the Dappe Citic County Green and Eleaberth Wistinsh. but performances the state of the Property of the Propert

Elizabeth Wistrich, has performance planned December 14-16, at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). The production follows choreography by the great Russian ma y and Satur-rday, and at 1 and 5 p-iday. Tickets range from \$19 to 5, available by calling 858-272 Ticketmaster (619-220 8663 or Ticketma TIXS), (DOWNTOWN)

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The Moscow Classical Ballet returns for its seventh annual appear-ance, accompanied by the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, Friday through Sunday, December 14 through 16 (7:30 p.m. nightly; mati-nees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Suncember 20-23 at Civic Theatre. "Fumbling Towards Ecstasy.

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Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. Ticket range \$21 to \$51. For reservations, call 800-988-4253, (ESCONDIDO)

The San Diego Givic Youth Ballet presents its third annual production of The Nutcracker, directed by Xavier Hicks, December 14-16 at the

Xavier Hicks, December 14-16 at the Casa del Prado Theater. The curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday and Satur-day, with 2 p.m. matiness on Satur-day and Sunday. Tickets are \$10 and

\$12. For information, call 619-233

on Muir Drive on the OCSD cam-pus. Tickets are \$26 adults, \$16 chil-dren 12 and younger; senior, mili-tary, and student discounts available. For reservations, dial 619-401-0552.

Don't miss Clara's magical dream when the California Ballet Company performs December 15 and 16, at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road), Tickets: \$29, \$34, \$39, and a

children's price of \$16. The perfor-mances begin at 2:30 and 8 p.m. on

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at 11 a.m. at Coast Athletics (613 Westlake Street). The fee is \$15. For information, call 858-793-0178. (ENCINITAS)

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Sly, Dry, Wry, enjoy "an ode to the absurdity of human desire" when absurdity of human desire" when Last Dight screens for the Film For-rum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, December 17, at 6:80 p.m. What happens in the last six hours before the end of the world amongst inhabitants of Toronto? Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-256-5800. Free, DOWNTOWNO Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, a

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of the earth's alien, hidden realms, guided by two cavers seeking those often unexplored frontiers. The latest Mas Gillivray Freeman Films offer ing follows: "extreme scientists" Hazel Barton and Nancy Aulenbash as they seek organisms that might hold new medical applications. Cause continues: through: Thursday, March 7, 2002.

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

LECTURES

"Representations: Artistic Com mentaries on Women, Attire, and Adornment" opens at the Women's History Reclamation Project with a History Reclamation Project with a "Celebration of Women and the Arts" reception on Saturday, De-cember 15, at 3 p.m. During this hol-iday open house, artist and SDSU art professor Jamet Cooling will present an overview and discuss percious and new work. Find the project at 2323 Broadway, with 107, 619-233-7963. Free, (GOLDEN MILL)

"An Illuminated Riddle and Nature "An Illuminated Riddle and Nature Studies" by artist Cheryl Parry are on view at the Earl and Birdle Taylor Li-brary, Parry's oil on carnwa paintings, each composed of two panels bearing images and one panel of text, are ex-cuted in a realistic style evoking the Renaissance maters. Parry will pre-sent a facture about her work on Sat-urday, December 15, at 1 pm. The li-brary is foculted at 427°C ass Street, call 885–881–993-1 Free, IMAIDE BIOCOL.

Write Right, English composition professor Emily F. Nye leads a four-hour writers' workshop on Satur-day, December 18, at 9 a.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). The workshop is for novice and experienced writers, with a variety of writing exercises. Free. ring paper and pen. 858-755-316.

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"Who Owns Your Body?" Medical attorney Dr. Madeleine Cosman will attorney Dr. Madeleine Cosman will speak on the legal and medical as-pects of the topic for the Ayn Rand Salon at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Decem-ber 16, at the La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657

More on Frames, learn all about
"The Frame in America" when David
Smith presents an "insight gallery
talk" on Sunday. December 16, at
2 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of
Art. The lecture is included in regu-lar museum admission. 619-6961966. (194.106. Apriley)

Urban Ecology Has Existed as an in-Urban Ecology Has Existed as an in-tellectual focus for some time in Eu-rope and is now emerging in the U.S. a's assignificant 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 concludes with a panel

discussion focusing on "An Ecological Reconciliation? Humans and Na cal Reconciliation? Humans and Na-ture in Urban Settings and the Qual-ity of All Life" on Monday, December 17. Panelists include Richard Louv (moderator). Eric Bowlby, Richard Bray, Paul Drayton, Chris Khoury, Gil Ontai, Michael Ruiz, James Sallis, Carrie Schneider, and Michael Stepner. Take in the conversation in room.

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What Does It Mean to Declare Bankruptcy? Find out when attorney Mark L. Miller conducts an educational eminar on many facets of bankruptc at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19 in the auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5894. (DOWNTOWN)

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"Holiday SlaMMPAC '01" — an Holiday StamMPAC 01" — an acoustic music and spoken-word event — takes place at 7 p.m. tonight. Thursday, December 13, at the McDonald Mon Performing Arts Center (3010 Juniper Street). Open-mike signups start at 6:30 p.m. for information, call 888-568-2278, (2001) PAING

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7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 6 p.m. on Sunday. The "joyous, thoughtful celebration of the Christmas story" includes audience participation. Free. Find the church at 8404 Phyllis Place; 858–550–1870 x132, MISSON VILLAGI)

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"Ring We Now of Christmas" may be enjoyed when the Celebration Ringers handbell choir and Angel Wingers handbell due present holiday music on Sunday, December 16 at 14 on the Celebration Refreshment of the Prophysics o ber 16, at 4 p.m., at Christ Presbyte musical celebration with contempo rary praise and worship songs as well as traditional carols." — on Friday December 14, a 72-30 p.m. at Hopo United Methodist Church (1658) Bernardo Heights Parkway, 1657; Child care is available by reservation. SS-485-5840, (BANCHO BERNARDO). The Kearny Mesa Concert Ban-offers a selection of holiday of the form around the world at the Spreach form around the world at the Spreach (account of the Contemporary of the decleans Designation on Saturdon (1987). rian Church of La Costa (7807 Cen-tella). An offering will be received. Call 760-940-2134 for information.

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els Organ Pavilion on Saturday. De-cember 15, at 1:30 p.m. Free 858-455-4418. (BABOR PAIN): Head to Foothills Unite Methodist Church when the chance choir. full orchestra, guitarist To Boyer. and the Symphonic file Tones focus on "The Many Mood of Christmas" on Saturday. Of Christmas on Saturday. Of her 15. Admission is free, and chile Catholic Church (17232 Bernardo Center Drive), Free. 888-847-434.
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The San Carlos United Methodist Church music series continues on Sunday, December 16, at 7 p.m., when the church chorale, jazz copsel ensemble, and Benny Hollmann and His Big Band Orchestra of the Cowless Mountain Boulevach (at Navialo), 619-464-4331. An offering will be received; (SMCARDS). will be received. (SAN CARLOS.

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Hinton Time, the Sierra Club hosts its annual Sam Hinton holiday songlest on Friday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). Call 619:299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (MARDA PARN) What Is Your Skin Type? Can a

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"Axis" is presented by Artists for Social Issues on Friday and Satur-day, December 14 and 15, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. The Performance and Visual Art. The evenings promise visual art. theater, poetry, dance, and music "depicting the world of mental health and our society." Tickets — \$15 general benefit the Alpha Project and the Creative Arts. Consortium. For reservations, call 619-615-8949. Sushi is found in the ReinCarnation Building at 13th 11th Authority. Building, at 320 11th Avenue

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The concer is scheduled for Sat-urday, December 15, at 7 p.m., at the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center (3909 Centre Street). Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. For information, dial 619-291-1855.

A Creative Alternative to Tradi-tional Biblioty Concorts is promised when the Kristin Korb Trio performs at Saint Paul's Cathedral on Satur-day, December 15.7 p.m. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" boasts the jazz tracks composed by late pianist Vince Guardial (familiar to anyone who's ever seen the Charlie Brown models). The process of the Missand

Guaraldi. Find St. Paul's at 2728 Sixth Av

Vaudeville Night is set for Saturday, December 15, at 8 p.m., hosted by the Fault Line Players. Comedians, improv artists, poets, and sketch comics are all invited to take part in the fun. Find the Fault Line Theatre at 3152 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce) 619-692-3382. Admission is \$5 (HILLCREST) Celebrate Winter Solstice when the

instruments on Saturday, Decem-ber 15, 7 p.m., at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Bring a folding chair or blanket for seating 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

adopting "neglected children." Free. 858-535-1404. (LA JOLLA)

Four Winds present a Native American concert with flutes and other

Ramona Author lerilyn Minerva will sign copies of her books The Christmas Angel and A Lifetime of Channie on Saturday, December 15. at noon to 2 p.m., at Deseret Book (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Minerva books chronicle her accounts of

the youth and adults participating in the Cuban dance classes and visual art and poetry workshope by libruya. The Motojaye Arta Institute for Youth performs a musical presenta-tion about the history and practice of Kwanzas. The celebration begins at 2 p.m. on Sautuday, December 15. Free. 619-641-6100. (СПУ НЕЗОНТВ)

Free. 619-641 - 6100, (GPT HEIDHTS).

A Migalacial Reliafor Celebraction is promised at the Peninsula Centre for Performing Arts on Saturday, December 15, from mont to 5 p.m. Guests will enjoy live performances by the Gotta Sing Gotta Dance All Stars from Point Lorna High School, art, music, Family fun, frood and Santa, Free.

Glen Fisher's Gomango Invasion specials). The program is dedicated to the memories of "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz and composer

Orchestra performs at 5 and 7 p.m.; concert admission is \$10. Find the center at Gold's Gym on the Penis sula, 3156 Sports Arena Bou For more information, call 619-224 4644. (POINT LOMA)

Thriller Author Andrew Klavan will

Sunday, December 16, at 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. Call 858-268-4747 for more details. Pomp, Circumstance, Comedy, the San Diego Comedy College presents its monthly Stand-Up Comedy Grad-

uation Showcase on Sunday, December 16, at 8 p.m., at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel (2270 Hotel Circle Drive). Tickets: \$10. For information, dial 818-920-0214. (MISSION VALLEY)

Performance Poetry — combining poetry, dance, music, and theater in English and Spanish — is promised when Holly Wilson is joined by David Millard (flute and guitar) an Eduardo Fabogal (percussion) at the Other Side (4096 30th Street, at Polk). The fun begins at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 16. Free. 619-521-0533. (NORTH PARK)

Holiday Poetry Is Welcome when the Poetsperformance open reading takes place on Sunday, December 16. at 4 p.m., at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). Bring your own work of that of your favorite author. Free. For more details, call 619-523-5543. (POINT LOMA)

Way Books (162 South Ranch Santa Fe Road, suite A-30). The \$15 fee "includes surprises." For infor-mation, dial 858-720-0050. (ENGINITAS)

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From Medieval to Modern, you'l From Medieval to Modern, you'll hear all kinds of Christmas music and a patriotic salute when the Christian Community Theater present Traditions of Christmas* December 20-23. Performances begin at 10 a.m. 2, and 7:30 p.m. at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from \$15 to \$35 general. For information, call 619-588-0206. or 800-696-1929, (DOWNTOWN

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(SPORTS AREMA)

NSSA Surf Contest #10, two days of contests are scheduled for this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16, beginning at 6:00 a.m. at Harbor Beach, the south jetty, at Harbor Drive and Pacific Street. Admission is free for spectators. Call 714-536-0445 for information.

Sen Marcos Blast, take a quick flat ride with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Sunday, Decem-ber 16. The 70-mile jaunt starts at 9 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 619-583-8547.

Chargers Meet Raiders, the San Diego Chargers host the Oakland Raiders in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, December 16, at 2 p.m. Fan information: 858-455-1984/85/or 86;

877-CHARGERS. Games can be heard in English on KFMB (760 AM) and in Spanish on XEXX Radio (1420 AM). (MISSION VALLEY)

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Knickerbikers are hosting a 25-mile oftersoon ride on Sunday, December 16,
starting at 1:30 p.m. at Dudfey's Bakery
(park in the back of the pasting lot).
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619-699-1523, (BMTA YABEE)
Parado of Lights Ride, watch the annual parado of lights in San Diego Bay
with Siera. Club bicyclasts a with Series and Sunday. Document of the starts
at 4:39 p.m. in the south parking lot
of the Caunty Administration Building (at Ash and North Hatbor Drive).
Lights are required. For information.
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Minstrels, Carolers, traditional hol-day decor and arts and crafts are featured when La Mesa Boulevard be-tween Fourth Street and Acacia tween Fourth Street and Acacia Avenue is transformed into an old-fashioned Christmas village and pedestrian promenade on Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. 619-462-3000. (LA MESA)

"Disasters of War," a collection of rare prints by renowned Spanish artist Francisco Goya, is on exhibit from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15, in the galleries at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcala Park). The exhibit includes French artist Jacques Callot's Miseries of War, created in 633. Free. For more information. call 619-260-4682. (BNOA VSTA)

La Posada Night at Quail Botanical Gardens will feature a mariachi band,

Gardens will feature a mariach band, refreshments, and pitatas, Saturday, December 15. It's part of the gardens' fifth annual Carlen of Lights. In Christmas lights on the plants and trees. There will be horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday music, children of the control of the co

Everybody Needs One! Discuss Vir ginia Woolf's book A Room of One's Own with the Del Mar Great Books Own with the Del Mar Great BOOKS Reading and Discussion Group on Friday, December 14, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real), 858-756-4298, Free. (DEL MAR)

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Discover Campo's Mining History with a guided tour from the Old Stone Store Museum and a walk to a nearby molybdenum mine when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a Christmas Miller Creek train

The Question of Life on Mars has been renewed by possible fossils found in a metorite from Mars and the Mars Global Surveyor pictures of recent water crossion. The Red planetarium above employing the new Digistar II projector at Palomar Collego on Friday, December 14. Shows begin at 7 p.m. Call 760-744-1130 x2833 for the recommended reservation. Admission is Reshad Gased Doors, the American Society of Interior Designers is presenting a tour of five designers' homes decorated for the holidays on Saturday, December 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Organizers promise "a treasure trove of traditional and trendy ideas for the holiday." Tickets to the "ASUI Tour. Designers' Homes for "ASID Tour: Designers' Homes the Holidays" are \$15. For infor mended reservations. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 5-12 and Palomar students. The campus is found at 1140 West Mission Road; the planetarium is located in room ES-1 on the west side of the science quad on the campus. (SAN MARCOS) tion and home sites, call 858-646-9896. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

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La Possads Sis Frenterses, the eighth annual *possads without borders, *is stated for Saturday, December 15, from 3 to 6 p.m., at Border Monument State Park. The possads is a traditional Mexican ritual commemorating Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlebrem on Christmas quad on the campus. (SAN MANCOS). Gem and Jevelry Show, see all that glitters at the Del Mar Fairgrounds activity center December 1-16. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Find-the fairgrounds at 2280 Jimmy Find-the fairgrounds at 2280 Jimmy Son and there's a 56 parking fee. 858-793-5555. (DEL MAIN) eve as they travel from inn to inn.

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bled on both sides of the border will join together in song and prayer and "remember those who have died crossing the border during the past year." To reach the park, take 1-5 south, and exit at Coronado Avenue to Hollister, then right on Monument Road. Free. For more information, call 619-233-4114. (MPERML BEACH) hosts a Christmas Miller Creek train trip on Saturday, December 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will board a restored locomotive for a 16 mile, 1.5-hour ride to learn about the area's geologic formations. A visit from Santa Claus is promised. The nonmember fee is \$21 for adults, \$15

reserve a spot. (CAMPO)

Day of Mending, after 15 years of service, Beryl Lamb, "chief surgeon" and owner of the Carlshad Doll Hos-pital, is closing her clinic's doors (on December 31). Saturday, December 15, has been declared "Carlshad's Day of Mending," and

there's a "mending celebration" planned from noon to 4 p.m. Tea and cookies will be served, and "for-mer patients" will visit. Find the doll hospital at 2925 State Street; 760-729-7666. Free. (CARLSBAD) for kids. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to

A Psychic Fair and metaphysic conference is scheduled at Alexa dra's BookStore from noon to 6 p.m Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 16. Tarot, palmistry, nur and 16. Tarot, palmistry, numero-ogy, and other psychic arts will be featured; pay \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS AREMA)

Parade of Lights, the Port of San Diego hosts its 30th annual Parade of Lights on Sunday, December 16. It starts south of Shelter Island and

The Light Time of the Year, organizers of the Holiday of Lights at the Del Mar Fairgrounds boast of "the largest and most dazzling display of seasonal festive lights in San Diego," with holiday-therned displays continuing through Tuesday, January 1





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The Cream Silk Medieval Gowi and Cape worn by Loretta Young in The Crusades are on view — along



with movie props, posters, and other costumes — through Wednesday, January 30, 2002, in the donor corri-dor of the SDSU Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The collection of panile Drive). The collection of memorabilia spanning 65 years is owned by sociology professor Nor-man Tipton, Viewing is free. 619-594-1645. (SDSU)

The Three-Part Installation Bird Hub by artist Daniel Wheeler is on view through March 5, 2003, at the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center. With the Bird Hub, Wheeler aimed to create an artistic scene similar t what could be described as an airpo with birds perceived as the "air-planes." The project consists of three planes." The project consists of three stations: the "Terminal," the "Tower," and the "Perch" (found on the MiraCosta College campus). For information and directions, call 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

Choo-Choo! The All-Gauge Toy Train Association's annual show runs through Saturday, January 5, 2002, at the La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). For viewing hours and other details, dial 858-552-1657. Free. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

Visit the Toy Store when comic ver through Sunday, December 16, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater.

Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater, Don't take a long winter's nap! Sec Twas the Night before Christmas when Tom Jensen's Puppets perform December 19-23. Performances begin at 10 and 1:200 am. Wednesday through Fri-day and at 11 am., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday (except where noted). Find the theater near the Aerosuce Center. Admission is the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under For more information, call 619-685-5045. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn About the Critters — such as crabs, sea hares, and anemones — that thrive in the harsh conditions of tide-pools at La Jolla Shores when the Birch um hosts Tidepooling for Tot oday, Thursday, December 13, at 1:30 p.m. The fee is \$12 per adult, \$8

The Grinch Himself — from the production at the Old Globe The-atre — will share his classic Dr. Seuss tale during the story time planned at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Saturday, December 15, 11:30 a.m. Guests will also do a craft. Find the shop at 10775 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

A Giant, Magic Beans, Golden Eggs...sounds like Jack and the Beanstalk, the next production for the Theatre School at North Coast

the Theatre School at North Coast Repertory Theatre. This 'bilarious version of an age-old tale' continues until Saturday, December 22. See the play at 11 am. and 2 p.m. on Saturdays, December 15 and 22. Tickets are 57 for adults, 55 for chil-dren. Find the theater at 987-D Lo-mas Santa Fe. For reservations, call 858-481-1055, (SOLANA BEACH)

Visit with Sents at a workshop open Vials with Santa at a workshop open house sponsored by Escondido Recreation. Organizers plan a break-fast buffet, a visit to the workshop and Rudolph's reindere stables for some crafts projects, and a set set for Santa's lap. This "Santa's workshop open house" as set for Saturday. De-cember 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m., at the East Valley Com-munity Center, 2245 East Valley Parkeys. Parkway. Tickets must be purchased in ad-

vance at the Community Services De-partment of City Hall (210 North



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ABOUT THE BOOK:

bloody streets. From the famous 1927 photo of the electro-cution of Ruth Snyder— who had conspired with her corsei-salesman lover to murder her husband— taken with a hid-den camera to such icons of celebrity as Kate Moss and Johnny Depp, pictured together at an exclusive party, the News pro-duces photographs that give shape to fantasies of life in the world's greatest metropolis.

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ABOUT THE BOOK: From the dust jacket — Here, spanning the last 80 years of the 20th Century, are images that capture the heart of New York City: packed sports stadiums, hushed morgues, glamorou nightclubs, treacherous rooftops where suicides wait to leap, and

Participants will discover, identify, and interpret scat, tracks, and other animal signs. The fee for nonmem-bers is \$15. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (CLAIREMONT) "Scat and Track," find out how sciand habits by following the clues an-imals leave behind during this class planned by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, De-cember 15, at the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). The class, for those in grades one through

Starry Stories, children and adults have been fascinated by the heavens for thousands of years. Enjoy stories for all ages about the stars from dif-ferent cultures and times "surwithout blur. The result was pictures with incredible depth, agraphic impact, and of course, a ringided view. In the mid-30s. Harry Warnecke suggested that color might be worth looking into, and the began producing one color picture each week on the cower of the Sunday Rotogravure section. Warnecke designed a special camera to accommodate three plates, one for each color. He also supervised the New Photo Studio, which took up a whole floor in the 42nd Street building. The studio had great cachet in entertainment circles, and the archive abounds with pictures of celebrities.

rounded by magical and mysterious astronomical images, at the Califor-nia Center for the Arts, Escondido on Saturdays, December 15 and 22, at 10:39 a.m.

The program is included in reg-ular museum admission. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway), Call 760-839-4119 for informa

The Discovery Series hosted by the The Discovery Series hosted by the la folla Chamber Music Society con-tinues with a performance by the Kungsback Plano Trio on Sunday, December 16. Trio members Malin Broman (violin), Ispers Svedberg (ccilo), and Simon Crawford-Phillips will play Berthover's "Trio for Vio-lin, Cello, and Piano in D Major

From the Introduction — The Daily News's editorial use of picture spreads and large pictures to tell a story revolution-ized American journalism (it was rumored that the News was required reading in the editorial offices of Henry Luce's fleedjing intereditorial offices of Henry Luce's fleedjing intereditorial offices of Henry Luce's fleedjing their managazine. The photographers became adopt not just at getting the picture. But also at taking the picture — honing their craft with experimentation until their technique became seamless. One story relates how Charles Hoff, one of the first bytographers to use synchronized flash, left the rest of the

picture press literally in the dark. They had caught on fast

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Train Day, the San Diego Model Rail-road Museum hosts a "toy train work-shop farmily day" on Sunday, Decem-ber 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will make railroad ornaments, holi-



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erage of events in the city and around the world. day greeting cards, and candy glove There will be toy train videos, fac painting, refreshments, and *The Po-*lar Express. It's free with museum ad mission (54; children under 15 free) 619-696-0199, (BALBOA PARK) Dvoták.
The concert begins at 3 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for students 6 to 18. For reservations, call 858-459-3728.

In making this book, we sought to show the images in all of their original beauty, as the photographer originally witnessed the scene, scanning from negatives wherever possible. In some cases where the negatives were old and damaged, and the second of the scene applied by retouchers and intended to enhance reproduction on the early presses. Eather than viewing this as a flaw, we choose to include those images, as some of them are much too good to hide away because of scars. We also gave photographer credit wherever possible, but many did not beat a credit, especially of the scene of

cially in the early years, when it was the paper's policy to employ the credit "News Photo."

ABOUT THE DAILY NEWS ARCHIVE: The New York Daily

ABOUT THE DAILY NEWS ARCHIVE: In New York Daily New photo archive is the largest searchable online database of photographs in the world. It consists of current color pho-tographs as well as historic images edited from more than six million prints and negatives in the Daily News library. These lection includes staff material dating back to the paper's found-ing in 1919, and other material dating back to 1888. Only 1919, and other material dating back to 1888. Only prominer not gloss of the property began in 1919 with the founding of the New York Daily News. The News picture col-lection retreements an innovated news of modern behoutoursalistic.

lection represents an important piece of modern photojournalistic history, documenting the birth of tabloid photography with its reliance on dynamic images meant to grab the attention and imagination of busy city readers.

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The Daily News photo archive is the best visual history of 20th-century New York in existence. Everything from entertainment to politics, disasters to celebrations, criminals to heroes has been photographed by News photographers. The archive is updated every day with the latest photos from the New's cov-

MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum's activities in clude locating, collecting, docu-menting, and preserving historica gas-, steam-, and horse-poweres gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agri-culture, but to the general develop-ment of Amieriac. The collection is made up of equipment used in lum-bering, mining, oil drilling, and con-struction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelveright slop-, a country kitches museum has a blacksmith and wheelveright slop-, a country kitches mill; and 1/3 scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Av-nue. For (urther details, call enue. For further details, ca 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Barona Museum, in conjunction with Native American Month, the museum features "Those Who Served at Home and Abroad," on view through February 2002. The exhibit pays tribute to the Barona Native Americans and Barona community members when beautiful programmers or the programmer of t tive Americans and Barona community members who served in previous wars, five of whom received the Purple Heart. Guests will see historic artifacts and individual contributions. The museum and cultural center is found at 1095 Barona Road (one mile north of the Barona Casino). For information, call 619-443-7003 x219. (LANESIDE)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Ce Bonita Museum and Cultural Con-ter, the museum highlights the his-tory of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical pho-tographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements: the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the Chula Vista Star News. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road, Dial 619-267-3141 for addi-tional information materia. tional information. (BONITA)

A CONVERSATION WITH THE EDITOR ABOUT THE BOOK: Shawn O'Sullivan is features picture editor at the New York Daily News. We talked recently during what was early afternoon on the West Coast and twilight on the East Coast. Ms. O'Sullivan was in her office at the Daily News. I said to her that since Septemher 11's horrors. I had wanted to read about New York City and ber 11's horrors, I had wanted to read about New York City and look at photographs of New York City as its streets and buildings and people were before Mohammed Atta and his vile side-kicks did what they did. New York Epoped was planned long before the attack on New York, and to look through its pages, for a few minutes, is to be able to forget, for those minutes, what

happened.

Ms. O'Sullivan said that she was hoping that many people would want to look at these photos. The New York Duly News, the explained, now has six million images in its archive, which world. New images are added to the archive every day, both vectal and historic. (You can seatch these images on the web-site, located at www.dailynewspic.com/l Imentioned to Ms. O'Sull-van how much I damitted the Duly News archive and how much fun I'd had searching through it.
"It's a really incredible archive. I've been doing photogra-

phy for over 20 years, and 1 think it's one of the best archives of New York. If not the best. But we still have a lot to discover. There are a lot of negatives there we haven't seen. When I first came to work here, I just fell in love with the archive and felt that our photographers were absolutely outstanding. They were as accom-plished as any of their most famous peers, out there in the real plished as any of their most lamous peers, out there in the real world, in the magazine world of Life and Lock and those kind of people. And they really had a great style and a great sensitivity and great technical ability. They pushed for photography as a force in the newspaper. The paper's founder — loeph Medill Patterson [1879–1946] — had a lot of insight. "seeph Medill

Team, features trophics, plaques, and medals of this winning San Diego team. See the exhibit through Thurs-day, January 31, 2002. day, January 31, 2002.

The museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. Find the museum at 404 Third Av-

enue (at 1 Street): 619-338-9888.

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

Creation Museum, a museum con-trasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Wood-side Avenue North. For more infor-mation, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, this historic home sits on five acres of landscaped

The Daily News founder was the son of Robert Wilson Pat-terson, a newspaperman who at his death was editor-in-chief of the Chicago Tribune. Legend has it that loseph Medill Patterson came upon the idea of a tabloid-style newspaper while serving abroad with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War I. The British tabloids intrigued Patterson; he admired the tabloid for-mat and the papers' outsize photos and their lurid, sexy, scan-dal-mongering stories. In 1919 in New York City, he founded wha

mat and the papers" outsize photos and their lurid, sexy, scand-al-mongering stories. In 1919 in New York City, he founded what he called the Illustrated Daily News. New Yorkers liked the paper, and it became an immediate success statement of the paper and the scane an immediate such Washington. Dr. papers into the Washington. Times-Headl, were She considered the question. "A sister, I think. I'm not too good on the Pattersons." Mo. Scallivan, who is far better on Patterson family history than the imagined, went on to explain that it was Alicia Patterson who was Joseph Medil Patterson's daughter and that after working for over a decade as a reporter for the Daily News. Alicia Patterson went on to found Nowsday. "Primarily," said Ms. O'Sullivan, "but there's color in the cover section and the cover piece of the Sunday Section and the

cover section and the cover piece of the Sunday Section and the cover section and the cover piece of the Sunday Section and the the K Sports page. And some of the advertising is clott. But primarily the inside of the paper is black and white. But we're shoot-grapher is now shooting with a digital carnier. It's strange, now the archives are digital archives, instead of something you ang po back and look through in a light box. You go into your computer to view the photographs.

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went right up to the millennium. I wanted to show people what was in the archives, Because I think when you look in a tabloid newspaper you never think about the quality or the beauty of the photography. It moves you in a lot of ways, and it's very moving, and it moves the paper, and it makes you think, but I do think that you never think about how beautiful the pictures are, and I think in book form, you get to see that, because it's not newsprint and it's not the tabloid format. I guess a lot of people look at some these images and say, 'Oh my God, I had new it's amazing.' Ms. O'Sullivan said that

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are shown in the Hall of Nations o

the tabloid format."

she began by going through the database. She added, "When I began work on this book I knew that I didn't want to give knew that I didn't want to give people the same old retro-spective of New York. The library is just so full of such wonderful material we tried to choose things that were a little offbeat, sometimes fun and sometimes on the gory side, as far as the crime photographs. I tried to pick a good

the tathoid Jormat.* tographs. I thed to pick a good variety from sports to crime old prints. And the negative film is the best. About six years ago, we started digitizing the archive and scanning everything and putting it in so that we could look at it on the computer. Now. you can type in 'Show me photographs greater than January 1, 1940, and lesser than 1950,' and you'll get all of the photographs of the 1940s. That's how wonderful digitalization is. So it's an inter-

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grant population in New York. So a lot of people would be attracted by the pictures and York, So a lot of people would be attracted by the pictures and not so well able to read the stories. But the pictures really drew them in. So the paper garnered and grew and kept a readenship that way. You know, which was, to me, ingenious. I said that I had grown up in Manhattan and that when I was a child, I thought of the Duily Nows as a paper that had lots

I think people have always been very interested in crime and the police and what was going on in the city and how it was being covered, and I think to this day they are. I think crime still attracts

covered, and I think to this day they are. I think crime still attracts people. Maybe not quite the lurid way it did, but there were always scandals in the Daily News."

One of the photographs in the book shows a motorcyclist picking up film from a photographer. I asked Ms. O'Sullivan if she could tell me something about that photograph.

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been salaried employees. "These photographers work for the paper, and almost all the photographers that we showcase in this book worked for the Daily News. Their negatives belong to the paper. The photography department worked as its own entity and was really a vell-run machine. They often would have apprentices in that department. I have talked with photographers who started out as apprentices, and they would just run film some-place—perhaps one day they dg go to a ballgame and they'd run film. And then that runner-apprentice would pass off the film. And then that runner-apprentice would pass off the film that they can be supported to the start of the support of the suppo (continued from page 79) esting way to look. But it's also fun to go through the library."
We talked a bit, then, about the paper. Ms. O'Sullivan explained, "It's a paper you see people reading on the subway, and it's always been a very working-class paper it's been a paper for the comers was that they found that the motorcycles got through traffic n. And in the early better than cars. And, by the way, after you served as a runner, then the next step you went up, in your apprenticeship, was the lab. But, as for transportation, thete hotographers also had radio cars that they'd roam the streets in, looking for news and look-ing for great pictures. The cameras they used were company cam-eras. The company provided the cameras and the cars and the standard to the care that the care th cycles. Also, the photographers would have with them a police radio. They were right on the money as far as being on the spot. In addition to everything else they did, they used to meet every In addition to everything else they did, they used to meet every train and every boat that came in. It's a big city to cover, and they seemed to do it very well. The photographers here are still excel-lent. They still do a wonderful job. They do something that tele-vision doesn't do. They capture moments that people remem-

ber and that become part of our consciousness. "A still photograph," I said, "can be like a poem; the pho tographed image remains in memory in the same way that lines.

tographed image remains in memory in the same way into times from a poem will remain. "Right, and that still image is what people remember. You don't usually remember things off the television news. It doesn't resonate in your mind. There's something about that moment that a photograph that is very special."

Find the museum at 4233 Park ulevard. For more information, call

619-296-3112, JUNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

619-209-3112. UNIVERSITY HIGHIST Marine Corps Recruit Depot Mu-seum, housed in a historic building, the museum features for permanent aglleries with artifacts, uniforms, ve-hicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway, 619-524-6038. (MCWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon

Grove, vintage photographis, books, desks, cafeteria menus, and other school paraphernalia are on display in "From Barn to Cyberspace. Lemon Grove Schools Evolve." The current Lemon Grove School District

orchards. William Hurst, an early

pioneer in the local fruit-growing in-dustry, offered his barn in 1893 as a

schoolroom, and a district was born. The work of marine and aviation painter Richard DeRosset is on ex-

One of the photographs from the 1960s shows Jackie Kenned walking along 57th Street past a cameraman who's fallen to the ground. I asked what was happening in that photo.

"She apparently tripped the photographer. She was brutal."

"I don't blame her, do you?

No, not at all. She had a real war with the photographer Ron Galella. She finally got a restraining order against him [the order stated that he had to remain 25 feet away from her and her

One of the first photographs in the book shows the after math of the explosion at noon on September 16, 1920, outside the headquarters of J.P. Morgan & Company at 23 Wall Street. the headquarters of J.P. Morgan & Company the In the photo's center is the wagon that carried the bomb and the horse, mangled and dead, that had pulled that wagon. According the state of horse, mangled and dead, that had pulled that wagon. According to the photo caption, the blast killed about 30 people and injured more than 400, and it left scars in the building that are still vis-ble. I asked Ms. O'Sullivan about this photo.

The first explosion on Wall Street? That's a fascinating picture. They never found out who did it. The photographer.

Ed Jackson, was down there on another story and hap Ed Jackson, was down there on another story and happened to be walking right there, probably in the next block, right after the explosion. He got there first, and he got an incredible pic-ture. I've seen other versions of this same scene, but I thought this version was pretty powerful. There were a lot of anarchists at the time, and people felt that it was anarchists who were responsible for the bomb, but nobody ever took the credit. Maybe they diefe in the explosion. The bombing never was

"Looking at that picture taken eight decades ago, you can't help but think of the World Trade disaster. It's pretty

- Judith Moon

San Diego Automotive Mus-"Small Cars, Big Ideas" examine history and ideas behind what i consider small cars. The exhibit for tures over 20 little-known, small-bu autos, in which "small" is a relati

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work by Maurice Braun, Charles A. Fries, Alfred R. Mitchell, and Charles Resiffel, the most celebrated of S.D.'s early 20th-Century painters, as well as their contemporaries and 19th-

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The Scripps Coastal Reserve, managed by the University of California Natural Reserve meas overlooking the ocean, steep carryons to either side, and an underwater preserve beneath Scripps Pier. Up on the order of the carrier of the La Joils-Del of the carrier character of the La Joils-Del ing to return the meast overlook of the carrier character of the La Joils-Del in the Carrier of the Carrier

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world war it to help detend San Diego from anticipated attacks by sea. At the trailhead you can borrow a self-guiding booklet that has a lot to say about the reserve's diverse array of indigenous and nonnative plants and animals. Over 200 different kinds of plants, nearly 100



identified within the boundaries of this small reserve. You'll be surprised to learn, for example, that roughly 1000 specimens of the increasingly rare coast barrel cactus have been counted in the reserve. When crystalline skins prevail as they often do in late fall and winter, a late-after-non vigil on the meas may bring the spec-tacle of the sun's reddened, covid disk sink-ling quality care. tacle of the sun's reddened, ovoid disk sink-ing quietly over the distant, watery horizon. Also, for some weeks to come, you can hunt, with binoculars in hand, for visible traces of the southward migrating gray whales. Grave," on view through January 27. 2002. The exhibit explores everything from bone recovery and identification from bone recovery and identification techniques to uncovering evidence of nutrition, disease, and trauma, to the use of skull and bone imagery in pop-ular culture. The exhibition includes hands-on learning and interactive

isplays. Rare rock art from eastern Caliguity: Rock Art of the Volca and," an exhibit of color pho tography on display through Si ry 6, 2002. The show feature work by San Francisco photographer Jean Allsworth highlighting the pet-roglyphs of the southwestern edge of the Great Basin north of Bishos, Some of these rare petroglyshs may date back to early archaic times, per-haps as much as 10,000 years ago. Fetishes are carved objects repre-

senting animals or other being revered by American Indians and oth ers for their beauty and power. The exhibit "Zuni Fetish Carving. Past to Present," available for viewing through June 2002, celebrates contemporary fetish carving. Expect to learn about fetish history, symbolism, process, and materials. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PAPK)

San Diego Railroad Museum, over San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieçes of wintage railroad equip-ment are collected here. Among the pieces five antique steam locomo-tives, seven large diesel electric loco-motives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and cabeoses, a U.S. Army kitchen act used on troop trains during World War II and Korea, and 'a a variety of pasemeer cars.

ventures through San Diego's back

Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find the Campo Depot off Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. For information, call 619-595-3030 or 619-478-9937, (CAMPO)

San Pasqual Battlefleld State His-toric Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dra-goons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide show nia militia. A narrated slide-show screen sthroughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and Cali-fornia. A self-guided four recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 260:737-2201 for additional details.

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for Villa Montezuma, Duitt in 1007 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information.

William Heath Davis House Mu seums, said to be the oldest surviving Structure in the new town are and downtown San. Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-feramed lumber "sail box" family home shipped from the fast Coast to California by beat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focus ing on the history and architecture of the Caslamp Quarter depart the mueum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Av

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the museum's permanent collection Find the museum near the Starligh Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARP

San Diego Historical Society Mu seum, created in 1905 when an irri gation project backfired, the Saltor Sea has had a "boom and bust" his tory. Developers in the 1950s and 1960s dubbed this desert area "Cali 1960s dubbed this desert area Cali-formia's New Mediterranean," envi-sioning a tourist haven. The sea's salinity levels have increased dra-matically in recent years, driving away many of the tourists and

ers. "In Search of El Dorado: The Salton Sea" features black-and-white photographs by Christopher Landis. digitally reproduced by Nash Edi-tions. See these haunting works through Sunday, May 5, 2002. "Win, Place, and Show Off: Hats and the Del Mar Racetrack" features a

collection of 43 hats from the estate o Del Mar socialite Mrs. W.H. Sally Tip

Del Mar socialite Mrs. W.H. Sally Tip-pett. See the hats — dating from the late 1930s through the early 1970s — through Saturday, February 2, 2002. Drawing from the society's fine art collections and augmented with loans from area collectors, "Captur-ing the Light," on view through Sun-day, March 3, 2002, celebrates the San Diego landscape as perceived and painted by almost 20 artists. Look for work by Maurice Braun, Charles A. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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San Diego Maritime Museum, almost every year for 250 years, a shiploaded with silver from Spain's New
World colonies crossed from Acapulco to Mania, then made the harardous return trip laden with treaardous return trip laden with treasures from Asia. "Treasures of the
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Maniala Galleons focus on the Maniala Galleons Manila Galleons: focuses on the Manila galleon trade, the original commercial link across the Pacific. The oxhibit includes recently discov-ered pieces from the cargo of a ship that wrecked on the shores of Baja California about 1575, the earliest-

the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea known Manila galleon shipwreck; Spanish silver and pieces of eight; and artifacts, documents, and hands-on activities. View the exhibit through November 2002. Examples of ships from the 14th Century to the present are included in "Masterpeece in Miniature. A Pre-cious Collection of Tiny Yachts. Nearly 30 tiny and elaborate models

are included, ranging in size from three inches to three feet. The exhibit three inches to three teet. The exhibit, continuing through Monday, De-cember 31, also includes ships in bottles.

The museum features perma-

San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

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

San Diego Museum of Man, spiri-

San Diego Museum of Man, spiratual paintings, wids sequin banners, and appier-makhe, wood, and iron sculptures are included in "Voodoo: Spirits in Haitian Art." The exhibit features 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, 2002.

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January 4, 2002.
Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation" (through 2001). "About Faces," and "Ssyscapes." The permanent exhibitions present a va-riety of hands on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Esplore the various methods of transmission and

storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, wave-forms, and more. Films are shown

daily in the IMAX theater. For fur

through June, 2002. ough June, 2002.
A range of topics including com-unication, problem solving, and



hibit as part of the museum's ongo-ing "Noted Regional Artists Series." The Lemon Grove artist is known for his epic, "super-realistic" paintings of U.S. military history, and he's cur-

of U.S. military history, and he's cur-rently painting a six part mural in the chapel of the Veterans Memorial Center in Balbosa Park. Also on exhibit, "Fruit, Fruit, Fruit Lemon Grove's Agricultural Heyday" examines the rise of the cir-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-

Parson's Study''s a decorated late-victorian room with original fur-nishings, including a piped "Choris-ter" organ, evoking the museum's origins as the town's first church. All of these shows continue through January, 2002. Find the mu-seum at 7715. Church. Street; 619-460-4033. (LEMON GROVA)

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Early Music Society; the performers were the Italian vocal group, La
Venexiana, which is the best of its kind in the
world today; and the program consisted of a judicious selection of Monteverdi's madrigals,
ranging over the composer's entire career. It ould be wrong to say that this was a program of highpoints, since in Monteverdi there are no

of inginjoints, since in wondeverur intereare no low points. But it was certaintly a useful sampler, revealing the extreme variety of his exploration of the form; and the performances were ravishing. Monteverdi's madrigals are vocal settings of Italian low poetry. The specific poetic tradition began in Southern France in the 12th Century. reached a pinnacle of beauty and passion wit Petrarch in the 14th, and flourished in the Re naissance as standard poetic practice. By Monteverdi's time, all the conventions had bee thoroughly established, and the scenario of ro mantic love was familiar to everybody: the lover suffering from the absence of his beloved, the ag-onies of rejection, the longing for death as a relief from love-deprivation, the ecstasy of love-ful-fillment (also often figured as a kind of death), the resolution (always broken) never to fall in love again, the imprinting or transformation or love again, the imprinting or transformation or flight or imprisonment or exchange of hearts or thoughts or sighs or tears, the cruel Lady, the faithful Lover, the faithless Lover, the deserted Lady, Love entering through the eyes, Love as a destroyer, Love as a tyrant... Dealing with this purely literary material, the latest poets could do othing but seek a new intricate allegory, a special elegance of expression, a witty manipulation of the well-known symbols, or an artful, self-con

Yet the poetry itself is exquisite - and not only

Yet the poetry isself is exquisite— and not only because it is impossible to say apything in Italian that does not sound like music.

In the 16th Century, a similar poems of his sort to music. The tandard was five voices, unaccompanied. The textual mages were picture-spuely enabled to the control of the poetro of the poetro of the poetro of the poetro. The poetro of the poetro

arnety of expressive devices, harmony and rhythm being the most prominent. The aim was to in-tensify the feeling and meaning of the words using all the resources of five-voice a cappella writing. From the very first, Monteverdi proved a mas-ter of this style, and several of the madrigals on

La Venexiana's program at St. James by-the-Sea showed how effective such settings can be when the voices are at once pure and expressive, the intonation is flawless, the ensemble is perfection itself, and the interpretation is governed by the thought of the poetry as well as by the shape of the music. The group's singers, under the direc-tion of their countertenor, Claudio Cavina, have demonstrated these abilities in a series of mardemonstrated these abilities in a series of mar-velous recordings of late Renaissance and early Baroque madrigals by Luca Marenios, Luzzasco, Luzzaschi, Carlo Gesualdo, Sigismondo d'India, Barbara Strozzi, and Monteverdi himself. The vocalista at Si, James were those whom aficiona-dos of this repertoire have become accustomed of this repertoire have become accustomed of the company of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of Coladonato took the place of Rossana Bertini Coladonato took the place of Rossana Bertrini (who, with Caludic Cavina, was cofounder of the group). Coladonato turned out to have all the vocal and interpretive virtues of Bertini, and the others (Cavina, tenors Giuseppe Maletto and Sarrio Naglia, base Daniele Carnovich) were at their usual high level of suavity and discipline.

Who distinguishes this groups is treound.

What distinguishes this group is its sound — an impeccable blend and balance of well-produced, distinctive, and beautiful individual voices — and, above all, its expressive freedom. La Venexiana's singers understand that the per-

formance of these madrigals is at the same time a declamation of the poetry on which they are based. They never allow the rhythms of speech to be obscured by such purely musical considerations by such purely musical considerations as regular meters. In this, they are obeying the explicit injunctions of Monteverdi (who demanded the rhythms of the soul, not of the hand), but they do it with such delicacy and spontaneity that it is as though they had come up with the idea on beit rown, and on the spot. Moreover, they wisdly underfine the drama implied by the situation and emotions of the text, knowing that what is nev in Monteverti situation and emotions of the text, knowing that what is new in Monteverdi is the pressure toward the dramatization of the musical experience, indeed toward

the operatic.

That was the direction in which Monteverdi's madrigal style evolved, as he gradually abandoned the unaccompanied five-voice tradition, introduced a basso continuo actradition, introduced a basso continuo ac-companiment (performed at St. Iames by harpsichordist Fabio Bonizzoni), and turned more and more to accompanied trios, duets, and solos, which are often by implication self-contained little dramatic scenes. There self-contained little dramatic scenes. There were several examples of this radically new 17th-century style on La Venexiana's program, the most dazzling of which was the contained the aceful and touching musical-dramatic sce trio that reaches forward to Richard

nario that reaches forward to Richard Strauss's Ariadne auf Naxos. Perhaps the most striking element of Mon-teverdi's modernity is his frequently ironic stance in regard to the whole literary ethos of romantic love. Like many of his poets, he has the extraordinary ability to mock the con-

the extraordinary ability to mock the con-ventions while at the same time arousing real emotions. La Venexiana is completely in tune with this aspect of Monteverdi's art, something that was naturally more evident in a live concert than on recordings. The dialogue Bel pastor, in which rdess tries to coax romantic love tall out of a stolid shepherd, is a delightful comedy of language and character, which the soprano and tenor acted out in a manner at once stylized and natural, absurd and affecting. There was similar but La Venexiana gave it an ex-tra fillip by having one of their singers supply the yips and whines of the dog, who came alive quite realistically and (as it were) fully characterized. The performers' nicest bit of mockery was in their 'stag' and co-coording to Giulio Strozzi's extreme version of the con-ventional love allegory, the

extreme version of the con-ventional love allegory, the process of falling in love is rep-resented as a savage attack by "insidious Love" on the castle of the victim's emotions. All his defenses fail (including the ttack of his cavalry, deicted by Monteverdi with picted by Monteverdi with lively word-painting), the enemy captures the fleeing heart, and the ruthless victor — already in the piazza — is shouting for destruction and murder. At this point, the trio of singers suspended the music while they searched for the while they searched for the heart on the stage, finally "finding" it— indisputably dead—under the harpsichord. The comedy, inherent in the text and magnified by Monteverdi's inventive setting, received its ultimate ironic dramatization in this charming horseplay.

The same uninhibited spirit informed Bonizzon'i s deletable.

performances of solo harpsi chord pieces by Monteverdi contemporaries Giovanni Pic chi and Girolamo Frescobaldi This exceptional harpsichordist, like the composers themselves, knew how to convey even without words the freedom, the passion, the wit, the gaudiness, and the subtlety of Monteverdi's

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wit in the way La Venexiana performed Mor G.B. Anselmi's wonderfully preposterous lyri Taci, Armelin, in which a lover, about to declar his love-anguish to his lady as a ploy for stealing a kiss or two, tries unsuccessfully to get her littl dog to quit barking at him. The humor of the sit uation is fully conveyed by the words and music 3 p.m., at the Church of the Nativity (6309 El Apajo). Soloists include so-prano-Sylvia Wen, alto Patricia McAfee, tenor Robert MacNeil, and bass Michael Gallup. For reservations and information, call 888-848-7326 \$7. (EL OADON, RANCHO SANTA FE). The bulking Compunity Choir

The Julian Community Choir

The Julian Community Choir presents its interpretation of Handel's classic on Sanday, December 16, at 7 pan, in the Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Admission is free. For more information, call 760-755-1557-00, (ALMANO "A British Christman" led by Keith Poderson is on offer when the chancel choir, oblissin, quarters, and chancel choir, oblissin, quarters, and portion of the oratodo on Sunday, December 16, at 7 pan, at the La Jolla Fresbyterian Church (7715) Draper Avenue, Ph. audience will Draper Avenue). The audience will be invited to join in with traditional British Christmas carols. Free. Ques-tions? Call 858-454-0713 x321 for answers. (IA JOLIA)

Extraordinary Planists perform for the piano series hosted by the La Jolla Chamber Music Society. The series Chamber Music Society. The series continues when 25-year-old genius Konstantin Lifschitz presents a recital on Friday. December 14. The program boasts Betchoven.'s Fantasia of Ginior for Piano.' "Siz Piecus for Piano by Brahma. "Epigraphes Anquese (6) for Piano by Debusay, and Ravels "Valtes Nobles et Sentimentale" and "La Valte."

The concert starts at 8 p.m., foll-the concert starts at 8 p.m., foll-

lowing a pre-concert lecture for the etholders at 7 p.m. Find the muse from \$30 to \$60. For reservations call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Dessert and Carols, the MiraCosta College Chamber Chorale, Carnerata Singers, and soloists perform in the dining room of the student center on dining room of the student center on campus. Singing waiters and wait-resses serve you delicious desserts, at your table, during the candlelight event. It's scheduled for Saturday, event. It's scheduled for Saturday, December 15, 730 p.m., on the cam-pus at One Barnard Drive. Tickets for "Christmas by Candlelight" are \$12. Reservations are required; 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Bress and Choir, the Mission San Diego de Alcalá Choir and Classic Brass offer their 25th annual "candlelight musical meditation" concert with readings and music on Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m. Find the mission at 10818 San Diego Mission Road. Free-will offering. 619-449-1587. (MISSION VALLEY)

Seasonal Sacred and Secular Music tler, Poulenc, Vaughan Williams tter, Poulenc, Vaughan Williams, Holst, and Walton — along with tra-ditional carols and favorite solos — may be enjoyed when the a cappella vocal ensemble Cappella Gloriana presents a concert on Sunday, De-cember 16.

The music begins at 2 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carls-

bad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Admission is free. Call 619-291-3055 for information. (CARLSBAD)

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Benjamin Britten's "Caremony of Carela" will be performed by the St. Cecilis girl choir with harp accompaniment on Sunday, December 16, at 4:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral, followed at 5 p.m. by "Celebration of Christmas Lesson" Carols." The men and boys of the Carbedral Choristers will join with the St. Cecilia Choir for French, En-glish, and American Christmas car-ols, interspersed with readings from

Sripture.
Find St. Paul's at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). For information, call 619-298-7261. An offering will be received. (MIDTOWN)

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rangements of many favorite holiday carols accompanied by harp, bass, and percussion on Sunday, Decem-ber 16, at 7 p.m., for the Clairemont Lutheran Vesper Concert Series. Find the church at 4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Nursery care is available. An offering will be re-ceived. For information, dial 858-273-7423. (CLAREMONT)

The Discovery Series hosted by the La Jolla Chamber Music Society con-tinues with a performance by the Kungsbacka Piano Trio on Sunday, December 16. Trio members Malin Broman (violin), Lesper Swedberg (cello), and Simon Crawford-Phillips lin, Cello, and Piano in D Major

Trio in E Minor (Dumky)" by

Dwofák.

The concert begins at 3 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for students 6 to 18.

(IA SOLLA)

"Laws Opera" is being presented by the Small Opera of San Diego at 7 pm. on Sunday, December 16, at the Academy of Sound and Music (1495 C Street). Singers of all ages will be performing arias, art song, and Broadway favorites (a professional accompanist is provided). You're invited to sing, altiens, or both!

The suggested donation is 55. For an 8138. Free, (BCRIPPS BANCH)

"Lessons and Carola" will be presented by the English handheil choir
and the adult and children's choirs
of St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal
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Madrigals and other seasonal selec-tions may be enjoyed when the La Jolla Renaissance Singers perform a cappells for the "Pleasure of Your Company Chamber Music Series" on Sunday, December 16, at 2:30 p.m., at the Scripps Ranch Public Library (1030 Scripps Lake Drive), 858-538-8158. Free, (SCRIPPS RANCH)

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music will be sung by the period-atirred, five-voice Early Music Enzemble of San Diego on Wednesday, December 19, at 8 p.m., at the La Jolia
Congregational Church (1216 Cave
Street). Admission is \$10, Call
858-459-5045 for details. (IA JOLIA)

Christmas Classics are promised when Westwind Brass presents a brass concert next Thursday, De-cember 20, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The festive program includes music from "Mes-siah" and holiday tunes from America and abroad. Tickets are \$15 gen eral. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)



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The 21-year-old photographer learned much about modernist technique from his mentor. Tina Modotti, the Italian-born American photographer who went to Mexico in 1923 with her husbant Edward Weston. Alvarer Bravo met Modotti in 1927 and emulated her brilliance in manipulating spatial relationships so as to turn a mundane scene, such as French doors ovening into a room, into a study in abstraction. Modott and Weston were among many artists who mi-grated to the new Mexico. Revolutionary excitements attracted the Russian filmmaker Sergei Eisenstein, who had lived through inter-esting times of his own and who came to Mexico in 1930 to document the history of the Mexican people from pre-Christian to post-Revolutionary times. Alvarez Bravo worked as a cameraman on

times. Alvarez Bravo worked as a cameraman on this unfinished project, which resulted in / Que vinu Mexicol, a majestic movie in ruins. Wherever Eisenstein and other artistelooked, they saw colonial and contemporary social orders floating rockily on the eternal tide of pre-Conquest Mexico. It was this Mexico that President Alvaro Obregon's ministry of education had in mind when it initiated the great mural project of the 1920s depicting Mexican history, myth, culture, and daily life. Alvarez Brayo was myth, culture, and daily life. Alvarez Bravo was again on the scene, hired by the magazine Mexican Folkways to photograph Diego Rivera's murals, but his most eloquent response to the project was anti-heroical, a close-up of the artist Rufino Tamayo's slender, softly veined hands. Tamayo countered the histrionics of muralists like Rivera and David Siquieros with a more magical and formally exquisite way of representing Mexican realities

Mexican artists have always been interested in Mexican artists have always been interested in the crude grafts of pre- and post-Conquest elements. Alvarez Bravo made images throughout his career of the way indigenous religiously bangs up against Christianity and the way ancient ampesino culture is roughly kneaded into the lumpy textures of modern Mexico. In a sense, the pIPERO in up around the Zewals, Mexico.

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City's central square where the Pre-Columbian past, colonial remnants, and modern technolopast, colonial remnants, and modern technolo-gies all crunched together. After passing through the predictable stages of pictorialism and for-malism, by the late 1990s Alvardos Bravo had developed his mature style, his mature eye, and made one of his primary subjects the eye itself, or optics, the ways and means of vision. One of his famous pictures is Parabola optica. "Optical Parabole," an up-from- under shot of an optician's Parable," an up-from-under shot of an optician's shop. Heavy-lidded oval eyes stare from the win-dows and signs, Alvarez Bravo loved devilish ironies. This image works double time: it cerily (and comically) meets our gaze with its own dis-embodied googliness, but because the image has been printed in reverse, the signage can only be read in a mirror. What you see is not always what you think you see.

you think you see.

In 1938, at Diego Rivera's house, Alvarez Bravo met Andre Breton, but by that time he had alreadded surrealist tactics and subjects to his vocabulary. His Sympathetic Nervous System from the mid-1930 features an illustrated cross-section of a male torso-collaged into an ad for corsets "With Elastic Abdominal Reducing Bet"), and

("With Elastic Abdominal Reducing Belf"), and the 1940s would make images of X rays, using this surrealist motif to pry into the relationship between photography, corporatily, and death. Death has always been photography is avorite subject, partly because every exposure is a little finality that turns reality into a negative. In Mes-ican culture the membrane (or film, so to speak) separating life from death is quite porous, the threshold to obbivion always just a step away from where we stand. In Alvarez Bravo's Visitation to the Dead, a family of women and children sit outthe Dead, a family of women and children sit out-side the locked gates of a graveyard, an adobe archway rising high and, in its shabby way, ma-jestically above them. Beyond the wall are leafless trees. The figures are so small that they look like outcroppings of the earth momentarily here only until the gate opens and they cross the threshold to whatever waits on the other side.

There are crosses everywhere in Alvarez Bravo's pictures, at gravesites, beaches, roadsides. Crosses? More aptly, the rood, that wood of na-

ture upon which Christ the man-God was crucified, crossed. In the 1939 Sea of Tears, background combers roll toward a cross planted upright in sand; at its foot leans a thick shank of driftwood hunched in apparent grief. In 1971, having returned full-time to still photography after working from the mid-1940s to the late 1950s as a cinematogra-pher in Mexico's booming film industry, Alvarez Bravo was still treating this subject. In Tomb Ornament, a lodge pole cross is wired to a carved broad-beamed cross decked with colorful paper flowers and ribbons. This festive doubling up is complicated by the withering plant shoots scribbled behind. It's a cool, disturbing celebration of the death of all things.

The cross is just one mo lavered into tif layered into the palimpsest of Mexican reli-gious history. During the post-Conquest conversion, the Ocuitelcos people in-digenous to the town of Chalma were urged by missionaries to renounce their sionaries to renounce their worship of the pre-Conquest deity Otzocteotl, god of the caves. One day, in the cave where offerings were made to the god, its stone idol was found shattered, replaced by the crucified figure of the Señor de Chalma, Lord of Chalma. The cave soon be Chalma. The cave soon be-came a shrine, and the Rio Chalma drew — still draws — pilgrims seeking the curative powers of its wa-ters. Alvarez Bravo's Cross of Chalma shows us a roadside shrine of braided-together crosses draped by palm leaves, flowers, ribbons, paper ornaments, and other per ornaments, and other votive decorations, next to which rises a tree trunk. Its bulky crooked presence that so resembles the human

trunk, and the broken dire

mound from which the

crosses rise, are signs that the gods of Mexican antiquity continue to pressure and destabilize the structures of Catholicism built upon them. Christian iconography takes espe-

cially bloody, flesh-mortifying form in Mexican

Catholicism. The church crucifix in Alvarez Bravo's Figure of Christ does nothing to beautify







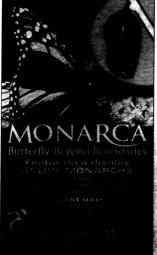
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or render pious Christ's an-

That kiln looks like a Mayan temple burning, and in the deep background two idle kilns stand as if waiting for the conflagra-tion to spread their way. The superbly selective and inclusive exhibition currently at the Getty Center, Manuel Alshapely bag of bones and wa





varez Bravo: Optical Parables, where you can see these images and many more (down to a sly, mirror-encased self-portrait done in 1988 — the old master was still going strong in his 80s), runs through February 17, ART

greatest images — I don't have space here to go on about his melancholy female portraits and dreamy, mythic nudes — is of a 1950s brick-making fac-

tory outside Mexico City. In

the foreground, in crisply mod-ernist industrial patterns, lie crosshatched slabs of fired

crosshatched slabs of fired bricks, while behind them a kiln billows ashen smoke that races toward the edge of the frame. That kiln looks like a Mayan

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GALLERIES

"East Meets West" and "One-Foot "East Meets Wesi" and 'One-Foot' shows — boasting 144 original paint-ings by six living San Diego artists— open at the San Diego Art Institute during a reception set for Friday, De-cember 14, at 6 p.m. "East Meets west is described as "a creative vi-sual conception of the combined Eastern and Western zodiac." The one-foot show was juried by Mal-

colm Nickols. See the work through Saturday, January 12, 2002. 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 619-236-0011. Reg-ular admission is \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Representations: Artistic Commentaries on Women, Attire, and
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"Celebration of Women and the
Arts" reception on Saturday, December 15, at 3 p.m. This exhibition
features work by 11.5 xn. Diess artisis. cember 15, at 3 p.m. This exhibition features work by 11 San Dipog arists. During this holiday open house, arrist and SISU art professor laner: Cooling will discuss previous and new work. See the show through Thursday, February 28, at 2323 Broadway, suite



ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, over the past four decades, lu-nar explorations, space probes, and land-based telescopes have given us dazzling images of the earth, the planets and moons, distant galaxies, supernovae, and stellar nurseries. "To the Moon and Beyond: Astronomers and Photographers Ex-plore the Heavens" features more than 75 photographs, ranging in date from the 1969 Apollo 10 mission to

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color digital photographs from San Francisco artist Michael Light's book Full Moon: Apollo Mission Pho-tographs of the Lunar Landscape. The works of astrophotographer David Malin (View of the Universe) are also

Malin (View of the Universe) are also represented in this show.

Our vision of outer space was shaped by popular culture long be-fore Neil Armstrong took his first steps on the moon. More than 100 examples of pop culture's most in-teresting representations of outer space and space toys are gathered in "Blast Offl Space Toys and the Amerthe collection also includes works in Blast Off! Space I ops and the American Imagination." The toys, made between the 1930s and 1969 (the year of the first moon landing), reflect America's fascination with space travel and exploration. Both exhibi-tions close on Sunday, January 13, 2002. stone, metal, and fiber depicting fish

stone, metal, and fiber depicting fish and other sea life as well as fishermen. Many of the forms are musical instruments. "Pre-Columbian Art — Marine Animal Forms" continues through Sunday, May 12, 2002.

The Mingel is located on the square with the San Diggs Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art and the Timken Museum. 2002.
The first sculptural installations in the ongoing "Public Projects" series are by San Diegan Kenneth Capps. The 20 metal sculptures can Art. For additional information, call 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK) 619-299-0000. (BALBON PAPE)
Museum of Contemporary Art,
Downtown, artist Alexis Smith and
poet Amy Geratler are exhibiting
The Sorcere's Apprentice. The exhibit includes sculpture, collage, wall
text, and dozens of brooms, addressing themes such as fairy tales and
their archetypal characters;
witchcraft and folk beliefs and their
relationships to servaline domestic be viewed through Sunday, March 10, 2002, sited by the artist

March 10, 2002, sited by the artist and the museum 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 information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIO)

Mingel International Museum of Polk Art, "Venini — Glass and De-sign in a World Perspective" centers on the work of the Venini factory in Venice. The exhibition also contains art glass by contemporary artists and

by Louis Comfort Tiffany, as well as-camples of ancient Egyptian, Pere-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Arr glass by Benjamin Moore, Mar-vin Lipofsky, and Dale Chibuly, all of whom have worked at the Venini factory, are also included in the show, which close on Sunday, Jan-uary 8, 2002.

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witch-raft and folk bettefs and their relationships to sexuality, domestic life and drudgery; how women and girls have been cast as the custodians of everyday existence; and the varied meanings of the word "sweep" and related metaphors. See this collabo-rative eucliprati installation through Tuesday, January and the properties of the museum's holdings, 'Selec-tions from the Permanent Collec-tion: The 1970s," on view through

tion: The 1970s," on view through Tuesday, January 22, 2002, suggests

decade. It was a "decade of tremen-dous experimentation and innova-tion." The exhibit includes works by sculptors and painters associated with minimalism, such as Donald

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Massum of Photographic Arts, si-sembled mostly from vintage prints
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"Bill Brandt: A Retrospective' con-tions 155 of the most well-known in-ages by this master photographer. Thou the other photographer is not been also as the con-trover by other 'dos, and terres the developed under the guid-ance of Man Ray during his time in Paris in 1929; and a selection from Brands's "Perspective of Nudes" series. The artist demonstrates the re-lationship of photography to scaliplationship of photography to sculp-ture and modernist abstraction in these works created with an old wooden plate camera (which is in-cluded in the exhibit). See this exhi-bition through Sunday, January 6

2002.
"Truth, Beauty, and Lies: A History of Photography," the third installment in "The Visual Classroom Exhibition Series," focuses on the identifiable subject matter in photographs while also stress tographs while also stressing the mystery and beauty of images. The photographs included are drawn from the museum's permanent collection. Visit the "Classroom" through Tuesday, January 8, 2002.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balbos building, at 1649 El Pardo. For information, call 619-238-7559.

San Diego Museum of Art, the pow-San Diego Musecum of Art, the pow-erful medium of etching is the focus for the exhibit "The Age of Rem-brandt: Etchings from Holland's Golden Century." The show boasts 49 works by Rembrandt and other Dutch artists who produced etchings during one of the most creative peri-ods in the medium's history. Ac-cording to curator Steven Kern, these

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works on paper cannot be exhibited wery often for long periods of time "due to the extreme fragility of the exchange and their sensitivity to light," so catch the show before it closes to Sunday, January 13, 2002.
picture frames over a 100-year period when artisans created a widerange of styles, often based on regional experiences and tastes, it examined in "The Frame in America: are disolared without pictures to are displayed without pictures to minimize distraction. In addition, approximately 17 frames from the museum's collection replete with approximation of the control of the February 2, 2002. A reinstallation of approx

A reinstallation of approxi-mately 46 European paintings from the museum's collection and from private collections exploring the impact that the politics of war and rev-olution had on an tetween 1870 and 1940 is offered in "European Art, 1870-1940. War and Revolution, on exhibit through Sunday, July 28, 2002. During this period, there as termendous vitality of the arts in Eu-tope. The exhibit illustrates the tremendous vitality of the arts in Europe. The exhibit illustrates how artisty personal statements expressing outrage at the horrors of war are among the strongest images in the history of art. The works included in the show "reveal how images of incredible power and beauty could be born out of cataclysmic change, included in the control of the country of the coun

"I-5 California: Four Decades o "1-5 California: Four Decades of Contemporary Ar" has been rein-stalled for viewing through Monday March 18, 2002. The exhibit surveys art in California since 1960, with works grouped by media, thematic works from the 1990s by artists who have gained national and interna-tional attention, along with a space for viewing film and video. Indian The second rotation of India.

The second rotation of Indian miniature paintings, gathered in "Krishna: Lover and Hero," picks up the story of the Hindu god Krishna (where the previous exhibition of Krishna's childhood left off). These paintings tell stories of Krishna's exploits as a young man — as an amorous playmate, ardent husband, and a heroic counselor in war "called upon to menigate this divines to the story."

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. (BALDOA PARK)

Tragic Funhouse

The audience sings carols and boos Lucifer with equal aplomb.

eter Barnes based Red Noses on an actual event. As the plague of the 14th Century swept through Europe, a small band of monks entertained the dying with jokes and comic routines. At the same time they urged the living to get on with their lives. The red-nosed clowns weren't assains mourning or gas-

weren't against mourning or pay-ing respects. Nor did they soft-sell death's finality. Their enemy was morbid preoccupation with po-

tential disaster.

Paul Rudnick's message in Jeffrey — his 1993

"comedy about AIDS" — is similar. Jeffrey used to be the gay sexual "pushover of Manhattan." in response to the AIDS crisis, he opts for celibacy. Sex shouldn't be "safe, or negotiated, or fatal," he complains. So he'll give it up altogether, fantasies included. But then he encounters a kind of karmic irony: the second you renounce something, i rounds you. Rudnick sends Jeffrey through a maze of New

York hotspots: a gym, an AIDS fundraiser at the Waldorf (with a country and western theme), a self-help guru (who has no credentials; she just self-help guru (who has no credentials; she just likes to talk), an acting audition, a service at St. Patrick's cathedral (which gays use to cruise). Each situation has a warped, funhouse quality, as if leffrey's wandered into a carnival — or is just dreaming, only his nightmares have a sense of humor. He eventually meets a priest you'd swear came from that 14th-century troupe of clowns. Father Dan berates Jeffrey: "When did despair become enjoyable? Grief, yes; tears, of course; but terminal gloom? Even Brecht wrote musicals!"

Dut terminal goom: Even brecht wroter muscass.

That's great. But come on: a comedy about AIDS? A month before leffrey opened, Rudnick explained his position in an op-ed piece. He visited a dying friend in a hospital who refused to exit gently. The man whined and groaned and became "a huge pain." As Rudnick was leaving. became a nuge pain. As number was feating, he had the strangest sensation: his friend's crabby defiance became funny. Sometimes, Rudnick wrote, "uncontrollable laughter...is the only pos-sible release" from horror. "Gay writers...use sible release" from horror. "Gay writers...use camp, irony, and epigram to, if not defeat the virus, at least scorn and contain it." Rudnick added that humor doesn't have to "dilute and trivialize" the plague of AIDS. In the wrong hands it could. Diversionary Theatre, however, matches Jeffrey's audacity with a heroic Bronx cheer at doos—mongers. The first act—it's in the writing—comes close to diluting the gravity of AIDs. It's a mile silly, and you wonder where Rudnick's going. In act two, as if his orrchestration suddenly added abass clef, the play unites comedy and tragedy, and the humor

resonates.
Adam Edwards is fast be-JEFF SMITH

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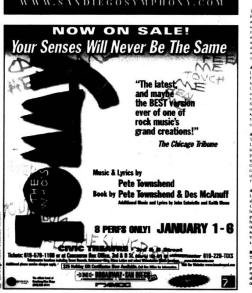


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Mingel International Museum of Folk Art, "Venini — Glass and Design in a World Perspective" centers on the work of the Venini factory in Venice. The exhibition also contains by Louis Comfort Tiffany, as well as examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Art glass by Benjamin Moore, Mar-vin Lipotsky, and Dale Chihuly, all of whom have worked at the Venini

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Museum of Contemporary Art,
Downtown, artist Alexis Smith and
poet Amy Geratler are exhibiting
The Socreer's Apprentic.* The exhibit includes sculpture, collage, wall
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San Diego Museum of Art, the pow-erful medium of etching is the focus for the exhibit "The Age of Rem for the exhibit "The Age of Rem-brandt: Etchings from Holland's Golden Century." The show boasts 49 works by Rembrandt and other Dutch artists who produced etchings during one of the most creative peri-ods in the medium's history. Ac-cording to curator Steven Kern, these

light," so catch the show before it closes on Sunday, January 13, 2002. The development of American picture frames over a 100-year pe-riod when artisans created a wide range of styles, often based on re-gional experiences and tastes, it ex-amined in "The Frame in America: 1800-1960." All 98 included frames

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eter Barnes based Red Noses on an actual event. As the plague of the 14th Century swept through Europe, a small band of monks entertained the dying with jokes and comic routines. At the same time they urged the living to get on with their lives. The red-nosed clowns

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tential disaster.

Paul Rudnick's message in Jeffrey — his 1993

"comedy about AIDS" — is similar. Jeffrey used to be the gay sexual "pushover of Manhattan." in response to the AIDS crisis, he opts for celibacy. Sex shouldn't be "safe, or negotiated, or fatal," he complains. So he'll give it up altogether, fantasies included. But then he encounters a kind of karmic

surrounds you.

Rudnick sends Jeffrey through a maze of New
York hotspots: a gym, an AIDS fundraiser at the Waldorf (with a country and western theme), a Waldorf (with a country and western theme), a self-help grut (who has no credentials; she just likes to talk), an acting audition, a service at St. Patrick's cathedral (which gays use to cruise). Each situation has a warped, funhous quility, as if leffrey's wandered into a carmival — or is just dreaming, only his nightmares have a sense of humor. He eventually meets a priest you'd swear came from that 14th-century troupe of clowns. Father Dan herates lefftrey. When did despair become enjoyable? Grief, yes: tears, of course

become enjoyable! Grief, yes; tears, of course; but terminal gloom? Even Brecht wrote musicals!" That's great. But come on: a comedy about AIDS? A month before leftery opened, Rudnick explained his position in an op-ed piece. He vis-ited a dying friend in a hospital who refused to exit gently. The man whined and groaned and became "a huge pain." As Rudnick was leaving, he had the strangest sensation: his friend's crabby defiance became funny. Sometimes, Rudnick defiance became funny. Sometimes, Rudnick wrote, "uncontrollable laughter... is the only possible release" from horror. "Gay writers... use camp, irony, and epigram to, if not defeat the virus, at least scorn and contain it." Rudnick added that humor doesn't have to "dilute and trivialize" the plague of AIDS.

In the wrong hands it could. Diversionary Theatre, however, matches Jeffrey's audacity with heroic Brons cheer at doom-mongers. The first act—it's in the writing—comes close to diluting the gravity of AIDS. It's a mite ally, and you wonder where Rudnick's going. In act two, as if his orrhestration suddenly added

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exists in the present). Nonetheless the North Coast Rep's director, Sean Murray, a fine cast, and in-trepid. David McBean on piano, match Capote's spare style with a form of visual minimalism that

nakes the stories work. Pat DiMee

plays her with such spirit and craz

plays her with such spirit and crazy wisdom you wish you had a soul-mate like Sook. Sean Robert Cox makes the delder, remembering Truman Capote a graceful, and partaking in the stories. Secnic design wiz Marty Burnett created a Southern colonial facade so milk-white it's almost pristine. Karen Filipin sighting turns the projects of the spirit of the

leafless tree branches, clouds, and a

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A company's inaugural production declares intent. Open with Barefoot m the Park or Marati/Sade and you set a tone. Epic Risk Theatre Com-pany's first show sends a double message. They're staging Moliere's classic comedy The Misanthrope, ic comedy The Misanthrope, elets and all, but have set it in San Diego, today, and eve like, speaks contemporary slang. Alceste's a maverick rock star. He demands brutal honesty, but the music scene's just fawning flattery.

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Plus, he's in love with Cecelia, who's latest hit covers the Stones' "Under My Thumb." Does that mean, as insiders believe, that she's got Alceste "whipped?'! It's odd to expect Molier and get rap-and "at-titude" instead. But the grafting's effective because the milier.

17th-century French upper class and the pseudo-aristos of the mu-

and the pseudo-aristos of the mu-sic scene—are so similar. No one speaks from the heart. Epic Risk's opening, night performance had shaky spots funderstandably since it was the company's Original Opening Night), but make no mis-take: this is one funny show Lisel M. Gorrell, Don Loper, and feet bladess keens the bark; and

Fred Harlow keep the barbs, and the humor, flying. And Harlow's portrayal of Trey, a white-bread wannabe rapper, is worth twice the

effective because the milieus

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Netional Comedy Theatre ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) re-main the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however. Keith Johnstone though USA beautre action of ago, however, Kenn possessing if thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro-wrestling ("where Terri-ble Turks mangled defrocked ore surks manged detrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies wave their handbags?. National Come edy Theatre, an offshoot of John stone's TheatreSports (artistic de rector Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and Ameri football"), resembles an athletic

wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the

played a "challenge match" agains players from the San Jose franchis Using suggestions from the audi-ence, they played "Emotional Sym pathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one o

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and "The Last Leaf," told within a larger story in which O. Henry ap-

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Shear Madness Mystery dinner theater minus the meal. The longest-running non musical in American theater his-Mission Hills. In an upstairs Mission Filia. In an upstars apartment, someone stabs erst while pianist-diva Isabel Czerney with clipping shears. Whodunit Up to this point the cast — per-forming as if on second base, un

miked, at Qualcomm Stadium— overkills every word, gesture, and joke. Then in a volte face, the house lights come up, and the au-dience 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 interroga-tion the actors become re-actor tion the actors become re-actors. They ad-lik and trounce breskers. Although many dish sound sarpted ("You don't have a but-ler! How do you are!"), the cast, especially Rick Meads as top cop Nick ("Dirien, is at its best in this format. About Madness began in 1978. Along with physical comedy and malaprops come character get labeled a "genital liar"), the play look of the property of the control of the property of t local references. Several topical references need updating (when was the last time you equated Sandy Duncan with Wheat Thins?1. The show bills itself as mindless fun. Much of it is, and no more. But some local refer-ences — negative remarks about Lakeside and Paradise Hills, for

xample — raise nagging ques-ions about the anything for a laugh mindset behind the produ

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omedy and Family Feud. Improv. comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add com-petitive scenemaking, with the au-dience awarding points to the win-ning team. Purists might balk at

the odiousness of comparisons, but Theatresports' "garne show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening uses various formats. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking sugges-tions from the audience; and "Go-rilla Theatre" — five "directors" invented scenes, using the other four six actors. The winner got a ba-nana, the loser a "forfeir." Some at-tempts went nowhere (I repeat: im-prov is tough: I did it in my, as-prov is tough: I did it in my, as-hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to black enough (and know when to black-out best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Im-

theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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"Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard,"
or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" or "Mokoko Coxoa Mocha" — Hugh plays "70s tunes on the pi-ano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the "70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never sent far. They're "losers," they ad-mit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their medicare sustained. A formulate story

mediocre pasts. A formulaic story

line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid

problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept char-

acters. One a a winz at the plants Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficul-ties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members

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"Ally terrorist is not in Afghanistan, it's in the city of Carlsbad." Carlsbad bar owner Larry

you up.... They'll send one [teenaged decoy] and turn right around and have anoth er one in the van waiting to come in.

State law says the California Alcoholic Bey California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) can perma-nently revoke a liquor license if the licensee is proven to have served minors three

the inside track

have gone overboard to bust local nightspots who serve minors. Doan says he now stops serving alcohol at his Golden Tee lounge at 8 p.m. to avoid getting any more citations. "I voluntarily close

at 8 p.m. That's when
[teenaged decoys] come out.
Doan says his Golden Tee
and other local bars like
Neiman's, Peabody's, the Crazy Burro, and Henne ssey's have all been hit hard

second violations can come with a fine and/or a suspension of the license. "When they got me it

"When they got me it wasn't just one officer and a decoy," said Doan, "They also had two other under-cover officers. How do you beat these guys?" Neiman's, which presents

DJs and reggae bands Wednesday through Saturday nights, was cited twice in two

ars.
"All I can tell you is the

pending," said Leslie Corona, the San Marcos-based administrator for the ABC about Neiman's legal problems. Corona said if the Neiman's could lose its

license for 20 to 30 da the most recent Neiman's bust happened October 5. "We sent out decoys to 15 locations [that night]. That tocations [that night]. That resulted in only one citation, at Neiman's, for selling alcohol to a minor.... The [CPD] uses decoy operations citywide on a regular basis." Boyd says the police play fair

use have to be 18 or 19 year old with their own valid IDs "State law says we can't use 20-year-olds... They don't do anything out of the ordinary. The male decoys can't have facial hair or appear to be older. Boyd said that if a minor

somehow manages to obtain an ID with his photo but with the wrong data, the law comes down on the minor, "If a minor posse

fraudulent ID, we've taken a very proactive zero-tolerance e with that minor." He nors with fake IDs

"Our first allegation [in July of 2000] was actually a

minor drinking who had a fake ID," said Gregg Oggel, director of enterta appealed that case, but they still found us in viola tion. On the second case three people approached one bartender. The ABC undercover officer picked the most opportune to to catch a bartender when the's bury on a Friday to catch a bartender when she's busy on a Friday night at 8 p.m. It looks like this last incident may cost us 20 days without being able to serve liquor. This only our second violatio in the five years under thi ownership. It seems like the ABC is out to get us

deceive our staff into selling - Ken Leighton

Last week Howard Stern hosted an Englishman who used his sphincter to spread Yuletide cheer. "Mr. Methane" performed Christmas colon concertos, including version of "Jingle Bells" and "Deck the Halls," using his body as

because they come by at

to decoys."

least once a month trying to

Then on Monday, Stern brought in P.O.D., the Chula Vista Christian rockers. "We are flattered he's a friend of ours," said POD

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P.O.D. HANGS WITH HOWARD

stage manager Andres Torres

"He says a lot of things we don't agree with, but we agree to disagree. We're not there to judge him. He gave the band a hard time, but Howard realized they stick to their guns. He's never said anothing negle about the

anything ugly about the

country tour wrapped December 3 in Sacrame

P.O.D.'s two-month cross

lew Year's Eve show "Next year? We can't even tell yet " But Torres said tell yet." But Torres said P.O.D. members Sonny, Marcos, and Wuv will be looking for new bands to sign to their own label that they plan to launch in 2002. "It's a way for [P.O.D.] to help the bands they are fans of.

appearance and for MTV's

While the label is still unnamed Torres said POD unnamed, Torres said P.O.D. has already settled on its first signing — the Swedish band Blindside, who opened for P.O.D. on this last tour.

"The label will be owned and operated by the band," and operated by the band, Torres said. P.O.D. is shop-ping for a major distributo and it may or may not be P.O.D.'s own label, Atlantic

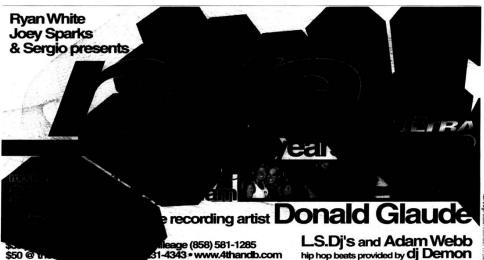
'San Diego bands would naturally be considered," said Torres. "The label might be based in New York or L.A. or San Diego, but the band will

- Ken Leighio

"I was told it was strictly a money thing," says freelance music writer Buddy Seigal,

about why his music review column in the Orange County Weekly was canceled.

Buddy Seigal (a San Diego



guitarist/songwriter who also goes by Buddy Blue) has written for the OC Weekly since 1994.

"The economy is really in the toilet," adds Seigal. Ad revenues are way down the price of newsprint is way

the price of newsprint is way up," explaining why free-lancers are the first to go. As for Seigal's influ-ences, "I grew up reading and loving the late, lament-ed Creem magazine, which was basically in the busines of making rock stars look like buffoons. I was never s honored as when Creem ran a Beat Farmers story and made fun of us." Seigal was a founding member of the

The Seigal piece in the OC Weekly that probably drew the most attention was a harsh review of limmy Buffet.

"The Parrotheads got their nuts all in a bunch over that one and organized an actual letter-writing campaign. We got flooded with dozens of letters, each more stupid and illiterate than the one before it. It was like

home for retarded people to write to the Weekly. We ended up just boiling it down to the choicest excerpts from the stupidest letters, and it was a more damning indict-ment of Buffet and his fans than anything Loyald eyer. than anything I could eve have come up with on my

Siegal admitted that he's

When asked to comment

when asked to comment on Seigal's departure, OC Weekly editor Will Swaim said, "Like just about every publication in America, ours has been hit by declining ad

that it's over now.

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"We were in the wrong time," said Charlie George about his days, from 1992 to 1998, as a drummer with the hardrockin' Voodoo. "Near the end of our run we would play with bands like Korn and Linkin Park Now all that Linkin Park. Now all that music is back in fashion." But Voodoo tossed in the towel after they opened for a sold-out Ratt concert at 4th &

- Edwin Decker

B. George went on to play with Iggy Pop. He now drums for a funk band called Urban Gypsies and a rock band called Barely Legal. His new business is ZU33, a company he cofounded to make original documentaries music videos, and commercials. George first got into snowboard videos

sigal admitted that he's gone "against the grain of OC Weekly's demographics for the better part of a decade. It took a lot of courage for them to let me have that voice, and all I can say is that I'm sorry "I got out of that because "I got out of that because I didn't want to hang out with beatnik people anymore One time a snowboard crew came over to our house, and they ended up staying in ou living room for two or three months."

months."
Eventually George
hooked up with his ZU33
partners, Ryan Page, 27, and
Hans Fjellestad, 33. Page

hope will prove to be some short-term cuts, one of which is Buddy's column." Buddy Blue Seigal plays at Tio Leo's on Friday, Decem-

> for Johnny Lydon and Soundgarden.
> "I've been most influ-

enced by German new-wave

documentary focusing on

segments is on the Nortec

border culture. One of three

"In many ways San Diego isn't really America any more than Tijuana isn't really Mexico. It's a transborder

region with dialogue back and forth. Nortec cuts and

pastes that environment and

"There's a real cool seg-ment [in Frontier Life] called Jefe de Pista | Chief of the

outs a completely new face on

Course]," said George. "It's about these guys who come



ODOO DRUMMER STARTS ZU3

the races, the mechanics, the fans, and these underground club organizers who sponso these illegal midnight-hour races through the

obsession in the U.S.
The trio can be contacted at www.zu33.com. Barely

Dizzy's downtown, Friday December 21, at 8:30.

San Diego and bring them to Tijuana for this underground auto-racing club. There's director Werner Herzog," said Page. Based in the East Village area of downtown, the three principals of ZU33 are about to begin production on Frontier Life, a 60-minute TV

streets."
The team just sold a 30-minute documentar called Weird America. which is a study of

Legal plays its first show on Saturday at the Kensington Club.

The Troy sisters — 15-year-old Lindsey and her 17-year-old sister Anna —

were just signed to a "seven-figure deal" to Elektra, making them the latest local artists to score the major-label brass ring. Their first release should come out in late summer 2002. "Lindsey and I aren't gonna be these bubble pop stars. If they want us to be

that way, we're just gonna refuse.... Elektra artists aren'

refuse... Elektra artists are that conforming." "Look at Björk," said Lindsey. "She does her own thing. Tracy Chapman ... doesn't put on lipstick to

Lindsey is in tenth grade at a local high school. Anna started college a year early. The Troy Sisters appear at



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"We weren't yelling and calling each other names. I was just unhappy," says singer and songwriter Beastie Ulery on

his departure from the Sar Diego rock band Soulcrack Ulery is not the only Ulery is not the only major Soulcracker up-heaval — a band that recently starred in VH1's Emmy-nominated, reality-based television series Bands on the Run. Johnny McDonon the Run. Johnny McDon-ald, the band's manager since 1997, is also resigning. And the remaining four members are moving to Los

Do you think Soulcracker will be better or worse without you?" I ask Ulery

"I hope they don't end up like an L.A. band." "How do you mean?" "A lot of times you see these L.A. club bands wearing leather pants and shiny 29th birthday hirts and taking themselve really seriously. I hope that

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He gives me an interview while on the construction

while on the construction site of his new job.
"I just switched careers," he explains. "I am now building houses in north Oakland with my brothers." McDonald has three reasons for leaving Soulcracker

"First of all. I lost my dad on March 7. The first couple of months [following his death] I told myself, 'Hey, keep doing what you're keep doing what you're doing. Stay busy and rock and roll.' But as time progressed ... I began to have different feelings about ... well. quite frankly about the meaning of life.

"Secondly, six months after my dad passed away. I

after my dad passed away, I went back to be with my family again.... I landed in Philadelphia on September Philadelphia on September 11, 7:45 a.m., Eastern Standard Time. One hour later, I was listening to NPR with my brothers and I heard the news flash." McDonald says the third

reason was the onset of his "My main purpose right

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my main purpose rigin now," he answers, "is to move back to Philadelphia to help my brothers build a memorial garden plot for my doesn't happen to Soulcrack

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When father Jack Mc-Donald died of an aneurysm in March of 2001, the Mc-Donald family searched for an acceptable cemetery. "We presented some original and creative ideas to the adminiscreative ideas to the adminis-tration of the cemetery about a McDonald family garden plot ...and on that garden plot there is going to be a memorial to my dad. The cemetery administrators liked the idea so much, they doing that on a grander scale so that they can offer this to other families.

"So now, my dad's con-

struction company, which my brothers now run, is developing not only the McDonald family garden

plot, but a total of 30 family piot, but a total of 30 famil garden plots for the ceme-tery. So that's what I'll be doing. After that, the sky's the limit. - Edwin Decker

Billy Midnight and the Chlorine

Junior year of high hool, I was in chemistry lab, feeling stupid...well, no. I didn't feel it, I was it. Ha ha ha ha ha!

ha ha ha!

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beakers of something or
other, bubbling gas into inverted jar-things full of water. At a certain point, after it stopped bubbling, we

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were supposed to do such and such, and it looked like and such, and it looked like the bubbles were done, but I couldn't be sure — I was getting impatient. So'I took the tubing, the bubble end, and put it to my pose — PHOOM!! — and fell to the floor like I'd been gassed or

'Cause it was like I'd beer gassed or something! (It was the second or third stupidest thing I've ever done.)

Anyway, chlorine, a good name, good in a name but there's nothing chloribut there's nothing chlori-nated 'bout these guys — they're as fresh as fresh air. As much as air ever is fresh now'days. Real nice tunes and nice

playin' — like if you squeezed all the GREED &

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thirsty just readin' it.
And of course it wurn't really recorded live at the Trade Winds, or live at all, but at Earthling Studios, El

Dreaming of dystopia can be real neat sometimes - Richard Meltzer



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Music Goes to War

"We can take anything on ship, even boom boxes, as long as they are safety checked."

Ithough it's December 1, there is no holiday cheer at the pier where the USS Benhomme Richard is getting ready to disembark. As wives, husbands, boyfriends, and griffiends return to their cars wiping away tears, one gets a sense of the long tedium created by military deployments. For those leaving, music is one of the few distractions.

tions available during life aboard

ship.

Aaron Logan, 20, an information systems technician from Houston, says that music "helps relax you. I use it a lot when I'm underway. You get off an eight-hour watch, and it's nice to just

get off an eight-hour watch, and it's nice to just go sit down and relax with music. I listen to mu-sic when I work out too."

Logan say that the Navy Exchange has an "all right" selection of music. "I probably spend about 350 a month on compact disse. I use a Sony walkman and MP3 player. Other than that, Luse my laptop. We can take anything on ship, even boom boxes, as long as they are safety checked. But there's no radio reception — that's checked. But there's no radio reception - that's

why you bring CDs."

There is no ship's radio station either. "I think that's a possibility, but right now,

"I think that's a possibility, but right now, there's none."
His friend, New Yorker Adam Wertheim, 21, says that sailors listen to music "when we leave, when we come back, and when we work. I have a giffriend back home, and whenever I hear 'Against the Wind' by Bob Seger, it reminds me of her."

Wertheim doesn't huy his music on hase Wertherm doesn't buy his music on base.
"The Navy Exchange 's selection of music is okay, but it could be better. They have a lot of new stuff. I go to Best Buy because they have the best prices. I probably spend about \$50 a month on CDs. I have a Sony portable CD player and an

AIWA portable DVD player."

Marine Sergeant Eric J. Cooper, a Brooklyn marine Sergeant Eric J. Cooper, a Brooklyn native, says that music puts him at ease. "I've al-ways listened to the same kind of music: hardcore. It's like really heavy metal, under-ground New York music. Biohazard is one of my favorites."

Although married, Cooper can't think of any songs that remind him of his wife. (Biohazard inn't big on love ballads, For his tastes, the Navy Exchange doesn't have a good selection of music. "I guest by do for other people — you know, Britney Spears and all that. I pick up two or three CDs per month — that's probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in a buck in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably about of bucks. I have a CD player in the common that a probably a probably a probably about of the common that a probably about of the common that a probably a probably

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KUMPEL 60 bucks. I have a CD player in my Kenwood rack system with Marantz speakers. I also play the guitar." Petty Office Ernest Adams, 29, who comes from New Orleans, sees no reason to spend money on music. "I don't — no since Napster and those other guys came online! From what music, but I don't shop in there too offen... There's a whole bunch of songs that remind me offmy wife — Just can't think of any right now. Oh yeah. "Spend My Life with You' by Eric Benet."

Benet. To ristening, Adams sticks with one brand.
Tuse Sony equipment. I've got a Walkman and I've got a head unit in my truck and an enter-tainment system at my house."
There's a lot of smoking mixed with good-

There's a lot of smoking mixed with good-byech ner. Alex Hampton, 27 and his girlfriend smoke cigarettes even while embracing. A Mis-souri native, Hampton also uses music to relax. "I used to listen to a variety of music, but lately it's mostly country, Since 9/11, listen to more patriotic music than I did before."
With her arms tightly around him, his girl-friend looks concerned when asked If any songs does not be supported to the same of the support of the support of the support of the support of the does not not support of the support of the support I have a Pioner CD boom box on the ship. If you're on the main deck, you can pick up radio stations sometimes."

stations sometimes."

Since all the others have said that radio reception is impossible, I wonder if playing a radio on deck is permitted. "I won't confirm it or deny

it, but we can pick things up!"

Peter Neev, 23, has been in the Navy since leaving Marin County a year ago. An operations specialist, he likes the distraction that music of-













fers. "It takes your mind off everything that's go-ing on and the stresses from work. It also helps keep out the noise from the ship so you can get to sleep. There are people walking around the berthing units all the time and stuff like that. I

berthing units all the time and stuff like that. I listen to a little of everything, mainly alternative rock and classic rock. I enjoy Dave Matthews, Ben Harper, Jack Johnson, and Bob Marley. Neev used to go to Tower or the Wherehouse, but "since the Internet came out and you can burn CDs, I spend very little on music anymore. I may buy one CD a month, if that. I have a friend who burns all the songs I want off the Internet. I have a CD player in my truck and a literent. I have a CD player in my truck and a Internet. I have a CD player in my truck and a Discman that I'll fake with me on ship."

Discman that I'll take with me on ship.

Corporal Gloria Maurin grew up in San
Diego and is stationed at Camp Pendleton. "I buy
a lot of music. It's good to have some music or
movies to watch to take your mind off everything. Ship life is pretty boring, really; very slow.
I use compact discs and I have a DVD player. I

isien to a lot of music in Spanish. In English, I listen to a lot of R&B. Tape, easy listening, and a little bit of country. I have a boyfriend—there are some songs in Spanish that remind me of him.... Every once in a while we have special events, like Halloween and Hispanic Heritage Day, and they'll play music in the mess hall while we're eating. They try to do a lot of things for us here. They know what we're going through." William Aguitar, 20 left lot Angeles to join the Navy two years ago. "Music clears my mind. my rack [bunk] while I'm trying to get some sleep, I listen to hij» hop, rap, R&B."
In the grip of his girlfriend, he says, "K.C. and Jojo's "Crazy' makes me think of her. The exchange has any type of musicy ouw want to listen listen to a lot of music in Spanish. In English, I

jojo s Crazy makes me trink of her. The ex-change has any type of music you want to listen to and they're cheaper there. I probably spend or a month on CD. I have a IVC unit in my car and I have a Walkman. Sometimes we can get radio stations on board — it depends on





how far off the coast we are. There's a little radio about four by four in the berthing area where we sleep. The ship has a DJ too — MS1 Kendrick. He a DJ too — MS1 Kendrick. He alks just like a regular old DJ. He's pretty good. We have pic-nics on the flight deck, and he's up there with his turntables and everything." As the reporters are allowed to get closer to the ship, a sen-timental-sounding country

timental-sounding country and western song is heard and western song is neard playing from the vessel's loud-speakers. The tension is mounting as sailors have only a few minutes left before mandatory boarding. Family and friends cling until the last

Michael Gianbattista, 20, Michael Gianbattista, 20, is with his mother and sister. Originally from Oregon, Gianbattista uses music to combat homesickness, "When you're stressed out and you miss home, you can listen to a song and soothe your soul a little bit.... I have a fiancée back home, and there are a back home, and there are a whole bunch of songs that re-mind me of her. Since 9/11, if I'm thinking about what hap-pened on that day, there are certain kinds of music I don't want to hear — it's kind of sad."

Annoved to have her last

moments with her son inter-rupted, his mother cuts the interview short.

Contradicting everyone clse, Seaman Beatrice Cas-

clse, Seaman Beatrice Casteneds insists that listening to music is forbidden on ship.
"You don't get to listen to music. They stopped it. If they play music, it's up to the captain, and he plays it on the speakers. You can bring your own boom box, but you're not supposed to. In case an emergency happens and they call something, you might not be something, you might not be able to hear it with your

Lance Corporal Charles Cante Corporal Charles Grant, 21, uses music to cope with stress. "When everyone's yelling at you, you just put on your headphones and go in your own little world where no one can bother you. I listen to a lot of classic rock.

Grant does not buy music from the exchange. "It sucks. Top 40 sucks. They have too much R&B and rap for me. I download MP3s from the Internet mostly."

When asked if the ship has

a DI, Tara Fernando, 21, starts a DJ, 1 ara Fernando, 21, starts laughing, "MS1 Kendrick! He's pretty good. We'll have an ice cream social, and he'll bring out his equipment. Sometimes we'll have karaoke and he does Even though he is attached

to the Bonhomme Richard. Lieutenant Commander Joe Neuheisel will not be boarding today. An officer in the Beach Detachment for Logis-

















tics Support, he will be flying chances of meeting her at sea to Hawaii in two days to mee are slim at best. A lot of songs the ship there. Music is a big the ship there. Music is a big part of life at sea. "I have a DVD in my computer and I listen to music as I work daily. I buy maybe two or three CDs per month. I listen to classic rock remind him of her, but he can't remember any right now. When asked about the con-flicting stories about music being allowed on ship, he ex-plains, "It depends on the and some country western. location. In the berthing arcas, you want to keep it quiet.

His girlfriend, also in the Navy, is currently deployed on the Kitty Hawk in the Persian Gulf. Neuheisel believes his And yes, you can pick up ra-dio stations at sea."

ing the ship with his wife and children clinging to him. A South Carolina native, Johnsouth Carolina native, John-son has been in the Navy for 14 years. "I listen to classical, jazz, and a little bit of R&B. There is a song that reminds me of my wife — 'Lady in My Life' by Michael Jackson." His wife smiles when he

stands sadly at the dock watch-

mentions the title "I don't

change. Their prices are very change. Their prices are very good, but we don't go there very often. It's pretty small and I wish they would expand it. I probably spend about \$30 a month on CDs. I play them on my personal computer, my Sony boom box, and my DVD player. It's already on board that his Advance on the the ship. And you can get Internet radio on ship too — my wife thought of that for me."



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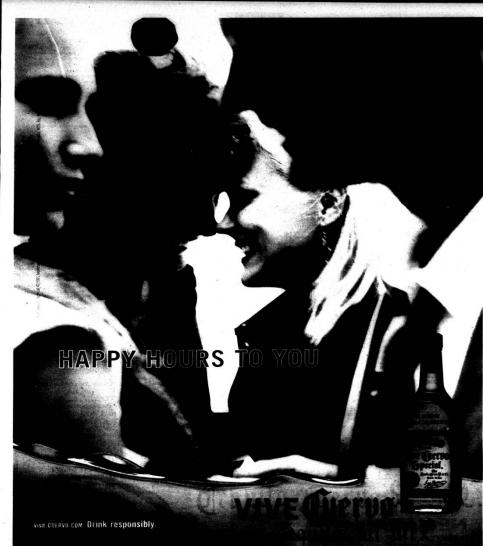


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Mighty Angel

"A rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as if it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire."

hese past couple of weeks I have written about the musical culture at the Terezin concen-tration camp near Prague during the Second World War, and I speculated about what might have become of some of the

have become of some of the composers, like Gideon Klein, who displayed so much promise but whose lives and careers were cut short before they arrived at artistic maturity. I also averred that music of a very high order, in quite a few instances, was com-posed at Terezin — almost unbelievably, given the cir-cumstances — but that none of it was great. However, at least one

great piece of music did come out of the camps dur-

come out of the camps during WWII, Quatuor pour le
fin du temps, or Quartet for
the End of Time, composed by Olivier Messiaen
(1908–1991), who would not only survive his ordeal but come to be regarded as one of last century's greatest composers and, along with De-bussy, France's most important modern composer

The circumstances of the Quar The circumstances of the Quarter's composition make for remarkable reading, Messiaen, who was born to an intellectual family (this father was a translator of English literature and his mother a poet) was a musical prodigy and entiered the Paris Conservatory at the age of 11, specializing in organ,

improvisation, and composition. (Twenty-seven years later, in 1948, he would become professor years later, in 1948, he would become professor of harmony and analysis at the same conserva-tory.) After graduation in 1930, Messiaen became organist at the Trinity Church in Paris and tague at the Ecole Normale de Musique and at the Schola Cantorum. Early on he had exhibited an interest in mysticism and appears to have been, through-out his life, a very devout Catholic. He would over the course of his career attempt to marry the two seeking to find musical equivalence for religious concepts. The Quartet is only one of nume

stances of this in Messiaen's oeuvres, but a very early and matchless instance. It should be noted that the camp Messiaen

es found themselves in was a pris-oner of war camp, not a concentration camp for Jews or Gypsies or those the Germans felt to be genetically inferior and ultimately to be destroyed. It would not have been a picnic, those two years at Stalag VIII A at Görlitz in Silesia, now part of

at Gorlitz in Silesia, now part of Poland. But it was a good deal better than Terezin. Messiaen, who had been called up to military service in 1939, was posted to a medical unit as an auxiliary because of poor eyesight. When Nait troops overran mild French resistance in Mersel 1940. Mer

in May of 1940, Mes Oliver Mensium in May of 1940, Mensium a sight of grim importance in French mal-turny history, a large share of Mensiem's father's generation having fallen there in the First World War. Messiem and three companions, who, fatefully, all papened to be must-have the man and the companions, who, fatefully, all user captured to Poland.

AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

REVIEW

Although conditions were wretched, the prisoners (at least Messiaen and his cohorts) had access to musical instruments: in Messiaen and his friends'

ments: in Messaaen and his friends: particular case a cello with three strings, a dam-aged clarinet, and an upright piano with several defective keys. Messiaen also managed to some-how get hold of a sheaf of stave paper from his captors. He wrote out a short sketch and rehearsed it in the toilets of Görlitz with his colleagues: Etienne Pasquier on cello, Jean La Boulaire on violin, Henri Akoka on clarinet, and Messiaen himself on

A substantial interview with the cellist. Eti-

enne Pasquier, appears in the liner notes of this excellent recent release of the *Quartet* from Deutsche Grammophon. M. Etienne, who was interviewed in 1999 in *Das Orchester*, wound up on kitchen duty. The kitchen staff, inevitably, go to eat more than the rest, but Pasquier also claims to have made sure his buddy Messiaen always got an extra helping. Pasquier also maintains that his

to have made sure his buddy Messing, Pasquier also sinan an extra helping, Pasquier also sinant cello did, in fact, have four strings, not three as Messiaen has it. He tells us that the prisoners were housed in huts and that Messi-aen, who had also helped to establish the camp theater, used a corner of his hut as a church compose. The trio sketch that Messi

and his colleagues rehearsed in the toilets became the fourth movement, the Interlude, among movement, the intertuge, among the eight movements of the Quar-ter. Once Messiaen had written all eight movements, the men re-hearsed every evening from six o'clock when work ended until lights out at ten.

lights out at ten.

The Quateur pour la fin du temps premiered
on Wednesday, the fifth of January, 1941, at six,
in the venting, Messien
and his fellow musicians
were dressed in old Czekuniforms covered with
patches and with clogs on
their feet. Five thousand prisoners, along with a number of Nazi staff, were in attendance. It was a bit in attendance. It was a bit-ter cold evening, and there was snow on the ground and rooftops. It is not a short piece at 52 minutes or so, and Messiaen is not an easy composer, with his asymmetrical rhythms and unusual harmonies



But the thousands of prisoners, along with camp guards and officials, sat rapt through the entire piece. It was one of those indelible moments in mu-sical history. So impressed were the Germans that shortly after the performance Messiaen and his quartet were deemed musical artists, not fighting men, and went home on a transport through Switzerland to Lyons, Later that same year, 1941. the Quartet was premiered in France at the Théâtr des Mathurine with Messiaen again on piano

Pasquier on cello, this time Pasquier's brother taking the place of the original clarinetist, Henri Akoka, who happened to be Jewish and had fled to take refuge in Marseilles. Whether or not he survived the war. I can only wonder. The rest of the vived the war, I can only wonder. The rest of the prisoners wound up having to spend another four miserable years at the camp in Görlitz.

Messiaen's Quarter is based on a passage from the Revelation of St. John the Divine, 1:7.

And I saw another mighty angal come down from heaven clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow was with a cloud, and a rainbow was with a cloud, and a rainbow was if it were the sun, and his feet as pillars offer. And he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot I saw that the sea of the sea o



longed into eternity and became the sight of, everlasting light, of eternal peace.

The Quarter, for all of this difficulties (odd meters and modes, etc.) is among the most accessible, of all Messiaen's larges the thing the most emostionally affecting. Deposit purput and the most emostionally affecting. Deposit purput and the most emostionally affecting this growth of his later work. It is also unusual in that the composer produced very little chamber music, apart from his organ. works. Only four of the movements are scored for the entire quartet, the rest being either for trio, duo, or solo instruments. To describe the piece musically would require another, rather technical essay. But what Messiaen is after in his Quartet, for the End of Time is what he called "stained glass window" effects, achieved through a constantly changing chromatic language. I'll discuss Messiaen again. He's a large, unavoidable figure in the last century's music. But I can think of no better entre to his music than this extraordinary Quartet. works. Only four of the movements are scored

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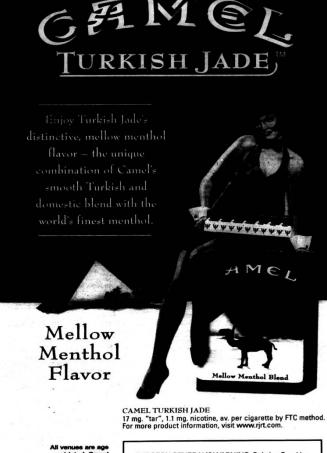
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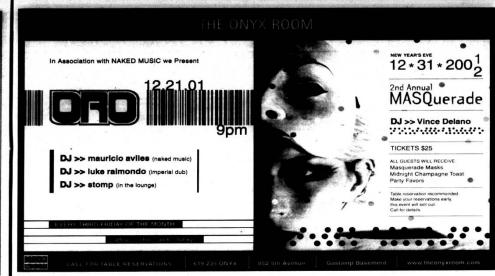
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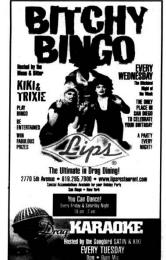
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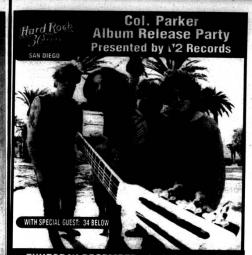
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"People expect me to do Cream songs," says the drummer **Koff Baker**, son of ex-Cream drummer Ginger Baker. "I like Cream's music, and it's probably what I'd be playing, even if he wasn't my dad." The Koff Baker Band has been formed now for about five Band has been formed now for about five months, although Baker uses finerant musi-cians to fill the slots immortalized by Jock fluce and his goddraher, Enc Clapton. As I write this, Baker is maning tracks for his new board is a power combot that plays flucion jazo originals and Cream covers, but "maybe a site time more modern day, fursker," says Baker, "like the way that Cream might be playing been today." Cream was a monster trio that cemented Clapton's image as the dear

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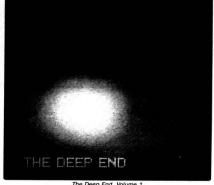
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Denise Clarke: We met on June 6, 1990, and by 1990, and 1990,

Peter: There's a 20-year age difference between us, but I think other people looked at that before we did. Race was also a non-issue for us.

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Penise Clarket We mer on the side of the

Peter: Denise has strong ties to her family, but she's a very independent person. She thinks for herself.

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Peter: We got married on July

10, 1991, at the downtown to, 1991, at the downtown courthouse. It was the last thing on our Home Depot list. I knew a lot of judges from my days as a trial lawyer, so I found a friend of mine and he married us on the spot.

Denise: When we told our daughters, they screamed at us. But we took them to the Alpine Inn for a king crab dinner and then it was okay.

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Lord of the Jungle

Riding westward from the Badlands, the Dakota sun was so harsh that I stuffed my leather jacket under the bungee cords securing the knapsack and rode in my white thermal undershirt, tugging the sleeves over the back of my hands, which wer the steeves over the back of my harms, which were parching helplessly on my knees. When we reached the Black Hills we set up camp in the shade of the pines. While M __ pounded in the tent stakes, I ranged through the empty campsites and along the forest edge, gathering abandoned and fallen wood for the fire-pit. It was too late to ride into Rapid City for groceries, so I rummaged in the saddlebags for a can of beans and a thin saucepan

A leathery old man sauntered over from the next campsite. "Hard traveling this country on a motorcycle, isn't it. You come all the way from New York?" he said, eyeing the rear plate on the R-60. We told him we were headed for California and back, camping in the national parks. He said he used to ride an Indian, still missed it. Then he went back to his RV for a few minutes and he went back to his RV for a few minutes and returned while M_ was starting the fire. T've got a ranch up near Pierre; 'the man said. 'Trun some bison along with my cathe. This old builbuf-falo kept jumping the fence to get at the cows, I had to put him down. One shot between the eyes, never knew what hit 'im. Be sure to pound that stack good before you cook if, he was a topply hit. boy. Cook it pretty rare, buffalo's got no fat in it, dries out if you overdo it."

I pounded the buffalo round steak with the I pounded the buffalo round steak with the bottom of a ketchup bottle for a long time and then cooked it rare on the grill over the hot-burn-ing wood. It was tough and lean, but it was the best-flavored meat I'd ever tasted, dark red and rich and beefier than any beef.

Since then, I never miss a chance to eat bisor (American buffalo), and that's what drew me to Greystone. That and the elk chops. I'd passed the restaurant many times, and noting the gamemeats on the menu posted outside, I'd nicknamed the place "Lord of the Jungle," after Lord Greystoke — a.k.a. Tarzan. I didn't know how right

I was.
"The girls are waiting for you at the bar." the restaurant hostess told me when I arrived, gesturing resaurant noses to do the when a rives, gesturing toward the friends I'd be dining with that evening. And there at the bar, despite reserving well ahead, we waited for some 40 more minutes, attempt-ing to converse over the noise of a large TV



overhead broadcasting a sports event. Kay had time to tell me that Greystone is owned by the same duo who own Osteria Panevino and Trattoria Portobello. A third partner, ex-Padre Kevin Ward, Portobello. A third partner, ex-Padre Kevin Ward, is apparently quite a wine expert, having amassed the amazing, encyclopedic wine list. But the nearest staffer was deeply intent on a lengthy telephone call not more than a foot from my nose, so it was a dry, parched, South Dakota Badlands sort of wait for the first half hour until we finally caught the eye of the bartender at the other end. (I was easer to tor the Duckborn Sauvi-

eager to try the Duckhorn Sauvion Blanc, and it rewarded us

gnon Blanc, and it rewarded us well for our patience.) Finally we were shown to a table in the upstairs dining room, where a couple of small corporations were holding pre-Christmas din-ners. Our waiter, Adolf Von Lukchen (not his real name), spoke British English with a trace, I thought, of a German accent. He asked us if we wanted sparkling water, still water, or unfiltered Gaslamp tap water, mentioning the last with a trace of a sneer. We ordered bottled (\$6.50). "Can

I help you choose a wine?" he then asked, as I was poring over the multipage list. "Give me your price range—\$2000! purpsant pause! \$100°! he continued. "More like \$50, tops," I answered, and he frowned. It made a couple of good sugard to the standard of the standard of

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burlier Bonzo bin Vermicelli (not his real na who took our order. The appetizer list tilted to old-time steakhouse starters, so the first choice old-time steakhouse starters, so the tirst choice my posse agreed on was that N'awins uber-classic, oysters Rockefeller. No go — Expense Account Party of 18 and Expense Account Party of 24 (not their real names) had already consumed every bivalve in the house. (But surely such large parties couldn't be drop-ins. Given reservations for these crowds, hadn't anyone thought to stock Grevstone

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PRICES: Appetizers average \$15; entrées around \$30 for seafood. \$38 for meat.

starters and desserts. Impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at rewarding Canifornia and Iralania nottings at \$35-\$50 (about 20) percent markup), soaring, up to first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans, and legendary (and now thought overprised). Napa "boutique" Cabernets of the "90s at the stratospheric (\$1000-plus) level. NEED TO KNOW: Wheelchair access to heated

street-patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or down stairs). Rather noisy. Reservas strongly urged but may not be honored mptly. Service may be abrasive. "Business-

ambiance, and service with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are

In any event, appetizers are evidently no Greystone's forte. A lobster and shrimp bisque ha an abundance of rubbery seafood bits in a th n-splashed broth of little flavor and less cha cream-splashed broth of little flavor and less cha-acter — surprising, given the middens of lobsta carapaces we saw bussed from nearby table Panko-crusted fried prawns, shriveled in nea-burned breading, came with a golden risotto cak that was likable but so mild-mannered you could n't easily discern if it was risotto or potato

nothing in particular. A huge baked Portobello with gulf shrimp in a pleasant parsley-garlic sauce was heavily crusted with coarse-tasting Parmesan. "Domestic cheese," sniffed my friend Provvidenza, a well-trav-ded Sirilian connected to a local ing of minced buffalo, duck, elk, and pheasant meat, plus a likely touch of creamy ricotts for unity. You can't taste precisely what meats are in the filling, but what comes through clearly is that it is game. A rich sauce led Sicilian connected to a loca estaurant family. The accom of reduced stock and porcin or reduced stock and porcini mushroom juice was bound with a little cream, and tender porcini slices were scattered all over. (If you're a fan of the lstrian cooking at New York's Bakkin or San Empireo's Allens restaurant tamily. The accom-panying pair of plump shrimp had been boiled very dead. (We were glad we hadn't ordered a shrimp cocktail.) A "steak tartare" proved to be a horribly creative departure from the traditional it may be worth a detour here just to try this dish.) ecipe: A heaplet of hand pped raw beef tenderloir sat atop a pillar of what can only be described as a beef-ridden guacamole, layered in turn over

minimise, layered in turn ove in invisible and largely imper eptible foundation of very salt

sliced this time). The mixtur

of tenderloin and avocade

of tenderion and avocado seemed like the bland leading the bland until you bit into one of the specks of hot red chili, which would aim a swift kick at your

ongue and then run away

Alongside were a few capers and some slim baguette slices slicked with an aioli that tasted oddly

ike coleslaw dressing. We decided to share an

rmezzo course of pasta, in Italian style, and suddenly

e meal took a sharp turn fo

roved the most compelling ourse of the meal. Thin pasta cins were plumped with a fill-

he better. The game ravioli

arpaccio" (more raw beef

As he was serving our entrées, Mr. bin Vermicelli suddenly boomed out, "Who ya write for?" Everyone at my table froze. Not only was he trying to bust me, but we were momentarily shocked mute by the hostile ter meal for a group— something I've been doing since I was just a foodie with a civil service job. "Anybody does that, gotta be a restaurant reviewer," he insisted. I denied it, gave my alternate explanation, and he finished doling out the entrees without quite managing to poi

The rare (in all senses) buf The rare (in all senses) buf-falo tenderloin tasted like the best dry-aged prime beef of years ago, before the USDA lowered the grading standards. It was at

the other end of the luxury scale from the Dakota rancher's gristly round steak. Buffalo is low fat, platter, naked but for a splash of balsamic, Greystone's 32-ounce cut of 21-day dryaged prime rib-eye proved to be a dinosaur bone of luscious, slighty markled! (Dol in nuclear force-feed it like a fole gas duck! Massage it like a Kobe steer!) It was assuced with a discreet port wine reduction and was splen-didly accompanied by gently pouched pears, Swiss chard, and particular political postuces—the state of parallel postuces—the state a plannial worked, and all worked together. On the other hand, although the New Zealand elk chop was juicy and rare, in the decade since! last stated as the decade since! last stated as the decade since! last stated as entily been overbred or overfed to make its flavor tamer. The marbled, almost-sweet garlic-rubbed flesh. (You have a choice of sauces, but we stayed neu-tral this time. If you want a veggie or spud with your steak, it'll be \$4-\$16 extra.) Bonzo it'll be \$4-\$16 extra.) Bonzo didn't object to our ordering the game rare but insisted on medium-rare for the beef, on grounds that it was heavily mar-bled. It wasn't a bad choice, but I think! I might have liked the meat even better rare, so long as the exterior was well custed. as the exterior was well crusted In any case, it's a great steak, arguably the best in town. spanishly the best in town.

For a seadod dish we tried jumbo scallops topped with caviar over a bed of lobster mashed potatoes, with thick spears of gilled Chilean saparagus. The caviar was tiny and black and disappeared before! got a taste of it, but from the minuscule size of the roe, I'd rule out the Caspian varieties. Exading a faintly doseal aroma, the icnode yet slightly tubbery probably been phosphate preserved; they were splashed with a nondescript "soy-gair feed." to make its flavor tamer. The menu said the chop was crusted with powdered morels and porcini, but these elements, if present, were imperceptible present, were imperceptible compared to the aggressive coating of crushed black peppercons. Alongside were wonderful soft collard greens and herbed mash — but everything on the plate was polluted by a sludgethick "coriander blackberry reduction" meat glaze sauce. In the battle between elk and sauce, the great was the great was the great was the present when the present was the present when the present was the p

Grevstone is the only local steakhouse I know of to serve dry-aged prime beef. (Morton's, Donovan's, Fleming's, Ruth's Chris all use blander-tasting wet-aged steaks.) Alone on its

the gravy won.

Maine lobster (as the expense-account parties did), rather than the more elaborate seafood ture we sampled at our dinner had suffered some abuse. Bin Vermicelli returned

for our dessert orders, rambunctiously pressing his point now. "You should have the now. "You should have the vanilla crème brûlée and the flourless chocolate cake if you're writing a review, the tastes bal-ance each other," he exhorted, exhibiting a humanoid evolu-tion of the lower male primates' chest-beating, hopping, and chest-beating, hopping, and whooping behaviors. Never mind that I'd been busted as a reviewer — it clearly didn't improve the cooking or the ser-vice — but why was he trying to make us too uncomfortable to enjoy our dinner? Was it a gen-der thing? (Are women not supposed to eat out together, read wine lists, orchestrate read wine lists, orchestrate orders?) Did he feel his power had been challenged? Was it our comparatively stingy tab— a paltry \$100 per person before tax and tip? Was he stupid, or

what? The desserts? They were unspeakable. The vanilla crème brûlée tasted like bottled marshmallow "crème." The flourless chocolate cake was so vile that none of us could swallow more than a bite. I took the rest home to see if it might taste better in Bonzo's absence. It didn't.

A couple of weeks ago, a reader wrote a letter to the editor. wrote a letter to the editor, scoffing that I'd given Azzura Point three stars despite the relative blandness of the entrée meats. But there, the appetizers were delightful, the desserts (by one of the most exciting (by one of the most exciting dessert chefs in all of Califor-nia) were brilliant, and the service and ambiance were all ease and grace, ensuring a highly pleasurable, civilized meal. At Greystone, we encountered the precise opposite situation. For-get appetizers and desserts. Forget ambiance — it's just : big, loud steakhouse. Forge discourtesy at the bar, and may discourtesy at the bar, and may secalate to bullying and antag-onism in the dining room if you're not quite the "Grey-stone type" (e.g., a tractable businessman with deep pock-ets?). But if you're looking for great meat entrées and some fabulous gamer ravioli, you'll find them here. Hence, grudg-ingly them the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the discourted by the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of properties properties of properties pro ingly, two stars. The place is obviously a hot spot for hotobviously a hot spot for hot-shots wheeling and dealing over big hunks of fine red meat — but if you want to wine and dine Donna Frye, say, or Carly Fiorina (CEO of Hewlett-Packard), or Lynn Chency, well, there are better





a nondescript "soy-garlic reduc-tion" sauce. The lobster mash

was the best item on the plate. I suspect that diners at Grey-stone who don't want meat are really supposed to order simple





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Lord of the Jungle

Riding westward from the Badlands, the Dakota sun was so harsh that I stuffed my leather jacket sun was so harsh that I stuffed my leather jacket under the bungee cords securing the Knapsack and rode in my white thermal undershirt, tugging the sleeves over the back of my hands, which were parching helplessly on my knees. When we reached the Black Hülls we set up camp in the shade of the the Black Hills we set up camp in the shade of the pines. While M — pounded in the tent stakes, I ranged through the empty campsites and along the forest edge, gathering abandoned and fallen wood for the fire-pit. It was too late to ride into Rapid City for groceries, so I runmaged in the said-lebags for a can of beans and a thin saucepan. A leathery old man sauntered over from the next campsite. "Hard traveling this country on a motorcycle, in it. It. You come all the way from

motorcycle, isn't it. You come all the way from New York?" he said, eveing the rear plate on the R.60. We told him we were headed for Califor-R-00. We told furn we were neaded for Cambon-nia and back, camping in the national parks. He said he used to ride an Indian, still missed it. Then he went back to his RV for a few minutes and returned while M__was starting the fire. "I've got a ranch up near Pierre," the man said. "I'run some bison along with my cattle. This old bull buffalo kept jumping the fence to get at the cows, I had to put him down. One shot between the eyes, had to put him down. One snot between the eyes, never knew what hit 'im. Be sure to pound that steak good before you cook it, he was a tough old boy. Cook it pretty rare, buffalo's got no fat in it, dries out if you overdo it."

I pounded the buffalo round steak with the bottom of a ketchup bottle for a long time and

then cooked it rare on the grill over the hot-burning wood. It was tough and lean, but it was the best flavored meat I'd ever tasted, dark red and rich and beefier than any beef.

rich and beefier than any beef.
Since then, Inever miss a chance to eat bison
(American buffalo), and that's what drew me to
Greystone. That and the elk-tops. I'd passed the
restaurant many times, and noting the gammeats on the menu posted outsde, I'd nicknamed
the place "Lord of the Jungle," after Lord
Greystoke — a&a. Tarzan I ddin't know how right

"The girls are waiting for you at the bar." the The girls are waiting for you at the bar. the restaurant hostess told me when I arrived, gesturing toward the friends I'd be dining with that evening. And there at the bar, despite reserving well ahead, we waited for some 40 more minutes, attemptwe waited for some 40 more minutes, attempt-ing to converse over the noise of a large TV



overhead broadcasting a sports event. Kay had time to tell me that Greystone is owned by the same duo who own Osteria Panevino and Trattoria Portobello A third partner, ex-Padre Kevin Ward Portobello. A third partner, ex-Padre Kevin Ward, is apparently quite a wine expert, having amassed the amazing, encyclopedic wine list. But the nearest staffer was deeply intent on a lengthy telephone call not more than a foot from my nose, so it was a dry, parched, South Dakota Badlands sort of wait for the first half hour until

we finally caught the eye of the bartender at the other end. (I was eager to try the Duckhorn Sauvi-gnon Blanc, and it rewarded us

gnon Blanc, and it rewarded us well for our patiente.) Finally we were shown to a table in the upstairs dining room, where a couple of small corporations were holding pre-Christmas din-ners. Our waiter, Adolf Von Lukchen (not his real name), spoke British English with a trace, I thought, of a German accent. He asked us if we wanted sparkling water, still water, or unfiltered Gaslamp tap water, mentioning the last with a trace of a sneer. We ordered bottled (\$6.50). "Can I help you choose a wine?" he then asked, as I was poring over the multipage list. "Give me your price range — \$200? [pregnant pause] \$100?" he continued. "More like \$50, tops," I answered, and he frowned. He made a couple of good sug-gestions (including the light but luscious Ferrari and he frowned. He made a couple of good sug-gestions (including the light but luscious Ferrari Carrano Siena Meritage that we finally ordered), but I wanted to keep ogling that tantalizing tome a bit longer before making a commitment. He was not happy with me. Scowling, Adolf skulked off

REVIEW a nearby table, never to return. Ir

NAOMI WISE due time, he was replaced by the burlier Bonzo bin Vermicelli (not his real name), burlier Bonzo bin Vermiscelli (not his real name), who took our order. The appetizer list tilled to old-time steakhouse starters, so the first choice my posse agreed on was that N awins uber-classic, oysters Rockefeller. No go—Expense Account Party of 18 (and Expense Account Party of 28 (not breit real names) had already consumed every bivalee in the house. (But surely such large parties couldn't be drop ins. Given reservations for these crowds, hadn't anyone thought to stock

Grevstone

58 Fifth Avenue (G Street), Gaslamp (619-232-0225); www.greysto

HOURS: Dinner 5:00-10:00 p.m. weeknights. o I I n m. weekends. PRICES: Appetizers average \$15; entrées around \$30 for seafood, \$38 for meat.

\$30 for seafood, \$38 for meat. CUISINE AND WINE: Italian steakhouse fare, featuring dry-aged prime beef, game meats, lob-ster, and pastas as the main draws, with perfunctory starters and desserts. Impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35-\$50 (about 200 percent markup), soaring up to first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans, and legendary (and now thought overprise). Napa "boutique" Cabernets of the "90s at the stratospheric (\$1000-plus) level. NEED TO KNOW: Wheekhair access to heated

street-patio and bar area only (dining room are up or down stairs). Rather noisy, Reserva tions strongly urged but may not be honored promptly. Service may be abrasive. "Business-casual" attire.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are

In any event, appetizers are evidently no Greystone's forte. A lobster and shrimp bisque ha an abundance of rubbery seafood bits in a thir an abundance of rubbery seatood bits in a timi cream-splashed broth of fittle flavor and less char acter — surprising, given the middens of lobste carapaces we saw bussed from nearby tables Panko-crusted fried prawns, shriveled in near burned breading, came with a golden risotto cak that was likable but so mild-mannered you could n't easily discern if it was risotto or potato

nothing in particular. A huge baked Portobello with gulf shrimp in a pleasant parsley-garlic sauce was heavily crusted with coarse-tasting Parmesan. "Domestic cheese," sniffed my friend Provvidenza, a well-trav-ded Siciliar connected to a local ing of minced buffalo, duck, elk, and pheasant meat, plus a likely touch of creamy ricotta for unity. You can't taste precisely what meats are in the filling, but what comes through clearly is that it is game. A rich sauce of reduced stock and porcini of reduced stock and porcini mushroom juice was bound with a little cream, and tender porcini slices were scattered all over. (If you're a fan of the Istrian cooking at New York's Felidia or San Francisco's Albona, it may be worth a detour here just be twike disk). restaurant family. The accom-panying pair of plump shrimp had been boiled very dead. (We were gild we hadn't ordered a shrimp octiaal). A Steak teatree prowed to be a horribly creative departure from the traditional recipe: A heaplet of hand-chopped raw beet fenderhoin sat atop a pillar of what can only be described as a beef-ridden guacamole, layered in turn over an invisible and larsely imper-ant invisible and larsely imperrestaurant family. The accom

it may be worth a detour here just to try this dish.)
As he was serving our entrées, Mr. bin Vermicelli suddenly boomed out, "Who ya write fort" Everyone at my table froze. Not only was he trying to bust me, but we were momentarily shocked mute by the hostile vibe. "What do you mean?" I when the word was the size of be described as a beet-ridden guacamole, layered in turn over in invisible and largely imper-eptible foundation of very salty carpaccio" (more raw beef, sliced this time). The mixture of tenderloin and avocade asked him, and he cited a beh asked him, and he cited a behav-ior (I won't say exactly what) that I've always found makes a bet-ter meal for a group — something I've been doing since I was just a foodie with a civil service job. "Anybody does that, ned like the bland lead seemed use the bland leading the bland until you bit into one of the specks of hot red chili, which would aim a swift kick at your tongue and then run away. Alongside were a few capers and some slim baguette slices slicked with an aioli that tasted oddly

ike coleslaw dressing. We decided to share an e meal took a sharp turn fo falo tenderloin tasted like the he better. The game raviol roved the most compelling best dry-aged prime beef of years ago, before the USDA lowered the grading standards. It was at urse of the meal. Thin past

the other end of the luxury scale from the Dakota rancher's gristly round steak. Buffalo is low fat, but this tenderloin was actually slightly marbled! (Did its rancher force-feed it like a fole gras duck? Massage it like a Kobe steer?) It was sauced with a discreet port was succed with a discreet port wine reduction and was splen-didly accompanied by gently poached pears, Swiss chard, and parsnip mashed potatoes — the latter a pleasantly pungent depar-ture from regular or garlic-mash. Every element worked, and all worked together. On the other hand, although the New Zealand hand, although the New Zealand elk chop was juicy and rare, in the decade since I last tasted a kiwi elk-rib the breed's appar-ently been overbred or overfed to make its flavor tamer. The

menu said the chop was crusted with powdered morels and with powdered morels and portain, but these elements, if present, were imperceptible compared to the aggressive coating of crushed black peppercoms. Alongside were wonderful soft collard greens and herbed mash — but everything on the plate was polluted by a sludge-thick "corjander blackberry reduction" meal glue sauce. In other craw, were nelt and sauce, the craw women elt and sauce. gotta be a restaurant reviewer," he insisted. I denied it, gave my alternate explanation, and he finished doling out the entrees without quite managing to poi-son them for us.

the gravy won.

Greystone is the only local steakhouse I know of to serve dry-aged prime beef. (Morton's, Donovan's, Fleming's, Ruth's Chris all use blander-tasting wet-aged steaks.) Alone on its platter, naked but for a splash of balsamic, Greystone's 32-ounce cut of 21-day dry-aged prime rib-eye proved to be a dinosaur bone of luscious, marbled, almost-sweet garlic-rubbed flesh. (You have a choice of sauces, but we stayed neu-tral this time. If you want a veggie or spud with your steak, it'll be \$4-\$16 extra.) Bonzo didn't object to our ordering the game rare but insisted on medium-rare for the beef, on medium-rare for the beet, on grounds that it was heavily mar-bled. It wasn't a bad choice, but I think I might have liked the meat even better rare, so long as the exterior was well crusted.

In any case, it's a great steak, arguably the best in town. For a seafood dish we tried jumbo scallops topped with caviar over a bed of lobster caviar over a bed of lobster mashed potatoes, with thick spears of grilled Chilean aspara-gus. The caviar was tiny and black and disappeared before I got a taste of it, but from the minuscule size of the roe, I'd minuscule size of the roe, I'd rule out the Caspian varieties. Exuding a faintly cloacal aroma, the tender yet slightly rubbery scallops tasted as if they had probably been phosphate-pre-served; they were splashed with a nondescript "soy-gariar reduc-tion" sauce. The lobster mash was the best item on the plate.

I suspect that diners at Grey-stone who don't want meat are

Maine lobster (as the expense-account parties did), rather than the more elaborate seafood dishes, since every marine crea-ture we sampled at our dinner had suffered some abuse.

Bin Vermicelli returned for our dessert orders, ram-bunctiously pressing his point now. "You should have the vanilla crème brûlee and the flourless chocolate cake if you're writing a review, the tastes bal-ance each other," he exhorted, exhibiting a humanoid evolu-tion of the lower male primates' chest-beating, hopping, and whopping behaviors. Never whooping behaviors. Never mind that I'd been busted as a reviewer — it clearly didn't improve the cooking or the ser-vice — but why was he trying to make us too uncomfortable to enjoy our dinner? Was it a gen-der thing? (Are women not supposed to eat out together, read wine lists, orchestrate orders?) Did he feel his power had been challenged? Was it our comparatively stingy tab— a paltry \$100 per person before tax and tip? Was he stupid, or what?

The desserts? They were chocolate cake was so vile that none of us could swallow more than a bite. I took the rest home to see if it might taste better in Bonzo's absence. It didn't. scoffing that I'd given Azzura Point three stars despite the relative blandness of the entrée retaine blandness of the entree meats. But there, the appetiz-ers were delightful, the desserts (by one of the most exciting dessert chefs in all of Califor-nia) were brilliant, and the service and ambiance were all ease and grace, ensuring a highly pleasurable, civilized meal. At Greystone, we encountered the precise opposite situation. For-get appetizers and desserts. Forget ambiance — it's just a big, loud steakhouse. Forget service — the staff's insensitivity starts at the front door, deep ens into several varieties of discourtesy at the bar, and may escalate to bullying and may enism in the dining room if you're not quite the "Grey-stone type" (e.g., a tractable businessman with deep pock-ets?). But if you're looking for great meat entrées and some great meat entries and some fabulous game ravioli, you'll find them here. Hence, grudg-ingly, two stars. The place is obviously a hot spot for hot-shots wheeling and dealing over big hunks of fine red but if you want to wine and dine Donna Frve. say, or Carly Fiorina (CEO of

Hewlett-Packard), or Lynn

Cheney, well, there are better

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TIN FORK

uick! Get on down to Ted and Gail's place. They have the best ribs in town, I swear, but they are holding on by their fingernals. Two BBQ not fanatics, Carol and Pat, had told me about them, and I was looking for an opportunity when my friend to the work of the things of the state of the st

to show you something."
"OK. But first, we eat," I say. "BBO. Deal?"

"BBQ, Deal?"
"No problem." Then he adds, mysteriously. "If you're lucky I might give you a ride back."
So 5:30, just as it's getting dark, here I am. The "Diane/Ross Center" sprawl mall, two blocks' walk from the 50 bus. I stand under Jonehorn sien. Hank turns un. With his mom. a longhorn sign. Hank turns up. With his mom, Fran. And a brand-new white Toyota Camry.

Fran. And a brands new white Loyota Camry.
Boy's been helping her buy a car.
"You can drive me anywhere in this," I say.
Sigh. How the rich live.
We walk in under the sign. "Best Little Rib

House."

The welcome rug has a bighorn steer on a surfboard, hanging four. About five little square

tables fill the white room. A photo of a big ol' mountain barn takes up one wall. A husband and vife sit behind the counter watching TV. Tom

'You folks want to eat in tonight?" asks Ted,

"Sit anywhere," says his wife. Gail. "Outside if you want. Although it's a bit cold by now..."
Now! notice an outside area through a side white check tablecoths. a gurgling water-barrel fountain, wagon wheels, a genuine 55-gallon drum rib-smoker with side chimney. Except, as Gail says, it's chilly.

"Inside." he says.

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We haul two small tables to-

FORD gether and look at the menu. The specified in the specified and look at the menu. The specified in the ED BEDFORD chicken, but number seven looks like the deal:

chicken, but number seven looks like the deal-ne beef rib, one pork rib, one piece of chicken. These come with combread and a choice of two sides: BBQ beans, potatos alsad, french fries or 'wedge country fries.' coleslaw or macaroni salad. They also do a six-ounce beef or pork plate. 'Pulled meat,' taken off the bone. Sandwiches are cheaper. The same pulled Sandwiches are cheaper. The same pulled. meats or a hot link in a sandwich are \$3.95, or \$5.95 with two sides.

Gail's standing, waiting. I look at Hank and Fran.
"No contest," says Hank.
"No contest," says Fran.

"No contest," I say.
Gail's met bargain-hunters before. "So that's
three number sevens — beef and pork ribs and
chicken!" We nod. We also get iced tea (\$1.35

chicken?" We nod. We also get iced tes (\$1.35 with free refills). Tom Brokaw doesn't get through four more new items before Cail turns up. She carries big own polystyence plates laden down with these big of ribs and chicken thighs. And a large square of corn bread. Plus I get my sides of corn on the cob and BBQ beans. Hang got coleals want of those wedge country frier — one whole spud wedged into four — and Pran has coleslaw and french fries.

four — and Fran has coleslaw and french fries. So now, silence. We drown our faces in a feed-ing frenzy, Oh, Lord. Rich, sweet, deep, tange-suced meat. Swear you can taste the mesquite wood. The beef is great, the chicken is rice sume, but the pork is elsypremoters. Something about it falling off the bone, the marriage of the marinated meat and succe. Now I'm thinking; could have had three

sauce. Now I'm thinking: could have had three pork ribs for the same price. Oh well. The corn bread crumbles in your mouth and refreshes your taste buds. We're all a mess sweet sauce and crumbs.

Next time, maybe try this," says Ted. He brings out a little pot of golden sauce. Ti's hot, and it has a story to it." I try it. Wow, Rich, sweet, and peppers," "I'ha ac lipyold peppers — smoked

The Place: The Best Little Rib House, 4706 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (Diane/Ross Center).

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Type of Food: BBOQ 795, including two sides, e.g., BBQ beans, potato salad, wedge country fries, meastern's salad, closius, other of means includes three port rish, two bedy rish, and bedy, one park, one parts of the claim of the parts of t

Nearest Bus Stops: Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and Diane (25, 44); Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and Gene (41, 50 — two blocks west)

red jalapeños," he says. "Plus vegetables, ketchup, molasses, honey, and mustard seeds. "Huh. Now I feel the mustard seeds pop in my mouth.

"Good-Time Charlie Coyle invented this sauce," Gall says." He was my deady. Worked as a barbecuse chef in the 1930s in San Jose."

"And he always told Gail," says Ted, "One day, you and me are going to open up a rib joint together and use this sauce and make a fortune!"

Georgie and use this sauce and make a fortune!

"But he died," says Gail. "Then last year I cooked some up, entered it in antionwide competition, and guess what? It won! A national award!" She points to a plaque on the wall. The 2001 Fiery Foods magazine's Scovic Awards first prize. "He would be so proud," Gail says.

"So nowwe're thinking of marketing it as 'Good-Called' Build Cases." saw Ted. "Course."

prize. "He would be so proud," Gail says.
"So now wer et hinking of marketing it as 'Good-Time Charlie's BBQ Sauce," "says Ted. " Course for that you need marketing money, production money, about \$5000 just for a 100-gallon run." Fact is, times have been tough for the two of them since they took over here a year back. "We're

just hanging in there," says Gail. "Some days we'r about ready to pack it in. Others, we remembe

about ready to pack it in. Others, we remember: this is what we always dreamed of doing." Fran gets up. "Excellent. And now boys, time to go. And please: let's make sure we don't get our greasy fingers all over the new car." ■

Cork Bunny

In those days, I was drinking a lot of wine under a freeway overpass just off campus.

then I was in college, my girlfriend (now my wife) and I visited a friend at her aunt's house in Santa Barbara. The house was a gorgeous Spanish-style manse, loaded with an affluent mixture of authentic detail and modern amenities and presided over by a

benevolent standard poodle. There, to the kitchen, I had my first en-counter with a Leverpull corkscrew, a brilliant invention from the same people who produced what was then my corkscrew of choice — the MATTHEW LICKONA

then my conserve of choice — the Screepfull by Le Greuset.

The Screepfull — as wanky \$20
indulgence on my part — was a sort of plastic cylinder that you placed over the neck of the bottle. The spiraling owner man through a hole in the top of the cylinder. You revised a handle at the top of the worm to drive it down into the cork. When the handle reached the top of the cylinder, it couldn't no drown any further and so the bristic couldn't no drown any further and so the bristic. it couldn't go down any further, and so the twist ing of the worm began to bring the cork up out of the bottle. The same action — turning the screw —

the bottle. The same action — turning the screw— produced motion in opposite directions: handle down, then cork up. I found this fascinating. The Leverpull, however, represented a new level of engineering. The device — enormous by ordinary corkscrew standards, complicated yet elegant — clamped around the neth of the bot-le via horizontal handles. A third handle (the eponymous lever) was then raised. Gears redirected this motion so that it drove the worm down rected this motion so that it drove the worm down into the cork, Finally, the lever was dropped again, and the cork rose from the bottle with unprece-dented ease and smoothness. My friend guessed that the item ran about \$150. Though dazzled, I was not tempted. I was

far too poor for such a luxury, and in those days, I was drinking a lot of wine under a freeway over pass just off campus — the Leverpull had no place in such environs. Not long after my encounter with the Lever-pull, the brain trust at Metrokane, an upscale houseware company based in New York, hit upon an idea. They had already found success with salt

an idea. They had already found success with salt and pepper cellars topped off with old-styfe faucet handles; so, in 1996, they decided to apply their faucet-top to a corkscrew similar to my beloved Screwpull. Trouble ensued. The stylish faucet-screw was good enough to get written up in the Wine Spectator, and that brought them onto Le Creece's legal relate.

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them onto Le Creuset's legal radar.

Whertokane president Riki Kane
says that although Metrokane was "very careful
when we designed the conskerve to make sure
that there were a different number of turns per
inch on the worm and that it looked entirely different." Le Creuset still thought the company had
infringed on the patent for Screepull's Tefloncoated worm (the Teflon allowed the cork to slide along the worm as it rose from the bottle). In 1997, they sued, and eventually, Metrokane settled.

While the two companies were in court, how-ever, Metrokane had access to all of Le Creuset's patent information. Remembers Kane, "We said, 'Oh, wow, look at that — their Leverpull patent is going to expire in two years.' "Longtime ad man Bob Larimer, Kane's husband and Metrokane's Bob Larimer, Kane's husband and Metrokane's advertising and marketing arm, remembered a portfolio he had received from an industrial design firm named Pollen. He decided to give Pollen designer Ed Kilduff, who had previously done work for Nike, Eco., and Ozo, a shot at developing. Metrokane's version of the Leverpull.
Kilduff, now 31, says he told Larimer that "we could really make it look like something pretty cool" and west to work on refilmingers sketches.

cool" and got to work on preliminary sketches "Back in '97," he says, "the design flavor for any thing was really round and sculpty kind of shapes super ergonomic. Every designer at that time was

doing stuff that felt really comfortable writers call this sort of design 'blobism.' "
Kilduff cut pieces of Renshape — "it's basically compressed foam" — fitted them scally compressed toam."— Itted them around the guts of the lever mechanism, and filled in the gaps with Bondo. Then he started sculpting, forming the rounded, ai-most biological contours of what would become known as the Rabbit corkscrew.

"The way it ended up looking like a rabbit was [this]: I decided to try to hide all the excess parts that were floating around on the head. I built a model, took it home. on the head. I built a model, took is home, and my griffriend at the time, she said. You know, that thing looks like a rabbit. 1 said, Okay. 1 don't know if that's such a good thing. 7 Good thing or no, Kilduff relayed is griffriend's opinion to I armer. *and a light bulb went off in his head. How the work of the said. You know what? A rabbit— It's fast. Let's do it! Let's now what? A rabbit— It's fast. Let's do it! Let's

make it look more like a rabbit!"

The Rabbit debuted in January of 2000 at the The Rabbit debuted in January of 2000 at the S80 price tag, Kidluff had been allowed to design an appraisately sculpty injection—modded Lucite case. "Most people put [corkscrews] in a drawer," he explains. "But wanted to design a case where you could kind of leave it out on the bar." The case would also, he reasoned, help sell the Rabbit in stores where salespeople soned, help sell the Rabbit in stores where salespeople were scarce. The release was a smash hit for Metrokane. "We were bombarded, says Kane," first of all, because it fools better that the Leverpull, see. The salespeople should be supported by the salespeople should be salespeople sh

has the Ralbbit for \$49.95.) Endurance-wise, where the Leverpull assures buyers that its worm will sur-vive through 2000 bottles, the Ralbbit's manual warns that after "hundreds and hundreds" of open-ings, you may need to replace your worm for \$5. On the other hand, the Ralbbit features more durable die-cast metal gears — synthetic corks are espe-cially hard on the mechanism — while Leverpull advertises metal gears only on its more expensive Elegance model (\$199.99 at Amazon.com). I haven't tried the Leverpull since that visit to Santa Barbara

I can't properly compare the two, but the Rab bit did a fine job of uncorking a von Hovel Riesling when I tried it recently

nen I tried it recently.

Le Creuset hasn't been able to stop Metrokane's narket invasion; but now, the invader is finding it necessary to protect its newly won turf. "There are a lot of knockoffs of the Rabbit," attests Kane, "and we're in court with those people because they are infinitely now deem not design attents." Le Create and the court with those people because they are infinitely now deem next." Le Create and the court with the court with those people because they are infinitely now deem next." Le Create and the court with the co infringing our design patents. Le Creuset's utility patent for the actual mechanism has expired, but, explains Kilduff, "We have four [design patents] is sued, and I'm not sure how many Larimer ha sued, and I'm not sure how many Larimer has pending. They basically cover the head design." Copycats notwithstanding, Kane is riding the Rabbit to glor, "I sells in a number of different markets. It just covers the whole range. We're in the May Company stores. We're edling in mall order catalogs like Cheft. Catalog and Fornepte. We're selling in that choware shops, but we're also selling in Lord 8. Taylor Men'. Giffware. It's given our company a whole new lease on life, because where we have been conventional on life, because where we have been conventional housewares people, we're now in other businesses." Kane herself has made a couple of appearances on QVC; both times, sales broke 3000 units. And the Rabbit has leaped into the cultural stream. Kane points out that the December 10.

New Yorker features a cartoon that "shows a couple at a wine store, and she says, 'We're looking for a wine that's good enough for our corkscrew — and she's carrying the Rubbit."





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9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368; 11666 Avena Place (off Bernardo Center Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-2070. — E.W.

Bernardo, 836-451-2070. — E.W. BULLLY'S MORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 838-755-1860. Excelled facing guammer, this branch the most colorful and is jammed with the most colorful and is jammed with place exciting, Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carrier it. Scale, brance 450, intensity carrier it. Scale, brance 450, intensity carrier it. Scale, brance 450, intensity carrier it. Scale, branch upper 4, inches 12, inch

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CLAIM JUMPER The portions are so large they elicit gasps (the prime rib served weekends is 26 ounces). The food isn't memorable, just more than any one person can eat. Among the atturkey dinners. Count on a wait on weekends. Open daily, lunch and din-ner. Inexpensive to expensive (for larger steaks and beef ribi. 5500 Gross-mont. Center. Drive. La. Mesa, 619-469-1927: 12384 Carnel Moun-tain. Road,. Carmel. Mountain.

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619-383-273 for locations. Interpreta
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ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo Jobster house. All palm sion like "Ves Josoba" med "Voor to Gerangie hold med The servich for group in hold med The servich log draw in the "Dig Baja bucket" (cuttled with higher losher tails, man-inant dukken, grided caree sands, and tills, and a Cases stalle. And verya are great. Try the Chinese chicken critique not be serviced to the con-trol of the control of the con-trol of the co

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858.456-5222. Inexpensive. — E.W.
STAR OF INDIA 423 F Street.
Gaslamp, 619-544-9891. This Indian
restaurant is most popular for the allyou-can-eat buffet, available weekdays
from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to urday and Sunday from noon to 3:00 p.m. The weekend brunch in-cludes champagne. Vegetarians should make note of the many vegetable and rice dishes with innovative prepara-tions. Restful atmosphere, good service. Be aware that breads are à la carte. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inex-

Vanny Control, or was a series of the Vanish Control of the Vanish salmon." Still, most lunchtime cus-tomers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep dish pizzas and salads. Open daly, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 838-443-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th & H. Chula Vista. 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)

NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carls-bad Boulevard, Carlsbad, querors brought Armenian 100d to Greece. At this large cottage with a sun-deck overlooking Highway 101, some shelse (e.g., gross) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also the more familiar Greek food vocabu-lary. The grow meat mixture is made on the premises other good choices are

BARONE'S TRATTORIA DEL MA pensive to moderate. — E.W. (I.
THE BRASSERIE La Costa Re
Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El C.
Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111.
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fast, hunch, and dinner. All-yoe
at Sunday buffet brunch with
pagne is 33-200. Seafood buffet i
from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding se
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items: Chinese chicken salad and sixt steak sandwich. Northe greatest levish
deli, northe worth. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. —
EW. PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-46.92. Many dishes here are under \$10.00 Best bets bably back ribs, fresh fish, variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Sunday brunch from the menu, 11:30 a.m. to -230 p.m. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

CALTPRO CAPE 3/28 North Coast Highway 101. Localia, 78:633-8213, were collapseed; net This 'Caltpro' its Caltpro' in Caltpro' its Caltpro' in Calt

see migrar, reservations always, clay-ter improvements and the control of the Da. H. HACKERS SEAFOOD CASE High-ways 101, Iracinitar, 700-446-3102. Intelligence of the control of the control little cafe shakes, rattles, and really recks. They've been serving superior the mid-1970s. The fish in New Zealand body, a cost live grows with fine Hause body, a cost live grows with fine Hause ten: Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and in hack and think of Fingland. The hack and think of Fingland is the brief of French fires and postato chaps. Clauses. New Fingland claim choweff. This trees, nearload questallities, salest, tere are also workey candidates. Open day, hash and disnote frence presence to FIDE'S CARRS AND 1001 Carlibar.

FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbac Boulevard, Carisbad, 7003 Carisbad Boulevard, Carisbad, 700, 729-70903. A sister restaurant to the venerable establishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are carnitas; quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork tostada supremu, and breast of chicken Milanesa. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive.

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Valley Road, 854-259-878. The menu
is similar to the sister restaurant, the
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paella and tender short rules cooked in
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THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State
Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This Street, Carlabad, 760-729-3601. This little cafe is famous for two things: its vintage Coa-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the gay who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingre-1375. Tommy believed in fresh ingradients, says no Dide, now in charge, who orders only "extra lear" ment from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and postered and believed to the histories of the postered to the breakfast, check out the eggs and you surf, bring your board — the beach just a cross the tracks. Hours: 800 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays, to 400 p.m. Saturdays Breakfast and Leaf (1907). The expressive — E.B. (1907).

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is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat
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dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

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eggs, chilaquiles, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations upgel, especially for the wast over an hour for a table; ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dimer Tureday through Sunday, Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road, 838-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, and links that are smoked rather than cooked over a fire. The room is unadorned but very clean. Same menu lunch and dinner.

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VINCENT'S SIRINO'S 113 West VINCENT'S SIRINO'S 113 West frand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grunds serves Gallic-classics in an intimate, small-town bitro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a luge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and veg-etables (from local farmers or Grund's etables (from local farmers or Grunel own garden) are the season's best an sensitively treated. Desserts are wort every calorie— save room for the spec tacular Busarian. Full bar, fine wine ils Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinne Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed ar nually from third week of June to thir week of July.) Expensive. N.W. (6/01)

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AESOP'S TABLES 8650 Genesee Ave tributes of this Greek and Mediter ranean rests food, tast preparation, and low cost. The salad are a good buy. Entrées are largenough for two. All items available fo takeout. Lunch, Monday through Set urday. Sunday, dinner only, Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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house specialty Kabob-E-Chopahn, lamb loin chops on a skewer or lamb and chicken kabobs. Rice and vegeta-bles are a good choice for vegetarians. Loving ownership; personalized serv-ice. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Inexpensive to expensive.—E.W. (11/89).

expensive, — E.W. (11/98). ELARIO'S BISTEO & AMP; SKY LOUNGE 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, Hotel La Jolla (formerly Summer House Inn), 858-459-0541. The 11th floor view carries this restaurant. Good preparation of gourmet American lood, fish, sandou, steaks, and chicken. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. Moderate to Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. Moderate to

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Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121.

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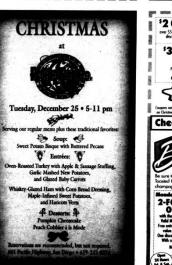




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PHUONG TRANG 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Don't miss this excellent Vietnamese Don't miss this excellent Vietnamesic texturant where 233 items are offered. The cunine is healthy, offers great variety, and is pleasing to the eye as well as the palate. Best hers are egg rolls, shar agrilled shrimp on sugarcane, ground beet wrapped in grape leaves, prained and the size in eartherware port, grilled whole fish, spring rolls, Service overth, the food very Luty- it's lowe fat and wonderful. Open daily, Inexpenditude.

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E.B. (11700)

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etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest lo-cation offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

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day through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

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HENNY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, 618-239-3919. The outside's a little tarty, but inside "A laddin's Cavel A diming room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and inside the control of the barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry, Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive.

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KARIHAN RESTAURANT 2220 Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Cen-ter, National City, 619-470-7491. Miss Philippines (USA), Miss Sweden, and Miss Argentina ate here, so it can't be

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REVIEW DUNCAN SHEPHERD

fically from the French film journal Cahiers du Cinéma, in the early Sixties. To say (as he would) that John Ford is To say (as he would) that John Ford is an auteur is to say something different from — more than — saying that Ford's 17th-century namesake is one (lit., an author), just as it is not remotely the same to call D.W. Griffith a "poet" as it is to call T.S. Eliot one. It is an accolade rather than a straightforward job description. Even now, when it is loosely bandied about when it is loosely bandled about among nonspecialists, it is invariably employed as a way of saying that a director is more than just a dues-pay-ing member of the Directors Guild. It isn't thrown away on a Jay Roach, a Joel Schumacher, a Renny Harlin, a

It is, however, thrown away on the

people who tend to be least in need of its benediction, the people for whom its use is the most obvious, most cautious, most redundant, most point-less. Woody Allen. Tim Burton. Kevin Smith. Joel Coen. David Lynch. David Mamet. Steven

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Spielberg. The directorial luminaries. The
"star" directors. Often
the hyphenate writer-directors. When

you run into the term in print today, the implication is always that the filmmakers so classified have earned the right, the freedom, the power, the the right, the freedom, the power, the status in the movie business to impose their vision and to put their personal stamp on their work. That's almost a one-hundred-and-eighty-degree reversal of the original application. What its utterance once meant was that the filmmaker so classified was one who nimmaer so cassined was one who somehow, heroically, against all odds, managed to impose his vision and put his personal stamp on his work whether or not he had any power or status in the industry — or any name recognition outside it. And the trotting-out of the term would inevitably throw a piece of kindling onto the raging debate as to which directors were and which Calendar



directors weren't (a higher-toned version of the perennial Hollywood question of who's in and who's out).

question of who's in and who's out).

A polemical point was being made.

It might come as a slight shock to latecomers to find out, for example, that Stanley Kubrick, who at the time of his death was commonly and unquestioningly thought of as the

ord of the manor, the Col. Kurtz of the film world), was ranked by Sarris the him world, was ranked by Sarns —
as of 1968, or in other words as of
2001 — on the seventh step of the
directorial pantheon ("Strained
Seriousness," alongside the likes of
Norman Jewison and Sidney Lumet),
well below the qualifications of the

bona fide auteur. Others, naturally, bona fide auteur. Others, naturally, would have ranked him higher. And his rank would have risen or fallen with the passing years: down, let's say, with Clockwork Orange, up again with Barry Lyndon, down with The Shining. The debate was the thing, (My own eight put of the control of the con

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be, the highest compliment you can pay a director. It ought to have some-thing of a descriptive element in it, an objective, unevaluative element. I have no problem thinking of Kubrick as an auteur. I also don't think too highly of auteur. I also don't think too nignly or him. But that's an old argument.) The term never pretended to be an official ordainment, like a college diploma or a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court, that ordainment, like a college diploma or a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court, that couldn't be taken away. And it was never meant to connote independence from, or presige in, the Establishment. It was, to the continue, meant to connote a despite the system, when the control of the collaborating producer, script-writer, cameraman, star. (There was not writell in a system of the collaborating producer, script-writer, cameraman, star. (There was not writell in a system, and the collaboration of t Carte Blanche. It did not confer a free

Carte Blanche. It did not confer a free pass to self-indulgence.

The current concept of the direct concept of the first was of course part of the fallout of the auteur wars, so that whereas a movie was once attributed on screen to its producer ("A Samuel Coldwyn Production," whether it was directed by Howard Hawks, William Wyler, or H. Bruce Humberstone), i will now be routinely and contractually attributed to its director, however we attributed to its director, however wet behind the ears: "A Brett Ratner Film." That shift in balance — that shift in perception — would have to be accounted one of the great accomplishments of the auteur critics. And ou might think that the outcome for you might think that the outcome for directors need only be figured in gains and not at all in losses. But you might think twice when you see that all that stardom, that freedom, that power, and that status come down to the capacity to make Ocean's Eleven or Planet of the Ape or Jay and Silent Bob capacity to make Ocean's Eleven or Planet of the Apes or lay and Silent Bob Strike Back. (We've pretty much reverted to the question of who's in and who's out.) The lost meaning of auteur in its common usage is indica-tive of other losses as well. Some of these are in the areas of innocence and idealism.

Such was my dissatisfaction with Texas Rangers that I was spurred to rent the new-to-video Western, star-ring as well as directed and co-written and scored by Dwight Yoakam, South of Heaven, West of Hell, released the-atrically earlier this year but not here. (The death, at the end of November of the venerated Western director Budd Boetticher may have increased Budd Boetticher may have increased my yearning.) Any hope that a cow-boy-hatted C&W singer might have a special feeling for the genre began to dissipate, however, with the opening-credits unspooling of *The Great Train Robbery* in a dust-bowl nickelodeon setting the period as early 20th Cen-tury — and with the prelapsarian lap dance in the sheriff's office. This. dance in the sheriff's office. This, clearly, was even farther from what I had had in mind: raunchy, brutal, slow, phlegmatic, anti-mythic, anti-heroic (the protagonist, Yoakam, is like a skinny Clint Howard, skinnier even than Ron Howard), reminiscent of eventies (Doc. Dirty Little Billy, The Hired Hand The Missouri Breaks many others) that hastened the genre's decline. As if in tribute, it rounds up a few of the typecast cowpokes of that time, Luke Askew, Matt Clark, Bo Hopkins. Yoakam's major contribu tion to the form — his expansion of its borders — is to dress his character

in the world's biggest bandanna. Either that, or a clambake bib. Whether or ashore. One time I even had some body sit a row in front of me and set up a laptop with a glowing blue rectangle in my direct line of sight.

moved. The thing about watching movies, see, is that it's supposed to be not we can count the Yoakam film i not we can count the Yoakam film in the tally, the appearance this year of Texas Rangers, American Outlaws, and The Claim might almost sound like a resurgence. But it didn't look like one. The more Westerns that straggle in (going back to Shanghai Noon, Wild Wild West, Maverick, Bad Girls, et al.), the more Tombsone comes to resemdone in the dark. And real critics, I dare say, write in the dark. Then they go home and try to figure out what that crisscrossing trail of chicken-scratches was intending to convey. the more Tombstone comes to resem-ble a miracle. Or a mirage.

A growing menace at press screen-ings: illuminated pens, penlights, reading lights, I don't know what all. But lights! Lights that come on at ar-

bitrary points in the auditorium at

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Amblio — Cutesy art-house item looks at the world (at Paris, more precisely) through the primrose colored glasses of lean-Pierre leunet: a delayed-meeting romance à la And Now My Love, Sleepless in Seattle, et al., and

a fashionable juggling act of fate, chance, coinsidence, etc. The dementably wissome received (Audrey Tasula, prone to conspiratorial glances at the camera, and developed the construction of the constructio ffortfulness. The best of it — the broad eriorituiness. In e best of it— the broad omniscient view of humanity combined with an eye for random trivial detail — was done better, and funnier, in Jane Campion's apprentice work, Passionless Moments, and at about one-tenth the length. With

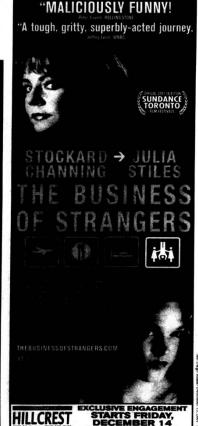
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Audition — A lonely widower shops for a wife under the guise of a casting call for a fictition film. Well-made Iganese sakie doesn't tip its hand early, courting boredon. In the end, the tunn-templous shuffle of fantasy and reality is as hard to take as the grucome senses of norture and mayhem. With Ryo Ishibashi and Ejbi Shime, directed by Takashi Miike. 1999.

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Bohind Enomy Lines — Contemporary war story about a U.S. Navy flier downed in the demilitarized zone of Bosnia Herzego





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vina, the posse of Serbs hot on his heels, and the rescue effort thwarted by a NATO bustybody of divided loyalities. (Opportunity, there, to reprise the wistful Viennam refirm about taking the gloves off and untying one hand from behind the back.) All in all, it affords a good case study, no better or worse than numberless others. of the American (or the Hollywood) Way the lack of interest in what the NATO pools had not like the light Focure; the total focus instead on what we must call the Little Facture, the individual, the here, the star focus instead on what we must call the Little Facture, the individual, the here, the star focus on the little focus on the little focus on the little focus on the little focus on the size of the little focus on the little focus of the little focus on the little focus on the little focus of the l of the American (or the Hollywood) Way tails to show, in its bare outlines, that the filer is submerged in a muddy mass grave. Though survival details are minimal (food shelter, and such), the movie is a tolerably old-fashioned chase thriller, all the way to its cavalry-to-the-rescue climax. Tolerably,

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that is, provided you can tolerate the modelsh photographic gimmicks of a skipping, sliding, sowettling camera, and the ownerful completion of ice-olecter bloss, and extended to the control completion of ice-olecter bloss, and action. Directed by John Moore. 2001.

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Black Knight — Time-travel comedy starring Martin Lawrence, directed by Gil CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8;

(CHULA VISTA 10; CINCRAMA 6; ENCINTAS 8; FASHON VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIOE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14) Broad and Tulips — Licia Maglietta, a more loosely wound and comfortably upholstered Natalic Wood, warm and womanly, with a lived-in face and body but an undimmed sparkle, plays a Pescara

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detective novels he devours and his trench detective novels ne devours and his trench-coat, is conventional as well, and he takes away too much time from the heroine. But director Silvio Soldini keeps the movie light on its feet, with a fill-in-the-blanks method on its feet, with a fill-in-the-blanks method of narrative that makes judicious use of blackouts and ellipses, and doesn't get blackouts and ellipses, and doesn't get blogged down in unnecessary details. (No need to spell out, for example, why the heroine might want to get away from her blowhard husband and withdrawn son.). And he moves in and out of dream scene with a smoothness and seamlessness that sureass fellion and autoroper. Bruthall fire sureass fellion and autoroper. Bruthall fire with a smoothness and seamlessiness that surpass Fellini and approach Buñuel. Bruno Ganz, Giuseppe Battiston. 2000.

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The Business of Strangers Corporate black comedy with Stockard Channing and Julia Stiles, written and directed by Patrick Stettner. (HILLGREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/14) Citizen Kane - The perennial winner, at

trot, of all Best Movie Ever polls: it was a trot, of all Best Movie Ever polls; it was hardly that awomen when it first appeared, but Time has been a fororable ally to this movie, which is, for one things, a most convenient and crammed storehouse of different and crammed storehouse of different off, up to that moment, 1941. As crammed as it is with sparking ideas, it is mirriably more instinctional properties for list individual sep inces, or set-ups, or skeiphs of hand, han it is for overall sense, or strength, And surely more unful for what it hides about the limited budget than for what it heles about the limited budget than for what it reveals surely more useful for what is hidea about the immed badget has for what it events the immed badget has for what it events here. The principal dataset restration is never solder than in the perfect nearwest fassimile at the start of the movie, after that solder than in the movie, after that fassimile at the start of the movie, after that fassimile at the start of the movie, after that fassimile at the start of the movie, after that fassimile at the start of the properties and directed to promow Welfa. Sage trendry size, written the proposition of the properties of

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 (Vince Vaughis) is first of all a heel and next of all a psychopysthic killer. The police might discovered the second thing through the cheap trick of hiding behind the front seat to the family van: it's difficult to believe it while seeing it with your own eyes. But the boy's biological father (John Tavolta, not Cried Wolf: a mendacious early adolescent boy's biological father (John Travolta, not camping it up for a change) cannot be forgiven, cannot forgive himself, for his diabelief. Conventional yet conscientious and well-constructed, the movie pays adequate attention to the misgivings of both father and son over the life-altering choices of the ct-wife and mother (Teri Polo, a bland blend of Jode Foster and Helen Hunt), and in Occide no are to the loudness. with which money talks in America, and it gives a splashy, show-stopping role to Stevi Buscemi, a lowlife from the wicked Buseems, a loulife from the wirked stepfather's part, who turns up unbidden, and in a pullover sport shirt and checked judges, at the formal wedding ceremony special control of the property of it of the property of the pro

ra acrobatics and FX pyrotechnics.

H. Macy. A cast headed by Gene Hackman

and Danny DeVito, in addition to Delroy Lindo, Sam Rockwell, Rebecca Pidgeon (Mamet's wife), and Ricky Jay (a Mamet

* * (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition The harrowing tale of that aborted and rerouted attempt to cross Antarctica on foot, just after the outbreak of the First orld. War. It's quite a tale, all right, and World War. It's quite a take, all right, and documentarist George Butler puts it into a tidy little package of tinted footage and still photos taken by the party's official historian. Frank Hurley: supplementary drawings and paintings from the period when the film supply was running low; new color footage of the region; readings from the men's diatries and letters; interviews with their descendants; and narration spoken by less hour and a half, 2001.

Fat Qirl — The sexual imitation of two adolescent sisters, one kittenish, the other bearish ("No one would think were sisters"), on a summer holiday. Very candid and detailed, with extended negotiations required of an older seduce; (The director, Catherine Breillat, doesn't strive to outdo be harders Romane, however, and the her hardcore Romance, however; and the udeness of the title was imposed for export rudeness of the file was imposed for export: the original French translates as To My Sister.) Very steady-handed up until the off-key finish. Careful attention to color; excellent shots of freeway traffic. With Anas Rebous, Roxane Mesquida, Libero De Rienzo, Arsinee Khanjian, 2000.

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Helst — Relatively speaking, this has to be considered David Mamet's most ommercial piece to date. Relative, that is o one starring Joe Mantegna or William

outburst of action, the edge-of-your-seat thrill of the dialogue is in the dazzling athleticism with which the conversational ball is kept in the air, batted back and forth. ited to trick spins and wicked spikes and treated to trick spins and wisked spikes and wing saves, never permitted to touch the ground, never booted away in frustration of signat. It would be true to say that this style of dialogue draws attention to itself. It would be not set true to say that it is amply repays such attention, 2001. ** $\mathbf{A} \neq \pi/8\pi \cos n$ such attention, 2001. ** $\mathbf{A} \neq \pi/8\pi \cos n$ such attention, 2001. ** $\mathbf{A} \neq \pi/8\pi \cos n$ such attention, 2001. ** $\mathbf{A} \neq \pi/8\pi \cos n$ such attention, 2001. ** $\mathbf{A} \neq \pi/8\pi \cos n$ such attention, 2001. ** $\mathbf{A} \neq \pi/8\pi \cos n$ such attention, 2001.

Intimacy — Screenwriter Hanif Kureishi
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for Laids) and director Patrice Cheeva
(Queen Margot, Those Who Lew Me Can
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Londones — a battender and a small-time
actress, the latter currently appearing in a
hole in the wall production of The Gian. Menageric, both of them hiding a spouse and offspring in the wings — meet on Wednesday afternoons for sessions of desperate, grim, grappling, clumsy, anonymous sex. (Extremely and embarrassingly graphic sex. too.) The lob barely look one another in the eye, let al-speak. An air of puritarism prevails. No is having much fun. In what might be

termed his "real" life, the man, a froatrated muscus with an autographed photo of chips on a been congest in incoherent chips on a been congest in incoherent wrangles at work, curls up in a fead position, perks of in the plain with a pair of which are the control of the contr ridiculous, but that doesn't mean the ridiculous, but that doesn't mean the viewer, at least, can have some fun. Mark Rylance, Kerry Fox, Timothy Spall, Marianne Faithful. 2001.

* (HILLOREST CINEMAS)

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 Spacy; who is either a bona fide spaceman the early evidence, apart from the actor's surname, is all on that side) or else a mere lunatic (some late evidence for that, without negating the early evidence). Either way, he is given carte blanche for his smirky

superiority. Jeff Bridges, as a doctor at the mixed-nuts facility of the Psychiatric Institute of Manhattan, keeps peeling the glasses off his face in exasperation. The syrupy photography by John Mathieson is meant, presumably, to convey the special relationship of the alien/inmate to the realm reationsing of the aleutrinimate to the real of light, especially as a mode of interstellar travel. It's sticky all the same. With Mary McCormack and Alfre Woodard; directed by lain Softley, 2001. • (HORTON PLAZA 14, LA JOLLA 12)

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summing up a good deal about the human

Life as a House — Dying man's last wish: to build his dream house and at the same time bond with his infiliation, incommunicative, pierced and glue-sniffing on. A feel-goory movie, defly photographed (by Vilmos Zaigmond) but brutally, maulingly manipulative. With Kevin Kline, Fayden Christensen, Kristin Scott Thomas, Jena Malone, and Mary teenburgen; directed by Irwin Winkler

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The Man Who Wasn't There — The first Coen brothers film to disappoint. That's not to say it's not good, certainly to say it's not even as good as their first, Blood Simple, when there could be no expectations and so no disappointment.

The brothers have not suddenly lost their touch. They do for lillly libb Thernton what way did before for Georgie Clourcy in Robbins in The Huduscher Proop, namely make an unpulsable actor polisible largely by giffing him with an interesting and well-written character, in this case a morbibly written character, in this case a morbibly written character, in this case a morbibly in-law's shop in post-WVII Statts Ross, and a would-be ground-floor investor in new-fangle enterprise becomes a dry character of the state of the ike entertaining"), he is practically atatonic in demeanor, allowing us or, allowing us to study and appreciate the Edward G. R plushness of his lips, the Walter Huston niness of his skull, not to mention th boniness of his skull, not to mention the aerodynamic crimp in his tougher. (The barbering details, particularly the live illustrations of men's hairstyles from the Butch to the Flattop to the Executive Contour, are precious but flew, and are never as compelling as, the barber's dark inner thoughts on his professions; shorn I as a form of human waste.) A mostly Imms M. Cain, the film has the artitude detachment we expect of the Corms—alwars happy to put words such as "Wop," "Hernie," and "pums" into the row young the row of James M. Cain, the film has the artistic daytime black-and-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

Monators, Inc. — Plump and rubbery computer animation prefaced by a refreshingly retro (ca. 1960) two-dimensional title sequence. Safely recommendable to any child up to the age recommendable to any child up to the age of five, and less salely as his age increases. The whole premise of a parallel universe of monaters making nightly forways into our own universe, bottling the screams of children for fuel, all the while shivering in terror of the children themselves, is insufferably condescending to monsters and truckling to children ("Kids these days, the just don't get scared like they used to"). And the "salute" to the master of stop-motion animation, Ray Harryhausen, in the form of Harryhusuen's Subh Bar, seems more as insula, a passing were to the covered wagen from the window of the jettliner. The abert doubtrouncess of all—the crashing out of gag, the copona visual destit, the damines of the copona visual destit of look all caster to look all, caster loo Harryhausen's Sushi Bar, seems more an mantis approaches the toterable. And each of these, in any case, is overpowered by the overfamiliar speaking voice of John Goodman, Billy Crystal, James Coburn, and Steve Buscemi, respectively. Is there some inherent handicap in computer-animation programs to manacle the draftsman? Or is it simply the marketing necessity to co-ordinate efforts with the toy manufacturer? Directed by Pete Docter, 2001 (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ★ (CAMMEL MOUNTAIN: CHILAY 1931 A 10: CINISARAM & CE NAME RIGHLANDS \$ EXCENTIAS 8, FASHION VALLEY 18, CAMAY 6: EXCENTIAS 8, FASHION VALLEY 18, CAMAY 6: HARBOR DRIVE 18: HOTTON FLACA 14: LA ZALA 12: MISSION MANNETHACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 70: COLOMASTO 18: FANNETHACE 13: PROMEMENZ 24: PROMONET PLACA 18: POWENY 10: RAMACH THINE RINCHOOL 18: TOWN 16; JUNE 19: DRIVE 18: SMECHANTER 19: TOWN 16; JUNE 14: SMECHANTER 19: TOWN 16: SMECHANTER 19: SMEC

teen movie. A crass, tacky "spoof" after the fashion of Scary Movie, but really just a pot calling a kettle... With Chyler Leigh, Chris Evans, Jaime Pressly, Mia Kirubner. land Drive — David Lynch's The Straight Story, we are hereby reassured, was the aberration; the twisted story is the one

aid; directed by Joel Gallen. 2001 (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLAND VICINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSA ENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON LAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION PIAZA 14: LA JOLIA 12: MISSION MARNETRACE I3: MISSION VALLEY 20; CCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PIAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; TROM 12/14) traustees, mattest automate; tricks who more normal plate lages, to put it in the more normal plate lages, the law to deep return much and lages, frees him to do pertry much whatever he swatts. (C), in a more whatever he waste. (C), in a more boy for self-indulgance) in the result, the context indulgance is infully higher than in the severage plodder chainsed to the obstract interest when it infully higher than in the severage plodder chainsed to the obstract interest indulgance in finish player than in the severage plodder chainsed to the obstract interest in the severage plodder chainsed to the obstract interest in the severage plodder chainsed to the obstract interest in the severage plodder chainsed to the obstract interest in the severage plodder chainsed to the obstract in the severage plodder chainsed to the visability address the complex at LAX whose mille whole gritts quarter chainsed in the contract in the severage of the chainse in the contract in the chainse of the chainsed of th

for him. In this case it's a braided story, besides twisted, of the intertwined fates of tyo women, one light and one dark, a stary-eyed, stary-ewestered Hollywood hopeful from Deep River, Ontario, and a haunted, hunted amnesiac from who know where. The filmmaker's freedom from

stretch all the way to ricins; the spectator-sport lebbains mislered for the heteroexam male (the hill) indicacye: little: known Nasimi Watts, wholesome Penchope Ann Miller type, and Laura special Ferring has been as a substantial of a special Ferring has not ever mistaken for a fab); the unpredictable casting of supporting parts cle-hoder Ann Miller, Lee Grant in a fright wig, one-time pertry boy and now pretry old man Chad Everett; the saff, ill fitting continues and dialogue of a "Stop and think of a little second. Can you

Stop and think for a little second. Can you "Stop and think for a little second. Can you do that for me?" Such bits and pieces, though they don't add up to a whole, they out know you are watching something out of the ordinary. Other bits and pieces, though they you know the same thing, arouse less enthusiasm about it. The trade-offs of althat refection from logic is that Lynch is freed, too, from viewer involvement. And when toward the end he involvement.

involvement. And when toward the end he makes a concerted effort, zigging and augging, to leave the viewer behind (dislocated time, swapped roles), most viewers will be just as happy to let him go viewers will be just as happy to let him go it is the property of the pro

La Notto — The middle movie of Michelangelo Antonioni's loosely tied and gradually declining "trilogy," in which the one constant is Monica Vitti. (Why doesn' of Desert make it a tetralogy?) There ar v number of stiff and stilted m is portrait of a middle-class marriage this portrait of a middle-class marriage disintegrating in ennul, but the dijector has a fine eye — if sometimes a didactic or a desposition en — for the chilly living conditions of modern man. And he has a fine eigenstagepher, too, Gainni Di Venanzo. With Marcello Mastroianni and learne Moreau. 1961.

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oan's Elovon - Superdeluxe remake comin's Eleven — Superdeluxe remake a Par Park lark of 1960: a happy-good-kky, jolly-good-fellows, high-tech, clean-as whistle casino heist, with a star-added cast (Clooney, Pitt, Damon, Julia beets, Andy Garcia, Carl Reiner, Elliott Judd. Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, Casey leck, Scott Casn). There are sellouts, to sure, and then there are sellouts, and Soderbergh's philo ook at himself in the mirror, but it 't make it easier to look at the screen

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sits no fewer than 125 universes — in n. a "multiverse" — of identical pulations, with Gore the U.S. President ne of them, Bush in another. By killing 123 of his clones — through authorized travel by illegal quantum mauthorized travel by illegal quantum none," or something — one megalomane is inherited their energies and become a properties of the control of the control to be benefitted from the released ergies of his doubles, setting up a Battle the Titans; let Liv s. Jet Li. (Or maybe he we should be upgraded to Rockethip Li.) upshody who has anything whatsover to y about parallel universes — let's not be full to parallel universes — let's not be d to generalize — would not fill up h

would-be John Woo shootouts, and heavy-metal-accompanied chases. So that climinates director and co-writer James Wong and producer and co-writer Glen Morgan from the roll of those with something to say. Carla Gugino, Delroy Lindo, Jason Statham. 2001. GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM

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Serendipity — 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 the shopping for his current girlfriend, she for her boyfriend), spend several magical ours together, and then separate wit knowing the other's name: he writes his on the back of a five-dollar bill, she writes here n the flyleaf of a Garcia Márquez novel both to be re-entered into general

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circulation — and they leave their fate to fate. Seven years later, the week before they're to wed their respective new partner they desperately try to give fate a hand. Th total concoction is supremely precious. total concoction is supremely precious, which is not to say "of great value." (Slightly less value, even, than director Peter Chelsom's earlier comedy from the same year, Town and Country.) John Corbett steals his scenes, if not the show, playing a steas nis scene, ir not the show, playing a dippy, Yanni-haired, New Age musician who is nonetheless a feasible fiance for the heroine, Kate Beckinsale. The preferable, after all, is only John Cusack. With Jeremy Piven. Molly Shannon, Eugene Levy, 2001. * (ASSHON) WALEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Shallow Hal — A high-concept low comedy from the Farrelly brothers, Peter and Bobby. The concept, which might from

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enables the babe-chaning hero (Jack Black, a serviceable per Blow) to see the inner heasty of the people around him after he has spent a bear time in a stalled elevator with That a bear time in a stalled elevator with That This hocus-pour, earlier than opening any doors to issues of sexual politics, much lear any doors to sensitivity, opens a door only to issues of internal logic. Inner beauty, in order not to overcomplicate or reddine the the hervi notion of outer beauty in most the hervi notion of outer beauty in most cases, it looks executy like the supermodels, the hero's notion of outer beauty. In most cases, it looks exactly like the supermodels, calendar girls, starlets, and mannequins he was chasing at the outser, regardless of whether the outer person more closely resembles a horse or a hippo. (Doesn' anyone's inner beauty have any chinks in anyone's inner beauty have any chinks in anyone is inner beauty have any chinks in anyone is nore have any inner hadeounness?) His sense of touch apparently can't tip him off to the true contours of the heart wants it to feel"), but an article of heart 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 entitles splendor. This doesn't light him off, the inner beauty of men as well (GQ types), but prior acquaintance in his life, from his pudgy best bud to the brunette hotte across the hall, look just the same as before At one point, and only one, it is suggested that the apple of the cye (Gwynthe Palthou, a snootly sort of beauty) is herself capable of seeing nner beauty is nerveit capable of seeing inner beauty without the help of Tony Robbins, although this seems to mean that she has no idea of the actual age of a prune-faced co-worker. Possible complications are

explored no further than the doorsill. 2001 (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Sidewalks of New York - Multi aracter cross-pollination romanti-medy, widely described as Woody Allenesque. This seems to signify that (a) it takes place in New York City; (b) the line takes place in New York Cuty; (b) the line "What are you talking about," is spoken frequently and disingenously when the speaker knows full well what 's being talked about; and (c) the writer-director is also the star. For all that, the description would fit more snugly if (a) Edward Burns were, or had, as well articulated a screen persona as Wondy Allen; (b) the could see himself overseas the significant of the significant consequently in white all evidence overseas the significant of the significant consequently in white all evidence overseas the significant of the significant of the significant control of the consequently in white all evidence overseas the significant of the control of control control of control of control of control control of control of mocking detachment instead of always as a Really Cool Guy; and (c) his wit were sharp enough to cut butter. He undoubtedly has 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 showering them with acceptance and affection. Only noe 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 swomen, meanwhile, tend to act carbonated. (Heather Graham and Brittany Murphy, but not Rosario Da tend in addition to act vigorously shaken before opening.) So if the scope and scale of









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Soy Game - Last day at the office of a Last day at the office of a retiring Company man, or CIA agent to you laymen, Robert Redford, He has just learned that his prize protégé, Brad Pitt, has gotten himself arrested on an unauthorized ission in China, and is scheduled for execution in twenty-four hours. His superiors, mindful of delicate trade superiors, mindful of delicate trade negotatums, 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 consealment of activities from the higher-ups, the whole cat-and-mouse chase through the bureaucratic labyrinth.



classical unities of time (twenty-four hours), place (CIA headquarters), and action (the covert rescue operation). It's to say it could have observed them. What weakens this area of interest — what shoots holes in the three unities — is the flashback structure that gives rise to a kind of caree

nighlight reel on the protege (as his mentor electively fills in his bosses on the deep background). The highlights, while

action for action's auke. Or action, anyway, for the trailer's suke. Action for bringing-in-the-suckers' sake. The highlights fail. however, to supply any reason why the old-tion of the superior of the superior of the 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 had in essence already played fact that Pith had in essence already played Redford in A Rive Read tributely in Linding speculation on a sort of familial blood ties it least maybe a flateratul blood between fellow matinee idols. Stephen Dillane. Marianne Iran-Boptists. Catherine McCormack: directed by Tony Scott. 2001. "COMMEN. MOCHANIC COREINAD". IN COMMEN. MOCHANIC COREINAD IN CONTROL INC. CONTROL MARIAN CONTROL OF CONTROL CONTROL MARIAN CONTROL OF CONTROL OF CONTROL MARIAN CONTROL IN CONTROL MARIAN CONTROL OF CONTROL OF CONTROL MARIAN CONTROL MARIAN LA COLLA 2: MASSION MARIANTEACE 13. MASSION VALLEY 2: COLCAMINE IN 8: PALM MASSION VALLEY 2: COLCAMINE IN 8: PALM MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN

Tape — Richard Linklater's tiresome three-character talkfest, taking place entirely in a Lansing motel room and in "real time," about What Really Happened ten years ago at the end of senior year in a teen romantic at the end of senior year in a teen romantic triangle. The stage origins of the piece — a play by Stephen Belber — are not disguised by the free-and-easiness of the digital-video

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camera (e.g., a couple of extended ping-pong rallies) nor by an image quality on a par with a convenience-store surveillance tape. Ethan Hawke, Robert Sean Leonard, Una Thurman. 2001. • (MILCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 12/13)

Texas Rangers — Rudimentary Rangers and-rustlers, modelled on Tombstone at least as far as the prefatory narration (James Coburn in place of Robert Mitchum), the Coburn in place of Robert Micham), the opening skupliker of innecents by an outlaw band, and the Dox Holliday cough or the head Ranger (Dylan McDermott). The Holliday rendition, meanwhile, has made to the head Ranger (Dylan McDermott). The Holliday rendition, meanwhile, has made in well chosen. But the copy can make home of its good characters, good performances (though Robert Patrick, and Rangh' Trains load and sound goods), good annything, With Alfred Molina, Vincent Spano, Tom Sherritt, Rachael Leigh Goisig. Spano, Tom Skerritt, Rachael Leigh Cook; directed by Steve Miner, 2001. * (GASLAMP 15: PALM PROMENADE 24)

Thirteen Chosts — 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

Training Day — A slicker, mainstreamier Bad Lieutenant, tagging along on an interminable work shift with a crooked

L.A. narc. Even if you are prepared to

believe the worst of the police (ev perchance, you were a member of the O. I. Simpson jury), it's a stretch to believe th any cop would parade his badness quite se openly in front of a first-day trainee, no matter how eager to please and needy of endorsement the trainee 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 Hoursby — side: Ethan Lawke, as the greenhorm, is to light a weight to hold his own, even in. Toward the end, director. Antimor Fasque regioners a couple of fermi Antimor Fasque regioners a couple of fermi squeeks, clean one in a den of outflitness, and when the latter sets out to get even. But the crief of tension in that first sequence in the crief of tension in that first sequence in the crief of tension in that first sequence received the crief of tension in that it is sequence in the crief of tension in the second into the pages, so Sorti Germ, Chill Curris, Mass Cerz, 2001.

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Venilla Sky — Cameron Crowe's remake of Alejandro Amenabar's Open Your Eyes, starring Tom Cruise, Perielope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, Kurt Russell. (CAMBEL MOUNTAIN, OBILA VISTA 10, TASHION VALLEY IR, FLOWER HILL 4, GROSSMONI CENTER: HAZARD CENTER 7: HORTON PLAZA 14. LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION

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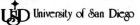
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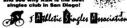
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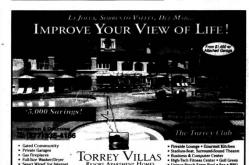
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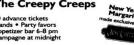
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posed by Walt Thoreau in the 13th Cen-tury does have an adequate reply. To crib from Henry James and British writer Michael Moorcock: art is a condition in rendered work that aspires toward little or no sensational dynamics (drama), a minimalist approach to events (noth minimalist approach to events (noth-ing happens), and preferably the depicted work being rendered will be universal but seemingly inaccessible, transcendent if ordinary (dull), and timeless if apparently endless - certainly not under three minutes like a pop-music record. In fact, the more excruciatingly dry, eventless, the more excruciatingly dry, eventless, and uninteresting a work may be, the more likely it is to be profound. In other words, as Moorcock pointed out, all art aspires toward the condition of Muzak. One need look no farther than for-

eign films at "art" houses like the Ken the ater in San Diego.

Don't get me wrong, I have enjoyed many fine motion pictures at the Adams Avenue theater: Mystery Train, films by Avenue theater: Mystery I rain, films by Woody Allen — even The Bible, I think. (I may have that confused with the date I was on when I was driven by boredom to reading the Bible during Cries and

iders (or A Band Aparté, I guess) on

"What is art?" asked Plate, and he did not stagfor an answer.

This famous retortical question posed by Walt Thoreau in the 13th Century does have an adequate repty. To continue the result of from the result of t

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in English: Burning Monty.

Only men were on line for the 7:30, all of them about my age, but with really good, short haircust and clothes much better than mine. The movie poster depicted two young guys, one with his fit popen. The blurb read: They were called the twins, but they were lovers. 'And then a quote from Amy Taubin in The Village Viole: There is no denying its sexual kids, high adrenalise volence, and shadowy chic... Crosses Bonnie and Clyde with [unpronounceable Chinese director's name; 15 Happy Together.' Well, it sounded as it stuff actually hap-fired the study happed to the control of the study happed to director's name'; *Happy Together.* Well, it sounded as if stuff actually hap-pened in the movie, but, to me, "Happy Together is an old Turtles son, It was clear this was a gyr movie and, judging by the couples in line, a good gay date I saw the movie and had." an experience? "What I like George on Serinful when he got a massage from a male masseur, "something moved?" I could not, at this late date, afford a homo moment. In the years left to me, to vacate any theoreti-cal closet and "come out" would involve time consuming and expensive Freudam therapy. No.! was unwilling to enter that shadow world of Ocelapid issues and therapy. No.! was unwilling to enter that shadow world of Ocelapid issues and

So Lasked the woman in the ticket booth with the bow tie, black bowler hat and name tag reading "Mel" if she could explain to me why last night's movie was

good.
"I liked it. I thought it was delightful! Very, very funny. I love the way God-dard plays with sound in his films. He had a minute of silence in the movie and I thought that was very clever."
Indeed there was a full minute, I believe, of just that: silence. "Nothing hap-

to reading the Bible during Cries and Whippers). The Ken is a great thester and with the property of the prope



"Just because something's foreign doesn't necessarily mean it's good."
"I liked those early Clint Eastwood movies and they were made in Israel or Mexico or something.

'Yeah, Whatever,'

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"My father hates subtitles," Mel then tells me.

"Met too. It's like read or go to the movies, pick one. Those are two different brain functions." I then launched into a lengthy graphics critique on the placement of white text against a pale film foreground, guaranteed to induce a headacke."

On the subtitle thing, Mel allows that "constitutes a real rift."

I have no intention of giving up. I check the Ken's flyer for coming attractions. Fat Gel's up next. It looks French and has a hilarious tide, I'll give it that, but then the copy reads. "An insplittli, devastating drama." That doesn't sound so good. Peter Travers called it, "An absolute stunner of a movie," but he said the same thing about Ernet Goes no faul, I'll more mitsaken.

same thing about Ernest Gose to Jail, if I'm not mistaken.

Then we have La Bache Considerable way comedy.—With its lovely images of winter-time Paris and its lyrical Michael Legrand music, La Bache Goes take the date. I'm can keep the cake as far as I'm concerned.

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My paternal grandmother (we call her Grandma Pat) has been forced to do battle with her sweet tooth for the past 19 years. Her with her sweet tooth for the past 19 years. Her 60th year brought with it the onset of dia-betes, and the sugar-laden goodies she adored we sequestered to the no-no list — no small sacrifice for her. Over the years, she has proved a model of vigilance and abstention, only

a model of vigilance and absterition, only allowing sweets to pass her lips at Christmas-time, and even then, only sparingly. I decided to be the agent of her indulgence this Christmas, and through a bit of snoop-ing and interfamilial espionage. I found that her favonite treat west defining canby. A favorie-control tour stories of how constitutions as bequent over stories of how, every Christmas, she and her sisters used to go next door to Mrs McInerny's for hot chocolate and divinity. 'It was like a slice of heaven,' she would say

For me, the word "divinity brings up images relating more explicitly to religion than to candy; I needed help. I put on my detective's hat and set about my search. My neighbor Joanne said she remembered eating it as a girl, "It was a white candy; we ate it at Christmastime. It was like a meringue—it just poofed in your mouth. My Aunt

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Paulie used to put almond or maple flavor in it, along with finely crushed nuts." Dave, Joanne's husband, had a slightly different account. He called it "divin a slightly different account. He called it "divin-ity fudge," and recalled it as being a white, one-inch square that was chewy and laced with dried fruits or nuts. "On the East Coast, they sell divinity by the oceanside,

I sought to resolve this debate (was it candy or fudge?) by phoning Laura Little's Candies in La Jolla (858-454-3535). Laura Little's is a family business of sister team Jeff and Laura Little. I spoke Jeff. "There are variations of divinity," he explained. "We make fudge. People come in from the east

coast and swear it's divinity fudge. People from some-where else come in and say where else come in and say it's divinity candy. I just call it 'divinity,' just so everybody's happy. It depends on where you

grew up. "Divinity is similar Divinity is similar to a marshmallow-type product, except that it's a lot more dense and solid. We make

ore dense and solid. We make ours by heating a syrup in a big copper kettle; then, in a Hobart mixer, we start beating the egg whites. There's basically a batter [with] sugar and egg whites, which is mixed until and egg whites, which is mixed until
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end, we mix in the nuts. You don't
want to add them too soon, or the nuts
will absorb too much of the candy flavor." Laura Little's Candies carries divinity
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A few blocks away, on Prospect, divin ity can be purchased all year-round for \$15.95 a pound at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Fac tory (858-454-0077). Owner Georgia Stroud told me that "we weren't going to sell it until

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Christmas. But then, in the beginning of the Carismas. But then, in the oeganism of the summer, we had so many people from the East Coast ask for it that now we carry'it all the time as a stock item. It's traditionally a Christmas candy; however, on the East Coast, they sell divinity and fudge all year-round by the oceanside, because they don't melt."

As for the question of candy versus fudge, Stroud guessed that "in rural parts of the coun-try, people will make things like candy, and maybe they'll call it [a certain name]. Generation

> put in egg whites, sugar, vanilla, a pinch of salt, and walnuts. Our divinity is called black our divinity is called black walnut. People sometimes call divinity 'angel fudge,' due to its lightness. Leg-end has it that divinity was started in a monastery, totally by accident—

they were just experi-menting. They called it divinity. But who knows where it really started? It could have been your gear gandmother's kinchen. I was still curious, so I hit the dig. its. I spoke with veteran candy maker Gordon Rankin at Wisteria Candy Cottage in Bouleard, some 70 miles east of San Diego-newfer. "Divinity candy and fudge are simknows where it really

ilar but different," said Rankin. "The mixtures vary, because the fudge, which has more oil and less egg white, is poured more densely than the historical divinity, which was hand-dipped, using a spoon or a knife, into round, cookie-like drops. [These drops] were called divin-ity kisses, and were made of a particular ratio of egg white to corn syrup that stayed fluff so that it would hold its shape like a kiss. Th fudge was a variation that came along when ole discovered that if they made it a litpeople discovered that it use, many the differently and poured the candy warm,

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maniow described by Jeff at Laura Little s. The fudges were all similar in texture, vary-ing mostly by degree of sweetness and nut-tiness. My favorite was the cashew divinity drop from Wisteria Candy Cottage, but I think I'll send Crandma Pat a sampler, so that she can nibble her way to her own decision.

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new baby to me and some other college friends who live in the area.

'Oh, well," Anita said. "Maybe next time."
A few hous later at l drow my three younger children (Lucy, Johany, and Ben) to pick up my two older children (Rebecca and Angela) at school, I had an idea. I called Anita when I got home.

"How about Jack and Rebecca meet you,"
I suggested. "Friday is Rebecca's birthday. It
would be a real treat for her. And Jack won't
mind too much if he misses the reunion."

Saturday morning, I waved good-bye to Jack and Rebecca. "Give Aunt Anita a hug and

Jack and Rebecca. "Give Aunt Anita a hug and a kiss from me." I told Rebecc. "Tell everyone, 'hello,' and that I'm sorry I missed them,' Jack said.
"Not fair," six-year-old Angela complained when we walked back into the house.
"Not fair," five-year-old Lucy echeed.
"You'll have a fun day, 'I promised. "Sachi has a little girl who's three and a baby who's 18 months. My other friend Dina has three girls.

months. My other friend Dina has three girls, one your age, Angie, one Lucy's age, and a tiny new baby. You'll have lots of girls to play with. I was right. Once my friends arrived a half-hour after Jack and Rebecca drove away, Angela and Lucy stopped complaining. We played at the park near our house for an hour; then walked back to the house and ordered pizza for lunch. The older girls took turns carting Sachi's little girl around on their hips like little mothers. My three-year-old Johnny showed Sachi's older girl his sisters' doll house. I found them discussing

Every now and then, I caught myself looking at the clock and imagning what Jack and Rebecca were doing. At noon I knew they'd be meeting, Anita for lunch at an Italian resturant near the theater. When I'd made the reservations a few days before, the maitire of had signed off by saying, "Ciao." I imagined Jack and Anita helping Rebecca negotiate a real Italian menu.

A little after two, my friends left, "We've

got to get together more often," we all agreed.
As they drove away, I glanced at my watch. I
knew lack and Rebecca and Anita would be sitknew Jack and Rebecca and Anita would be sit-ting in the darkened theater watching the open-ing number. I remembered the first real Broad-way play I'd seen. I was in college, and my best friend's dad played Daddy Warbucks in the

friend's dad played Daddy Warbucks in the national touring company of Annie. Rebecca's so much younger than I was," I thought. "I hope the appreciates it."

A little before dusk, Lucy, Johnny, and Angela put on sweaters. I bundled up Ben and strapped him into his stroller. We set out in the chilly air for a walk around the neighborhood. Lucy rode her bike. Johnny glided along on his scooter. Angels walked with new 'We worked to be continued to the work of the continued to the work of the work dark toward home

"Rebecca and Daddy should be getting out of the play just about now," I told Angela. "I'm happy to be here with you," Angela

told me.
"I'm happy to be here with you," I told her

back.

Late in the evening, after I'd fed the kids dinner, bathed Johnny and Ben, and carried a sleeping Johnny to bed, Jack and Rebecca came home. Angela and Lucy raced downstairs when they heard the front door open. Ben toddled up to Jack, who reached down and lifted the paismadel how into his arms. Rebecca herezed into clad boy into his arms. Rebecca breezed into the room and collapsed on the couch. "How

lack rolled his eyes. "It was amazing," he

said.
"Mom," Rebecca agreed, "you should have seen it."
For the next half hour, we sat in the living room while Jack and Rebecca told us about the actors on stills dressed as life-sized giraffes and the actor who played Timon the meerkat and the actor who played Timon the meerkat and the special effects the producers used to recre-ate a wildebeest stampede onstage. I watched Rebecca's face as she spokes. Boglowed. She was transported. She was no longer my baby girl but an interesting, mature human being, lack caught my eye, and we both smiled at our beautiful girl. When Rebecca finally went to bed, I leaned down and kissed her forchead. ¹ Tim so glad you

got to go," I told her.
"Me, too," she said. And I hugged her for

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ets to The Lion King at the Pan-

tages on Saturday," Anita said.
"Any chance you and Jack could

join me?" My husband Jack and I live

My husband Jack and 1 live in San Marcos with our five kids. We don't get out much. "I'd love to," I told Anita. "But Sachi's

coming to town this weekend. We're having a mini-reunion." Sachi is one of my friends from

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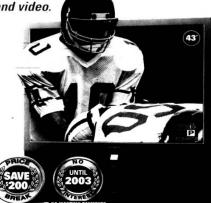
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