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Holiday Helper

Holiday Helper

I just wanted to let you and
Mr. Kumpel know what an incredible article "Christmas
without Jesus" was in your last
issue (December 13). I've been
having a hard time finding the
value in this Christmas, especially with all the extreme one. value in this Christmas, especi-ally with all the ext. emc com-mercialism. Being appreciative and respectful to all religions, I was glad to hear that others have found meaning in this season other than what Chris-tianity has proclaimed. I've passed on your article

I've passed on your article to several friends and family with A+ reviews. And I wanted to thank the Reader, Mr. Kumpel, lieve the Bible as a nonbiased nonfiction source.

From this year on, I plan to celebrate the winter season celebrate the winter season with a new exuberance and put a spin on my celebration with adding the best that all religions have to offer. With that, I thank you and wish you and your staff a beautiful and happy SEASON continuing on to a peaceful New Year. peaceful New Year.

April Robe San Diego

Wants Christian

Viewpoint
I just finished your headline article, "Christmas without Jearticle, "Christmas without Jessus" (December 13), and it just confirmed how religiously and philosophically pluralistic our society is. I was disappointed, however, that in in representatives of differing viewpoints, that a more balanced approach wasn't attempted. Christian viewpoint explaining what he believes and why he/she believes it to be true. It's as if you (the Reader) assume all readers understand the Christmas story. understand the Christmas story. This is very typical of modern media and journalism in gen-eral, but far from balanced. Believe it or not, there are people in the U.S. that don't know who in the U.S. that don't know who leaus is or have never heard of Him. You may have readers just like this — especially in a melting-pot society such as ours. And for the record, those interviewed who doubted whether Jesus existed or not are in the very smallest minority of opinions. New Testament schol-rachin, whether conservatives.

worse than an ill-timed taste-less joke; it hurts my feelings, somehow, to think that you have none. Give Him a rebut-tal statement.

Anonymous Annie Clairemont Illegal? Sorry Crystelle Love's story ("City Lights," December 13) is sad,

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READER IN CHARGE, should have not had a keg party in the editorial room before deadline but should have listened to the voice that told you not to print cover on it, unless YOU are Buddhist too, You have a lot of

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nerve, or a lot to learn about respect. This is ISBUS BIRTH-DAY! If He's just another gity, He might not be a popular as but is MORE FAMOUS THAN. MADONNA OR MICHAEL JACKSON, and so much more respectable than some slob in a Santa suit smelling of sandal-wood, sitting like Buddha, and singing in slanderous stupor. At least give some of your readers a little consideration here. WPER TENISC TO BAILS

readers a little consideration here. WE'RE TRYING TO RAISE GOOD KIDS! You guys hit our cyes as we walk in every store; you throw trash at me, my friends, and for that I am sorry.

for you have turned your issue to more than just a bad comic

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on the Last Days. By Abe Opincar

compelling, and repeated far too often by too many innocent people. But her statement and the headline in Robert and the headline in Robert Kumpel's story ("He Had No Right to Fire Me") couldn't be more wrong. Not only does he employer have the right to fire her, but that right is guaranteed by state law and policy. California follows the doc-

Cantorna souches the doc-trine of "at will" employment. This means that an employer can fire you at any time, with or without notice, for any rea-son or for no reason at all. The doctrine exists to make the economic environment more economic environment more friendly for businesses, with Brutal? Usually. But illegal?

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Manchester, a one-time insurance salesman who made it big in the San Diego real estate booms of the '70s and '80s, purchased the 116-room, 53-year-old Shore Lodge and con-

116-room, 53-year-old Shore Lodge and con-Doug Manchestr vention centre back in 1988 for \$4.2 million. The San Diegan had earlier adopted the small Idaho resort town as his second home, built a luxurious home on the lake, and fre-quently commuted there by a private jet he personally piloted. In 1998, Manchester announced he would invest \$5 million in what he called a "five star" remodel of the Shore Lodge, to include 16 new rooms, meeting and dining room expansion, and a 48iring a variance from McCall's 35-foot building-height limit quiring a variance from McCall's 35-foot building-height limit. As construction proceeded, the price tag climbed past \$10 mil-lion. Scheduled for completion in 1999, the renovation dragged into this year, and now the project in its supposed to open until next spring, A Manchester syockems confirms that the new owner of the property is Randdlar twith a home in the area, who is yet in § 31's million for the lodge and the 18-hole Manchester at mig \$13' million for the lodge and the 18-hole Manchester at tte Lake Golf Course

Dry seals Navy SEAL teams from Coronado have been showing up at a rock-climbing school in Red Rock Canyon in the Nevada desert to rehearse their moves for duty in Afghanistan, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reports. The paper says that two SEALs, identified only as "Dirk" and "Chase," said they were couting out the Vegas-based Sky's the Limit rock-climbing school, which features an indoor climbing gym and guide sêr-vice, as a possible training venue, "Basically, the stuff we're learnvice, as a possible training venue." Basically, the stuff we're learning out here is so we can move quickly and efficiently through this kind of terrain." Chase told the paper." Alt of of what we do its try to come in from an unexpected direction." ... With air traffic off following the September 11 terrorist attacks, U.S. artifines are having their highest on time arrival rates since September 1997; reports the Washington Post. The exception: Alaska Airines 'flight between San Diego and Portland, late 58:19 percent of the time ... Harabid "Call' Johnson, that downtown San Diego redevelopment board member whose business dealings with Padres owner John Moores forced a city council revote on the ontroversial baseball stadium deal, has failed to file a valid State controversial baseball staddium deal, has sailed to file a valid State-ment of Economic Interests, required by state Jaw. City records show he took office more than a year ago, in November 2000. Af-ter a reminder from the city detr's office this April. he filed an incomplete statement listing no assets in May of this year. A city-clerk spokeswoman says the case is a "work in progress."

Off line The Washington Times broke the story that a San Off line The Wishington Times broke the story that a San Dispo-based gay website called us Queers.com'has posted a wish for the death of conservative politicans, including ex-President user the politicans and the property of the politicans and the property of the proper GOP assemblyman Steve Baldwin, of whom it says. "Beem watching this truly mean man for years, from our variage point here in Saan Diego. No mercy, no quarter for a mercileus shark." A the list, told the paper. It is a shame that, even so our country is at war, a fringe group would set up a website to blatantly call for the death of a number of public figure in America." According to a note posted on the site. "isofuers.com does not authorize, ratify, or directly threaten acts of violence toward the people or organizations on this list. If a person on this list die (preferably a horrible death), a line will be drawn through their name (and they will probably be added to our Good Rid list) " Several days after the Times story appeared, the websit

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Young People Need to See What It's Like

By Robert Kumpel

arol Snyder is always prepared. Carrying a stack of folders and papers, she walks

of the unemployed pool are

those who quit their last job.

Valley Hospital. I was a su-

pervisor to over ten girls

there. I walked into a bad sit

uation, and I didn't feel that

it was going anywhere for

me. I had several young girls

"I had a job at Paradise

out of the Chula Vista Career Center reading a series of want ads pasted to a yellow legal pad sheet. "I'm trying to find a position in Chula Vista, if possible. I plan on going to the Sweetwater Elementary School District because they have four job openings there. They also have an adminis-

weeks. If you see a situation, and you see that there's nothing you can do because management won't back you up, the best thing to do is ve and look for something else better. And the pay was very good. Excellent. It was \$15 an hour. I was working 12 hours a day, and I was bringing home another workload worth about 3 hours a night. I was probably getting about six or seven hours of sleep on a daily basis. I was also going in on weekends and working be cause these young ladies would not get out of bed or they had too many problems with their boyfriends to go

in and work."

"I had that job about four

that particular moment. We were all overworked and short, but they would not hire aryone else. The other bad thing was - I hate to say this - the girl that was causing all the trouble hap pened to be black and my boss was black and he always sided with her. No matter what I did or what I said, she wouldn't do anything, then she would run to him and cry and complain that I was too hard on her.

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"It was really sad, because I could not do what I wanted to do to get that office into shape. If he would have let me, I could have done it. I'm ex-military - I was a drill ergeant, and I wasn't that hard on the girls. I was very



trative assistant position for the Salvation Army. They also have three clerical positions open at the City of Chula Vista. The public relations job here is for a utilities company, so I thought

I'd go by there too." At 53. Snyder's stamina makes it hard to keep up with her. "I'm very energetic I've got lots of places to go and people to see and I'm rarin' to go!" It doesn't add up that someone so determined could ever be unemployed, but that very dedication proved to be Snyder's downfall, and her story shows why some of the best

in their 20s who didn't know Lest anyone think Snyder how to work. The superviis complaining, her tone is sor asked me to get them enthusiastic She loves the into shape and get a prochallenge of work but can't stand coworkers who are not gram together that worked, but he wouldn't back me up. as motivated as she. "I went When I put my foot down to personnel twice and told with the girls about coming them what the situation was. in late, having too many per-sonal phone calls, eating at The girls were always late. they all talked really bad to their desks constantly, and the patients who were at the not doing their assigned jobs window, they were all in or helping patients, I went to their 20s, and they all had babies but no husbands. him. He said, 'Write them They were always on the up.' I wrote them up, but he didn't back me. Instead, he phone with their boyfr others, or friends. They felt threw out the paperwork. There was nothing I could that school was more in portant than the job or takdo to get the girls into shape,

ing care of the patients at

polite and very understanding with their problems and cial lives and school. I worked around their schedules in order to contend with them going to school, which was why I was filling in for them a lot of the time."

Snyder cites a back ground of varied experience. "I have a B.S. degree in criminal justice, and part of that involved the study of psychology. I also have an A.S. degree in general studies, and I just finished taking a CPR certification test. When I was very young, I worked

Rustic Firetraps

By Ernie Grimm

magine a wildfire driven by winds gusting at 80 miles per hour is racing toward your house east of Alpine. In the predawn

darkness, you can see the red-orange glow of the in-ferno over a small rise to the east. Telephone poles in that direction have already burned, leaving you without power or phone. Not knowng whether to stay put or evacuate, you call 911 on your cell phone and get the Highway Patrol, who patch you through to your local fire district. The fire dispatcher asks your address. You tell her 5201 Alpine Boulevard. But your house isn't actually on Alpine Boulevard. It sits three quarters of a mile south of the boulevard, on a dirt road that locals - and some maps - call Montecito

You think the local firefighters know where your house is, so you don't worry But the local firefighters were dispatched an hour ago to defend houses in areas that are already burning. The unit that gets dispatched to defend your house is one from the South Bay. They're used to operating in the urban grid of Chula Vista, not in the rural area east of Alpine They don't have the local rounding fire districts' fireon Alpine Boulevard, trying to see numbers painted on mailboxes in the smoky darkness. When they finally do find your mailbox among a group of 10 or 12. with 54 - they drive up th dirt road next to them, try ing to figure out which of the tributary dirt roads leads to your house. They look for address markers, but there are none. Because you're 5401, they figure your house must be the house closest to Alpine Boulevard They're wrong. Betty Odi orne, the woman who actu ally lives at that address, explains why.

"I'm 5401 because I was the first one they gave a street address to, because my house was the first one-built. Between me and Alpine Boule vard is 5427 and 5429 and all that, because those guys were built after me. It doesn't go [sequentially] because we all built at different times."

In fairness to Odiorne, this situation hasn't happened to her in the 19 years she's lived in her home. Du ing the Vieias fire, which burned from January 3 through January 9, 2001, she was evacuated from her home the first day Still. Tom Ace, chief of the Alpine Fire Protection District, says the

dress signs. And there are a homes and nomarking of number of them. And, even privately maintained roads though our firefighters are complicated the effort to usually familiar with those. protect homes and evacuate you have to remember tha residents and livestock from we had 2000 firefighters the blaze. here from as far away as Turning his car left out Sacramento, Palm Springs, of the driveway of Alpine's Phoenix, Arizona. And they tiny one-truck fire station do not typically have our onto eastbound Alpine run-map books, where we Boulevard, Ace explains, delineate and define where "It's not just a problem in some of those private roads Alpine, it's a problem in all are So for them, they're out the rural fire districts. Pretty there being dispatched eimuch every place outside of ther for fire protection or the city, in the unincorpostructure protection. So rated areas of San Diego they're trying to find a County, you encounter the street, and a lot of times same types of problems: there's not that nice green privately maintained roads and-white county-mainthat don't have county adtained road sign. There's

haphazard addressing of

sometimes there's not even The run maps Ace speaks of are maps carried by firefighters that contain detailed information on their primary protection areas. "It's information that we gather, and the information is then submitted to a company - in this case Digital Graphics and they produce the maps. street names, all the inforgathered by hand by a fire-

only a wooden sign or a

piece of cardboard nailed to



Though the run maps aren't to exact scale, they contain, Ace says, a lot more information than Thomas Brothers map books which are carried on fire trucks as backup. "It gives us hydrant locations," he says. pointing to a run map sitting next to him. "Each of these buttons here indicates a fire hydrant. It gives us parcel lines, so we know the size of the property. It shows driveways that we can drive the truck on. And it also gives us the address number. In the Thomas Brothers, you only get a block range, like 1000-1200 block; it doesn't give you how many houses are on it and what the prop-

erty is like." Only what are called the "Heartland" fire agencies of San Diego County have run books for the areas the Vieia fire burned. "Heartland agencies are the agencies in



San Diego County's zone four, which is in the East

County. It's composed of

Lakeside, Santee, El Cajon,

La Mesa, Lemon Grove,

Spring Valley Alpine and

East County Fire Protection

Districts. They all have the

run maps. Once you get out

of our zone, they don't have the maps." During the Viejas fire, Heartland resources were used up in the first hour. "All of the Heartland fire agencies, the eight departments I talked about, on any given day they have 25 engines in service. On the first hour of 2 the fire, we put 27 engines out, two more than our normal number in service. We had every engine in Heartland, plus two in the first hour. The other two were re serve engines. We manned

the fire."



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lice Department, but the city couldn't afford them, so the sheriffs took over and every-

attorneys. Everyone said that was the coming thing, but o, no, no, no, no! I don't like that kind of work. The police department is a lot better, because once you've

then work for an attorney and see the same criminals coming in, wanting to get off the charges you know they are guilty of, it's very hard. I recognized too many of them. Before the hospital, I

fice, but I was laid off. We were replaced by machines. When they automated, they promised to cross-train us they wanted us to, which in Bernardo. They offered me

loading and unloading trucks for four hours in the morning, turn around and go home, then go back another four hours in the evening. You'd get your eight hours in, but it's like a split

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shift. I live out in EastLake by Southwestern College; my car is almost 11 years old, and I have old parents in their 80s that I have to take care of. With my responsibilities here, I thought I would try to find something in this area."

Responsibility seems to be as natural to Snyder as breathing. "I worked at the

post office for five years, and I was never absent and always on time. I was always on standby and never refused to come in if they called me, whether it was 2:00, 3:00, or 5:00 in the morning. No matter what, I always went in, even if it was

for 20 minutes of work. For five years I held the position of being the number-one employee. I am the sole support of my family, which is my parents and myself. I own my own house and my

car is paid for. I'm manag ing. I have savings, but it's running out fast. I have exactly \$100 left, and my monthly bills run about \$1000 a month. Since I quit the job at Paradise Valley Hospital, I was not eligible for benefits.

"On October 18, 2000, I was laid off from the post office and I came here to the work center, got my typing certificate, honed my com puter skills, and was hired at Paradise Valley Hospital

April 4, and I quit on May 5. left messages, and got no re-I have gone to several interviews but I haven't found a job vet. I took an interview here with one employer, and they told me that I needed my DMV printout, a Social Security card, and any medical certificates I had. I took medical terminology, so I do have that background there. I went to San Diego, interviewed with her again, turned in all my paperwork, and she said she would call

me. I've called her since then,

sponse. They were due here this morning for another recruitment, and I was going to ask her why they haven't returned my calls. I want to find out where I stand there I'm pretty sure that the reason I'm having a hard time finding a job is my age, but they don't know my person ality. I have a lot of energy and I'm an excellent worke "I've come to the career

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trying to get a job here is that you have to be bilingual, and the pay is only minimum . I'm not bilingual yet, but I'm working on it! For Snyder, the hardest iob of her life seems to be her current job search. "I go

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through the newspapers first, because I can get





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through those real fast. I come here every morning and get on the Internet, so I can go through all the jobs.

There are several websites where you can go directly to the companies and apply and do online résumés or fax them from the center. That usually takes about three hours. Something should

longer I can go on like this.
"I'm trying to move on

with my life. If it's a situation that you cannot change, an the job is too much, and you're not getting the coop-

ove the job performance, then there's no sense of staying at a company if they cannot change. Young people need to find out what it's like. They need more responsibility and more discipline. They need to find out just how tough it really is being unemployed. A lot of them are still living at home with their mothers — mos of the girls at my last job were. Their families were taking care of their children for them, and they just wanted to talk, talk, talk about their problems all day long instead of concentrating and focusing on the job. Young people are very smart nowadays, but they think more of their personal lives than the responsibilities of their job. As long as they have the support at home, they're not going to concentrate on their job. They don't have to worry about money coming in, so that's why they come in late and just do what they want to

Rustic firetraps

Ace navigates the Ford Crown Victoria through the town of Alpine and into the more rural areas of Alpine Boulevard, between the West Willows and Fast Willows off-ramps. The boulevard acts as frontage road on the south side of Interstate 8, across which lies Vieias Indian Reservation. "That's a good sign there," Ace points to a wooden sign marking Deer Springs Road. It's eight inches wide and two feet long, suspended from a piece of curved iron. "But look at this next one." It's a piece of plywood, two by two feet. with "5353" spray painted on it. "Five thousand three hundred and fifty-three, but what street is it?"

Further east of Alpine Boulevard, Ace points to ward the fence separating the treet and the freeway embankment. "Now, see the rust on the chain link here? That's because this was all burning through here. The fire started about a mile and a half east of here in the center divide. It jumped on the other side of freeway, it burned across that mountain up ahead, and it jumped across the freeway right down here, and jumped into Alpine. Where that fence was rusted was one of the areas that burned across the freeway."

A half-mile west of where Alpine Boulevard ends at East Willows Road, Ace turns right onto Farlin Road A white-lettered green sign on an eight-foot metal pole indicates that this is a countymaintained road. On the left 50 yards up the hill, stands a

small stucco house sur-rounded by blackened earth



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and scorched manzanita bushes. "This house was saved," Ace says, "and every one from here on out was gone. This was the first neighborhood hit."

The morning of January 3, 2001, was a tough one for Farlin Road. Five of the 15 homes lost in the Vieias fire were on the short road off Alpine Boulevard. A number of factors made it ground zero. Dry winds were blow ing from the desert at 45 miles per hour with gusts as high as 80. "I've been up here for 19 years, and I don't ever remember the wind blowing

that hard," says Odiorne. Two years of below-average rainfall had resulted in fuel moisture content - the amount of water in the grass on the hillsides - of less than 10 percent. "You like to see it up around 30 to 40 percent," Ace explains. And most unluckily for Farlin Road, a driver on I-8 chucked a cigarette into the center divide, directly upwind of the neighborhood.

In less than an hour, the winds had blown the fire across the eastbound lanes of the freeway, up an embankment, across Alpine Boule vard, and into the Farlin Road neighborhood. "When the fuel is so dry."

Ace explains, "the fire doesn't

have to reach it for it to start

to burn. The radiant heat ahead of the fire ignites it. We had fires spotting out ahead of this one by a half mile. The grass was just bursting into flame. So it's very hard to chase after that kind of fire and catch it with a fire hose. You just can't do it."

That same radiant heat can cause houses to burn, even houses with fireproof roofs and no exposed wood. "The radiant heat is so high," Ace says, "that even through double-pane win dows it will ignite the wall erings and draperies inside the house. Burning vegetation can actually reach 2000 degrees Fahrenheit, So you can have the contents of homes spontaneously comabout 560 degrees." When firefighters arrive

at a scene like Farlin Road, January 3, they perform a kind of fire triage. "They'll look at the structure," Ace explains, "and make a decision whether they can protect that structure or not. If the meowner hasn't done any clearing of brush around his house, if he has a shake cedar roof with trees overhanging it, or if he has a house with a lot of exposed wood, they'll move on. Let her burn. If you get to another house that has 100 feet of clear space, it's got a tile roof, stucco exterior, double-pane windows they're going to make a stand

Boulevard meets East Wil-

lows Road, the paved road ends, and a dirt road continues on. It's unmarked except for a spray-painted plywood sign reading "Fritz" leaning against an open chain-link gate. "Fritz must be the name of a guy who lives back here," Ace says, "but what's the address here? What's the street name? The dispatchers don't say, 'Go to Fritz's Ace adds, "If the house is

not clearly visible from the street of its address, then the owner is required to put up a post with a street name and street address numbers on it. That's by fire ordinance, so it has all the weight

of law. Still, it doesn't always Another Alpine Fire Pro-

tection District's ordinance dictates that a private road serving four or more parcels shall be named and marked with street signs. Told that she and her neighbors are in violation of both ordinances. Betty Odiorne doesn't seem alarmed. "Nobody's ever done anything about it. What are they going to do, cite us all? No, nobody has ever said anything to us. Unless someone is going to write me a the fire marshal wants to come out and explain it to me, that's fine. I'll understand. Other than that..." she shrugs her shoulders.

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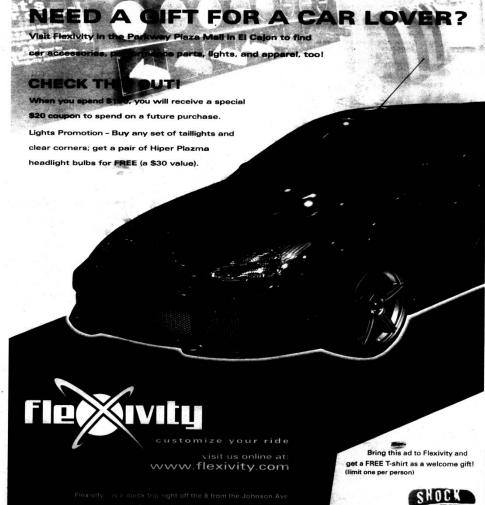
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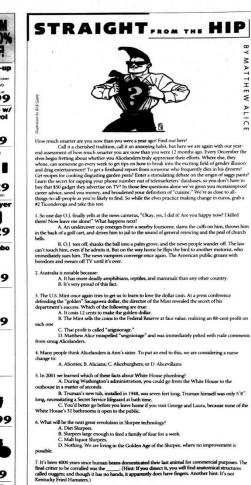
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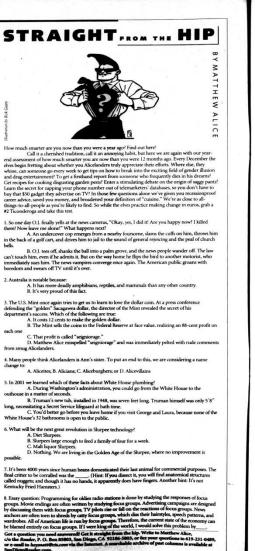








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people how to bartend." On the telephone is Gabrielle Young, 30, manager of the Academy of International Bartending and

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"It's different than working an office job."

Young's voice is steady, without a trace of cute. "I always tell my students that the biggest thing with bartending is to take care is always.

ically."

St. Louis will make the Super Bowl.
"How do you do that?"
"Get a lot of sleep. Get sunshine. Make
sure, if you start feeling run-down, to give
yourself time to recoup. A lot of times people get burned out bartending. On the other hand, it can be fun and you can make good

hand, a can be fun and you can make good hand. The Rams are 2 to I to win Super Bowd XXXVI. No daylight there. "Let's say! wanted to sign up. What would you teach met." "It's a 40-hour course, Monday through Friday for two weeks. We have a morning class from ten to two and an evening class and the stay of the first hour, you get behind the bar and practice the drinks you learned the day before. Then we have a lecture on a new drink category like cordials, tropicals, shooters, highballs, rocks, martinis, Manhattans, margaritas, or Long Long and hour and a half."

Oakland is 3 to 1 to win. Steep. "What do you tell your students about handling of

do you tell your students about handling

"I talk about my own experiences. When you're in a bar situation, you have other people around. Everybody in the bar is going to back you up, pretty much. Most people, to back you and to take care of them. People who come into the bar, they're fellow human beings and that's the bottom line." Baltimore is 10 to 1. They'll be a wild go to bar it kneed the word of the property of the bottom inc." They have been some of the property of the bottom inc. They have been some of the bottom inc. They have been some of the best of the bar it seemed like every third or fourth drink was on the house. I haven't seen that in years." "I talk about my own experiences. When

"There's an art to it. It's what the owner allows you to do. I've had an owner say, 'Listen, I give away enough drinks,' and I've had a bar owner say, 'I don't care what you give away as long as you keep people in the bar spending money.' I had a boss who was very smart. He'd say, 'See that table there, go buy them a round of drinks. Tell them it's on you.' He knew it was all about patrons liking the bartender." Naw, Baltimore is a plague of whiners.

" not necessarily alcoholics, but peo-

"...not necessarily alcoholics, but peo-ple who are there too often, are single, alone, reek of despair."
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Arkansas, construction workers shot and killed two Witnesses and beat others with pipes. In Ken-hebunk, Maine, a mob of 2500 burned a Kingdom Hall to the ground. In Richwood, West Virginia, sheriifs and American Legion members forced seven Witnesses to drink castor oil, then tied rope seven Witnesses to drink castor oil, then tied rope around their necks and marched them through town. Schools across the country expelled 2000 Win-ness children. In 1943, on Flag Day, the Supreme Court reversed its decision. "We have some older people here, in this congregation, who were perscutted," John Ferris told me. "It was in the Midwest, before World Wer Il bears. It was a difficult the was difficult to

War II began. It was a difficult time."

At last Sunday's service, the congregation At last Sunday's service, the congregation and sober 19th-century sounding hymnis from the Jehovah's Witnesses songbook. The hymnis were about long-suffering. (Other hymnis Ig Janced at had titles like "Loyally Submitting to Theocratics" Corder" and "Theocracy's Increase." The 45-minute sermon, delivered by Brother Crockford, another elder, was also about long-suffering

Brother Crockford noted that the word "comfort" was absent from contemporary life

"When was the last tim you saw 'comfort' used in a newspaper headline?"

We are living, he

told us, in particularly quoted a phrase used in Job — "glutted with agi-tation" — which he felt described our current sit ation Similar referen to suffering, he said, filled the Bible. Suffering is nat-ural to the human condition

"Did you ever feel that your heart was about

that your heart was about to explode in your chest from worry?" Brother Crockford mentioned the Jehovah's Witnesses who were interned alongside Jews and Gypsies in Nazi exter mination camps. He talked about Jehovah's talked about Jehovah's Witnesses who are at pre-sent persecuted in for-mer Soviet Georgia, where angry mobs attack Wit-nesses with "clubs and sticks spiked with nails." He told us that we were in the "final part of

were in the "final part of were in the Intal part of
the Last Days. "He said,
"we must keep ourselves
itually strong." He asided us if it wan't of comfort
to believe that someday soon we would awake to
a world "without sorrow or sickness or the sting
of death."

of death."

Brother Crockford closed his sermon with a hymn, "Jehovah, the God of All Comfort."
John Perris serves as the congregation's official press liaison. Like most Witness men, he wore a subdued well-tailored three-piece suit. The events of September 11, the war, the debates about atriotism and saluting the flag, he said, were thenomena his faith anticipates and helps him

endure.

*Of course we felt great sadness. We are human beings and we fed great pain when others suffer. We are commanded to help others who suffer. This is the compassion that Jeans taught. And just as Jean never took up arms in vengeance, neither would we. We can defend ourselves to the point that we don't intent killing someone. We cannot kill. And as far a persecution is concerned.



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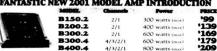


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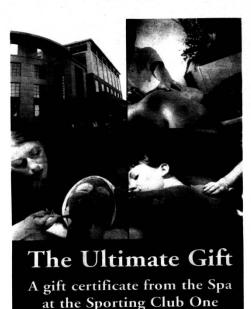
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My family gets more and more humbug every Christmas. For the past three years they have tried to save money by drawing names. I love to give presents and want to get one for each family member. Our family is not large, and I am not extravagant. I love to get little goodies and surprises during the year and set them aside for the holidays. I like to put on Christmas music and take my time wrapping and trimming the gifts with sparkly embellishments and special doodads. It's my way of getting myself into the holiday spirit. They give me the evil eye when I give gifts if I haven't drawn their name, acting embarrassed or irritated if they have nothing for me. What can I say to convince them I truly get off on giving and don't need to receive anything back?

Dear Spirited, Santa laughs and plants a kiss on your forehead in honor of your generosity. Sit your family down with tumblers of eggnog and unburden yourself. Explain what a major source of joy giving each family member gifts is for you and how disap-pointed you are to be limited in this. Shakespeare said that the quality of mercy is not strained. Likewise, a giving spirit like yours shouldn't be unduly restrained or repressed. Ask your kin to grant you an exception from the strict gift lottery. If they say no, or if you sense resentment will result if you operate outside this rigid system, then consider adhering to your family's plan and indulging your largesse with your friends, instead. Surely an admirable creature like you has godles of pals. I bet all the gingerbread men on my Christmas tree that your buddies and coworkers won't squawk or give you the cold shoulder if you shower them with beautifully wranned remembrances. If that doesn't satisfy your hunger to bestow, then consider satiating your unsinkable holiday spirit by providing gifts to a charitable organization of your choice. Many unfortunate children and adults would LOVE to receive the gifts your family refuses. This isn't the same as exchanging tokens with your near and dear, but who knows? Such philanthropy, especially for a truly luminous soul like you could be even more heartwarming than giving to those whose coffers are already full

Dear Aunt Trudy, I work with "Pat," a new employee who is making

life in the workplace difficult. She makes unkind observations and acidic comments about our coworkers every day, then utters effusive praise for the person she maligned moments earlier. This behavior is so schizoid and erratic that it almost takes my breath away. I have tried to neutralize the criticisms by saying, "Gee, that doesn't sound like something so-and-so would do," etc., but to no avail. I

used to think that she was unaware of how she sounded but soon noticed that she refrains from this behavior with superiors. In fact, she just passed her 90-day probation with an excellent review. Otherwise, she is a dedicated employee who cranks out reams of paperwork, barely takes a break, and olfs down her lunch in about 15 min utes before she reappears to do more flawless work. What can I say to curb this bad behavior of hers so that we can enjoy her industriousness and other good qualities?

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Those who blurt out everything they think, especially thoughts involving nasty judgments about others, are a big challenge to deal with. Your patience and intuition will help you use trial and error to get through to Pat about amending her behavior. You could talk to her privately about how impressed you are with her work ethic. Say you hope she's happy in the job and that she's really becoming part of the team. Appeal to what's best in her and gently explain that you think she's too smart not to realize how destructive negative remarks about coworkers can be Such comments have a way of getting back to people and poisor ing the workplace. You know she'd hate for that to happen. People ofter make derogatory remarks because it fills a need in them: for example, it makes them feel big by denigrating others. As Pat comes to feel more like one of you rather than an outsider, she may pipe down a little with the harsh outbursts. You could also let her know that you find such remarks upsetting — that they hurt and just aren't worthy of her. If all else fails, maybe you can find a sympathetic higher-up to speak to her kindly and let her know that if she'd just button her lip a bit and keep her chatter respectful, her stock in the congeniality department will go

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"I see water and buildings. Oh my God! Oh my God!" Flight attendant Madeline Sweeney, 35, mother of two, on board American Airlines Flight 11 as it collided into the north tower of the World Trade Center at 8:48 a.m., EDT, September 11, 2001.

"The people who know the most about it are the people who are the most scared." Bob Woodward, assistant managing editor of the Washington Post, on the likelihood of additional biological attacks upon the United States.

"...many call germ weapons the 'poor man's atom bomb.' A nation that obtains plans for a crude nuclear device is at the beginning of a complex technical challenge.... But scientists like Bill Patrick or Ken Ailbek say they could teach a terrorist group how to make devastating germ weapons from a few handfuls of backyard dirt and some widely available lab equipment." Judith Miller, New York Times correspondent and coauthor of Germs: Biological Weapons and America's Secret War.

Damon Meeker

Job: Bonds Department, Salomon Smith Barney San Diego Neighborhood: Little Italy Single, 26 years old

"Where were you when the World Trade Center was hit?"
"At home."

"And you happened to have the TV on?"

"No, my little sister called. She woke me up and said, "Turn on the television. We're under attack.' I yelled, 'No, we're not.' But she kept telling me, so I turned on the TV and watched the plane go into the building, and then the building fell down."

"Nice way to get up in the morning."

"Nice way to get up in the morning.
"I was in shock. I wondered what it meant, because I
own an online travel agency [on September 11, 2001, Mr.
Meeker was part-owner of InstaTix, which can be found
at www.instatix.com on your Internet dial]."

"How long did it take before you knew your business was in big trouble?"

"About a day. After getting over the shock of it, I logged on to our site to see what was going on. The government had shut down all air travel, and I knew for sure our clients would be calling."

would be calling."

Our first national shelter in place. "How many clients called?"

"Quite a few. We spent the next two weeks trying to reroute people and explain what the airlines were telling us, which was changing every five minutes."

"What were the airlines saying?" We had nothing to do with it.

owint it.

"Some were offering refunds, and some were allowing people to cancel their flights if ticket-holders felt they were in danger, and some were not doing anything. They were saying. We'll have to see how it works out. We're not going to refund your money, but we'll give you a ticket at a compared to the property of the seed of the s

a later date."

"I assume some of your clients got stuck away from
their homes?"

"Most of them were understanding. They understood

make it right?" Do pigs share

"A lot of airlines, in my opinion, handled it very poorly. They were handed billions of dollars by the government, then turned around and said to the public, 'Screw you.' "

"Which airlines were the best?" "Southwest was the

only good one." Meeker sounds disgusted.

"Did you go to work on September 11th?"

"I remember closing down our phone-in center because the airlines couldn't make up their minds about what they were going to do We put a message on the recorder that said when air travel resumed, we'd begin answering the phone again and apologized for what was going on. There was

nothing we could do.

"But some clients got through anyway. One woman called from New York, She broke into tears because her mother needed to cancel her flight. Her

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mother's sister was on the 101st floor of the World Trade Center. They couldn't leave New York until they knew what happened to her. After that call, I had to

choly sigh. I wait a moment, then ask, "Looking back, what effect did the attack have on you?"

"I ended up losing

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still exists, but I no longer work there on a day-to-day basis because the business can't afford to pay me."

"How big was the business before 9/11?"

"We processed over \$100,000 a week in ticket sales. It wasn't a huge company by any means, but it sustained me, my two busi ness partners, and three employees. My partners are still there, and they work two employees."

"What's the weekly gross now?" "About \$30,000."

"That's a tremendous hit." The twin towers and a chunk of the Pentagon were destroyed. Within 72 hours, from Seattle to San Diego to Chicago to Atlanta, tens of thousands of people lost their jobs.

"I went from \$100,000 to zero. Any time we refund a ticket, we have to give back the commission. So for two weeks after the

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attack, we were giving back everything. Business dropped probably 80 per-cent for the entire travelagency industry. A lot of agencies have gone out of

"Has business come back, or is \$30,000 a week the new normal?

"Everybody is afraid to travel. I've gotten another job in another industry. I hope travel comes back -I think it will, but I think it will be two or three years before it gets back to where

For weeks after September 11th, the odor of burned human flesh saturated lower Manhattan, "It's like a bar becue, except the meat is rotten," said a New York friend.

"Do you watch more TV than you used to?" "I did for a while. Now I don't watch TV. I'm very

tired of hearing about it. "Have you noticed any

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thing different about your dreams since the attack?" "I didn't sleep well at

all for two weeks. I feel a little more secure now that

As of today, December 4, 2001, fires continu to burn beneath the World Trade Center rubble. "How are you dealing with the anthrax attacks?"

"I don't necessarily think the people who sent anthrax through the mail are the same people who were involved with September 11th.

"Do you expect a major anthrax attack in the U.S.?"

"I'm expecting to hear they're sending anthrax to individuals — mass mail ings - but I continue opening my mail. If it's my time to go, it's my time to

On November 26th 2001, Patrick Leahy, U.S. senator from Vermont, said the anthrax letter sent to his



your car or have a second thought before entering shopping centers, movie theaters, or crowded places

"Not really, Actually, I

"It's exceedingly strang to say this, but we could have nuclear, biological, chemical, or who knows what other kinds of attacks on the United States, Which one is the most likely?"

"The biological, simply because it's easier to get the bacteria to somewhere. It's hard for the government or postal system to track

"Have you done anything to deal with a bio-logical attack, like storing additional food and water in your home?"

"The only thing I've done is make sure I have cash, in case the banking system goes down."

"In general, do you feel pretty secure?"

Over 15,000 postal employees have taken anthrax antibiotics, "Do you think the government has been doing a pretty good job?"

"I do. The only part I've been upset about is the press and their 'Well, we should have known this was going to happen.' The government was probably more shocked about

September 11th than it will ever admit." Mecker is quiet. "If somebody wants to kill himself, it's impossible to stop that person from causing havoc."

"What would it take to make you think, 'Whoa, I'd better figure out how to defend myself? What would have to happen to get you to that point?"
"I don't know. There's

not a whole lot an individual can do, other than support the people I've elected. If I lived near the airport, if I saw an airplane blow up, or if something happened downtown, I would get very frightened. If I saw something happen in front of me, or to the city, I would become worried, very worried."

"How long have you lived in your neighborhood?" "Almost two years."
"Do you know all the

neighbors?" "I know most of them."





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"What do they say? them about it."

From a November 6, 2001. hearing held by the Senate mittee on Technology. Terrorism and Gov-

Senator John Edwards of North Carolina: "The bottom line is this: as of now anthrax came from, and you have not been able to iden tify all the people who may have access to it. Is that fair?"

FBI Deputy Assistant Director James Caruso: "That's correct."

Senator Dianne Feinstein of California: "How many labs in the United

Deputy Director Caruso: "We do not know that at this Senator Feinstein: "Could

you possibly tell me why you do not know that?" Deputy Director Caruso: "The research capabilities of thousands of researchers is something that we are just

continuing to run down. Sam Naibauer Job: Front desk. Aqua Café Water Store San Diego Neighborhood:

Bay Park Single, 25 years old "Are you getting more orders for bottled water, more than

you had prior to Septem-ber 11th?" "Not right now. Right after it happened, we had people come in and buy a

whole bunch of stuff. But it's been pretty slow lately." "Did the rush happen right after the attack, on the

12th, 13th of September?' through the weekend we had a lot of people. One gentleman came in and bought ten five-gallon

"About how many people in all?"

"Three to four hundred." "Three to four hundred new people!"
"No, maybe 30 new

people came in - the rest were our regular customers' "I see, they were cusomers, but they came in ahead of their regular sched-

ule, made a special trip to get water?"
"Right, everybody was anic-shopping." "Everyone has a story

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Everyone here has a story. It's driving me crazy." Anony mous Internet posting from a New York City teenager, September 13, 2001 "Have you purchased

"No I haven't"

"Did customers say 'I want water' and go about their business, or did they talk about why they were buying more water?

"Everybody wanted to talk about it. I tried not to nention it. Everybody in their own mind is an expert on things. In this bus business comes in waves. You'll be really busy one minute, and the next minute you'll be sitting there doing nothing. Hearing that all day would..."

"Drive you nuts?" 'Yeah.'

'What did you hear? 'I'm getting this water because...'"

"'Cause 'we're going to war,' and they're afraid people are going to poison the water supply, stuff like Reuters, October 10,

2001. "The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said on Wednesday US water supplies can be considered a logical target for a possible terror ist attack."

"What did you think when you saw that first rush of people on Septem-

ber 12th?"

the nuts.' Everybody does things a certain way. If a person feels they need to buy a large amount of water because they think war is coming, by all means he the last laugh on everybody else. But I'm not wor ried about poisoning the water supply. I know if I was going to plan some-thing, I wouldn't go for the

What follows is a portion of the poem "Sorrow" by Tannaz Ebadollahi. Origi nally published in the Iranian, an online magazine

and the most visited Ira-"I thought, Here comes nian site on the Internet.

"My birds are all alone a

home..."
"My does..." "My cat..." I heard while

running.
"Just run," said the cop! I walked over the Man

hattan Bridge to Brooklyn, with thou sands of people.

vered with ash, dust, and some The sun was shining; it

The sky was gray on the

Kept walking and walking.

Some cars were passing

Giving rides to older people, the tired, the

injured. Cops were blocking the no cars allowed into

Some lewish men and women were waiting

"Take this cup dear. Here's some Sprite and spring Drink it, you'll feel bet-

"Thank you lady!" I said

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"Our alarm went off, Peter Jennings was on the radio n place of the normal radio talk-show host. We immediately got up and turned on the TV in time to watch the tower. When the second plane went in, we realized it was purposeful. I had two friends who were killed"

"Close friends?" "One was the pilot of the plane that went into the Pentagon. He was a college

classmate of my husband's."

flying that plane?"

No. Not until later. when we saw some of Chip's sion | Charles Burlingame captain, American Airlines Flight 771."

"He was at work at his desk in the Pentagon. He was an Army general [Lt. General Timothy J. Maude, deputy chief of staff for per-My husband is retired Nav so we know lots of people in the Pentagon."

"Staggering that you knew two people who died that day. One friend was pilot of the plane that killed the other." All is quiet. One heartbeat. Two heartbeats. "When did you hear about your Pentagon friend?"
"A few days later, when the list came out.

The hijacked Boeing 757 killed 189 people, 125 at the Pentagon and 64 on board the airplane, "Did you know at the moment the airliner struck the Pen tagon that your friends

"No. But we knew that there was a chance we would know someone.

Biological weapons are defined as any infectious agent, such as a bacterium or virus, that is used inten tionally to inflict harm upon others. What follows is a sh list of biological agents availcryptococcosis Escherichia coli, Haemophilus influenzae, brucellosis (undulant which are far more potent. "Have you taken any

fever), coccidioidomycosis

(San Joaquin Valley or desert fever), psittacosis (parrot

fever), tularemia (rabbit

fever), malaria, cholera,

typhoid, bubonic plague.

botulinal toxin, saxitoxin

ricin, smallpox, Shigella

flexneri, Shigella dysenteriae, salmonella, Staphylococcus enterotoxin B, hemorrhagic

fever, Venezuelan equine

capsulatum, pneumonic

plague, Rocky Mountain

spotted fever, dengue fever, Rift Valley fever, diphthe-

ria, melioidosis, glanders,

atitis, encephalitis, blasto-

mycosis, nocardiosis, yellow

fever, typhus, tricothecene

mycotoxin, aflatoxin, and

Q fever. This list ignores

tuberculosis, infectious hep-

ncephalitis, Histoplasma

steps to protect yourself in San Diego?" "I have an earthquake kit. I made sure it's up to

date, that nothing has expired." "Anything else?"

"I have two daughters who are away at college. There was an urge that they come home. One daugh ter will be commis as an Air Force officer in

cerned about what she'll be doing in the Air Force. "Is she learning to fly?" "She won't be a pilot. She'll be in mass communications. She may end up flying, but she won't be the

May. So of course I'm con-

"We had hoped that the \$1 million reward would encourage many more citizens to help. We have not received as many tips or leads as we would like." FBI director Robert Mueller, lament ing that there were still no leads in the government's anthrax investigation.

"How are you dealing with the anthray attacks? "That does concern me. In my job, I get mail

from Washington, D.C., nearly every day. Makes me think, 'Hmmm, do I want to open this or not?' "I was a little annoved with my congressperson,

who sent us mail from the

Congressional post office

in Washington to tell us

what Congress was doing to

tor of the Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies at Johns Hopkins University. "How did Septem ber 11th affect you?"

"In the beginning, it made me very angry. It

prevent the spread of

anthrax. I thought, 'You might be spreading anthrax

by sending this letter to me.

My office is considering

rorism attack - it's just a

question of when. After

September 11th, the temp

tation to use weapons of mass destruction will become more

and more attractive. The

technology is a surmount

able problem. It is not easy

but it is not that hard." Dr.

Donald Henderson, direc

"I'm afraid that there

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made me frustrated that there wasn't something I could do right away. I'm pleased with the way President Bush is handling things so far. I thought it was won derful when he threw the first pitch in Yankee Stadium during the World Series He stood on the pitcher's mound, by himself, and threw a fastball over the plate. He didn't walk five feet in front of the mound and toss the ball underhanded. He went ou there and threw it and said. 'Hey, we're going on.' I liked

"People I've talked to have said, in one way or another, they felt a vast sadness because America was no longer safe. Do you share that feeling?"

"I suppose, to a certain extent. On some level, we knew that a day like this was coming because we lived overseas several times.

"When you think ahead 12 months, what frightens you the most?"

"The first concern is the economy." Kelly pauses. "I'm worried there will be

more attacks. I'm flying into Reagan Airport [Washington, D.C. I next month, and I'm certain I will be watching everyone who stands up on that plane. I'm hoping the country can remain united and focused on the means to capture the terrorists.

"How long have you been living in Coronado? "Seven years."

"You've talked to your neighbors about this?" "Ub-bub."

"What do they tell

"Coronado is a small town. People who don't look like they belong might be stopped and que Last year we had 180 trickor-treaters for Hallov This year we had 10. If I come home and find a parcel on my porch, I'm going to look at it very carefully. People look for cars that

are places they shouldn't

think everyone is more

"We want to tell the Amer-

ican children that Afghanistan

vigilant."

Dr. Dre, a best-selling artist whose musical hits include "Fuck Wit Dre Day," "She allowed It," and "Findum Fuckum & Flee," "is reported to be recording an all-out be, those kinds of things. I diss track targeted at Osama bin Laden, responsible for the terrorist attack against America. There's currently no word as to when the track will be recorded or released

feels your pain. We hope the

courts find justice." Remarks

of Mullah Abdul Salam Zaeef,

Talihan amhassador to Pak

istan, September 12, 2001.

but profits are likely to be donated to funds for the victims of the tragedy." Courtesy 2Pac fan resource and guide.

Merrilee Boyack Job: Attorney-at-Law Residence: Poway

"Yes, I usually keep a full year's worth of food and water. In fact, I was just looking at it, and I'm probably a couple of months short." I can feel Boyack's











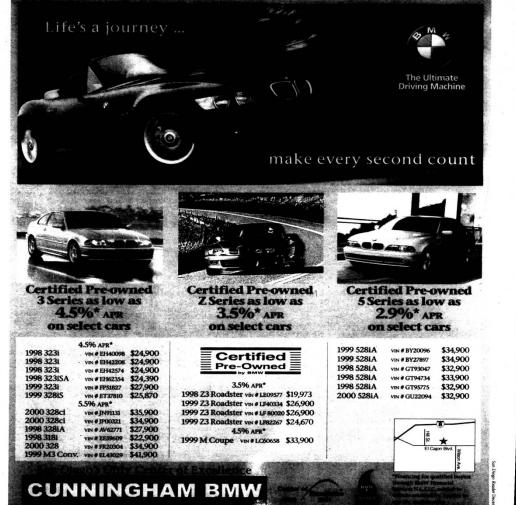


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continued from page 34 mind turn. "Yeah, I'm pretty close to a year."

"Let's say I'm your neighbor and I wanted to store a year's worth of food and water. How would I start?"

"There are two com ponents. One is what I call your basic supply: sugar and salt-and wheat and beans - your basics. The other element is the type of food you regularly eat. Fruits and canned green beans, your box of rice, or whatever. Food you eat all the time. "Lalways recommend

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you start with the foods

if you're going to have a disaster, like an earthquake or your husband gets laid off, it's unlikely you're going to break out the raw wheat

and start pounding." "The idea is to ease your way into a disaster?'

"You're normally going to have a fairly short-term emergency, typically two months or less. So prepare for that first. I tell people to sit down and write a list of foods they eat in a month, iust write it down. Do vou eat chili, do you eat cereal,

do vou eat pasta? Make a very detailed list of everything you normally eat Then multiply by 12. Bingo, you have a basic list of what

you eat in a year. Now, it's not going to be complete because there's things that are harder to store, like milk

the United States with smallpox virus, health authorities could impose measures as drastic as banning pub lic events, halting regional transport, and placing entire cities under quarantine according to a draft federal plan released yesterday. Washington Post, Novem

"I was going to ask you about that. Say there's a disaster and electricity goes out and stays out. What do you do about milk and fruits

and vegetables and meats?"

"That's harder. You have to have protein sources. That's why people store beans and wheat. You may not have enough meat to last a year - most of us don't — but you can store a year's worth of a protein source. If there was a complete breakdown in society, you would have beans, you would have wheat, you would have canned tuna, you would have corn you would have enough

"All right, what do I do

"One method, you start buying double each week. Pretty soon, you work your the method my sister uses. is to go out and buy a month's worth of groceries Then she puts that month's worth of food in a box and

way up. Another method,

writes the month she bought it on the box top. She stor her January box in the pantry and pulls out last year's January box and puts that on the shelf in her kitchen. That way, you're always rotating your year's supply."
"Which method do

"I have a giant pantry

I buy according to sales. When Ragú goes on sale cheap - I buy 48 bottles of

Ragú. If tuna goes on sale, I'll buy three cases of tuna.

"I put the new stuff on the back of the shelf and eat from the front. I used to mark the tops of the cans, but I got too lazy. Then, about four times a year, I go shopping and bring everything up to snuff. You know what I mean? I fill in the gaps that haven't gone on sale. I buy the wheat and the rice and the beans and all that I keep it under my staircase in buckets. I tuck stuff everywhere."

"They have to love you at the grocery store." Unfor-tunately, for the rest of us, grocery stores will be closed during quarantine.















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"I'm a firm believer in this. I'm Mormon, and we are encouraged to be prepared and have a year's sup ply of groceries. I've done

it since I got married. "My husband lost his job in '94 and was out of work for an entire year. I can't begin to tell you what it's like to tell your four kids that Daddy's lost his job. They all panic, I told them not to worry, walked them that. over to the pantry, and said. had a year's supply of every-

thing, including thread, vacuum belts — I buy them the same way. When they go on clearance, I buy 20.

"We didn't lose our house, we didn't lose any thing, and he was out of just ate all year long. In fact, we had some left over at the end. We hadn't dug into much of our basic stuff we got into some of it, but not much."

"Nice going." I mean

"It's so easy. We tuck it in. I have water in two-

liter plastic containers, the ones you get when you buy pop. I just wash them out and fill them with water. I tuck them everywhere. I tuck them in closets, in the backs of cupboards, all over the house. Outside, we have three 50-gallon drums and

a swimming pool." "Isn't pool water laced "Yes, but you could use

it for washing." "Bathroom?"

"Remember when we had the drought and we were only flushing once a

day? It would be the same kind of thing."

"Cooking?" "We have four, five stoves. We're campers, big campers. We have butane and a barbecue in the back. And we have a Dutch oven; all you need for that is a box, foil, and some coals."

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on investing for the future. Let's say you buy a can of tuna for 75 cents. If you wait until it goes on sale for 40 cents, the return on your investment every year if you shop that way — is

"My food bill is probably half of what a norma family of six would be Because rather than going out and buying a cake mix for \$1.50. I wait until it goes on sale for 50 cents and I buy 50. So Liust saved 50 bucks.

"How many square feet do you need to store a year's worth of food for a family of six?"

"Probably a four- by

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"One year's supply [of groceries) for one man: 400 lbs. Flour, 20 lbs. Corn Meal, 40 lbs. Rolled Oats, 25 lbs. Rice, 100 lbs. Beans, 40 lbs. Candles, 25 lbs. Dry Salt Pork, 5 lbs. Sugar - gran ulated, 8 lbs. Baking Powder, 150 lbs. Bacon, 25 lbs. Dried Beef, 2 lbs. Soda, 6 packages of Yeast Cakes, 50 lbs. Salt 1 lb. Pepper, 0.5 lb. Mustard. 0.25 lb. Ginger, 20 lbs Apples — evaporated, 20 s. Peaches — evaporated, 20 lbs. Apricots - evapo-

rated, 10 lbs. Pitted Plums, 5 lbs. Raisins, 5 lbs. Onions evaporated, 25 lbs. Potatoes — evaporated, 25 lbs. Coffee, 10 lbs. Tea, 2 dozen Condensed Milk, 3 bars Tax Soan, 5 bars Laundry Soan, Can Matches, 3 lbs. Soup Vegetables, 1 bottle lamaica Ginger, Butter, Tobacco, 6 pots Extract of Beef (4 oz.). l qt. evaporated Vinegar. YOU MUST BE SUPPLIED

"How long can you keep canned food?" I have cans in my kitchen that have

"It depends. Some canned foods should be stored for one year only some will go three years. and some will go up to five It depends on the food."

"Long time, almost ndefinitely. You can always boil water. I rotate my water about once a year

"Spurred on by the anthrax attacks, I've finally gotten around to putting together a California earth ake kit for my pathetic habitat, I acquired first-aid gear, blankets, flashlights, matches, and so on. Then decided, what the hell, and packed my truck with some food and water in

case I had to leave quickly "I realized, as I went about my business, that I could take being prepared as far as I had the time and money to go. I could keep at it, one logical step after the other, until I was living

tral Nevada, stoking the ing my guns. Where did

you stop?"
"Where did I stop? When I had enough for a year — enough cooker ovens, enough freezing bags, enough of everything.

There are strange things done in the midnight sun By the men who moil for gold;

The Arctic trails have their secre tales That would make your blood run cold:

The northern lights have seen queer sights, But the queerest they ever did see Was that night on the marge of

Lake Lebarge I cremated Sam McGee.

"Do you own firearms "My husband grew up in an area that loves guns We have many locked in a gun safe. We have ammo, and everyone, except for me, knows how to use what

"Antibiotics, in case of an anthrax attack?" "I have not done antibi

otics. None of us are on medicine. I haven't gotten anything. I thought about it, but I haven't done it." "How did the WTC attacks affect you?"

"A little bit sad, of course. It's a tragic thing, but I didn't react with the great fear I see a lot of people reacting with."

"Because you're prepared?'

"I attribute part of it to that. We know that we could withstand a lot in our family. But I think, greater than that, I have a great deal of faith, and my religious belief keeps me grounded. "We've been living here

14 years. I have a couple of neighbors who are very, very fearful, very upset about things. I find that often happens in families who don't have a religious faith." Boyack laughs. "I do have a lot more people who say they will be on my doorstep if there's an attack."

Well, add one more to the list."

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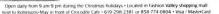
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"I felt sick and though 'Is this really real? "Did you think th attack was planned?

"The first one, no. The first one. I figured it could dent. But when the secon

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"I'm inclined to think it's probably not Osama's boys, but some militia-type person. But I'm not 100 rcent sure. I'm not a superalarmist about it, although smallpox does concern m "Do you have a plan

to get out - to escape the city - if something happens here?

"What would it take to get you studying road maps?

"I suppose a pretty dra matic attack on the West Coast, in Southern Cali fornia. I'm certainly not blasé about it. I feel like 'It's okay, as long as I'm aware of what's going on. But if something happened here, I suppose that would

"No one arrested has been charged with a crime directly related to the attacks. On Friday, Robert Mueller the FBI's director, was forced to release photos of the sus pected suicide hijackers and beg citizens to help his agents identify them." The Observer September 30, 2001.

.. hundreds of people of Middle Eastern origin are behind bars in the US, thou sands more are being inter rogated. None has yet been directly charged with ter-[Australia], November 29,

"How do you think the FBI's anthrax investigation is going?"
"Pretty well. No one

could be an expert on that before. In terms of how things are going with Osama, I understand we can't know everything, and we shouldn't know everything, because they can watch CNN too.

"Americans think everything should be fast. For instance, there's no government that could take over in Afghanistan right now. They've got to get all that put together; it's going to take a little bit of manipulation."
"When you think about

another attack on the United States, what kind of an attack do you fear the most, and what kind do you think is most likely?"

"It could be horrible, because they're very insidious, especially Osama and the boys. Life means noth ing to them. They don't care about getting killed. There are so many things they could do to us economically. They could do something pretty dramatic.

What do I think will happen? I think winter in Afghanistan is going to make a very, very different war. We'll probably lose a few people, and it will be very difficult for our sol diers as they go into

"Do you think terror ist activity in America will slow, stop, or speed up?"

"I don't know. Most of the people who have been trained under Osama have no planning and organi zation skills. You can tell I teach in the school of busi ness. What these terrorists have learned is very simple: it's 'We hate America, we love Islam, we will kill, but they don't know how. "So if they lose a couple of their really organized people, like Mohamed Atta, they won't have planners him. Atta probably mas-

what went on here. Most of them are not very good at planning and achieving

Atta was a pro. "I am impressed with the patience and planning that went into the 911 attacks. Some of the airline terrorists lived in this country - a foreign country to them - for year Nobody got arrested, nobody got drunk and revealed their plans, nobody ratted on anyone else, and nobody, apparently, quit the project. The group's discipline was remarkable.

"They follow orders well. But again, there are only a certain number who can plan and organize, usually those who have been trained in foreign universities, people who under stand the concept of

planning. "There are a lot of drones in this organization and a lot of them can follow orders well, but they cannot think of what to do That part is a little bit reassuring. They have a lot of guys who have been trained out most of them haven't been trained on how to set a goal and achieve it."

"The Sept. 11 attacks on the United States left 9 out of 10 Americans showing signs of stress, Rand researchers reported in Thursday's ew England Journal of Medicine.

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Reuters, November 15.

Carol Locken

Job: Controller, Johnson Kinsey, Inc. Residence: La Mesa Married, 45 years old Three children: Coral Carly Kai

"We were watching "Did you think it was

an attack, or a mistake, or something else?"

"I didn't think that it was an attack. I thought it

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was an explosion. "And then the second plane crashed."

"I was in shock. I knew it was done with intent and

"Do you find yourself vatching television more often lately?

"Do you find yourself doing anything different in your daily life, anything that ou're doing now that you didn't do before Septem ber 11th?

"That's a heavy question. I'm working more on myself, trying to be a better person. That comes from the belief that people need to be more caring and

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self crying now and then?"

"Do you talk with your eighbors about this? "I haven't discussed it

with my neighbors." "Do you feel endan-

what's going on more than

I ever have in my life. I think

everything changed on September 11th. Our way

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of life changed."

fer many casualties in this "I don't feel like I'm war, but others will. I know e suffered the first casu personally in danger, no. The human race is in danalties, but I think the war will ger, but I don't have fear or not be short and will defianxiety that someone is nitely escalate." going to attack me. I have begun to watch the news be more attacks in the more. When I'm online, I United States?" read news stories about

the more serious it will get

dren taking this? Is there any difference in the way they see events versus the way you see them?"

Yes, they have a lot of anger, almost to the point

"Round up all the Arabs, send them back home, that sort of thing?"

"How do you differ?" Well, the child of the

they hit us, let's hit them back hard?

certainly the attack was bril liant, planned for years, a trail both open, swollen like a carapace, and closed/fore closed, just with/before the proper name: bin Laden...the nomadic seizes the empire; viral organisms move from

"Do you think there'll

"Yes. I don't believe it's done yet. But the U.S. military has greater firepower, and the more terrorism strikes fear in the States.

countries, people who are

been brought hor

and in Afghanistan?

war is going, domestically

"How do you think the

"I don't think we'll suf-

"How are your chil-

Yeah."

'60s that I am, I want to give peace a chance and strive to be rid of my own prejudice. We are all one.

'Versus your children's

one motel to another, one city to another, one plane to another, the empire remains in the grid, situates itself at the cartesian origin (its own form of violent foreclosure); "I was in the living

room. I got up and had to leave twice, because I

couldn't stand seeing those

buildings go down. I never in my life imagined a build-

scared me. The idea that a

building you never

thought...would...you

know...fall down...in a

cloud of dust. That threw

me, it really did. It was so

nore TV since Septem

lowed current events pretty

well, but I'm so worn out

with all the TV stations

pounding the same thing 24

hours a day. It wears me

out, so I look for old movies.

You know, anything to break

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to stop showing footage of

hijacked jetliners slamming

ter, saying that repeated

broadcast of the images had

become gratuitous, a

spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Reuters, September 18, 2001

ngs fall down one billion

fucking times." Stephen

Robinson, real estate agent

New York City September 18.

when the anthrax attacks

that when it first happened.

I was still tuning out all of

this 24-hour-a-day brain

started?

"How did you react

"I didn't pick up on

"I've seen those build

into the World Trade Cer

The president of ABC

the intensity of the situation

ber 11th?'

"Are you watching

"No. I've always fol-

unreal. It was so unreal."

"That's what really

ing collapsing like that.

empire_is_ the grid.
Alan Sondheim, "originator and owner of Cyber culture, an electronic forum [on the Web], for the discussion of the implications munity in Cyberspace."

and we are going to kill you. All of you thinking that the USA is down? You are wrong. We have never been stronger The USA is the best country the whole world and we will prevail. You have just pissed us off, that's all. We will find you. Bin Laden, and all of you homosexual follower and slowly sodomize and kill you all. Prepare to regret your birth.

You are a piece of inbred shit

the USA

Letter to the editor from "Russ" to the Yemen Times, Yemen's sole English-lan guage newspaper, Octo ber 1, 2001

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washing. But probably after the first day, I got serious

"Have you bought extra

vater or canned goods?"
"No, I haven't, I don't live in fear. You keep canned goods and so forth on hand in case there's an earthquake or something. That has always been built into

"Anthrax has gotten my attention in a way the twin towers didn't. Not for the few people it's killed, but the potential of what that grade of anthrax can do. What would it take for you to say to yourself, 'I'd better take some steps to defend myself'?" "I don't know what I

could do. Basically, I don't have a family to worry about. I ... just...don't know what I could do, because I'm not going to go out and buy gas

"Do you think San Diego is prepared for an attack?

"No, but I don't think anybody is. God knows where it's going to come from, the next trip around."
"How have the attacks affected you?"

"I've been melancholy. It made me very sad. Deepdown sad, I realized imme diately that our lives would never be the same again.

"We've never had war on our shores. And I've always felt that's a lot of what we're resented for. War has always been on someone else's shores, and we've been safe.

"But it's deeper than that. The sadness, to me, is that a lot of joy was taken away from us. I mean daily happiness, something we've taken for granted. I am pretty much of a patriot, and it made me very angry."

"Did you cry?" "Oh yeah. I tear up easily when someone who's had a hard experience with the attack says something. My eyes fill with tears."

"Over the next 12 months, what do you fear the most?" "I fear nuclear I have

a great respect for smallpox, and all the potential victims of smallpox, but I really, really am in fear of a worldwide nuclear war. I think there are too many countries with access to nuclear weapons, and the people who run those coun-



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rather than go back and try to make their nation better. It's something that baffles me, because I wouldn't wish poverty on anybody. And it makes me angry.

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every country in the world. started out on how uneducated he is and so forth. She said the people in Hol-land dislike us intensely. I finally came unglued and told her, 'We sent our soldiers over there for two world wars, you know, supported everybody, and no

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one paid a penny back. I don't care how they feel."

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"I remember asking one young man from Saud Arabia something and he said, 'Well, I can't say any ng because they're pay ing for my education. My life could be in danger if I said anything bad about my country.' Maybe we take too much for granted in

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Michael Moore, author/filmmaker, September 12, 2001.

George Metze

Job: Captain USN (Retired) Residence: Coronado Married, 82 years old Two children: George

"We've followed all the sto ries, but beyond that, life goes on as usual. No changes. We've been back and forth over the Coronado bridge. Doesn't bother us any

"Did you see the attack on TV?"

"Oh, sure. At first, it was beyond comprehension - vou couldn't believe what you saw. The thing got more concrete when the second airplane came around and went into the second tower.

"At first. I thought the fire was going to be con-

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planes crash on ships, and in many cases, the scenes were horrible, but some times there wasn't the great loss of life or enormous damage that you expected. in the World Trade Center, I had no idea that there was going to be that much loss of life. We're talking five, six thousand people

"It's still hard to take in isn't it? That much damage

"Amazing, I fell back on the standard definition. If you don't have any money and you don't have any forces, this is the way you go: you terrorize people. I'm convinced they never thought they would cause that much damage. I'm con vinced they were satisfied as hell when they saw wha the results were.



September 11th?" "No. Not to bark back to anything, but I've had a few experiences with the kamikaze. So maybe I was a little bit more tuned in, a

little more used to it." "Okinawa proved to be the single costliest battle of the Pacific war, for both sides There the United States suf fered close to 70,000 casualties, as the Japanese intensified devastating kamikaze air attacks against the Navy Between April 1, and July 1 1945, 36 U.S. ships were sunk and 368 were damaged. Dur ing the battle, almost 40 per cent of all American death resulted as a consequence of lananese kamikaze attacks

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, August 30,

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"Did kamikazes attack your ship?" "One came so close

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Diego, and attends SDSU. I introduce myself and explain why I'm calling "Did you see the attack or the World Trade Center?'

"I did. I was at Camp Pendleton doing some training. I'm in the Marine Corps Reserve. Someone said, 'Go look at the TV.' Th TV was on and the World Trade Center was on fire, and then it fell down. "What was the talk?"

"Everybody was upset nobody knew if it was a terrorist attack. When it was announced that it was a terrorist attack, the feeling was 'We need to find these peo ple and take care of this There was a lot of payback in the minds of the people there.

"Do you think San Diego will be attacked?"
"I don't think these

terrorists want to attack a military target, because if they attack a military target, it's going to incite the military. We have special forces over there, which is good and dandy, but if you want to totally get rid of these people, you're going to have to use a full-scale military assault. That would

include myself."

I auit that job, and Mister, I ain't goin' back Got me a knife and she's a long and bad I'll tell you how I make the peace with that

Down in the alley of the big payback Bruce Springster

"Did you see an increase in business following September 11th?'

"There were a few extra people coming in because of that, but business was good before the attack." Do the new people

purchase any item in particular?" "Home defense, shotguns mostly."

"But nothing unusual?" "Unusual like...?" "A bunch of new peo ple rushing in to buy a bunch

"I'll tell you what we did get, we did get a lot of people asking if they could take classes on personal protection and home defense. Sign me up. "Imagine

Diego or a small nuclear bomb detonated in San Diego Harbor. The fantasy wer goes out and stave out. Police protection, water, rocery stores, service stations, everything stops working and everybody starts

looting. If that actually hap

pened, what would y

want in your home for "The Big Payback "A shotgun "A shotgun rather than

a handgun?"
"Oh, by far." "Because?" "Because the ammunition in a handgun tends to penetrate through walls. vou're not an accurate shot - if you live in a dry-

wall apartment, bullets car travel next door. A shotgun isn't something you have to aim - all you have to do is point it in the general direc tion of your target. It shoots pellets, and those pellets expand into a pattern. If you're within eight feet of an intruder and shoot him with a shotgun, you're going

to tear that person in half. "There is nothing like the sound of a pump-action shotgun. Ninety-nine percent know what that sound is You may have never seen a gun, heard a gun, but there is no sound like the sound of a shell being cha into a shotgun, duh-CHING. When you hear that, you think, 'I'm in trouble

"What do you say to ople who hate guns?" "I have people who

come in and say, 'Oh, guns are so bad. I hate guns.' I ask, 'Have you learned about them?' 'No.' One of my friends is a perfect example. He hated guns. We used to get in the biggest arguments about whether or not people should own guns. Finally, I got him to go to a range and go shooting. He enjoyed it. He's bought three weapons since."

"When you take a non believer to a shooting range. when is the moment he says, 'Oh, this is fun!'?" "When they pull the

trigger the first time." Speech by President Fidel Castro regarding President Bush's address to Congress:

"Finally, an unheard of confession in a political speech on the eve of a war, and no less than in times of

alyptic risks: 'The cours of this conflict is not known; yet its outcome is certain And we know that God is not neutral.

"This is an amazing assertion. When I think about the real or imagined parties involved in that bizarre holy war that is about to begin I find it difficult to make a distinction about where fanaticism is stronger

"As for Cubans, this i the right time to proclain more proud and resolute

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Pravda, September 25,

Bill Rabe Job: Manager, Apollo Depot Military Surplus Residence: Oceanside Single, one child

"Did you walk into work on September 12th and see a gang of new people in the

"Oh, sure." Rabe, 54 was born in Washington D.C., and moved to San Diego in 1956. He was 1968, spent the next 11 years overseas, returning to San Diego in 1979, and then on to Oceanside to care for his mother.

"What did they want?" "Gas masks and flags." "What kind of gas masks do you sell?"

are Israeli. We had 25 German masks, but they were gone in no time. Which mask is the

"Oh, the Americans are the best, but it's against the law to sell them. The Israeli masks, they're fine; they're issued by the government to

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"Did you see the attacks on TV? "I don't know what made me turn on the TV

that day, but, yeah, and it scared the hell out of me. Sickening."

"Do you remember

what new customers were talking about while the were ordering gas masks?

"They were scared say ing stuff like, 'You never ow what a fanatic is going to do.' I suppose I see their "More men in the store

than women? "No, more females."

"I'm surprised. I'd have thought women would be uncomfortable going into a military-surplus store

"They weren't this time I'd say 90, 95 percent of our customers are male. But that hasn't been so since the

"When women came in to buy gas masks, did they buy one or buy for the

been working there? "This time, since '97, I

"Usually for the whole "So they'd come in and

say, 'I want four, five, six... You got it. We've always sold gas masks. We'll sell naybe one a month. After the attack, our stock was gone in one day a long while to get resupplied."

warfare assault, according

"How long have you

of it. I hate it," Rabe laughs Protective [gas] masks for every House Member and floor staffer were placed in an area readily accessible to lawmakers in the Capitol roughly a year ago to guard against a chemical or germ

senior House staffers Roll Call, September 24, This is the first time I've

military-surplus business? "To get back to the ter rorists. What's the worst attack that could happen

Okay. "What's horrible about military surplus? "Everything. This particular business, it's the people I work with. Most of m are pretty well useless."

worked for her before. I

started in '91 and after a

while got another job. She's

a good friend of mine. She

had people stealing from

her, so she fired them, asked

me to come back, and I did."

'What's fun about the

"Is it a hassle dealing with the public?" "No, the public is nice.

targets." . — Patrick Daugherty ever liked them more than

the people I work with. Usu

Can't you fire these people?

and she won't do it. I don't

know why. One day I'll have

enough and I'll just say

in the next 12 months

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to get ahold of a nuclear

weapon. Then we're in big trouble. Then you're get-

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page to flesh out a childhood memory, all I found was a single document, a 100-word or so scrap, a sad yestige — like the furled poster left lying after the rally, or the barefoot beauty wrapped in a shawl who sits cross-legged on the slope after the great outdoor concert. As far as the Web knows, the Bread and Puppet Theater's Domestic Resurrection Circus (a vital, diverse, multidimensional happening) is simply a fragment of code, a lowly link, someone else afterthought. Peter Schumann's Bread and Puppet The

ot everything is on the Web. In search of a

ater started in New York in the 1960s, when a cultural avant-garde bristled against (or transcended? the inhumanity of the Cold War and the hot. bloody carnage of Vietnam. In the fertile atmosphere of places like Judson Church, downtown lofts, and the verdant, rolling meadows of rural New York and Vermont, artistic borders were dis tended, pushed out to accommodate what John Bell has described as acting musicians, singing painters, dancing sculptors, and playwriting poets Amidst this ferment, the Bread and Puppet The-ater rose. It never achieved commercial success in the way that Jim Henson's Muppets later would but it certainly expanded the public's notions of puppetry. The Theater's moving sculptures delicate wooden skeletons draped with canvas. paper, feathers, and other degradable materials that weren't "found" in the way that Duchamp's objects were, but that weren't obscure either dramatized the corporeal aspects of the human condition that were so central to parades organized by Puerto Rican tenants' organizations on the Lower East Side and that were even more urgent in parades in New York and Washington, D.C.,

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protesting the Vietnam War In the late '60s Peter and his wife and partner Elka received an offer to be a theater-in-res idence at Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont Goddard was (and still is) an experimental and communal school that draws on John Dewey's philosophies of progressive education. In addition to traditional courses, the Goddard curriculum included courses on social ecology, the history of Vermont, non-Western music, and alternative architecture. Its theater department, headed by Paul Vela, incubated the early plays of Goddard student David Mamet and created off-campus groups like Two Penny Circus. The Bread and Puppet Theater took up residence on Cate Farm, a large parcel of land with a brick farmhouse barn, outbuildings, and undulating meadows set in a bend of the Onion River. In New York City Bread and Puppet performed in tiny storefronts, lofts, theaters, and parks. The Vermont landscape suggested new performing spaces. The Schumanns and their collaborators began staging shows at

the edge of the largest field on Cate Farm. They marked out a circular performance area with 18-foot-tall flagpoles, set up a large, brown tent at its edge, and, using masks and larger-than-lifesize puppets, created abstract political puppet skits played in the round. These skits were ofter set to the music of a "junk orchestra" or amateu brass band.

Writing about the early performances, Schumann said, "Our Domestic Resurrection Circus will be an effort to find a new way of doing circus tha is more human, that is not merely a collection of superlatives, of extraordinary feats arbitrarily mixed together, but something that becomes a story of the world circus.... It

"It's something

that is seen in the

woods, up there

in the hills, back

has to do with just creating a big outside attrac tion for the people in the area. It's a piece that shouldn't be traveled, something we want to perform where we can integrate the landscape. that we can do with real

here in the river. time and real rivers and mountains and animals. It's something that is seen in the woods, up there in the hills, back here in the river. I guess it would be called an 'environment.'

In 1976 or 1977, when my brother and I were young boys growing up in the Green Mountains of Vermont, we attended a Bread and Puppet circus. We went with Pierre and his three sons — Dan and Greg, who were twins, and their older brother Eric. Pierre was like many of the men who lived in the mountains around our home. He was a dreamer, a pie-in-the-skier, who sought his fortune (and found it) in alternative heating and

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in my imagination. To this day I exult in that experience; I insist that it was for mative, that it conditioned my ... my what? Politics? Tol erance? Love of fresh bread? The Domestic Resur rection Circus is a thing of the past. During the '80s and '90s, the organizers struggled with logistical problems — a younger, headier crowd; drugs and alcohol; food; dogs; and a new political climate. The last circus was held in 1998, when a man was killed dur ing the festivities. Michael Sarazin, a 41-year-old log ger from Post Mills, Ver ont, was involved in an early-morning altercation with a Vermonter from nearby Morrisville nick named Junebug. Sarazin and Junebug fought over to be a "hot dog." Sarazin died from a brain hemorrhage after Junebug struck him. Peter Schumann decided it would be the last

pratfalls and absurd jokes,

ironic passion plays, and a

sunset pageant performed

in a depression in one of the meadows — made no sense

to me, they struck a chord

The Domestic Resur rection Circus's rallying cry. the "Why Cheap Art? Man ifesto," floats out there now a lonely, ephemeral memen (andrewkkim.tripod.com)

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Oakley Hall's 1953 novel, tracing Joe Bailey's moral and psychological development, continues through the eyes of loe's est friend, Peter Gorman. In the last days of summer before their senior year, Peter's gradual isolation contrasts with Joe's rising popularity: he'll be quarterback next fall at San Diego High School. That signals Joe's return to the Mission Hills crowd, the crowd he and Peter grew up with. The crowd that includes Joe's

childhood sweetheart, Connie Robinson

iii He didn't see loe or go to the beach the few remaining days of summer vacation. The only time he even went out of the house was when he took the two stolen magazines to the canyon at the end of Serra Street, to tear out and crumple the pages and burn them and trample the ashes. He sat in his room, working on the model of the Gee-Bee Sportster he had started, but carelessly and without interest, stopping frequently to look out the window at the pepper tree, which boiled like green liquid in the wind, and at the tops of the cars passing along the street. He would stare at his bravely painted solid models lined up on the dresser. or at the flying models suspended on a string above the card table and the bed: the de Havilland, the Fokker triplane, the Junker trimotor, the British Camel. He reread all his old air-stories magazines, trying to lose himself with Eddie Rickenbacker and the Lafayette

Escadrille, von Richthofer and his Flying Circus, in the stories of fictional, heroic Americans in Spads and Camels and villainous Germans in Fokkers. Reading the stories, he would dream of his mother waiting in England for his father to return from a dawn patrol, and he would wonder if his father had been an ace, seeing in his fantasies his father's cold. statuelike, goggled and hel meted face that looked like

his grandmother but somehow like Buster Keaton too, the face always placed in the cock pit of a Camel, white and desperate as his father struggled to clear the jammed overhead gun. Oil was spurting from a severed oil line and staining the marble face, the exhaust was flaming, and two sleek, evil Fokkers were closing in, their Spandaus crackling and the tracers stitching slowly up along the fuselage toward the cockpit. And then he would think about death.

His head teemed with images of dying, of the dead, the women horribly dead, the men nobly: Charlotte Robinson's half-forgotten face shimmering and shadowy, sometimes



thin and fine like Con's face and sometimes like, and part of, the faces of the whores in Ralph Waller's dirty pictures who were somehow also dead; his mother's face, very clear although he could not remember it at all, blotched and drunken and dead of liquor; and often his grandmother face too, the flesh wasted over the bright, probing eyes and seen as through the murky water in which she kept her teeth at night. And there would be loe's Uncle Dick's face, bloods but calm on the grass, and his father's heroic face in the

cockpit of the burning plane. When school started again he was a senior. He had

to go back to school, but there were books to be checked out, programs to make, classes to attend, and there was no way to avoid the people he knew. The hard terrible tightness in him sank down away from the surface, and going to school, which had formerly been a release for him, now was at least no more strain than staying at home with

thought he could not bear

one paid much attention to him anyway. But much attention was being paid to Joe, as a kind of anticipated celebrity. He was the varsity quarterback, and it looked as though Hickey would be the varsity fullback. Everyone was excitedly saying it was going to be a good team. One Su day there was a picture of Joe on the sports page of the San Diego Union. Joe had on his shoulder pads and iersey but no helmet, his hair was rumpled, and he was looking blankly but

> Poooor Point Loma. On the second play after the kickoff Joe passed to the halfback for a touchdow It was 13-0 at the half, and

Will This Combination Lead SDHS to Title? The opening game was with Point Loma High, Sar

Diego High always played Point Loma first, as a kind of warm-up for the league much smaller school, and this year looked as mediocre as always, except for a Portuguese fullback named Torres who was reputed to be pretty rugged. Peter had gone to the game alone, but as he was walking down toward the bottom of the stadium he heard a "Hev Pete!" and saw Herm and Bryan waving at him. He had to go and sit between them in the third row ins out of the cheering section. He sat leaning forward while they talked across his back watching the green-jerseyed Pointers warming up at the north end of the field. He rose and clapped with the others when the San Diego High team streamed into the stadium, "Poooor Point Loma." everyone was shouting

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ing some of Joe's glory. He grinned and nodded when Bryan said. "How about tha touchdown pass of loe's? Wasn't that something?' "I'll bet it was 40 vards in the air." Herm said. "loe's a cinch for All-Conference this year. Hey, and Hickey's

the three of them went to eat

hotdogs and drink luke-

warm Cokes. He felt better

now, as though he were shar

really looking good on those linebacks Peter and Bryan nodded vigorously. Hickey had fumbled once but no one was sour when he leaned mentioned that. "We've really got a backfield this year Bryan said.

to see her, and Bryan's face

out with State College guys They went back to their these days," Herm said seats to watch the bands In the last quarter, Point march and countermarch Loma began to look better. the brassy music rising thinly. Torres kept hitting between the thumping of the drum tackle and guard, bulling lagging a little. Bryan waved through for 5 yards, for 3, at someone in the front row then getting away for 15. a little to their right. It was Torres was back again on Con, sitting beside a fellow the next play, crouched with with a bow tie and a pork his hands on his knees. This pie hat. She waved and time he ran to the left. A smiled. Peter pretended not hole opened in the line, and knocked over the halfback and started for the sidelines the ball hugged against his chest and his head down Then Peter saw loe coming in fast from his safety position. Joe hit Torres right in

front of the San Diego bench. Peter heard Torres grunt; the ball squirted away as he and Joe sprawled violently out the sideline and collided with a line marker. Hickey and three Point Loma men were racing for the ball. They all seemed to fall on it a once, and chalk dust sprayed

"He got it!" Herm velled. "Hick got it!" Everyone stood up. Peter could see Con talk ing excitedly to her escort

The referee was unpil ing the players. When he picked up the ball he pointed toward the Point Loma goal. There was a happy yell from the San Diego stands, a groan from across the field. Two Point Loma players were arguing with the referee and pointing to the sideline, and the Point Loma coach was stalking up and down. The San Diego cheerleader waved his arms, "Six for Bailey and Wallace! Six for Bailey and

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"lesus, that was nice going," Herm said as they sat down again. "Joe really smashed that Portugee. Did you see Hick get the ball away from those guys?"

"I thought he fell on it outside," Bryan said.

Peter shook his head ositively."I was watching." And Herm said, "No, sir! It was right on the line." The next time San

Diego had the ball Joe was back on the first down. The ball was snapped; Peter grimaced as he saw the Point ing through But loe faded back, waving the ball, his brown face moving from side to side as he hunted for a receiver. Both the ends were circling in.

Suddenly loe tucked the ball under his arm and started forward between them. He was running very slowly, hesitating until he picked up Hickey and ence, loe put his hand on Hickey's back and pushed him toward a hole in the line. Then they were past

scrimmage, and as though

stands started to their feet

screaming and whistling

and stamping. The other blocker rolled into a Point

Loma man. Players seemed

spread all over the field as

Hickey crashed into

defender and loe was left

running along. Two Point

Loma backs were racing

across to cut him off, Tor

res was running toward him

of the backs slammed into

loe, then the other; then

Torres hit him, and Peter

couldn't see loe anymore

for the green jerseys that

covered him. The ball rolled

out. There was a groan from

the rooting section. Players

were scrambling after the

ball, there was a small pile

up, a larger one as the ball

got away again. The referee

ran in, tooting his whistle.

Peter felt shock as one

bitch of a Torres!" Herm growled.

"I wonder what's wrong," Peter said, His stomach felt tight and small as, still standing, he stared down at the field. Hickey and another player were bending over Joe. A man with a satchel ran out from the San Diego side, the bag slapping nst his leg. Joe's heln was lying on the grass exactly

"He probably got the vind knocked out of him," Bryan said. "They ought to stick Point Loma for piling

"That son of a bitch!" Herm said

"Oh, there!" Peter said. Joe was up. Hickey and the other player had their arms under his shoulders and were walking him toward the bench. Joe shook loose and came on alone, waver ing a little, the others walk ing with him but still drop-

He pointed toward the San Diego goal. The Point Loma umphantly, loe had not got

"Aaaah, that son of a

ping behind.

"Six for Bailey, six for Bailey!" the cheerleader was shouting. The cheer rang out, sharply clipped: "Rah rah-rah, rah-rah-rah, Bailey! Then Joe fell. He pitched

forward on the grass between the San Diego bench and the sideline, sprawled out, making no attempt to break the fall with his hands, and instantly he was surrounded by the players from the bench. The white numbers on the blue jerseys glared up at Peter. He saw the docor shoulder his way through and disappear as he knelt beside Joe. Con had stepped to the rail and was bending over it. Her face, when she turned briefly to say something to the State College fellow, looked pale, the red stripe of her mouth very

Bryan said. whispered. He and Bryan had risen too, and their shoulders rubbed Peter's Some of the players had see the doctor's black back. and beside it, Joe's white "Where do you sup limp, outstretched hand on

An ambulance appeared at the end of the field and came down the sideline, the siren making a rundowi sound. They put Joe in it. Con was leaning far over the rail. The ambulance turned onto the field and ran out of sight beyond the stands, the siren rising to a

They all sat down again Point Loma had the ball. Point Loma lost the ball as meone blocked a punt San Diego quickly made another touchdown, Jim Connor, who was substituting for Joe, carrying the ball across But Peter didn't want to watch the game anymore, and as San Diego lined up for the extra point he turned toward Bryan, "You suppose he's okay?" he said. "Aw, sure he's okay,"

Peter nodded. Biting his knuckles, he watched the minutes slowly pass on the scoreboard clock. When the final gun sounded he said, "I've got to go see if loe's okay."

"To Mercy," Herm said. "Okay, let's go," They thrust leading the way. Behind them the band was playing the fight song. Bryan drove up Sixth Avenue at 50 miles and hour

way?" Bryan said.

ose they took him, any

and parked in front of Mercy Hospital. "You go in," he said to Peter. "We'll wait here." Peter ran up the steps In the lobby a nun sat behind desk, crisply black and white. He hurried over to her. "I have to find out about ,

my friend," he said rapidly They just brought him out here a little while ago." The nun asked for the

'Joe Bailey," he said. "Joseph Bailey. He was hurt in a football game, and I have to find out if he's all

The nun made several calls on the telephone. She seemed very slow, but finally she said yes, they had a Joseph the X-rays had shown no could see him if he went up

to the sixth floor and asked the nurse on duty there.

He turned toward the elevator "Peter!" someone beside him, tall and slim. her hands in the pockets of the buttoned-up polo coat, a white scarf tied over her black bair One of her hands came out to touch his arm. She whispered, "Is he all

right, Peter?" "I guess so," he said. He felt a jealousy that was gone as soon as it had come. He said slowly, "Why don't you

go up and see him?" He stared at her expressionless face. It told him nothing. Con: the instant he had seen her he had decided, if it was even a decision, that she should go instead of him. And she must go. His voice shook. "Con. you've got to. Listen, Con, he's felt so awful. Listen-" He

stopped, seeing the composure he had already learned to dislike break for a moment. "But why hasn't he ever called me?" she said. "Wha was I supposed to do, call him and ask him to—"Her voice

sounded like a little girl's, and that was the way he wanted her, as he remem bered her, distinguished om him and Joe only in tha her hair was long and she

doesn't want to see me." Con

"He does! You have to understand how he felt after his father went broke and they had to move. And then that about his uncle!" She had to go, instead of him, "Con." he said roughly, "you got to

go up there."

He shook his head. "Oh, I guess I won't." He saw Con's composure return. She dipped her head and started past him for the elevator. She wore low-heeled white shoes that made no sound on the tile floor.

She held a finger against the call button, the other hand in her coat pocket. She glanced casually over her

shoulder at him. The arroy Hickey held out his right above the elevator circled hand. "I got something to down, the doors opened, show Joe," he said to Peter closed again behind her. He When he made a fist Peter watched the arrow circle to saw that his knuckles were six and stop. He felt very torn and bruised, stained heavy as he walked outside with disinfectant. "Got him into the sunlight. when we made the last TD, Hickey said. "I got that Por

other men were hurrying up the steps, and Hickey, wearing his blue-letter sweater, was leaning on the door of the LaSalle "Hey is he okay, Pete?" Hickey

He nodded and repeated what the nun had told him. Bryan looked sour. "Did Con go up to see him?" he

Peter nodded again.

and stopped for a moment on the top step.
"Hey, there's Con,"

Hickey said. "Let's go see what she says."

Hickey ran toward her Peter followed more slowly "He's got a bandage on his Hickey, "But it's his hand Some bones are broken ir his hand."

"Uh-oh," Hickey said. "There goes Mr. Bai-"I'll bet he's out for the ley," Herm said, and Peter turned to see Joe's father

Con didn't reply She gave Peter a distant look, as though she had already for gotten their talk in the lobby "How about a ride?" Hickey said. "We'll take you home old Connie. Okay?"

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"There's a nice, oblig ing jerk," Hickey said and started back toward the others. Peter didn't move, thinking of Hickey getting Tors for Joe in the pile-up at the touchdown, of Hickey

at Mission Beach saying to Phil Gardner, "He's not as big as you, but he's got a lot of buddies," of Con leaning over the rail to look at loe ying on the grass, of Con making the State College fellow bring her out here so that she could see loe

"Hurry it up, Pete!" Hickey had the back door of the LaSalle open and was

He was very near to hopeless tears as he walked over and got into the car

with the others. He slammed the door and stared up at Mercy Hospital, towering above them. "Let's go get a Coke," Hickey was saying "Let's go out to Mission Hills for Cokes and smokes and

Three bones in Joe's hand had been broken, and he didn't play again that seaon. But he was always at the games and in uniform sitting on the bench beside Coach Bryant, leaning for

ward to watch the play, his hair carefully combed and the number 22 on his clean jersey, rising with the others when there was a good play or a touchdown, clapping his hand against his bandaged, splinted hand when anyone came out after a substitution. Another Saturday Peter saw Con in the crowd at the stadium, and after that he stopped going to the games. He was glad when the season was over.

He saw loe every weekday in the courses they had together. Once in a while. out not often, the two of them would go to a show. loe talked about surfing when the weather was fine.

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and they discussed going to San Onofre after their grad uation in lune, to camp and surf for a week. Joe was tak ing Con out from time to time; Peter never asked him about it, but he knew it, and once he found out that Joe had double-dated with Hickey. And then one day at school he saw Ralph Waller.

He was going down the cond-floor hallway toward the stairs and Ralph was standing at the drinking fountain with a small nim ply boy who was in Peter's gym class. Ralph needed a haircut, and the tail of his shirt was pulled loose at the back. Peter began to sweat, not just because he had to move across the landing and down a flight of stairs under Ralph's eves, but because he had been certain that Ralph had graduated last lune.

Ralph watched his progress sullenly, the corners of his mouth drawn down as though he smelled something bad. Slowly he lowered his eyelids and slowly turned to whisper some thing to the pimply boy, and when Peter went down the steps, gripping his books tightly against his side, he

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could feel Ralph Waller's eyes on his back like a damp, He did not see Ralph again, and when the seme

ended he told himself that now Ralph was surely gone He read through the entire ary graduates published in the San Diego Union, not even noticing that the names were alphabetically arranged, his heart beating faster and faster and his eyes blurring as his eyes ranged down the page, searching frantically ugh the small type, unti finally he found it, the third name from the last - Waller Ralph F. Relief and hope elled in him, and instantly leaked away with the thought the illogical possibility, that Ralph might be going to Stanford, where he was going next fall, where he and los had always planned to go

hot hand

One rainy night in March when he was sitting in his room, working on a flying model of the Spirit o St. Louis for a contest the San Diego Union was sponsoring. Hermione came at the back door to see him.

forgetfulness

back porch with a rain hat in his hands. In the light his slicker shone wetly, and there were puddles of water around his feet. Peter won dered why he had come to the back door as he helped loe off with his slicker an draped it over the wash-

socks. "I can't stav but a

minute," loe said.

loe was standing on the

on the bed. "You still mak ing models?" Peter nodded. "Say, where were you last period today, loe? Did you ditch? "I went out to Point Loma High." "What for?" tubs. Beneath it loe wore his letter sweater and new cords with the cuffs rolled up to show white sweat

"I went out to see about Torres," Joe said. His voice sounded very casual. Peter sat down in his chair at the card table. "I just went out

In Peter's room he stood

looking around for a

moment before he sat down

to look around," Joe said. "He walks home with a couple friends of his. He lives wharf where all the Portugees live. I just wanted to

The flesh on loe's face looked drawn, his mouth was pulled tight over his teeth, his eyes were round and angry. "I'm not getting guess you know Hick got one to USC, and Jim Connor got one there for football and track. Bryant wrote some letters for me to the guys he knows at Stanford d SC and round, but it didn't do any good. I guess I can't go to college.' "Because you couldn't

play this year?" Peter said. "Yeah."

"Maybe if you dropped out of school right now and didn't graduate vou could play in the fall. Guys've done that, haven't --"I don't want to do that.

That's no good. I'm going

to work a year, and maybe I can save up enough to start at Cal or UCLA. They're the "I'm sure sorry, loe."

"Well, I wanted to ask

you to do me a favor." "Sure, Anything," "See, he's got these guys walk home with him after school. I want you and Hick and Herm to come along

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the street the undersides of the leaves of the pepper tree brightened and sparkled. .He shivered, watching the window turn black again. "Yeah." loe said. "I ould've done it before but I was scared I'd wreck my

"You're going to fight

Torres?" Peter interrupted.

He glanced at Joe, then

quickly out the window

The pane was smeared with

drops of rain like snail tracks,

and when a car passed in

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me. I got one coming from Phil Gardner anyway, so I guess I might as well get in shape." Then Joe said. 'What's the matter, you scared to come?"

"What if you win?" Peter said. "Well, goddam it —"

Joe stopped and rubbed his hand across his mouth. "Goddam it, Pete, I get the hell out of that son-ofa-bitching Portugee, and if you guys don't want to come — screw you!"
"You know we'd come;

Peter said. "It's not that. It's just - I don't know - afterward I'll bet you wouldn't think it was worth it."

"That's what my Pop said," Joe whispered. "Did I Well, you're goddam right loe was staring down at

his fists. Peter saw them relax and clench repeatedly But when Joe spoke again trolled. "Hell, maybe he didn't do it on purpose. I don't know. And maybe it's

pretty stupid to go around hating the guts of all the Portugees in town because I got screwed out of a foot ball scholarship. But what am I supposed to do?" He rubbed his hands

over his eyes. "If I knock his goddam head in, at least that's something. I'm sick of getting screwed out of every-thing I ever wanted and everything that's any good! Goddam it, I've got to do something! What am I sup-posed to do?" he asked almost pleadingly. "You'll get to college, Joe. You can make enough money, and they'll give you

a scholarship when they see

you play up there."

"It's damn easy to talk like that when you're all set Peter shook his head

again. "But it's not just ecause of the scholarship - is it?" Looking up, he saw that Joe's eyes were bright with anger, but instantly the anger faded into a naked, ashamed expression. And Peter under stood. Because loe must have wanted desperately to show everyone, and had not; his becoming friendly with the old bunch agair had been like a loan, with, as collateral, his starring at football. But the collateral had disappeared, and now

debt could only be met by a fight with Bill Torres. "Joe, you don't have

to" he said Joe didn't answer. His head was bent down, his shoulders slumped, his hands

lying half open in his lap. "Joe," Peter said shakily, "you've got an awful lot friends. There's an awful lot of guys think you're the best guy around. They never gave a damn about anything." "What're you trying to

do, start me bawling

"I'll go out there if you want me to," Peter said. "A lot of guys would if they "Aw, to hell with it." loe



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said, "Say, are we going up

to San Onofre after school's

raincoat and the wide rub-

"Damn right!" Peter said. "I'd better start working on my grandma about the Buick."

"Let's really go, huh? Let's stay a whole week. Make her let you go, Pete."

He nodded violently "And we ought to dou ble-date sometime," Joe said "I don't go out very much ought to get Con, and you can get some girl, can't you How come we've never dou

"We really ought to. Peter said. He could feel hi shirt trembling over his chest, and he raised his hand and laid it there.

Joe opened the door again. "Well, I'll see you." He stepped outside and let the door slam shut. He looked back through the

Peter could only make out the shape of his face below the brim of the rain hat. "You'll get to college, loe. Sure you -

"Pete," Joe said, "lister Thanks a lot. Thanks a hell of a lot." He stood there motionless, with the rain dripping onto his hat. Softly he said. "If anybody asks around, I know where to tell him to come." He turned

Peter stared out into the darkness in which the rain looked like silver streaks in the light from the kitchen window, listening to the sound of Joe's steps receding around the corner of

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Irma was now explaining to me over the phone that she had several dental abscesses. for which a dentist had prescribed an antibiotic. She was taking the antibiotic in the manner she takes most medicines; she touched

a pill to her tongue as often as the label instructed her to swallow one. She believes that this works for her because she is so sen sitive to chemicals.

The notion that an antibiotic would work that way is absurd. Antibiotics kill a bacterial species when they achieve the "mean inhibitory concentration" (MIC) in the blood for that particular bacterium. Touching a pill to the tongue does not deliver medicine to the stomach for distribution into the bloodstream. But Irma is so sensitive that with some medications, she says, she can "take" them by being present in the same room as they are

Over the years, Irma has constructed a belief system and way of life around the concept that her immune system is unable to handle natural or man-made threats to her body. Crazy people need doctors, too, and I learned the first time I spoke to her that the only way for me to help her was to work within her belief system and not challenge

"My heart seems to have two distinct rhythms," she explained in her soft, slow, breathy tones: "Most of the time, it has a slow, steady beat. At times, I get palpitations, and my heart is beating erratically and much faster, about a hundred times a minute." She had just given a nice description of parox ysmal atrial fibrillation, a condition where the heart periodically abandons the regular pacemaker-driven sinus rhythm because of intermittent electrical chaos in the left atrium, the heart chamber that houses the pace-



maker. This chaos causes the main pump, the left ventricle, to beat rapidly and irreg ularly. A young heart can beat as quickly as 180 to 200 beats per minute in atrial fibrillation, but Irma's 67-year-old vital organ could only manage about 100, which was for unate because one can be quite comfortable with a pulse of 100. Her description prompted my mind to flashback to an early lecture in medical school, during which a ver erable professor taught us that if we would just sit back and listen to our patients, "most of the time they will tell you their diagnosis' She had two concerns about her heart

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condition: would she be able to tolerate local anaesthesia for her dental work; and would she be able to move to rural Oregon, as she was planning to do in about three months to get away from chemicals, high property values, and a landlord who was selling her rented house. I arranged a home visit.

I have to fit home visits and long con-

versations with Irma into a typical 2001 primary-care physician schedule, which is packed with patients and paperwork, but she had more to discuss with me, so I took a few minutes here and there, when I could. to call her and piece together the other elements of her current condition. She was peeing brown urine intermittently and had been doing so for a few months. This had happened. infrequently, on a few occasions, and she had always attributed it to chemicals or medications assaulting her kidneys from time to time. She also had periodic nausea, loose bowel movements, and tightness all across her low abdomen. One of her attendants brought a jar of Irma's brown urine to us one day, and we found it contained a moderate amount of old blood and a small amount of protein. Something was amiss with Irma's kidneys. So I was now facing a

ing some real medical problems, not just something she had invented. A few days later, I went to her house.

Going to Irma's house isn't like going to anyone else's house. She tells me not to wear any deodorant or

door, and then I'm ready to use any other chemicals, and she has told me many times into her living room. that she doesn't get the "buzz" when I enter her house that

she gets from so many other

people. I haven't told her that I use Mennen Speed

keys. I leave my shoes at the

Stick even on the days I see her because I wouldn't do well with the other 20 patients I have to see the same day if I did not. From inside her front door, she hands me plastic bags, into which I place my pager, wallet, and go through the screen door Irma's pale face greeted

me with the usual smile under her dark brown bangs and white cloth that she wears over her hair. Her wardrobe consists of beige or white (no dyes) wraps made of sheetlike material and white socks covering her thin legs. She motioned for me to come forward along the narrow path cleared for walking on her beige

gic and, of course, nothing had happened. She had carpet between plastic con tainers, covered tables, and praised me for my gentleness a large refrigerator to the corner of the room where and for taking precautions on her behalf she appears to spend most of her time. I recalled how in my younger and more

Moments after my entrance, one of Irma's "ser vants" arrived. A short, bald ing man who appeared to be in his 50s, he was Irma's des ignated shopper. She excused herself to go to the door to give him a list, and I eavesdropped on their conversa tion. "I cannot have any filberts that are large because

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I will react to them. The small ones are fine, but they annot have any green on them." Accepting her com-mand, he repeated what she said, went over some other tems, and left. She returned

her attention to me. Again I listened to her story about her heart. For some reason, she is not aller gic to stethoscopes. My the ory is that she will never ed to be allergic to any thing once it becomes crit ically important. When I first placed the stethoscope to her chest, she had a normal heartbeat of 66 heats per minute, but after about invasive dental procedures 15 seconds she said. "There!" as an irregular and more

rapid rhythm took over. She had paroxysmal atrial fib-rillation. I did not hear any extra whoosh sounds, or murmurs, that would have led me to suspect that she had a leak in her mitral valve which can cause the left atrium to enlarge and lead to atrial fibrillation. A defective valve would also predispose her to endocardi tis, an infection of the heart valve, during dental procedures or other procedures that cause bacteria to circulate in the bloodstream. People with diseased valves have to take antibiotics before

to prevent endocarditis. Because her heart rate

was reasonable, even while in atrial fibrillation, she did not need any medicine to control her rate. However, it would help to give her a medication to try to keep her in sinus rhythm because atrial fibrillation can cause blood clots to form in the left atrium, which can then circulate and plug up arteries to important organs, such as the brain, kidneys, arms, and legs. If such medicines do not succeed in preventing recurrent atrial fibrilla. tion, we then prescribe a blood thinner to keep the clots from forming.

Irma does not use medicines in doses that work, so we could not do any of

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these things. "What about aspirin?" she asked. She spends much of her time reading medical literature. so she knows a great deal about what different medicines do. Aspirin is not as effective as warfarin (an anticoagulant) in this situation, but it might help if she would swallow a pill. Instead she proposed to touch it to her tongue. I knew she would do this regardless of my advice, so cquiesced, with the clear understanding that this was

I did tell her that it was safe

for her to have her dental

procedure done but that I

advised that she have an

ultrasound of her heart to see if we could determine why the rhythm disturbance was occurring. She also needed an ultrasound of her

Getting these ultrasounds would involve patience and a sense of humor. It would require many phone calls to the tech nicians for both studies to ensure an environment as chemical-free as possible and even that wouldn't prevent her body from having the unfamiliar environment. "I'll be out of commission for days. Can we possibly do them at the same time?" Different hospital departments

do these tests, so this was to obstacles, she sighed in acceptance of the complicated circumstances. Her shopper returned

"I couldn't find any small filberts without any green." I couldn't help laughing to myself; fortunately, I was out of their view She looked over the rest of the items and after expressing her sat isfaction cheerily dismissed him. I told her my office would call to make the appointments for the tests while she made the environmental arrangements. I then collected my possessions from the plastic bags and left

About five days later, were on the phone again "My dentist gave me some local anaesthetics to try to see how I would react, I really liked what the lidocaine did for my heart." I knew Irma must have read that lide caine is used intravenously in intensive care medicine to stabilize malignant heart rhythms, so that now that she was in the same room as lidocaine, it was having powerful effects on her heart. This belief would help us she needed, so I didn't figh

it. I told her that lidocaine sounded like the right anaesthetic for her. A few days later, she had the teeth pulled and she reported later that she could not do anything for several days after that.

A couple of weeks later, she had her kidney ultrareport, something she always

The next day, I had a message from her on my desk inquiring about her "missing kidney" As I picked up the phone to call her and ask what in the world she was talking about, I read the

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report again and realized to my horror that I had skipped an entire paragraph when I read it the first time. There t was: "...the left kidney has been replaced by a cyst..." I hung up the phone to self-administer a mental whipping for my oversight

sound. I read the report,

which confirmed that she

had normal-appearing kid

nev tissue without any sus-

picious tumors, and there

was no evidence of dam-

age or obstruction. I relayed

the good news to her and

faxed her a copy of the

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of a cyst replacing an entire kidney. I called John, a local nephrologist, and he had never heard of that either. It seemed much more likely that she had always had just one kidney. I explained the other oddities of her case, and he agreed to look at her

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I called Irma, apologized, and outlined the mystery, emphasizing that the remaining kidney appeared her to collect her urine in a plastic container for 24 hours and get a blood test; together,

they would allow us to calculate her creatinine clearance, the best measurement of kidney function. Over the next two weeks, she made the necessary arrangements to get a "chemical free" nurse for the blood draw and urine collection, the products of which then went to the lab for analysis. In the mean time, John called me with good news: Irma was born with one kidney, and it looked normal. Two days later, the lab

faxed us separate results for the urine and blood tests and reported the creatinine clearance as "unavailable because they said they didn't have the blood test. After two days and four phone calls to three people at the lab, I found someone capable of finding and combining the two results to give us the final answer. Her crea tinine clearance was 41 about half of what we would expect for a woman her age. but well above 10, which is the neighborhood in which dialysis would become a consideration. She had neg ligible amounts of protein and blood in the urine and

a local cardiologist, who looked at the ultrasound and called me back. "It's a small effusion

lim, but it's definitely real. It's not large enough to affect heart function." It was therefore improbable that it had anything to do with her atrial fibrillation. I explained to him that I did not have an explanation for her effusion. "Sometimes we just find these," he reassured me. "I would just do another echocardiogram in three months." Easy for him to say, but when I relayed the news to Irma, to my surprise, she seemed satisfied and willing. Her landlord had given her a reprieve, and she had decided she might not need to move to Oregon at all, or at least not for several years, which would give us the time we needed to resolve her current problems. Perhaps surviving these reassurance to take liberties with her self-imposed exile and misery, something that would help her more than anything any of us in the medical profession has done for her to this point.

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I wish Crystelle all the luck

More Traffic News

In response to a letter written by Joyce Peterson of La Jolla (Letters, December 13), in which I am accused of spear-heading a despicable vendetta against the proposed expan-sion of Francis Parker Lower School, I feel that further clar-School, I feel that further clar-ification of our organization's position is necessary. I was ac-cused of grossly exaggerating the staff size at the school, but the assistant headmaster him-

self agrees with my estimate. Ms. Peterson asserts that every effort is made to keep traffic problems to a mir mum. If that's so, the school needs to do a much better job. In just ONE hour of ONE day last week, our members logged over 25 traffic and parking vi-olations. Ms. Peterson refers to Parker's fleet of buses, but on

most days these buses carry a mere handful of students: the mere nandrui of students; the vast majority of children arrive in private vehicles. The assertion that our or-ganization is carrying out a vendetta is ludicrous. We value Parker as a neighbor, and we ap-

plaud their desire to upgrade fa-cilities. Our membership consists of the majority of resident sists of the majority of residents in the impacted area, and we are proud to have parents of Parker students as well as Parker alumni as members. What we object to is Parker's plans to ex-pand into our neighborhood by gobbling up two private homes and a public street. We also demand that any renovation pro mand that any renovation pro-ject deal adequately with the major traffic and parking prob-lems created by the school. Scott Borden, chairman, Neighbors Opposed to Parker Expansion

Enemy Of Duncan

Fat Girl Warning! For years now 1 have read the reviews of Duncan Shepherd mainly to provide myself with wonder and amazement at the bizarre and contorted ideas/sen tences that man can concoct to pass off as movie reviews. But. I pass off as movie reviews. But, I was just badly burned tonight by following the review by Shepherd of the movie Fat Girl ("Movies," December 13) and must complain loudly.

Shepherd makes the movie out to be fairly harmless and

banal. And this was true up until the last minutes of the movie in which, completely movie in which, completely and utterly out of any mean-ingful context to the movie that preceded it, the main characters are brutally mur-dered/raped by a total stranger. Duncan handles this in his review with "Very steady-handed up until the off-key finish." And then goes on to talk about the nice colors and traffic shots in the film! He also describe

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calcium binds oxalate in the

the blood through the intestines and therefore keeps

oxalate from entering the

kidney and thereby prevents

stones. John prescribed cal-

cium and cleared her to

permission until we had fin-

ished evaluating her heart. When her ultrasound report

came. I read every word and.

once again, we had a sur-

prise: a small fluid collec-

tion around the heart, what

we call a pericardial effu-sion. Irma did not show any

new signs of tuberculosis,

lupus, or thyroid hormone

deficiency, conditions for

which we had tested her in

the past and all of which

can cause a pericardial effu-

sion. We knew she did not

have kidney failure, another

possible cause. I called Dick.

I could not give that

move to Oregon.

tive tract before it enters



believing they are seeing some-thing worthwhile.

Recently, Mr. Shepherd has been whining about his job.

Please quit and do something that has nothing to do with the public. The Reader obviously hasn't the sense to get rid of you

Duncan-The-Jackass I'll try and keep this short. Duncan Shepard is a five-star jackass. All I wanted was a sim-ple review on Ocean's Eleven and was instead fed with som pseudo-intellectual, self-indul ent crap about a dead pro some French mumbe iumbo that sounded imp ve but was totally us

and, I'd venture to say, your time to write. I'll give the guy credit, he can analyze a movie from every possible angle, but it's all egomaniacal horsesh#t. Useless, weak, drivel. This is a military town with some colleges thrown in for

good measure. Dunc, hello good measure. Dunc, hello? Does anyone really care about the depth of your vocabulary, impressive command of cine-matic history, or what you "wanted" to see in the movie? I doubt it. I mean, c'mon, bro you tanked Shallow Hal because it didn't "bridge gaps" in cultural sensitivities and gen-der issues the way you wanted der issues the way you wanted it to? Huh? The title of the it to? Huh? The title of the movie is Shallow Hal; dude, get a clue. I don't plunk down \$9 expecting a life-enhancing experience or a movie that is go ing to leave mankind in a bet ter place - I just want to have a good time. Lighten up, Dunc. Go write for the New Yorker or Go write for the New Yorker or something — but then they can likely spot a self-indulgent poseur a mile away. How much does this guy make, anyway?

For half the money I can do what he does, and I don't even own a thesaurus. Which, clearly, is a good thing, as they seem to get in the way of the actual

Psychiatric.

Excellence Re Robert Kumpel's article about the PERT teams ("It's Not a Crime to Be Crazy," De-Not a Crime to Be Crazy," De-cember 6), I was quite curious as to why Mr. Duke wanted the young girl at Toussaint Center to go to Charter (now named Aurora) Hospital? Toussaint is in downtown San Diego near Cal Western Law School. Aurora is in Rancho Bernardo. Sharp Mesa Vista is in Kearny Sharp Mesa Vista is in Kearny Mesa. Aurora is a for-profit fa-cility. Mesa Vista is nonprofit. Aurora has never taken and never will take MediCal pa-tients — they don't get paid enough. Mesa Vista has always accepted MediCal as well as completely indigent patients. It's curious that Mr. Duke didn't already know this. Finally, Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital is the largest, oldest, and most respected psy-chiatric hospital in the county and one of the few that have

and adolescents. The staff and the physicians are wonderful, com petent, caring people, and are A relative of a

According to Glenn Duke, he preferred that the girl go to Charter because her psychiatrist was on staff there. At the time the article was written. Aurora the article was written, Aurora was called Charter Hospital, and it did not, as Duke was well aware, accept MediCal patients. Since that time, in accordance with a new state law, the hospital has begun accepting juve-niles with MediCal. — Editor

I'm shocked! This morning I visited my favorite barbersl visited my favorite barbershop. It's a fairly large shop, with lots of reading material and many customers, both young and not so young. I picked up this week's San Diego Reader and began to innocently flip through . I found an article by Mr Patrick Daugherty concerning recreational activities at retir ment communities which caught ment communities which caught my eye, and I began to read it ("Sporting Box." December 6). To my amazement and horror, I had only gone through two or three paragraphs before I was confronted with a crude, vulgar four-lettered word smack in the middle of this otherwise in-Too Bad

the middle of this otherwise in-teresting human-interest arti-cle. How dare you! I believed I was safe from this type of at-tack, sitting in a public, family-oriented establishment. There

were several young boys sitting right next to me. If I wanted to

be entertained by this type of

senseless use of words. I'd sub

scribe to HBO or Showtim

(which I don't): I'd subscribe

(which I don't); I'd subscrib to so-called men's magazine (which I don't). Mr. Daugh erty should know that a pro

essional writer is someone who has proven he has a firm

understanding of the gazillion

understanding of the gazillion intricacies and nuances of the English language without need-ing to use senseless profamity as a crutch for those times when a better word or phrase that fits

found. I suggest Mr. Daugh-esty find a different type of me-

dia to write for, one more

suited to his "style." Or, the

San Diego Reader should con-sider being sold at the local liquor or drug store in the sec-tion with all the other plastic-

wrapped magazines. John Hildenbrand

Your cover article ("Did Cases Gwinn Try to Get Don Bauder Fired?" November 29) about the adventures of city att ney Casey Gwinn was quite en lightening. Bauder's column make much better reading tha Gwinn's opinions about conflic of interest in connection with the Chargers and Padres deals Bauder offers one of the fev reasons to bother to read the local fish wrap.

Too bad San Diego voters

won't have the good sense to give the guy a boot in the fanny

Too bad Gwinn won't give 100 bad Gwinn won't give taxpayers a real break: quit slopping at the public trough and explore the career oppor-tunities available in the private

Oleander Salad

Music, "Under the Thumb of Bach and Handel," Novem-

Certainly recent events

erance and love for fellow may erance and love for fellow mai are needed in the world. How ever, Saville makes several com mon, but serious, mistakes in logic. Like too many others, he fails to draw some rather important, and obvious, distinctions

There is a world of differ ence between tolerating the ence between tolerating the practice of another religion and acknowledging its beliefs as equally true or valid. By very nature, truth is exclusive. If, for example, one religion teaches of the world, and another teaches that he is not ... the cannot both be true. However, disagreement over the truth does not justify hatred, con-tempt, or malice toward those of the other viewpoint. We can disagree but still keep our dif-ferences in the area of ideas,

eighbors.

For those who would protest against this view, let me ask, would you apply the same logic to politics? Should we say that all political parties and plat forms are the same, accomplish the same ends in the same way, and we should all "be one"? Of course not! But political difference is also not a li-cense for hate and violence.

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while remaining friends and

or start a new religion called Christianity. Neither did Jesus, eking out the Jews first with the invitation to join them.

for that matter, although many seem to speak as though he did. Christianity is — or at least Religions are not all the same and any honest thinker will adand any honest thinker will ad-mit this. No true Christian would say that Judaism, which rejects Jesus, is an equally valid belief system. By the same to-ken, no true Jew would say that Christianity, which accepts Jesus as the Messiah, is "the same" as the Jewish faith. Indeed, only Christianity is — or at least sees itself as — the fulfillment of Judaism; that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah of the Jewish faith. Many Jews in the First Century accepted him as such, the apostle Paul among them. Many other Jews, espe-cially those in the religious hi-erarchy, rejected Jesus as such. Those are simply historical facts, which brings me to an-other point...the Book of Acts is not a "rabidly anti-Jewish

that were the case, one could argue for "equal validity" of any religion that adhered to a kind and helpful code of ethics. Instead, religion is the way to have and maintain a relationdocument"! It is a historica record. The events recorded are also found in other histor ical documents, both secular and Jewish. And again, the dis-tinction needs to be made: to write or speak of actual events. nave and maintain a relation-ship with God. And to a be-liever, God is not a destination on a map, with many roads leading to Him. God is a perhowever negative, is not the same as harboring hatred or seeking harm. To speak of the son, and He has every right to first-century lews' treatment of reveal how He thinks and what early Christians is not anti He desires of mankind both Semitism. There is no call in in terms of belief and behavior and the means of having a re lationship with Him.

ideas. Evangelism needs to be seen for what it is; it is not a crusade to validate the one who shares his faith, it comes So a religion is either true or it is not; it is either revealed by a personal God, or it was herents. We need to keep thi from a deep, loving concern for one's fellow man. Indeed, if in mind when we consider the Bible, or any other religious I truly believe that my neigh text. If the Bible is simply bor faces a frightening eternal destiny because of his beliefs, is men long ago and is nothing more than their sexist, slanted, intolerant opinions, then we it really in the spirit of love and brotherhood for me to ignore

should ignore it — why base our lives and stake our eternal

destiny on that? Why hold to a

religion, in this case either Ju-daism or Christianity, if it is

nothing more than hu

nothing more than human fancy! If, on the other hand, the bible is actually a revelation from God, we should have no problem if the truths presented are narrow or contradict commonly held human opinions; the narrowness comes from the fact that God is revealing what is truth...from His perspective.

One final distinction should be noted, and that concerns evangelism, or sharing one's or sharing one's or sharing one's or sharing one's manifer or sharing or sharing or sharing one's manifer or sharing or sha

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that fact and fail to share wha believe is the saving truth ith him? My neighbor car still choose to disagree and will allow him that right and remain no less friendly and neighborly with him, but I only ask that he credit me with

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for the attitude of "leave them alone, they have a right to their opinion and shouldn't be both-ered." In other areas of life we ered. In other areas of life we are quite willing to give advice or to warn our neighbor of a potential danger. Surely no one would suggest that I should leave my neighbor, newly ar-rived in Southern California, salad from oleander leaves! And if I did warn him, who would accuse me of having a narrow view of truth or having no respect for his beliefs?

So in conclusion. I call on So in conclusion, I call on all of us to live in the spirit of love and tolerance, while ad-mitting that our beliefs may not be the same. And since we must logically realize that con-

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tradictory religious beliefs can-not all be true, let us all remain open to the discussion of these beliefs in the realm of ideas and give those of differing faith the benefit of the doubt in

Bill Davis

Meltzerphobic

I must begin by saying that I've never written a letter of com-plaint to anyone. I can't take it anymore! Richard Meltzer and his ridiculous avant-garde wanna-be style are driving me crazy. His weekly album-re crazy. His weekly album-re-view column is pathetic. I read the Reader every week. I'm a big fan of "Blurt" (Ken Leighton, Ed Decker). It's always the first thing I read, and I'm pleased to see its increase in length lately. I read "Blurt" and cringe when I reach the last column. I would love to read a good alwould love to read a good album review every week, but Meltzer uses your publication not as a service to the music-loving population, but to dis-play his meager talent for

24-year-old local musician and local music fan. When my band releases an album, I'd love for it to be reviewed in the Reader but would hate for Meltzer to write five incoherent Meltzer to write five incoherent paragraphs on some distant and unrela.ed topic. Does he even listen to the CDs? He has no insight or real opinion to share. I don't know if he's the editor's brother-in-law or something, but it's time to do the right thing. Rid the Reader of Richard Meltzer! Mike Lockrem

Another Duncan

Hater

can Shepherd is just leaving awful reviews. He has a scale of one to five stars; I don't think he's ever given a movie five stars. I think you guys have to get a critic that actually enjoys movies.

Name Withheld

I'd like to congratulate you for your article on the Ken Cinema your article on the Ken Cinema in "TGIF." They show great movies, lots of independent and foreign films not [widely] distributed. I've been to many movies there, and I find it to be a very good theater and thank you for appreciating it.

Sean Richards









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Illustrations by David Diaz and Ezra Jack Keats

starting a career as an illustrator does take a while," David Diaz admitted, "but loing children's books is a way to make a long-term living. You receive part of a long-term living. You receive part of an advance when you begin work, and then you get the rest when the book is completed. And then it might be a year of two, but the book will begin to carn other income in royalties. So the income stream is definitely long-term. I know I'll be doing this for the next few

"One aspect of doing picture books that's different from any other books that's dimerent from any other kind of illustration," he added, "is that the books are around for years, and there's always an audience." Now 43 and living in Carlsbad

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Another book featured in the show is called Just One Flick of the Finger. It

deals with handguns.
"Usually publishers will send a

manuscript out to various illustrators for consideration. The books that I've

Diaz started working in a bolder Daz started working in a boilder, more gestural style, and he also began to paint. His first two book projects were for San Diego's Harcourt Brace; he illustrated Gary Soto's Neighborhook Odes in 1992 and Eve Bunting's Smoky Night in 1994. Success came quickly. For his illustrations in Sunda Wich:

Night in 1994. Success came quickly. For his illustrations in Smoky Night. Diaz won the 1995 Caldecort Medal, a prestigious prize awarded each year "to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children." American picture book for children." acial tolerance set amidst the fires and looting of the look Angeles roits, opened new doors for its genre. "Some of the books that I've illustrated have dealt with serious topics, Diaz said, "When I'dld Smoky Night these were unusual topics to be featured as subject match in this show, The Inner City Mother! for consideration. The books that I've chosen, well, in each of the manuscrip I felt there was something pertinent, or something that resonated and seemed important for me to illustrate."

Regarding the bold and vibrant that style; it evolved in several different that style; it evolved in several different ways. It went from very textural and loose pieces to a subtler, more refined technique. My purpose as an illustratio is to illuminate the text and to do so in an appropriate manner. For example, in this show, The Inner City Mothe Goose, was written 35 years ago by Eve Merriam. In the book the nursery rhymes deal with inner-city life, and a lot of the themes are still current today.



From Smoky Night, illustrated by David Dia

Smoky Night deals with riots, so the colors are very bright, the texture is very rough; whereas other books, like 1998's The Little Scarecrow Boy [written by Margaret Wise Brown, the author of Good Night Moon], is a bedtime story, by Sarigater was enow, the authors of the control o

paintings that illustrate Smoky Night Diaz said, "I had just begun working in

immediate and simple as possible. When the book came out, several When the book came out, several reviewers compared the illustrations to the work of Georges Rouault, "an early modernist painter who was associated with Matisse and the Fauvists." I had been somewhat familiar with swork." Dize said, "but I thought I had better go look at it again. All of thee artists are just in the hopper, and they show in different ways.

After Diaz won the Caldecott Medal, the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, based on Abilene. Texas, put together a show of his work. "They packaged the show and put it on the road," Diaz explained. "It has been traveling the country ever since then. Now there are six different books represented in the show, which amounts to about 70 pieces." The current exhibition also includes works by the late Ezra Jack Keats, who won

books."

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Illustrations by David Diaz and

the 1963 Caldecott Medal for Snowy Day and who pio-neered the use of minorities in his books, "Part of the purpose of this show," Diaz said, "is that it juxtaposes the 30-year span between our wo Caldecott-winning - Justin Wolff

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Dukkah, Ga-Ga, and Sobrinos de Juana is slated for Friday, Decem-ber 21. Tickets are \$3 U.S. The con-cert begins at the Caliente Racetrack at 9 p.m. For more information, call 011-52-664-686-4222, (TIJUANA)

Omnimax Films, currently showing Dasis in the Sea, featuring treasures of he Sea of Cortés and the Baja Cali the Sea of Cortes and the Baja Cali-fornia Peninsula; Dolphins, 3-D Ma-nia, and All Access — with concert footage of B.B. King, Carlos Santana, Sting, and others. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Rio. For showtimes and other Walk for a New Tijuana, bring a

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Winter Solstice, the moment when Winter Solutice, the moment when the sun reaches its southernmost point on the celestial sphere, occurs his year at 11:22 a.m., Friday, De-cember 21. This event signals the be-ginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of summer in the Southern Hemisphere. With only about ten hours of daylight. San Diego must endure its darke and gloomiest nights this week and next. During the day, the sun struggle to an altitude of only 34 degrees (as seen from San Diego), then quickly sinks toward the horizon.

OUTDOORS

Poinsettias, a favorite of backyard gardeners, a rayorite or backyard gardeners, are now exhibiting their scarlet, petal-like bracts, just in time for the holidays. The onset of 14-hour-long nights triggers their be-havior. In San Diego this condition is

stice Observatory on Cowles Moun-ain? See the rising sun split by a peak on the eastern horizon during outings slanned this week. The Kumeyaay winter solstice. Volunteer trail ides in Mission Trails Regional Park l lead outings 6 to 8 a.m. on Thurs point approximately one mile up the trail is in the dark, so good shoes and flashlights are recommended for all hikers. Ioin the groups at the staging area found at the foot of the mountain

(at Golfcrest Drive and Navajo Road). 619-668-3275. Free. The Canyoneers lead a solstice hike up Cowles (pronounced "coals" by those in the know) on Saturday, by those in the know) on Saturday, December 22, starting at 6 a.m. at the aforementioned staging area. Free. For more information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (MISSION GORGE)

Journey Into Blue Sky, learn about paw prints on the trails when natu-ralist Dave Kiser leads a tracking hike in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Sat-urday, December 22. "Secrets of Blue Sky" will be revealed by naturalist

Sky" will be revealed by naturalist David Robertson during the hike planned on Sunday, December 23. Winter brings a new look to the reserve. Explore "Winter Wonders at Blue Sky" with Charles and Elliot Hurd on Saturday, December 29. "Years' End at Blue Sky Reserve" is the subject for the hike slated for Sunday, December 30.

Sunday, December 30.
All of the outings are tree and begin at 9 a.m. Find the park on Espula Read, one-half mile north of Lake Powar Road, For information, call 858-694-3049, Free, POWAY,

Hunker Down around the Campfire when the staff at Kumeyaay Campground presents a campfire program at the amphitheater on Saturday, Desember 22, at 5 p.m. Lind the campground at Two Eather Junipero Serra Trail, noncampers bandl use in the day, no rathing lot should use in the day-use parking lot For information, call 619-668-3275 Free (MISSION GORGE)

For the Birds, head out to Tecolote Canyon Open Space Park on the fourth Saturday of each month, in cluding December 22, for a one-totwo-hour bird walk starting at 9 a.m. at the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring water and binoculars and wear comfortable tailed and Cooper's hawks. Cassin's kingbirds, and common yel-lowthroats. Free. For information, call 858-581-9961. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view the mi-gratory waterfowl and wildflowers of the South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge when the series hosted by the Chula Vista Nature es on Saturday. De ember 22, at 8:30 a.m. Free. To make the required reservations and obtain directions, call 619-409-5903. (MPERIAL BEACH)

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Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners in-struction at 7-45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. For more in-formation, dial 619-283-8550, (HORTH PARK)

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"Stars and Crosses: The Cinema o Christian-lewish Relations" is the theme for a film series planned in the library at Teniple Emanu-El. The se ries begins with Not in This Town or unday, December 23, at 7 p.m. This 997 film tells the story of a married



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Travel back in time in China: The Panda Advenuer. The film is in 1936, based on the true story of Ruth Harkness, an independent woman who traveled to the forests of China to follow in her late husband 5 con-tepts and achieve his dream of bring-ing the first live giant pands to Arti-gian particular the con-traction. See this film through Thurnday, January 10, 2005.

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Bot tick traces and abnountines. The Mandala of Life — described as The Mandalo of Life — described as "a journey through light, sound, and form" — is planned by Richard Ielu-sich on Saturday, December 29, 7 to 9-30 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Expect "leve light and sound demon-strations of psychoscoustics and cy-matics and the live experience of har-monically related light and sound

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Pencil Artist Lorrie W. Beck will cre Pencil Artist Lorie W. Beck will cre-ate a portrait of a dog for the Foothills Art Association meeting slated for Thursday, January 3, 2002. at 7:30 p.m., in the Lamplighters Community Theater (805) Univer-sity Avenue). For information, call 619-464-7167. Free. (LA MESA)

Achieve the "American Dream of home ownership" after the Home Ownership Center (formerly San Diego Neighborhood Housing Ser-vices) leads a seminar on Thursday, January 3, 2002, at 6 p.m. Find the office at 4089 Fairmount Avenue. Free. For information, dial 619-282-6647. (SAN DEGO) "La Mesa through the Years" is both the topic and the title of the book edited by journalist Norrie West. West will discuss the new book for the history lecture series hosted by the Lemon Grove Historical Sociwith a Baja Burro), and Jennifer Red-mond (editor of the Sea of Cortez Review).

On Friday, meet up with Harry

ety at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2002, at the Lemon Grove Li-

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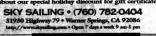
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The End o' the Season rolls around soon for the San Diego Chargers. The team heads to Kansas City to meet up with the Chiefs on Sunday, Deup with the Chiefs on Sunday, De-cember 23, 10 a.m. The final game of the season is slated for Sunday, December 30, in Qualcomm Sta-dium, against the Seattle Seahawks. at 115 p.m. For fan information, call 858-455-1984/85for 86; ticket infor-mation is had by calling 877-CHARGERS. Games can be 877-CHARGERS. Games can be heard in English on KFMB (760 AM) and in Spanish on XEXX Radio (1420 AM). (MISSION VALLEY)

Holiday Bowl, the University of Texas Longhorns return to take on the University of Washington Huskies for the 2001 Holiday Bowl game starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

December 28, in Qualcomm Sta-dium. Tickets range from \$46 to \$52, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

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art, and storytelling. Adults may take
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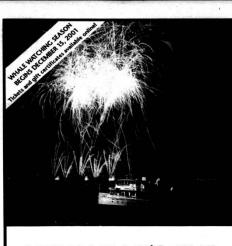
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FROM THE DUST JACKET: To Burninate the mysterious greatness of Anton Chekhov's writings, Janet Malcolm takes on three roles literary Makoom takes on three roses: internal critic, biographer, and journalist. Her close readings of the stories and plays are interwoven with episodes from Chekhov's life and framed by an account of a recent

cow, and Yalta. Writing of Chekhov's life, Malcolm demonstrates how the hadow of death that hovered over most of his literary career

shadow of death that howered over most finis literary career he became consumptive in his 20s and died in his 60s — sial most everywhere reflected in the work. She writes of his childhood, his relationship with his family, his marriage, his travels, his early success, his exile to Yallar — always with an eye to connecting them to the themes and characters of the stortes and plays. Similarly, her adventures as a journalist in contemporary Russia in the company of three wome guides — Nina, Sonia, and Nelly — become the flucture of literary insight: a misadventure at the Yalta airport, for example, leads to novel analysis of "The Lady with the Dog."

Looking at Chekhov's recurrent themes — romantic love, violence, beauty, gardens, food, among others — Malcolm makes

out patterns that have hitherto been invisible. Lovers of Chekhov and beginning readers alike will be gripped by Malcolm's multifaceted journey, and few readers of Reading Chekhov will not feel impelled to turn to or revisit the masterpieces.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Janet Malcolm was born in Prague in 1934. Her father, Joseph Winn, a psychiatrist and poet, brought Janet, her sister Marie (who writes a Marie Winn), and their mother to the United States in 1939. They settled first in Brooklyn and later in Manhattan. Malcolm attended the prestigious High School of Music and Art, and after high school, the University of Michigan. Music and Art, and after high school, the University of Michigam, be began writing for The New Yorker in the early 1960s and continues writing there (sections of what became Reading Cheldow and the Cheldow of the Cheldow of the Cheldow of the Cheldow are Diana and Mistone Edays on Photography: Psychoanalysis: The Impossible Profession, in the Freud Archives: The Journalist and the Musileers: The Patient Clinic Section Wirings: The Silort Wormson: Sylvia Path and Tel Hughes: and The Crime of Shella McGough, Malcolin lives with the Husband, Gardere Bostofort, in New York and Massachusetts.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Reading Chekhon a CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Reading Chekhors sent me to the bookstore to buy the Modern Library editions (with an introduction by Shelby Foote) of Chekhov's stories. For anyone old (as I am) or young (as you may be) who wishes to read or reread Chekhov, I recommend these three volumes. They feel good in the hand. The paper is acid free and the pages sewn. The type is not so tiny I have to squint, and while Foote's introduction is the same in all three volumes, at least his introduction is short. On the same in all three volume, at teath is infroduction is short. Our the morning that Ms. Malcolm and I talked, I mentioned that I bought these editions, in part for the type. Ms. Malcolm responded to my explanation, saying. The Ecco Press editions, I should tell you, had even bigger type. Great big type. If you were an aficionado of big type, you would have loved them."

When did Ms. Malcolm first read Chekhov, in big type or

small?

She was not sure. "All my life," she said, "I've been to Chekhov's plays, but I can tell you that my awareness of the stories began when the Ecco Press published an edition of 13 volumes of his short stories in the translation by Constance Garnett. This was a

reissue of an edition Macmillan put out in the 1920s. I was just dazzled by them. That was the beginning of my engagement with Chekhov." Mrs. Garnett translated the 13 volumes of stories between 1916 and 1922, and, as Ms. Malcolm correctly recalled, these stories were published in the United States in the 1920s by Macmillan. were published in the United States in the 1920s by Macmillan. I no volumes eventually went out of print and remained out of print. The 13 volumes became collectors' items, and collectors sorted through books on shelves of used booksellers to acquire complete sets. In 1984 Daniel Halpern, the Ecco Press editor and publisher, a man with a soft opt for Chebkov, directed the reissue, in paperback, of the 13 volume

Constance Garnett (1862 [or 1861]–1946), born in Brighton. England, either one or two years after Chekhov, attended Newnham College, Cambridge, where she studied Latin and Greek. Mrs. Codlegs, Cambridge, where she studied state of codlegs, Cambridge, where she studied state and codlegs cambridge, where she studied state and the codlegs, committee of the codlegs cambridge, where she studied state and the codlegs, codlegs cambridge state of the codlegs cambridg her in London - maybe in the monumental Soviet style, since she was indeed a Stakhanovite.")

I asked Ms. Malcolm if Mrs. Garnett was Chekhov's first

translator.

"Into English, I believe she was, yes."

Mrs. Garnett married into the illustrious Garnetts, a family that contributed to linguistic, literature, and librarianship. Constance and Edward Garnett's son, David (1892–1981), also known by his childhood nickname, Bunny, was a member of the Bloomsbury set. Bunny Garnett's second wife was Angelica Bell, the daughter of Virginia Woolfs sister, Vanesas Bell. "Ah," I said, "and, in addition to all that translating, Constance Garnett was Bunny Garnett's

"She was indeed Bunny Garnett's mother. I have a sort of Garnett's mother. I have a sort of image of her sitting in their country house and somebody pedaling up on a bicycle to get the latest translation, and she's still working on it, and she finishes it and hands it to him, and he goes off to the printer's. They [Mrs. Garnett's translations] have mirakes and way. printer's. They [Mrs. Garnett's translations] have mistakes and you can even sometimes notice them, but they're wonderful, and I'm sure they're the best, because they're 19th-century English and Chekhow wrote in the 19th Century."

We talked a bit about Mrs. Garnett and how she translated

ractically all the Russians and how she indeed was Bunny Garnett's ther and how she lived to be 80-something and her son Bur lived to be 90.

"So," Ms. Malcolm said, "you follow all that Bloomsbury

'Yes. I love it. It's like having another, extra family.' "Exactly. I think we all have a kind of proprietary feeling about

n, don't we?
Chekhov (1860–1904), of course, is one of those writers about Chekhov (1864–1904), of course, is one of those writers about whom readers have what Ms. Macioni nescribed as a "proprietary feeling." Chekhov is one of those literary names, like that of Emily Dickinson or of Keats, whose mention can draw a religious hush down over the idlest of chatter. Malcolm wonderfully describes this effect when she writes that Chekhov is "the most misunderstood" in the chekhov is "the most misunderstood". as well as the most beloved - of the 19th-century Russian geniuses.

She continues: "In Russia, no less than in our country sibly even more than in our country — Chekhov attracts a kind of sickening piety. You utter the name 'Chekhov,' and people of sickening piety. You utter the name "Chekhov, and people arrange their features as if a buby deer had come into the room." "It's very odd," I said to Ms. Malcolim, "how people do that." She laughed. "You've noticed it too?" I said that I had and went on to note that recently, as I read Chekhov stories about which Ms. Malcolm wrote, that I began to

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feel that these subtle stories, which on the last page often seem to vanesce rather than conclude, are wasted on the young. "You read nem when you're young." I said, "and you're not ready." I asked fs. Malcolm if, rereading Chekhov now that she was older, she had She paused a moment, then said, "I guess that maybe I was

fortunate in not having read too many of them [the Chekho stories] in my callow youth, and so then when I really started reading them and rereading them I was middle-aged. And that's why maybe them and rereading them! was middle-aged. And that's why maybe they had such a powerful impact on me.! agree with you. I think you're right. He's not a young person's writer. I don't know why young people respond to them."

"Why anyone responds," I said, "to the written word seems difficult to know. You never really know what goes on in a marriage and you never really know what goes on between a reader and a

Ms. Malcolm agreed, and said, much to my pleasure, "That's a very nice perception. Yes.

In Reading Chekhov Ms. Malcolm writes that with the opening in Reading Chebror Ms. Malcolm writes that with the opera-of the Soviet archives certain details about Chekhov's sex life an love life had emerged. Ms. Malcolm notes that Chekhow would "unperturbed, and probably even amused" by the disclosure of these details. For even with these disclosures, "Chekhov's privac is safe from the biographer's attempts upon it — as, indeed, are all privacies, even those of the most apparently open and even exhibitionistic natures. The letters and journals we leave behind and exhibitionistic natures. The letters and journals we leave behind and the impressions we have made on our contemporaries are the mere husk of the kernel of our essential life. When we die, the the reals bused with us. This is the horror and pife. When we die, the kernel is for the inexcapable the horror and pife of death and the reason for the inexcapable that with a discolor witers above, about privacy. I agreed with all that Ms.dom writes above, about privacy

and "inescapable triviality," and yet, I am so fond of the trivia I wondered what some of those revelations about sex and love might be. I asked if Ms. Malcolm could tell me some of the details.

Well, I did cite two examples. One was that he used bad words swear words. I don't think I need to tell you those; we all know what bad words are, right? I think maybe your paper wouldn't even want to print them, but just the normal bad words. And he talked

about being impotent."

Did she think the impotence was caused by the tuberculos

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"Possibly, or nervousness. I say in my book, 'episodes of impotence.' I never read anywhere that he said he was actually ever read anywhere that he said he was actually otent, but he would maybe mention some episode correspondence. He would talk about his sexual of impotence in correspondence. He would talk about his sexual affairs. In Donald Rayfield's biography [Anton Chekhov: A Life (1997)], there are some mentions of this, but it didn't seem very

Chekhov was 44 when he died, at Badenweiler in Germany Ms. Malcolm quotes eight nonfiction accounts of Chekhov's final hours. Each account varies in some detail. But the eighth account, from Philip Callow's 1988 hoggraphy. Chekhov: The Hidden Ground yaws wildly away from the other seven. In all accounts, champagne

hy, Chekhov: The Hidden Ground veen. In all accounts, champagne is ordered. (Chekhov was a physician as well as a writer, and Rayfield in his Chekhov biography notes that etiquette

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materializes a fair-haired waiter arrived, brought to the door by a young porter who looked as if he dbeen sleeping. His fair hair stood up, his uniform was creased, his packer half-buttoned."

Makolom writes that as he read Callow's account of Chekhov's death, she "marveled at the specificity of the new details.. Could callow have stumbed upon a cache of new primary material in a Moscow attic." She looked for notes in Callow's beak that might explain the allow, the fair hair, and other smithlant new facts. She explain the allow, the fair hair, and other smithlant new facts. She found nothing. Malcolm remembered Raymond Carver's famous story, "Errand," written after Carver learned that he was dying from lung cancer and published, before Carver's death, in *The New Yorker*. Carver, who died at 50, had been a great admirer of Chekhov,

that "a doctor at a colleague'

deathbed, when all hope wa

gone, should offer champagne." But in Callow's telling, Chekhov's

But in Callow's telling, Chekhov's doctor orders champagne from a telephone set in an alcove. And then, in Callow's version, yet another new detail

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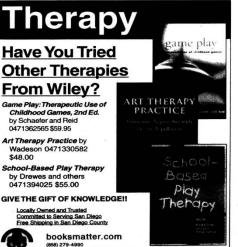
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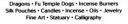
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ceping a photograph of the Rus compare the American to the Russian (although few, if any, of these admirers stop to note that it was diseased lungs that killed both Chekhoy and Carver). "Errand" is a fictional Carver), "Errand" is a fictional reconstruction of Chekhov's dying and what Malcolm discovers, rereading "Errand," is that Callow appropriated details that Carver

Ms. Malcolm and I talked about these death scenes, which she describe as offering "an instructive glimps into the workings of biographical method."

"Funny, wasn't it?" she said. "I guess it's a natural impulse to want to follow things to what seems like their natural evolution, so one of the writers actually has a moth going out the window into the summer night, do you remember?

But the matter of Carver's "Errand" as fodder for Callow, said Ms. Makolm, 'was aboutely amazing, I thought, when I read that, Tve met that waiter somewhere, at that telephone akove.' And then I went to the bookshelf, and there it was "Leonfessed that Thought, reading Callow's version and then Carver's, Thou hong it had been a time: I had seen a telephone alove."

Ms. Makolm brushed aside my silliness and continued, "But I had to the continued, "But I had to the continued," But I had to the continued of the continued in the continued of the continued of the continued." But I had to the continued in the continued of the con

I also raise the question of Carver himself, about his melding of the fictional and nonfictional. I have some doubts about that too." (What Ms. Malcolm writes, about this, is that the reader of these eight versions of Chekhov's death, who also reads Carver's "Errand,

eight versions of Chekhov's death, who also reads Carver's "Errand," "may well conclude that Carver has sinned as greatly against the spirit of fiction as Callow has sinned against the spirit of fact."] I said that when I first read Carver's story, perhaps when it appeared in *The New Yorker*, that I felt that the story "was, for

Carver, somehow, part of his own dying."

"That's a very interesting thought. That makes a lot of sense."

"And I felt," I added, "that as Carver wrote this story, he was

omforting himself with Chekhov's death. I held Carver blameless n that way, because I thought, 'Gosh, you're dying. No wonder you're

about him.

We talked more, then, about the "death" stories. I said that I was fascinated with certain details in these stories. One detail, I was inscribated with certain details in these stories. One detail, i, asaid, that interested me was the ordering of champagne. That was a detail that simply stopped me, I said, and then asked Ms. Makolm, 'Do you'ver find that when you're reading, some detail or phrase simply stops you? You stop reading? You're simply amazed? You

stare at the page?"
"Oh, yes," she said, "constantly. I'm now reading a book that "Oh, yes," she said, "constantly. I'm now reading a book that I'm really glad I didn't read when I was a young person. It must have been what you were taiking about earlier, certain books being a land on the said of the sa

as an assignment to write his biography for the Penguin Lives series Something had happened to that project and what that something was I felt rejuctant to ask. I worried that there had been some was I feel reductant to ask. I worried that there had been some unpleasantness or disappointment. So I didn't ask. I asked instead how in the spring of 1999 she happened to make the 12-day trip to Russia, to places about which Chekhov wrote and where he visited or lived.

or rived.
"It's hard to know why one does what one does when you're writing something. But I had a feeling, a strong feeling that I needed to go to Russia to write this book, and so I followed this feeling. I to go to Russia to write this book, and so I followed this feeling. I ddn't know what I was ging to own the trip, and I was prepared for not writing anything. If d done some traveling for other pixel for not writing anything. If d done some traveling for other pixels where I maybe wrote one line. I ddl a profile of lingfi d Sichy, who then was editor of AT FORTON, and I went to layly and Germany with the r, this seqinor of AT FORTON, and I went to a layly and Germany with the results with the state in the pixel with maybe one tiny little sentence or maybe two sentences about standing in line with the r at an airport, and how other people were kind of rushing to get a task, and she kind of stood there calmiy. That was the one thing I took from the whole trip? That was the one thing I took from the whole trip?

On the seventh day of Ms. Malcolm's Chekhov trip, having left behind St. Petersburg and Moscow, she arrives at an airport near Yalta. This city on the Black Sea coast was a destination for those who, like Chekhov, were tubercular, "The Lady with the Dog," on of Chekhov's most famous stories, is set, in part, in Yalta, when of Chekhov's most tamous stories, is set, in part, in Yalfa, where Chekhov lived during much of the last five years of his life. At this airport near Yalfa, Ms. Malcolm is in line to have her passport checked when she sees a stranger carry her suiticase out of the building. The suitcase is lost. But something else is found. And later, on her first evening in the sesside city, as she climbs a hill to the restaurant where she will eat dinner, she finds herself' in the inflexible grip of unhappiness over my lost clothes. And then the realization came: the recognition that when my suitcase was taken, something else had been restored to me — feeling itself. Until the sometiming eise nau ocen restored to me — feeling itself. Until the mishap at the airport, I had not felt anything very much. Without knowing exactly why, I have always found travel writing a little boring, and how the reason seemed clear: travel itself is a low-key emotional experience, a pallid affair in comparison to ordinary life. **

This confession about restoration of feeling itself clears a path for Ms. Malcolm's discussion of home. "...our homes are Gran she writes. "They are where the action is; they are where the riches of experience are distributed. On our travels, we stand before of experience are distributed. On our travets, we stand before paintings and look at scenery, and sometimes we are moved, but rarely are we as engaged with life as we are in the course of any ordinary day in our usual surroundings."

I said, only half-jokingly, to Ms. Malcolm that she was lucky

I said, only nair products to lose her suitcase.

She agreed. "Yes, I was lucky that I did. I guess that's what journalism feeds on, the misadventures that become the substance

e writing. We talked about Ms. Malcolm's guides — Nina, Sonia, and

We taiked about Ms. Maicoin's guides— wina, Sonia, and Nelly. I asked, "Was Nina the nice one,"
"She was the nice one," Ms. Malcolm said. "She was a wonderful woman. We had a lovely time together."
"You wrote so well, though, about Sonia, the one who wasn't

Ms. Malcolm sighed and then said, "She was like another lost suitcase.

- Judith Moore

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, "The World of lies with young children features the combined voices of the cathedral boys' choir and the St. Cecilia Girls' Choir. Children will be invited to go to the front to participate. Free. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN) Sound* offers instruments from a va-riety of cultures and activities focusing on the science of sound, sound waves, and how sound travels. The museum is designed as an educational envi-ronment through art, science, and so-cial activities for children 2 through Story Time! Listen to It's Kwanzae Time! by Synthia Jones at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Thursday, De-12. Look for a medieval castle, m

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Children's Room at the San D Chitaren's Room at the San Public Library. Participants may ten to the five nominated ston make a craft, and vote for their vorite books. The series begins w Cook-a-Doodle Duo by Janet Stes read on Wednesday, Januar 2002. Helen Lester's Hooway Events begin at 3 p.m. at 820 Street, Free, 619-236-5838, (DOWNTOW

mirror, mini-city, and renovated chil-dren's marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103;760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD) What's It Like to Be a Whale Ba

Find out during the class for the three and four years old planned Saturday, January 5, 2002, 9:30 a.m., at the Birch Aquarit luseum. Children will expl hrough video, stories, crafts

through video, stories, crafts, role playing the relationship betw mother and calf, what the babies and how fast they grow.

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MUSEUMS

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Bancroft Ranch House Muse

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifact and memorabilia of early settlers in the area and is run by the Spring Val ley Historical Society. The home built in 1863, was registered as a Na tional Historic Landmark in 196 and is on a spot where Kuneyah in diana camped more than 1000 year ago beside the spring that later gav the area it a name. The museum i found at 9050 Memory Lane; cal 619-469-1480 for more information

honors Doc John Heath Ball, the fir surf documentain, telling the sto ries of those pioneering surfers i photographs by Ball and text. Man of the photographs, surfboards, an other artifacts have never been o

public display before.

The museum features surfing ar tifacts and memorabilia — such a tifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "LJ." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and that way-cool megastar from Hawaii, Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 22 North Coast Highway. 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chule Viste Nature Center, an in teractive living museum devotes the endangered Southern Califor the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, is located in the middle of Sweetwater Marsh Na-tional Wedlife Retuge. The facility is home to fish and invertebrates that inhabit the muld flast and marshes of San Diego Bay, Visitors can use a Biocanner to view animals macro-scopically, use a Wentracope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. At other exhibits, visitors can pet sharks and rays, see burrowing owks and migratory birds, and enjoy the serophytic gardens. Visitors meet a shuttle bus 1 the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or

at the center's parking lot at the foc of E Street and Bay Box more details, call 619-422-2481

Computer Museum of America, exhibits include vintage/video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare "millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum tube, sound-res sive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Sev enth Avenue). For additional details dial 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a re search library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corp Air Station Miramar. For informa tion, call 858-693-1723, (MIRAMAR)

Gaalamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early mili-

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ond Santa Mo

Heritage Walk Museum, the mu-seum includes the restored Victoria

House, the city's original Santa Fe

Library, operated by the Alpine His-torical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in Historia artifacts from the Kingery fam-dian artifacts from the Kingery fam-ily. The museum is open on the last Saturday and Sunday of every month

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Road. For information, call 619-659 8740. (ALPINE)

Museum of History and Art, in an era before television, the poster pro-vided a rapid and effective mecha-

John DeWitt Historic Mus

Like a ship caught fast on a sandbar, the Vardugo Mountains protrude above what valued of the was been an unbroken sheet of all valued deposits stanting down from the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains toward the san Fennando Valley. The narrow, sloping La From now through late Crescentral Valley divides the Verdugos from January, at the vantage of the processing valley and the value of the va Verduge Mountains protrude above what would otherwise be an unbroken sheet of altivide deposits slarting down from the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains toward the San Fennando Valley. The narrow, sloping Le Crescenta Valley divides the Verduges from the San Gabriels to the east, while the particle San Fennando Valley. cake flat San Fernando Valley stretches near ly 20 miles to the west. Naturally, the summit ridge of the

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tary history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find

the museum at 413 Market Stree

Heritage of the Americas Museum the museum features art and artifact from South and North America, con

incient cultures. A mural by Mona

Mills depicting ancient Teotihuacan in its days of glory is now on exhibit.

in its days of glory is now on exhibit, resulting from the artist's extensive study of this ancient "City of the Gods" that was once home to 200,000 people in central Mexico. The mu-seum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, educa-

natural history, archaeology, educa-tion, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuya-

maca College campus. 12110 Cuya-maca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DEGO)

of California's coastline for a considerable distance'up' the coast from Los Angeles.

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At other times of the year, the sun's sinking path intersects the coastal mountains. The seemingly strange fact of the sun setting over land most of the year is a consequence of the east-west orientation of California's coastiline for a considerable time.

Road. About halfway up the north road you'll come to a trickling spring and a water tank nestled in a shady ravine, a good

tank nestled in a shady ravine, a good place for a breather.

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discover why dinosaur fossils are rare in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times). The museum also offers the "giant-screen film" Orant Ossis, exploring Mesico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and arti-facts. There is a cowboy bunk house, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack

room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local

Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rister. Women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800 are also on display. The Bancroff Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex. Find it all at 645 Main Street. For processing formation, call 1704, and its research of the complex of

nore information, call 760-789

7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Natural History Museum, to celebrate the annual arrival of monarch butterflies in San Diego, see the "Monarca: Butterfly beyond Boundaries," on exhibition through Sunday, January 6, 2002. The exhibit takes an in-depth look into the life order migration, and expirionmental

takes an in-depth look into the life cycle, migration, and environmental threats to monarchs. A 1000-square-foot enclosure of a walk-through but-terfly house where guests inspect and interact with all four stages of the monarch life cycle is part of the show. An assemblage of museum spec-imens, rocks, fossils, live plants, and animals tell stories about the region's resolution of the stories about the region's resolution.

prehistoric and current habitats in "Natural Treasures: Past and Pre

"Natural Treasures: Past and Pre-sent." The ongoing exhibition is said to "display old treasures most loved by the community and to introduce new fossils that have never been seen by the public," as well as highlighting the museum's extensive paleonto-logical collections. Visitors will also discover why dimosaur fossils are rare

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from WWII" features the work of Jon Whitcomb, Albert Dorne, John Phillip Falter, and James Mont-gomery Flage, best known for his "Uncle Sam Wants You" caricatures. Themes include women at work, the necessity of frugality and confiden-tiality, patriotism, and loyalty. See the show through Monday, Febru-ary 11, 2002.

ary 11, 2002.
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The comparison indicates how much respect I have for Ingolfsson's potential.

iolinist Judith Ingolfsson performed in the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's "Discovery Series." A winner of the top prize at Indianapolis's International Violin Competition, and a seasoned professional

wood Auditorium rexital.

First of all, it was an error of tac Land judg-ment (and, I believe, musical taste) to begin the concert with Arnold Schoenberg's Phan-tasy for Violin with Piano Accompaniment, that repulsive composer's Opts 47, We heard the same work placed by Axel Strains last year, and the same work placed by Axel Strains last year. lently anti-violinistic writing has not changed in the meantime. Strauss, at least, placed the Schoenberg piece in the second half of the pro-Schoenberg piece in the second half of the pro-gram, and made an effort to keep the sound brilliant and lyrical, even if the muse itself con-stituted an attack on the listener's sense of meaningful emotional structure, Ingolfsoon was much more into the work's essential char-acter, playing with extreme aggressiveness, giving the unmotivated outbursts their fully measure of hostility, and bearing down with the bow in a way to set your teeth on edge. The

ity of the composer's virtually contemporary Don Juan. It requires big and bold artistry, along with emotional intensity (the score is didn't know when to let up, when to allow an easing of the tension, when to strengthen a powerful effect by contrasting it with some-thing a little less heated. There seemed to be no limits set to the unremitting bow pressure, the

accompanist, Ronald Saf, who conveyed vir-tually nothing of the sweeping gestures and orchestral sonorities of the pane part. The second half of the recital began with Bach's solo voolin Partita No. 1 (BWY 1002). The B Minor Partita may very well be the most difficult on Partita may very well be the most difficult on the partition of the account of the partition of the partition of the partition of the account of the partition of the partition of the partition of the account of the partition of the partition of the partition of the account of the partition of the partition of the partition of the account of the partition of th a unique structure: four movements, each of which is immediately followed by a second ver which is immediately followed by a second ver-sion ("Double") or the same material, exploring the ideas in a new way, with a different texture, at a different speed, and with different expres-sive intent. All the eight movements have the identical binary structure, all are in the same key; and most of them consist in their entirety of notes of identical metrical value. The danthe listener aware of the subtleties of Bach's in

underlies (at whatever distance) the music was effectively smothered. Instead of the illuminating accents, dynamically shaped phrases, varied articula tions, and underlined structural points that are structural points that are implied by the writing (and demanded for an invigorating and absorb-ing performance), she tended to plod through movement after move ment, conscientiously, but without exerting a vivid interpretive intelli-gence of her own, as though the pitches would speak for themselves. nemselves. Her playing reminded

me in many ways of the 1979 Moscow performance of the B Minor Partita by Oleg Kagan. The comparison indicates how much The comparison indicates how much respect I have for Ingolfsson's potential, for Kagan was one of the greatest violinists of the 20th Century — but his Bach was exceedingly boring, and so was Ingolfsson's.

The challenge of this Partita's large-scale structural innovations was rendered more diff-

ficult by the printed program, which listed only the four named movements and omitted the the four named movements and omitted the "Doubles" idhhough of course Eric Bromberger dealt with them lucidly in his program notes), Much of the audience therefore did not real-ize that they were hearing paired movements and missed that essential structural principle en-tirely. Nevertheless, Ingolfsson shared the responsibility, because there the morbing in her demeanor, her spacing of the movement or (most importantly) her interpretation of the pairs, to communicate to the audience that ev you will hear in recordings of the B Minor Paradmire the violinist's spec-tacular virtuosity, while at the same time delighting in the unrestrained *élan* she imparted to this wild gypsy score Artist and work were at last in harmony. Even more en couragingly, the same might be said of the encore, Fritz be said of the encore, Fritz Kreisler's Schön Rosmarin, where the Sherwood audience finally had a chance to per-ceive Judith Ingolfsson playing with charm, grace, and a winning lightness of heart, as well as an impeccable sense of style.

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lyn Larson and Kathleen Scheide (harpsichord and organ). The recital begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, De-cember 21, at 16315 Pomerado Road. Admission is free. Call 858–847-4007 for additional information. (POWAY)

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tion of the piece at 7 p.m. on Satur-day, December 22. Find the church at 743 Prospect Street. Tickets range from \$28 to \$75. (LA JOLLA)

The complete oratorio may also be heard on Sunday, December 23, at 2 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$15 to \$30. To obtain tickets and informa-534. 10 obtain tickets and informa-tion on any of these recitals, call 888-848-7326 x7. (ESCONDIDO)

Christmas Eve finds the chorus Christmas Eve finds the chorus and string and brass quartets at 5t. Mark's United Methodist Church performing Messiah. The performance begins at 10 p.m. on Monday, December 24. Find the church at 3902 Caiaremon Drive and by calling 858-233-1480. An offering will be received. (EURIMONN)

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"A Little Advent Music" by early 20th-Century German composer Hugo Distler is the centerpiece when the choir at First Lutheran Church presents its annual Advent choral concert on Sunday, December 23. The Distler work is described as a retelling of the angel's annunciation to Mary that she will bear the Christ whild The concert discrete by larved child. The concert, directed by Jare lacobsen, will be accompanied by the Jacobsen, will be acompanied by the chamber group Allegro. The pro-gram also features other anthems and seasonal readings from 20th-Century and earlier poets. The concert begins at 5 p.m. at 1420 Third Avenue. Admission is free. For more information, dial oly-234-ol-149, (gowntown)

"I Love Opera" next convenes at the Academy of Sound and Music on

"A Little Advent Music" by carly Sunday, December 23, at 7 p.m. Singers of all ages will perform arias, art songs, and Broadway favorites (a professional accompanist is pro-vided). You're invited to sing, listen, or both! The suggested donation is \$5. Find the academy at 1495 C. Street, For an audition appointment and information, call 619:702-1495. DOWNTOWN Busy Civic Organist Carol William

presents concerts on Sundays in the Spreckels Organ Pavlion. The annual Christmas sing-along is slated for De-cember 23: another concert is set for December 30. Concerts begin at 2 p.m. For further information, dal 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)







GALLERIES

New Paintings by Jeremy Farson go on exhibit with a reception on Fri-day, December 21, at 7 p.m., at the coponymous 838 G Gallery (between Eighth and Ninth Avenues). The show continues through Saturday, January 5, 2002. Gallery hours are noon 16 6, p.m. Monday through noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Sunday, 619-239-3862, (DOWNTOWN)

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The exhibit includes a selection of 19 large-scale black-and-white and color digital photographs from San Francisco artists Michael Light's book Full Moorn. Apollo Mission Photographs of the Lunar Landscape. The works of astrophotographer David Mailin (View of the Universe) are also represented in this show.

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Our vision of outer space was 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 ex-amples of pop culture's most inter-esting representations of outer space and space toys are gathered in "Blast esting representations of outer space and space toys are gathered in "Blast Off! Space Toys and the American Imagination." The toys, made be-tween the 1930s and 1969 (the year of the first moon landing), reflect Amer-

Sunday, January 13, 2002. The first sculptural installations in the ongoing "Public Projects" se-ries are by San Diegan Kenneth Capps. The 20 metal sculptures can be viewed through Sunday, March 10, 2002, sited by the artist March 10, 2002, sited by the artists 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. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingel International Museum of Folk Art, "Venini — Glass and De-eign 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

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Surveying the depth and range of the museum's holdings, "Selec-tions from the Permanent Collec-

tion: The 1970s," on view through Tuesday, January 22, 2002, suggests the variety of approaches employed by artists in the U.S. during this decade. It was a "decade of tremensculptors and painters associated with minimalism, such as Donald Judd and Robert Mangol, as well as conceptual art pieces by Barry Le Va and Bruce Nauman. Find the museum at 1001 Ket-tner Boulevard (at Broadway), di-

ther Boulevard (at Broadway), di-rectly across from the Santa Fe Rail-road Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

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Museum of Contemporary Art, La
Folla, entering this new millennium, contemporary art is more diverse
than ever before. Newly accessible innologies have provided fresh materials for artists. "Lateral Thinking: Art
of the 1990s" highlights the significant works the museum has added to
decade. Approximately 60 new paintings, sculptures, photographs, installations, and videouspea trace the museum's emagement with the art of
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A special selection of works from the permanent collection by artists featured in UCSD's Stuart Collection featured in UCSD's Stuart Collection are on view in "Cross References: Celebrating the Stuart Collection." Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Stuart Collection is a renowned group of 15 site-specific commissioned works of public at 10-cated on the UCSD campus. Located on the UCSD campus. Anniversal of the Stuart Collection of the Collection of the Collection of the Stuart at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (IA JOLA)

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Ezza Jack Keats are featured in
"Snowy Day and Smoky Night."
Keats authored and/or illustrated
more than 85 books in his lifetime,
Daz, who began his career right here
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1860-1960." All 98 included frames are displayed without pictures to minimize distraction. In addition, approximately 17 frames from the museum's collection replete with their paintings are integrated to re-veal how a painting benefits from a successful pairing with a great frame. Consider this opportunity to "ap-preciate what is often an overlooked decorative arts" through Sunday. February 2, 2002.

A reinstallation of approximately 40 European paintings from the mu-seum's collection and from private collections exploring the impact that

on art between 1870 and 1940 is of-fered in "European Art, 1870-1940. War and Revolution," on exhibit ough Sunday, July 28, 2002, Dur

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ishna'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 manifest his divine nature." Enjoy these paintings through Sunday, January 27, 2002.

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Timken Museum of Art, the museum's holiday tree is once again adorned with more than 1000 hand-crafted ornaments created by San Diego artists Elizabeth Schlappi and the late Florence Hord. See the decorated tree through December.

"Choices and Inspirations: The

Temptation of Saint Anthony," is a instructive exhibition exploring how a work of art is brought into being a work of art is brought into being. The exhibit traces the specific cre-ative influences on 16th-Century Venetian painter Giovanni Savoldo's Temptation of Saint Anthony, a paint-ing in the museum's permanent col-lection. See the show through Febru-The museum's permanent co

lection includes European masters 19th-Century American paintings

Calendar THEATER

Unmask Evil 'Fairy tales exist in this room.'

ot "how to" books about theater fall just this side of helpless. But the side of helpless. But of the sheat if you have an actor, or lover of theater, on your Xmas list and want to give them a special read? For an answer a saked locally activationers to recommend books about theater that are actually useful. Each suggestion

came with a caution: acting texts won't make an actor, any more han swimming books make swimmers. You still have to dive in.

Gina Angelique, Artistic Director, Eveoke Dance Theater, recommends: Uta Hagen, A Challenge for the Actor (Scribners, 1991). Uta's so great! She once said that theater is-

n't bigger than life and that you shouldn't lose yourself in a role but that you should find your-self in the role. She also said that the reality of life

self in the role. She also said that the reality of life is all you need to make theater magnetic. She's a wonderful actor [the original Martha in Who's Andiad of Värginia Wootfs] and teacher. In the early '90s, I was blessed to study with her for two semesters in New York. She invited a few of us to her other classes at HB Studio, where she teaches advanced actors. So I got about six hours of Uta a day, per semester, which was life-changof Uta a day, per semester, which was life chang-ing. Her writings the samed My one critisism of Challenge she bolds some sentences. But each one goes to a deeper, more intense place, jarring the plaque in the reader's mind. Challenge helps define what it takes to be a true artist. Uta doesn't write for the actor who wants to do big bada-bing applaud-me-now stuff but for those who want to leave an audience as-

ounded. And to be an artist you must practice and educate yourself on a daily, disciplined ba-

and educate yourseit on a daily, disciplined basis—discipline like you never imagined.
The book offers exercises, for an entire career,
ou will never perfect, just like a dancer will never
inderstand pilé completely and totally. She articutes ways of practicing that enable you to self-guide.
Another thing I love about Uta: so much of

veryday life stuns the senses numb. She urges rtists to invigorate them. Truth and magic in a erformance come from your ability to wear a rown of eyes, to hear and see and taste and smell

nd touch, in poignant and visceral ways.

Uta avoids general views of anything. She won't

just notice a coffee cup. She'll explore how the doily underneath is stained and what that visual image feels like. She can turn detailed sensory feelings into impulses for action. And that detail is the dif-ference between 'display' acting and real acting. Her discussion of 'transfer-

ence" is terrific. Say she must be horrified onstage but can't relate to the exact circumstance. She re-GIFT IDEAS to the exact circumstance. She re-members a time as a child running home from school when six or seven children

home from school when six or seven children threw snow pellest a ther and called her "athesti" because her family didn't go to church. She doem't recall the general experience. She sees she bifocal glasses on one boy's face, as he threw a pellet, and how the lenses made his eyeballs split. Whenever she needs to be instantly terrorized, she recalls— and "transfers"—those warped, savage eyes. All true artists are activists and have a re-sconsibility to octer, and IUE's none of the dearest sponsibility to society, and Uta's one of the deares activists I know. She says an artist should have an insatiable curiosity about the human condition,

and no artist has it more than her. Anyone can Peter Larlham, Professor of Theater, San Diego State University, recommends: J.L. Styan, Modern Drama in Theory and Practice, three volumes (Cam-

I teach theater in a theater department and of ten direct plays that serve the curriculum. Students

ten direct plays that serve the curriculum. Students aks, "Why are we doing Uha Roît It's a children's play...about puppets, with nothing to say to me." Teachers of theater history need to gave plays like Uha Roi a context. You can direct students to articles and books, but they could find the search overwhelming. Plus, one tends to think of history as linear. But it really an'i. In the theater it's all con-

as linear. But it really sin it. In the theater if sail confused, Expressions running alongside Realism. It's a jungle anyone can get lost in.

Years ago, in a London bookshop, I found three volumes that take you straight to the sub-ject. Span's Modern Parma in Theory and Partice gives the whole picture of 20th-century theater and joins its gramp parts together. Volume one talks about Realism and Naturalism: two. Symbolism, Surrealism, and the Abaurd; three. Expressionism and Epic Theater.

He gives the theories behind each movement and also describes the key productions of the last

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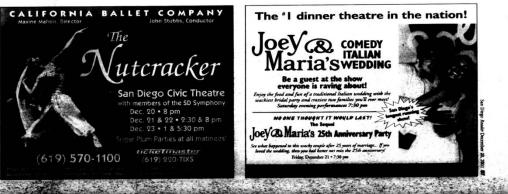
century. Because it's three volumes - each with century. Because it's three volumes — each with a time line and lists of plays — you can cross-reference and see not only what was going on in 1896, when Ubu Roi was produced in Paris. You can see simultaneously what was happening in the development of realism, or Chekhov or Strind-berg, and see how each tried to find new ways of

What makes the book unique it's as much abou performance as theory. And one thing readers will notice, again and again: many of the most famous productions were not well received. Imagine one di-rected by Jean Cocteau, danced by Daighilev's









performed in 1917. The audi nce gave it mixed reviews. Many

ters in Search of an Author— the first performance was hated. When Pirandello came onstage, he was hissed and booed. They even threw coins at him when

even threw coins at him wher he tried to escape in a car! One of the biggest plusses Styan's so readable. You follow an exciting story rather thar just get bamboozled with facts And it's a style of writing that wishes they could do, with sucl clarity and honesty and lack of self-interest. Nothing pompous, nothing exaggerated, perfect in

many ways.
In a preface, Styan says he is through a jungle of detail." Needless to say, the books will serve theater people, students, and theatergoers eager to know the context of a play they're go-ing to see. And it's really nice to have Styan at the front, clear-ing a path — and to pop in there whenever I want a few

he's blazed the trail so expertly. Laurie Seaman, artistic diretor, San Diego Theatresports; Director, Center of Improvi-

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Keith Johnstone, Improv (Rout-ledge, 1979); and Improv for Storytellers (Routledge, 1999). Keith Johnstone, author and orldwide improv guru, wants

worldwide improv guru, wants to free the imagination: from so-cial training, from fear — stage fright, especially — from the drive to be original, or be seen as funny, or talented. He feels that all these pressures shut down your natural capacity to be real onstage. He spent a lifetime de-veloping proven methods to release the creative mind.

release the creative mind.

When he taught and directed
at England's Royal Court The-atre, in the '60s, the rigid training
of the time drove him crazy. Acexpectations and theories, he couldn't get any truth out of them. So he started using im-provisation, which was illegal in rnem. So he started using im-provisation, which was illegal in England. Public improv was too revolutionary, because govern-ment censors couldn't review a script for subversive content.

He moved to Canada and founded the Loose Moose The atre, in Calgary. He focused on improvisation and realized he improvisation and realized he didn't need texts or directors or the trappings of "thea-tah" to create real, connected expe-riences for audiences.

Improv has four sections "Status," "Spontaneity," "Nar-rative Skill," and "Masks and Trance." In "Status," Keith re jects the idea that stories are jects the idea that stories are about individual characters. The basis of theater is relationship, and status is its code: who leads, who follows, the body language of connections. It's universal.

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When you're seeing a show in a foreign language, if the actors are using the cues of status, you can follow it because they create the reality in a relationshi

and outer critics so the natural storyteller can emerge. Society trains us to be clever, funny, and witty, so we sabotage the story by throwing in Martians or marshmallows on fire. This is the work of the inner critic who rejects useful, obvious ideas in a panicked attempt to be en ertaining. Spontaneity teacher actors to act and react in each moment, freeing them from un

moment, freeing them from un-necessary "planning."
Throughout Improv Keith teaches performers not to be funny but to take what already exists and add the next thing. It's the basis for improvisation, for comedy and for good acting. Actors take what's given them

onstage, hear it, and use it. I've studied with Keith in Calgary periodically since 1993 and his Improv for Storytellers is like being in one of his classes. The title's a bit confusing for some, because it sounds like it's just for storytellers, but it's for all artists. I often teach impro-

classes right out of this book. What's wonderful about both books they aren't technical man uals. They're fun, quirky, humorous — just like Keith — and so entertaining, you want to read each in one sitting. They're for anyone who wants to be more

COMING NEXT:

minds, or lose their fear of speak ing in public. I can't count the number of people who tell me, sometimes in tears, that Improv

Allan Havis, playwright, head of MFA Playwrighting program, UCSD, recent editor of American Political Plays: An Anthology (University of Illinois, 2001) ends: David Savran, In Their Own Words: Contemporary American Playwrights (Theatre Communications Group, 1988). Twenty writers, in Savran's

terrific collection, speak candidly and realistically about the conditions that make them write why they feel the American the

with each writer, their pas sionate interests and eccentritics. It's equivalent to being on a transcontinental flight sitting a transcontinental flight sitting next to John Guare. And he's telling you with a spare joke or two how he started as a play-wright, what his anger and concerns are, and what kinds of demons haunt him when he

Most of the writers express a curious haunting. It's as if they take you into their most private room and say "I don't have a lo room and say, "I don't have a lot of control here, I have childhood fears in this room. In this room life is very mean. Fairy tales ex-ist in this room." The haunting is the undisguised imagination

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unfit for public consumption. So Strindberg is more haunted than Ibsen — the psychopathic writer not controlling completely the etiquete of his presence. The real strength of the book, for those who want to write plays or know about younger Ameri-can playwrights: the Yil hear writers talking about heady themes and why they are often so themes and why they are often so angry. Every memorable play has a strong theme. Igniting it goes beyond alchemy and smart castbeyond atchemy and smart cast-ing. Perhaps it's simply the magical conspiracy of writing an urgent story.

The book won't teach play-

The book won't teach play-wrights how to set a theme on fire or develop a lost character. It does show how these playwrights find their respective themes and characters, as when Emily Mann talks about a Folocaust survivor or David Henry Hwang talks about accessing his subconsions. about accessing his subconscious It's as if they channel disembodied voices. Call it writing withou fingerprints - where you don't get the sense that the writer is

manipulating characters.

Strikingly good plays also unmask some form of evil. You can never kill evil, or eradicate that you can unmask it, and it, but you can unmask it, and that's the best thing we can do

A lot of highly praised writ A lot of highly praised writ-ing never pulls away the mask but teases the idea of doing the task. These acclaimed plays fake commitment. They just dance around the taboo. But read Wallace Shawn talking about his Aunt Dan and Lemon. Shawn's play is dangerous because it looks like the author supports the ext mination of an entire peop Instead, he perversely unmas this kind of thinking. Read Mar misogyny and violence in

Although Savran's book ha been in print for 12 years, it stil gives an uncanny CAT scan American writers from ages to 70. It remains a notable box to cultivate an appreciation playwrights. Afterwards, ader can see or read the pla and begin a fruitful journey theater and the literature for

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Carol: A Christmas Story
The new Women's Repertory The
atre opened its doors with a funny
feminist take on Dickens's familiar tale. Like old Ebeneezer, Carol Scrooge is a self-centered exec (in the music business) with mam-moth control issues and a permamoth control issues and a perma-nent storm cloud above her head. Her mother died a week ago, but was she the boogey-eyed swine Carol remembers, or a far gentler coul? Three ghosts — part kary, part Keystone Kops — point the way (typical of the show's satirical humor, when they arrive, one or ders another to "pose"; also, Carol tells the dark-robed Ghost of the tells the dark-robed Ghost of the Future to stand taller: "yer all hunched over"). Though a bit lack-ing in polish, the show's very funy and has a thoughtful side, about things that drive today's women, but don't have to, and about accep-tance of oneself. Directed with a good eye for comic touches by Francine Chemnick, the show feaures Helen Lesnick as Carol, sharp, harried, and an uneven cast sharp, harried, and an uneven cast. Lee Lampard (especially so Carol's deaf sister. Francine) and Dana Pacheco (a riot as the Ghost of Christmas Past) make major con-tributions. Another standout is the space, called Actor's Asylum. It's a relatively deep 49-seat house not far from SDSU, with — like Gail

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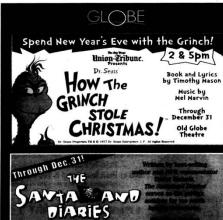
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How the Griach Stele Christmas The Green Meanie's back. He still speaks warpy rhymes, and still hates Christmas (when he sees stockings, the thinks of feet) but doent 'know why (don't ask), and his heart's still roo sizes too small. So he schemes once again to erare holiday cheer from the pear-shaped citizens of Who-ville, little knowing that there's more to Christmas than there's more to Christmas than mere gifts. The Globe Theatre's an-nual Christmas show's a treat for eyes and ears. John Lee Beatry's car-toony sets make snowdrifts look like vast scoops of melting vanilia ice cream; Robert Morgan's cos-tumes turn the Whos' into bulbous candy canes. John DeLuca's chore-ography finds order and style in something as closeed as Christmas. mething as clogged as Christmas shopping. And regulars to the show — Julian Gamble as Old Max, show — Julian Garmie as On Assistance as He Grinch's ests while pooch, Melinda Gilb, Eileen Bowman, Rusty Ross, Robert MacAulay — perform with fresh verve. Guy Paul's Grinch, a collage of voices, can still scare and charm, often in the same breath. And when young Mary Frances McClay sings "Santa for a Day," she could thaw winter. Worth a try

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Jeffrey
Paul Rudnick's "comedy about
AIDS" couldn't be more relevant.
In an age of plagues — global ter-orism, terhal diseases — people want to ostrich themselves from life. Or become morbidly preoccu-pied with potential disaster. Rud-nick's message, similar to Peter
Sarnes's Red Nover: sure there are atrocities, even some without names as yet, but so what! Live life anyway, leffrey used to be the gay "sexual pushover of Manhattan." When he decides to flee from possible happiness, a priest berates him: "When did despair become enjoyable! Grief, yet, tears, of course, but terminal gloom? Even Brecht wrote musicals." [effrey] makes a heroic Bronx cheer a doom mongers. The first act - it's doom mongers. The first act—its
in the writing—comes close to diluting the gravity of AIDS. It's a
mite silly, and you wonder where
the play's going. In Act two, as if
his orchestration suddenly added a
bass clef, Rudnick's comedy and
drama resonate. Jeffrey is Diversionary Theatre's third quality production in a row. Director Tim Irvduction in a row. Director Tim Irvduction in a row. Director Tim Irv-ing has a knack for finding the core ing has a knack for Innding the core of humor and the heart of a play. And Adam Edwards, who plays leftey, is fast becoming a local actor whose name alone should draw audiences. His impish charm makes him a perfect match for leffrey.

Other standouts: Manuel I. Ferandes is a boot as Eather Dan, the world's hippest priest, and Laura Bozanich is terrific as a gaggle of nozanich is terrine as a gaggie of sharply etched, screamingly funny women, ranging from Mother Teresa to Debra Moorehouse, a "postmodern self-help guru" who has no credentials; she just likes to

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Lamb's Players Festival of Christmas: Angel's Arms Written and directed by Kerr

Meads, Lamb's holiday show takes place in "an old forgotten inn on a stormy English coastline," where a STORMY ENGLISH COASTLINE, WHERE CHOCKED WITTER SPARES A CEICHATEL LAMB S PLAYERS THEATRE. THROUGH DECEMBER 24: THURSDAY AND SUN-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATUR DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. MATENES THURSDAY, DE-CEMBER 20. AND FRIDAY, DECEM-BER 21, AT 2:00 P.M. ALSO MONDAY DECEMBER 24, AT 5:00 P.M.

La Pastorela de la Luz Teatro Mascara Maiica rmed in Old Town was a z orela (Whaley House, 1858, and probably others staged earlier at

to Bethiehem for reasons they don't understand, reveals some Hispanic roots of San Diego cul-ture. Teatro Mascara Majica's opening night performance, how-ever, was rehearsals away from pre-cision. The pace, usually one of di-rector William Virchis's hallmarks, tectors. Will pure constantly victors takes to the legged throughout (if the actors just picked up their cust they could knock. 10 minutes off the running time). And the action scenes, another Virchis hallmark, moved in slo-mo, as if mere warm-ups for a future main event. The show thousand come together, so audience an enjoy its spectacle, and Claudio Raygous's capable performance as and Cease Chever. Take out the and Cesar Chavez. Take out the glitches and ICO Maxx, who plays gottenes and ICU/maxx, wno piank Lucifer as a street-smart rapper, can shine as well. Lucifer makes his first entrance singing the Rolling Stones' "Sympathy for the Devil." On opening night, Maxx's mike didn't work, and the song became sympathy for the singer.

ympathy for the singer.

HURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMA TION CALL 619:544 1000. National Comedy Theatr

ComedySportz changed its name but its methods (and madness) re main the same. Improvisationa main the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from two wrestling ("where Terridone competitively. He got the from pro wrestling ("where Te ble Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads Priests, while mums and usus yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Com-edy Theatre, an offshoot of John-stone's TheatreSports (artistic di-

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rector Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American footbal"), resemble an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on Ac-tro Turf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audi-ence, they played "Emotional Sym-pathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tig," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got bosed, quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest people action of the gold contest people action of the gold in made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gark Kramer

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ted Sandy Duncan with Wheat

Thins?). The show bills itself as

mindless fun. Much of it is, and no nore. But some local ref negative remarks about Lakeside and Paradise Hills, for example – and Paradise Fills, for example— raise nagging questions about the anything-for-a-laugh mindset be-hind the production. Worth a try.

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making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive screenaking, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Pursts might balk at the ediousness of comparisons, but Theatresports' game show? is a hoot. The 90 minute evening uses various formats. The show! caught had "Team Sports"— two pained at Team Sports— two pained from the audience and "Go-rilla Theatre"— five "director". invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a ba-nana, the loser a "forfeit." Some atnama, the issers a fortest. Some at-tempts went nowhere (I repeat: im-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-out best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Im-

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one of the few brilliant books (Im-pol I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try. REHARSAL BOOM THEATRE, MARY LAND HOTEL. 644 F STREET, DOWN TOWN, FRIEDSY AT 800 PM, FOR BY FORMATION CALL 619 465 SHOW

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mit, but not "ordinary ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaul. There's also the Forever Plaul problem: the three comediants are far too talented to play inept char

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffee-house 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend— "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," acters. One's a whiz at the piar the third's a crackerjack magic The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of diffic ties to overcome, you wish they quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Hugh plays '70s tunes on the pi-ano. He and his companions, here 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 went far. They're "losers," they ad-Worth a try

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XETV canceled Fox News at Noon, after running it for a year and a half. Each Friday the Channel 6 news show featured Fox Rox, a segment

"There's not a lot of ways

There's not a lot of ways to get local music promoted and heard in this town," said Ron "Moses Leroy" Fountenberry, one of the rockers who played live on the show.

Fox Rox started as a fiveminute segment. Two

months ago, Fox Rox tapped local music writer Troy Johnlocal music writer Troy John-son as host and coproducer. When he joined, Fox Rox ex-panded to 30 minutes and included CD reviews and concert picks. Steve Poltz, Ja-son Mraz, Convoy, the Dave Brown, president of local PR company Holiday Matinee, placed Boilermaker on Fox Rox. "We got six emails from that. Noon on Friday is a tough slot. I think ITV viewership! is mostly made up of soccer moms."

Though assistant new di-

Though assistant news director Mark Jacobs would not discuss the cancellation of Fox News at Noon, Jacobs of Fox News at Noon, Jacobs would say that Fox Rox would be returning to the airwaves as its own show be-ginning February 8, 2002. He said it will air every Friday at

and/ors, and Rochelle, Rochelle all played live on Fox Rox. "We didn't get a huge amount of feedback," said

Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash's leader Mark Campbell about his appearance." I guess there's not a lot of peo-ple watching TV at that time of day."

sider's perspective on the city's huge scene and point out the bands that aren't on the charts yet." midnight.
Johnson thinks Fox Rox
could thrive at night. "That
[noon] time slot is deadly. - Ken Leighton

FOX ROX WALKS TO P.M.

The rock crowd is barely waking up — if they are even home. The news directors and myself are exploring ways to...find advertisers to

keep it going San Diego

has a huge music population We have three bands in the

We have three bands in the top of the Billboard charts right now [with] P.O.D., Jewel, and blink-182. San Diego is ripe for a music show on TV hosted by music

geeks who can give an in-

The rock crowd is barely

"I don't eat meat. It pretty much disgusts me."

Travis Ryan is the lead travis Ryan is the lead singer of Cattle Decapitation the "grindcore" band whose four members won't con-sume meat. Two are vegetarian. Two are vegan.

"There isn't much of a scene for a vegetarian death metal band." Nevertheless, after five

rears of playing in local ob-curity, Cattle Decapitation ust became the first San Diego band to get a record deal with Metal Blade Records, America's mo prominent death metal

prominent death metal record company. The indie label from Simi Valley has signed some 100 bands in its 20-year history. In the '80s and '90s, Metal Blade was known for putting out compilations that helped break Metallica, Slayer, and Ratt. Its current roster in Corpse, Six Feet Under, King Diamond, and Mercyful Fate As for metal being a livelihood, Ryan admits, "I

think it's safe to say there is not a lot of money in it. But people who are into hard-core rock are very dedicated to the music."

to the music."

The guys in Cattle Decap itation are also into their no-meat message, but they say that they don't preach.

"Vegans can be like Nazis
or Christians...people who
force stuff on you [that you]
don't like.
We just present stuff to

you to get you to think. Our lyrics can be abhorrent, like a splatter movie. We use medical textbook terminology. is extreme n-vour-face.

disgusting...
Our lyrics make you think about the carnage and blood shed that goes into meals [with meat]. Everyone is freaking out about the war in Afghanistan and the smell of burning corpses in New York, but nobody is stopping to think about the fact that they are eating flesh.... Many Christians are meat eaters. What are they doing sup-porting the taking of another

Ryan admits his approach hasn't connected in his own backyard. "San Diego is not a big

scene for death metal. Tampa Bay is the biggest city. It's also big in the Midwest." The first Cattle Decapitation CD on Metal Blade is



due out in July. Cattle Decapitation ap-pears Friday, December 28, at Scolari's Office in North - Ken Leighton

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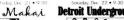
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ple is unbelievable. Where is the financial wisdom in

One local music promoter said it was "insane" that the Sycuan Casino in Dehesa (eight miles east of E Cajon) would be pouring so much money into a concervenue that's so small Sychan's Showcase The

Sycuan's Showcase The-ater is set to open lanuary 25.
"It will be the best-equipped theater west of the Mississippi," said Bill Foss, Sycuan's director of

But the street talk about But the street talk about the Showcase costing \$5 mil-lion isn't correct. Theater manager Lance Roberts said the 457-seat theater will ac-tually cost \$8 million to build and another \$3 million in equipment and technical

"It just voes to show wha thust goes to show whith those with an ... excess amount of money will do," said the promoter.
"If I wasn't already married, I would go out and

right now," joked Bob Speth.

co-owner of 4th & B.

Roberts said the Show-case will be equipped with state-of-the-art video pro-duction equipment and an all-new sound and light sys tem, "It's all digital. It will be broadcast quality. There will be no room in the U.S. that an match it

Foss said that the Show-case will have a multipurpose use, hosting theatrical pro-ductions and major-name concerts. "You could make your music videos here." He rojects that tickets could be projects that tickets could be in the \$25 to \$100 range. But he said the Showcase proba-bly won't be the setting for artists like Tori Amos. "She doesn't fit our older demo-graphic... Our goal is to bring in one larger name per quarter. And because San Diego is an ethnically divers Diego is an emission, and it

certs to bring in its national headliners, Foss said the Showcase Theater will also use an outside talent buver use an outside talent buyer.

"I have a gentleman in St.
Louis who specializes in
smaller venues who is doing
the legwork."

When asked about the
wisdom of spending \$11 mil-

lion on a 457-seat venue Foss said, "Those decisions were made well before I walked in the door. I have been here seven weeks. My

oal is to not lose money and be as pleasing as we can to Ken Leighton

Until his appearance on Conan O'Brien last year. J-bird's biggest claim to fame was getting booted from the 1995 Del Mar Fair.

"I got the now-

disbanded] Mondo Can kicked out o the fair. said I-bird. a.k.a. James O'Leary, who sat in with the band on a rap song. "There was

SHAFTMOUTH TOO EDGY FOR ESCONDIDO

O'Brien as a protege of Scott Thompson, the openly gay member of the Canadian Kids in the Hall comedy Kids in the Hall comedy troupe. "Actually I thought they were all gay until Scott set me straight." 1-bird helped Thompson write a humorous love song to Eminem that Thompson rapped live on Conan. "The song was called 'Dear Marshall." Scott wanted to hint tha

In the mid-'90s, J-bird fronted the multi-genre Es-condido band Shaftmouth, hich he says sometimes was literally too hip for the room, "We played Pounders [in Escondido] once. We cleared everyone out to where it was just the band and the bartender. The regu-

lars couldn't grasp the concept of doing a country

song then going into funk

then going into rap then go-ing into straight-ahead rock. Unlike most bands in Escon-

dido, we didn't feel that you

needed to play Ted Nugent

Shaftmouth guitarist Gene

Merrigillano, who now plays in 44 Double D. "Like we all

"Everybody thinks Es-condido is a hick town," said

little risqué."

Three years ago J-bird
fled Escondido for L.A. His
rap lyrics appeared in the
film Hannibal.

Shaftmouth plays a free-

to Escondido, but even our name was a problem," said J-bird. "They said,

Shaftmouth? That sounds a

admission reunion show Saturday at the Metaphor Café in Escondido. - Ken Leighton

"We didn't know about the FCC or even worry about it. We were on a frequency that no one else was using." Rapper Mitchy

Slick was describing Slick was describing his Thursday night show on San Diego County's last known pirate radio station. From a Tijuana warehouse, Power Moves 2000 broadcast at 96.1 FM. From the fall of 1999 to the spring of 2000, this underground radio station covered the southern part of the county with a nighttime blast of

"It showed us how much power ra-dio has. I had all races calling. Asians, whites, blacks." But the American FCC didn't appreciate the il-legal Tijuana broadcast that was beaming onto U.S.

receivers.
"They gave us a warning. They said we would get a big They said we would get a big fine if we didn't stop." Slick would not say who was be-hind Power Moves 2000, but he did say they escaped with-out fines when they shut

down. Now Mitchy Slick is try ing to get local rappers on the same wavelength.
"We have so little. We're

all fighting over a little piece of glory that none of us have even got to taste.... San Diego and L.A. has this underground rivalry. Those of us in San Diego have been



SLICK JUST A "REGULAR CAT

scrounging around, but the doors aren't open to us. Mitchell, says that's why he launched his own label.





Prezidential Entertainment, which just released his own CD, Trigeration Station. He says he can now maneuver says he can now maneuver his way around the L.A.-based hip-hop world after hooking up with producer Sir Jinx (Ice Cube, Xzibit, tha Alkaholiks). "That's how I was able to slither my way into the game. Now I'm no longer just this San Diego guy knocking on the door in guy knocking on the door in

Slick admits he doesn't enjoy the same local name

enjoy the same local name recognition he had when he had his own radio gig. "Right now I'm better known in the industry than in the streets of San Diego." Slick says he will still stand John Carter and I would go John Carter and I would go out with fishing rods and catch a few big-mouth bass between takes."
Stuart says unfortunately Johnny wasn't feeling well, "so we didn't get the chance to meet him there. But he said the same thing ac his on street corners "like regu-lar cats" and sell his CD for \$8.

- Ken Leighton

"'We're in Memphis we're in trucking distance," says Mark Stuart, singer and acoustic guitarist for the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash, about calling up

met John Carter Cash, Stu-art says Carter "told me how him and his dad had de-fended our band against a lot of people who had negative things to say about the name, and he said, 'I really love the group. I'd love to record you guys the next time you're in the area.' Well, a couple of months later, in August, we were out on tour, in Memphis, Tennessee, and we had a few days off. I called him up and said...'So how're you looksaid... So how're you look-ing at the studio?' He said, 'Great, my dad's working in there in the morning, so you guys can come in about noon and have the studio for the rest of the day."

They have a recording Named Sue' after all." In November, the band rereleased their debut CD studio on the Cash property called the Cash Cabin.... The called the Cash Cabin... The studio is a little wood cabin on 50 acres. There's wild animals all over, deer and goats and pigs — and peacocks just wandering around. They've even got their own fully stocked bass lake...so Lasso Motel, retitled Walk Lasso Motel, retitled Walk Alone (available at www.bsojc.com) and includ-ing the new tracks produced in Tennessee by John Carter Cash. They'll be appearing Saturday, December 29, at the Cusha, alone with Big the Casbah, along with Big Sandy & His Fly Rite Boys.

Randy Phillips, Full Moon's Daughter, Violet Star Records

Alto saxist Charles McPherson plays a nice little solo on "Where Time Stands solo on "Where Time Stands Still," the opening verse of which contains FOUR "time"s and THREE "was"es (no mean feat). There's also

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a "secret track," number 14, a secret track, number 14, on which Charles spins out, unaccompanied, for another 10-11-12 seconds. Of the 13 actual cuts, Randy wrote 12, the only cover being a guitar-accom-

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panied version of "What a Wonderful World," Louis

affiliates on September 12 or 13th, Concerned, in their or 13th. Concerned, in thei infinite capitalist wisdom, that listeners might change stations if a tune rubbed 'em the wrong way, they also "recommended" the

axe for anything with fire or explosions or death in the title or lyric — "Great Balls of Fire," "Disco In-ferno," "Hit Me with Your Best Shot," "Another One Bites the Dust," "Dead Man's Curve," "Knockin" on Heaven's Door," "Mark

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September" — "Ruby Tues-day" — and then finally this category which I guess you'd have to call 'love, peace, and openness" — "Wonderful World," "Imagine," "Let's Get Together," "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother"...you get the nixture.

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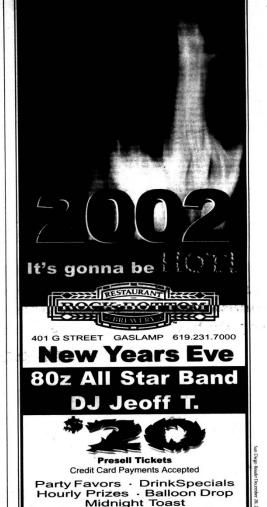
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hile the homeless population of San Diego struggles to find food and shelter there are some essentials that most homeless people manage to keep on hand: A warm coat, grocery bage, tigratters, and a radio. Here are 25 homeless people who shared their listening preferences:

1. MARK JOHNSON. 30. Lives all over Santon is KSINS. I have no favorite. Why favorite attain is KSINS. I have no favorite to DI: 1 like anything by Shama Twain, and she's my favorite attain. Live a computer and a Walks. a month foot batteries. I spend about \$8 amonth foot batteries. I spend about \$8 amonth foot batteries. I spend about \$8 amonth foot batteries.

tive. Homeless for three months, "My favorite station is KNON. I have no favorite DJ. I like anything by Shania Twain, and she's my favorite artist. I use a computer and a Walkman. On the computer, I don't use batteries and I plug my radio in. I use a computer at 8DSU and

at Cesar Chávez School."

2. JESSIE ROBERTSON, 32. Lives downtown, Lakeside, and Santee. North Carolina native. Homeless for 20 years, "My favorite ranative. Homeless for 20 years. "My favorite radio station is whatever sounds good. Poetry is
poetry. I have no favorite DI. I like Tonight Is
Your Night, We're Going to Celebrate by 80 ye.
2 Men. Favorite artist? They all sound good if
you're listening. I have an AMFM radio. No casettes. No C.Ds. Just AMFM. I spend probably
about \$30 a month on batteries.

3. PARSES TORINGS, 45. Lives in East Vil-

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go buy new double A batteries. I spend about 58 a month (no batteries).

4. PAUL ASCHCRATT, 34; a.k.a. "Spackman." Lives all over downtown. Oregon native. Homeless for four months." I like 95.9, the 30s station. My favorir Ed Jisar Mon and Max.— I lives 150, the 30s station. My favorir between 150 and 150 and

5. ROLAND MILTON, 60. Lives in northwest section of downtown. Missouri native. Homeless for 30 yeart. "I like KGB or KLPN, the Plane My fayorite U is Chainsaw on KGB. My

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song is by the rock group America. It's called 'America.' They're my favorite performers too. I don't have a radio right now — but I'm selling this headphone set. I haven't had a radio ers too. I don I naw a raute right now selling this beadphone set. I haven thad a radio for about a month. I spent probably \$2, \$3 a month on batteries when I had on.

6. BR.L. BURDETT, 39. Lives in East Village. Georgia native. Homeless for 14 years. Lives in his van. My favorite station is (Soil—11like lim McInies, My favorite song is "When the Levee French by Jod Cappedia, 1 like Led Zappedia, 1 like Jod Cappedia, 2 like Jod Cappedia, 3 like J

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hooked up in my van, wired through my cigarette lighter."

7. LEROY AYLSWORTH,

41. Lives near Broadway Pier. Michigan native. Homeless for three months. "My favorite ra-dio station is 92.5. No favorite do station is 92.5. No favorite DJ or song. I just like to hear a lot of oldies but goodies. I just use this little Sony Walkman. I haven't spent much on batteries because I've had them given to me. But I don't listen all day and all night sether." all day and all night either." 8. HENRY WRIGHT, 54.

Lives all over downtown. Nev York City native Homeless for York City native. Homeless for 20 years. "Ilisten to KPOP. And I like the Coast to Coast show with Art Bell. I used to listen to KBEST before they went off the air. I don't have a favorite DI, but I like 'Yesterday When I Was Young' by Roy Clark, Fa vorite performing artist? Maybe Andy Williams. I use a Maybe Andy Williams. I use a regular radio, like a transistor, and a Walkman with headphones. I spend about \$5 a month on batteries. I just listen now and then when I don't have any good reading materials."

9. CHAD REED, 28. Lives downtown, Chula Vista, Im-perial Beach. Colorado native. Homeless for two days. "I would not be able to give a fa-vorite radio station. Ilike a big mix, and I don't know all of the numbers. I like classic rock to alternative. I do like 103, the Planet. I cannot tell you a fa-proprist IV. The newher far low downtown, Chula Vista, Im-Planet. I cannot tell you a favorite DJ. I'm a sucker for Joe Walsh. I like all his songs. I normally listen to my car stereo, but my car's been stolen. Also a Walkman without CDs. I like to blare it, so I

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probably spend about 15 a month on batteries." 10. **DAN BURNS**, 39. Lives near Seaport Village. San Diego native. Homeless for four years. "Usually I like KGB four years. "Usually I like KGB except in the morning when they're talking. Then I listen to the Planet or 91X. My favorite DI is probably Jim McInnes. I don't know if I have a favorite song — probably 'Boogie with Stu' by Led Zeptilin. even though they never pelin, even though they never play it. My favorite band is the Ramones, but they're never

played on any radio station in San Diego. I use a Walkman. I spend about \$4 a month on 11. RANDY FERRIS, 46. Lives downtown. Chula Vista

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RESTAURANT Ages 21

native. Homeless for nine years. "Hike KGB or Rock 105. All the DIs are good. I like a few Led Zeppelin songs, but my favorite is Robin Trower's "Bridge of Sighs." The Beatles are all right too. I listen on a Walkman and probably spend four or five bucks a month on batteries."

batteries."

12. RICHARD SHEPARD,
46. Lives in East Village. Pennsylvania native. Homeless for four and a half years. "I have several stations that I listen to. I listen to KGB, 91X, the Planet, Ilisten to KGB, 91X, the Planet, and XTRA Sports 690. I don't have a favorite DJ. My favorite song changes from week to week. I don't even know the name of the song I like now, I think it's one of those Stone

Temple Pilot songs, but by next week I'll be tired of it. My fa-vorite artist is Neil Young. I listen on a transistor and spend about five bucks a month on

13. JACK VELTE. Lives in 13. JACK VELTE. Lives in Ocean Beach, Refused to dis-close his age or where he was from. Homeless for two years. 'I like 107, followed by 91X. There's no good radio stations here in San Diego because of Clear Channel Communica-tions. These heads of the communications. Clear Channel Communica-tions. They have half the market, and there's not a good radio station here. The DJs here-either talk too much or not enough. My favorite song is 'This Way' by Jewel. She's my favorite performing artist. I use, like, this little prison raies away for free. They have a battery-of-the-month club." He starts laughing. 14. TOM HILL, 36. Lives in

14. TORN HILL, 36. Lives in East Village and El Cajon. New York native. Homeless for three months. "Tilsen to two stations: The Planet and 105.3. The Planet and 105.3. The Planet and 105.3. The Planet in Lives of the State of the State of the Planet in Lives of the State of house. I spend probably \$6 a month on batteries. I make them last."

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15. RICKY T. EDWARDS, 30. Lives at San Diego Rescue Mission. San Diego native. Sent to Rescue Mission by family to Rescue Mission by family for recovery. "I listen to Gospel music on cassettes. I don't have a favorite station or DJ, but my favorite station or DJ, but my favorite song is "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Whitney Hous-ton's pretty good. I listen to a Sony Discman. I spend prob-ably \$5 a month on batteries." I get them at the 99-cent store. 16. OZZIE, 42. Lives down

16. OZZZZ 42. Lives down-town. Colorado native. Homeless for 11 years. "I like country and good rock and roll, Led Zeppelin. I'm not sure what stations I listen to or who the DJs åre. My favorite song is 'Stairway to Heaven,' and I like Jethro Tull. I use whatever I can

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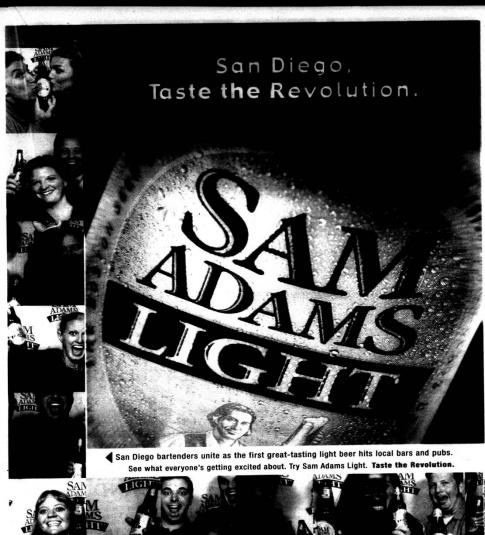
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performer. Histen on a head-set — a Walkman. I spend probably. \$10 a month on batteries."

19. AARON MORGAN, 18. Lives downtown. El Cajon native. Homeless for one and a half years. "I listen to Jam-min' 290. My faveris DI is min' Z90. My favorite DJ is Slide. My favorite song is,



uh...that's hard to pick. It's off the Chronic 2001 Dr. Dre CD. My favorite artist is Em-inem. I used to have a little portable Magnavox sterco, but 1 broke it. A month's worth of batteries would usually cost me about 20 bucks." me about 20 bucks." 20. APRIL HENDERSON.

32. Lives downtown. Spring Valley native. Homeless for Valley native. Homeless for two years, just checked into St. Vincent de Paul Village. "What station is that? Oh yeah, 105.3. I don't have any favorite DI, but I like anything by Metallica — them and Sting. I usually listen on a stereo. I keep it upstairs. I used to spend about five bucks a

month on batteries."

21. MARK FORD, 25. Lives downtown. San Diego native. Living with friends, was homeless for one year. "93.3 and XTRA Sports 690 are my favorites, but I don't have a favorite DL My favorite so



have to say Prince is my favorite artist. I have a Walkman, and it costs about eight to ten a month for batteries. They last me quite a while."

22. ISAAC WHITE, 21.

Lives downtown. Colorado native. Homeless for six













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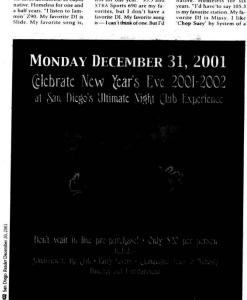
23. DALE GERKEN, 37. Lives downtown. California native. Homeless for 70 days. "My favorite station is 105. I like all the DIs. My favorite song is 'Stairway to Heaven,' and I like Ozzy Osbourne. I normally carry a boom box. I

Down. Primus is my favorite band. I use a Sony Walkman. It's at least seven bucks a

19. Lives downtown. San Diego native. Homeless for Diego native. Homeless for eight months, "I like Jammin' Z90! The D]? What's his name! Slide! He's cool. I like the new song by DMX, I don't know the name of it. I use a Walkman and spend \$8 a month on hatteries." 25. JULIAN MACIAS, 33.

Lives in Logan Heights. San Diego native. Homeless for two months. "My favorite radio sta tion is Z90, and I like all the DJs My favorite song is... I like them all. I'm a big Madonna fan. I use this Walkman, and it costs about \$2 a month for batteries."

The January 3 issue will feature the second part of this story.







Unselfish Unit

He has a light but commanding attack on the drums. I like no drummer better, in fact.

t really is almost unbelievable how much great jazz was produced in America in 1957 and '58. Miles, Monk, Mingus, and Coltrane were at their peaks or about to be. The Ellington and Basic bands continued to pour forth great music. Billie

Holiday, near the end of her life. was making some of her most un orgettable sides. Bill Evans was forgettable sides. Bill Evans was beginning to emerge. Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers were of a very hot vintage with Lee Morgan or Don-ald Byrd on trumpet and Johnny Griffin on tenor. Herbie Nichols was cutting his classic sides for Bethlehem. And out west Gerry Mulligan was teaming up, won-derfully, with Thelonious Monk derfully, with Thelonious Monk and, later, Paul Desmond, Mulli-gan also released What Is There to Say in '57, one of his finest dates. Chet Baker was recording in New York, Art Pepper was out of prison and recording

his best sides for Blue Note and Contemporary. I

his best sides for Blue Note and Contemporary. I could go on for another five pages in his fashion. So it's no great wonder that Curtis Counce's magnificent quinet too offen grebs to in the trowd. The three CDs listed below were cut for Contemporary between October '56 and January '88, and they are mighty fine, mighty fine. Counce was dead of a heart attack by 1963. Three of January Council Coun two pianists, Carl

Spain

Defined.

Perkins and Elmo Hope, and the vastly underval-Perkins and Elmo Hope, and the vastly underval-used drummer!— would also die young, presumably of drug-related health reasons. Harold Land filled the tenor slot, and Jack Shel-ton (with Gerald Wilson filling in on a few cuts) played trumper!— You'd be hard-pressed to find a more coordinated, satisfying group playing than the coordinated of the two years of its

Counce was from Kansas City, Missouri, where he studied violin, bass, and tuba. He moved to L.A. in the mid-'40s and worked first with Johnn Otis, then Edgar Hayes, Benny Carter, Wardell Gray, Billy Eckstein, Bud Powell, and Hampton Hawes. He also studied arrangement and composition during this period with a gentleman named Spud Murphy, who evidently taught him real good. Counce hooked up with Shorty Rogers in 1954 for club dates and a concert tour, and after work-ing with Buddy De Franco and touring with Stan

Manguar of 195c. He was rendy.

It would have been great to go
hear the Counce quintet at the
Haige on Wahine Boulevard in the
late '50s. It was a tiny place, a converted burngalow only able to
accommodate smallish combos.
Most of the important juzz musicurs in LA, around that time
posed through the Haige, to listen
or to 196 require just mestions.

The Counce group is such a tight, unselfish unit it's difficult
choosing whom to highlight. It's
a bit like a championship ball club without in August of 1956. He was ready

Kenton, he formed his own group

any big stars. Everyone took solo spots, but they were never overlong or called atten-tion to the player. Even Frank Butler's drum solos, especially "The Butler's In," are un-commonly tasty and measured. Perhaps he's as good a place to start

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as any.

Frank Butler was a Midwesterner, like Counce; yet there's no indication the two hooked up while in the Midwest. But-

two hooked up while in the Midwest. But-ler had his first gips on drums in Omaha. At some point not long thereafter, pre-sumbly in Kansa City, he studied with the great Basie drummer Io lones. Butler accompanied Billie Holiday in 1949 and subse-quently worked with Dawe Brubeck, Edgar Hayes, and Duke Ellington. Later on he would work not only with the Counce quinter but with Ben Webster, Jimmy Witherspoon, Coltrane, Jimmy Rowles, and briefly in 1963 with Miles Davis. He would also provide the percussion for two of my favorite artists, Elmo Hope and Sonny Criss (The Elmo Hope Trio and Criss's Saturday Morning). He has a light but commanding attack on the drums.

like no drummer better, in fact Butler would also provide support for Harold Land's combos, as would Perkins and Hope. With a pianist like Hope, who had a feather touch, But-ler provided solid underpinning. Butler was also capable of unusually melodic figures on an in-

strument one doesn't usually credit for melody making. Land himself was a San melody making. Land himself was a San Diego native and good enough to play with the fabulous Max Roach-Clifford Brown quintet in 1954–55. As a leader, my favorite album of his is The Fox, which is well worth grabbing. Hope is the pianist on that one, with Frank Butler again on drums and Dupree Bolton (another of that crowd to get into trou ble with drugs) on trumpet, playing unforgettably and establishing a repu tation that would be undone by he

tation that would be undone by neroin over time.

Land, however, would have a long career, co-leading groups over the years with Red Mitchell, Bobby Hutcherson, and Blue Mitchell. His attack comes out of Coleman Hawkins, then Lucky Thompson, later passing Hawkins, then Lucky Thompson, later passing through the filters of Cartile Parker and Coltrane. Like his fellow Californian Art Pepper, he would get swallowed up by the Coltrane sound for a period but return to his earlier influences with some Coltrane flavoring. It's easy to forge just how included the control of the tenton players in the cartly '60s, almost as



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Shelton has at least half a dozen albums with himself as leader, playing not just trumpet but singing in a somewhat attenuated but engaging

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manner, alittle in the fashion of Chet Baker, though less affecting, But there's nothing attenuated or unaffecting about Shelton's playing on these Counce dates. He knows where he's going in his solos, which are compact and elegantly developed. He has alovely tone and real sensitivity to the other has alovely tone and real sensitivity to the other sides long enough, you'll soon forget his droil asides and borfo anecdotes on Mere Griffin. If you could be a side to be a manner, a little in the fashion of Chet Baker, though

So for the Capitol label and non available on Mosaic in a boxed set I reviewed a year or so ago. The Capitol sade.

Carl Perkins, in one way at least, is more currious still. It's something of a misofrume to be a musician with the same name as a rockability legurated transfer as a rowner to a regional for the capitol same and the capitol same end, but it would seem to be an insurmountable misfortune for a prospective gaze pianist to be af-flicted with polos as a child. Self-t-aught, what Perkins did was to develop a style in which his left hand, the impaired one, paralleled the keyboard, so that his thumb was perspendicular to the keys, crablike. He played the bass notes with his elbow. And he played this ass off, not just with Counce probably his finest sides — but with Tiny Bradshaw and Big Jay McNeely and, after settling in Cali-fornia in 1949, with Oscar Moore, Harold Land.

fornia in 1949, with Oscar Moore, Hariold Land, Chet Baker, Art Pepper, Dexter Gordon, the Max Roach-Clifford Brown band, and briefly with Miles Davis.

Perkins is basically a bopper, with that yummy syncopated bop that the good ones have, but his playing has a strong blues flavor, strönger than nost, michings abit toward Horses Silver, I think, He was a wonderful player, especially during those years with the Coltrane outfit, but like most of the years with the Cottrane outin, but nike most of the rest of that group, a casualty to drugs. Just like the other pianist who appears on the Sonority disc, Elmo Hope, whom I like so much that he'll get an entire column to himself down the road.

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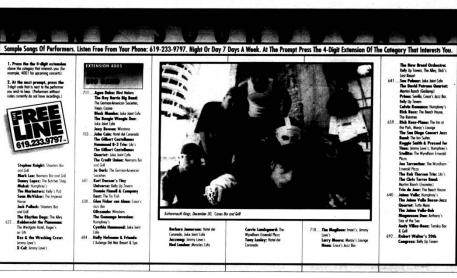
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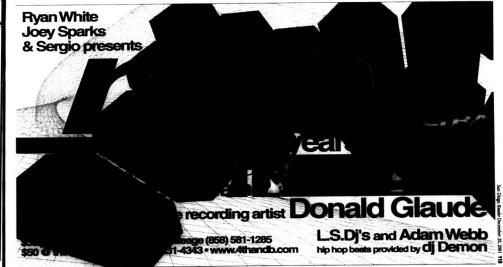














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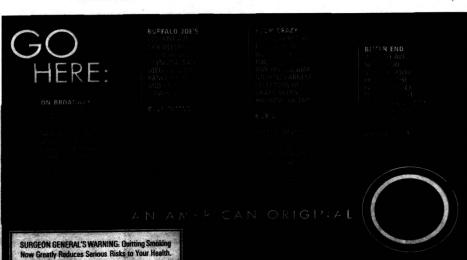
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first two more than just academic exercises. He's also a really good singer, as he proves in some of his country ballads. As for the third description, see his hyrics, like those to "(If I Go to Heaven) Give Me a Brunette" or "Where to Alm," which are simultaneously



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Pie in the Sky

The airplanes descending past the window, slightly below our eye level, looked so much like toys that below our eye level, looked so much like toys that we felt like characters in The Jetrosn-From our spacious west-facing table, we could see all the way to Point Lorna, highway lights sparking around the curve of the bay as though the whole cityscape were negreat holday decoration. The sound bouncing off the glass magnified the conversation of the sextet at the next table. They were talking about a pic so seldom discussed in San Diego restaurants i'd think it was a social taboo. They were talk-

su'd think it was a social tabeo. They were talk-gabout food.

The view is not much different than it was two oars ago, and the building is once again draped lover with Christmas lights, but the inside view-another story. The red velvet is all goine, and the lange in Mr. A's marks the evolution of San Diego sings in Mr. A's marks the evolution of San Dego-ming, For \$5 sees, the resturant was owned by the Alexio family — Italian immigrants who came multimilitinate insigns, owners of 5 per-nt of the land in downtown San Diego, plus successor where the properties including the Fifth some Financial Center that houses the restart some financial Center that houses the restart season of the properties of the properties of the san Lind There were seen bothers in the fain and big brother folian Alexios. "Mr. A" himself, see hought and enovated the Hord Del Coron-do Evence 1960 and 1963, along with purchasing behalf units void of it. Privisoring condos for immuters on the latter property. Alexios a big offer resting the Coronado bridge for him. much point the will of most Coronado residents. Con-sident in 1971 of income tax existing, Alexios even deed in 1971 of income tax existing. Alexios even ted in 1971 of income-tax evasion. Alessio served hort sentence and afterwards concentrated on ving restaurateur

In Alessio's day, Mr. A's served weighty "Con-tinental Guisine" to local bigwigs sporting the required suits and ties, and with its heavy walnut furniture and red "velvet" flocked wallpaper, the room looked like a Storyville bordello. "Ny brother fohuny had taste," recalls sole surviving brother \ngelo Alessio.

Its once-glorious reputation fading, the origis once-gionous reputation fading, the orga-mal Mister A's closed after 35 years in business on Leap Day, February 29,2000. The Alessio family still owns the building, but French-born restaurateur Bertrand Hug (owner of Rancho Santa Fe's leg-endary Mille Fleurs) bought Mr. A's last year, renamed it after himself, and hired decorator David (Roppong): Robinson to modernize the interest the new reams, solor scheme showed the curves of the architecture— the bar looks like; a rotund, and puts the panoramic veies center stage. Fug-initials imported Bradley Ogden protage Todd Davies from the Box Area to cook seasonal Amer-ican Mediterranean cusine, but Davies reputedly never left at home in San Diego, and about three months ago he returned to San Francisco to helm

Avenue construction zone that impeded vignoia's entrance were out prowding for pasta, puzza, and parties, not French cuisine. When Poigin and his wife returned from summering in his homeland, he stepped rapidly into Monsieur Hug's high-rise kitchen.

And it's a wonderful match. Both Hug and Poi-

- Chino Farms vegetables, seasonal seafood, pam-

month- ago he returned to San Francisco to helm
hech; MC "restaurant on the onetime Barbary Coast.
Meanwhile, early last summer. French-born chef Fabrice
Pogin pronounced Pwa-ZHAN,
with a soft "g" | closed his well-liked Vignola, having decided that the Gaslamp just wasn't his sideal
location — the few passeraby braving the Sixth
Avenue construction none that impeded Vignola's
leard conversations, many in the crowd were the Vignola devotées delighted by the return of a favorite chef, and our witty, well-informed waiter had evi-dently tasted most dishes on the menu.

dently tasted most dishes on the menu.

The seasonal menu already reflects Poigin's style, and he intends even more extensive and frequent changes once the holidays are over. (Hence, you may

Bertrand at Mr. A's

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swirl of creme fraiche. "It is the classic French lobster bisque. classic French lobster bisque, Poigin told me later. "I make it the traditional way: if you look in Larousse [Larousse Gas-tronomique], that's the recipe you'll find in the dictionary. A lot of people argue with me; they expect something else, but a bisque is a bisque. That's what my background is like; I am my background is like; I am French, really rigid," he laughed. In midstream floated a small island of slightly gelatinous lob-ster mousse, rather pallid-tasting

gras au torchon was a generous, mousselike slab of gently poached

confit with firm white Tarbair een better as an entrée, given its weightiness and the natural compulsion to keep eating, seek-ing the succulent duck hunks buried beneath the beans.

The entrée special that evening was onaga (ruby snap-per, from the warm, deep waters off Hawaii), a soft-fleshed fish that's difficult to showcase at many restaurants it turns out flat-tasting. Here, the tender fish was as good as onaga gets, butter-drenched and dotted with bright red lobster roe. It arrived with a circus troupe of accompaniments — our real motive for ordering it, Black truffle mashed potatoes were flecked with crunchy little truffle bits, not just the usual splash of truffled oil — and these black of truffled oil — and these black diamonds are a potato's best friend. Much mellower than their fashionably fetid white Italian cousins, their flavor is mysterious, insinuating. The mash was garnished with a tangy little chutney of quince and per-simmon, while a slice of Japanese simmon, while a sike of Japanese eggplant lounged against the fish, and nearby sat a few delightful baby Chino turnips the sixtof cherry tomatoes. Sharing the plate were several sweet Hawaian shrimp (ama eb in sushibars), gently cooked, their heads is the sixtof of the several rich with fat and roe. It was a great assortment of gutsy win-ter flavors — each flavor "just itself" and all playing nicely

Simpler but no less engag-ing were a couple of bistro dishes from the regular menu. When Henry IV of France promised a weekly chicken in every peas-ant's pot, no one would have remembered his words had less because when you have no were the pease of 16th-century chickens been our 16th-century chickens been our bland factory-raised super-market fowl. Roasted free-range Sonoma chicken with pheas-ant ravioli was a reminder of why this bird was once so beloved. The Sonoma chicken or more properly, chicklet
 proved small, tender, and

intensely flavorful in a slick of rich reduced chicken stock. rich reduced chicken stock, accompanied by an exuberant bittersweet mixture of cran-berries and caramelized onions tossed with "baby spoon" Chino spinach. The ravioli played the supporting role of a ritzy starch omplement to the pullet: made complement to the pullet: made from rather chewy, golden-col-ored semolina pasta, they were thinly stuffed with pheasant forcemeat with a touch of smok-iness from hazelnut liqueur. Another enjoyable comfort-Cabernet-marinated short ribs "en daube" with a rich, beefyen daube with a rich, beety-tasting sauce robing the fall-apart meat and its charm-ing little root-vegetable buddies — carrots, fingerling potatoes, rutabaga, and more of those irresistible baby turnips.

One of our entrées was more venturesome but less suc cessful. Superb-quality halved sea scallops, tenderly grilled on one side only, were oddly matched with a celery-root

velouté sauce over another mound of baby spinach, this one so heavily laced with gar-lic that it needed only a bit of ground beef to turn into "Orig-inal Joe's Special." Although the celeriac purée formed ar easy alliance with a few pleas ingly bitter steamed branches from the top of a celery stalk, the other flavors were all at war. other flavors were all at war. Celery-root purée also accom-panies an entrée of Dover sole and would probably be more harmonious with that gentle

A few days ago, a new pas try chef started work at the restaurant, but one dessert that's a likely survivor — it's already lasted through two changes of the guards — is a marvelous Kentucky bourbon pecan tart, resembling the best, crispest, least-sweet, least-gooey pecan pie you've never tasted before. Toward the end of our

meal. I circumnavigated the outdoor terrace, catching views of La Jolla, Balboa Park, the lights of Golden Hill and the mountains looming to the east As I reentered the restaurant, I glanced at an attractive, visibly glanced at an attractive, visibly smitten young couple leaning toward each other. The young man was handing his ladylove a small box. She opened it and, dazzled by the gleaming boul-der within, burst into tears of joy and surprise.

Whether you come for the view the food, or a romantis moment (don't forget the ring), you're assured a lovely evening here. Bertrand at Mr. A's is a

beautifully civilized place to wine, dine, or wind down. And as Chef Poigin settles into this more expansive and luxurious space, his cooking — already delightful—is sure to gain fur-ther momentum and inspiration.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Fabrice Poigin started his cook-ing career with a bang — as a teenager, he cooked for French president François Mitterand, and Mikhail Gorbachev, too. I'd apprenticed in Nice start ing in 1981, under Jacques Maximin. In France, you have Maximin. In France, you have to go through a year of military service, and when you work for a famous chef, if you're selected as among the best apprentices in France, you go to work cooking for the president as your military service," Poigin recalls.

"In 1985.1 was 18 and 1 was "In 1985, I was 18, and I was "In 1985, I was 18, and I was part of a team of 14, 16 chefs assigned to the president. I did a year there in Paris. I didn't have to wear a uniform or anything: I was very privileged."

Afterwards, Poigin returned to the South of France to finish his training and then

to finish his training and ther moved on to work in Paris Missing the South but want Missing the South but want-ing to move on, he thought he'd try America. "I'd visited when I was nine years old, with my sister and mother, and knew somehow that I'd come here. Then a guy called me from La lolla. He was going to open a where Tapenade is now. Like so many others, I fell into the trap. I was kind of stuck here; I did-

t have any working papers, I didn't speak a word of English, and I discovered a whole dif-ferent culture and lifestyle. The rent culture and lifestyle. The staurant was called Bagatelle, was kind of a marginal oper-ion; I stayed there about a ar before I started thinking that

ought to get serious. "I'd met my wife, who as concierge at the Hyatt. he Hyatt downtown, and I the Hyatt downtown, and I was hired as the first chef at the restaurant that is now called Sally's. I worked there for almost four and a half years, a great learning experience. I think I was the first chef in San Diego to have a 'chef table in the kitchen, doing a tast-ing menu every night, and through that I met a lot of

through that I met a lot of interesting people, movers and shakers in San Diego."

After a visit to France and a stint as a restaurant consultant (when he learned the business side of the "food biz"). Poigin opened Vignola. "I started with no money. **erra dollars in the no money — zero dollars in the bank." Luckily, the rent was mir business there. I fought th a lot of hardship for three and a a lot of hardship for three and a half years to keep it open. I really love Sixth Avenue, and I think over the next five years it's going to be a great street." But the street wasn't great yet, so Poigin finally sold the restaurant early last

As at Vignola, Poigin's food at Bertrand at Mr. A's is not

purely French but a modern. what people want to eat in San what people want to eat in San Diego. The crew is fantastic, and I was lucky to be able to jump right in. When I started, I changed about a third of the items on the menu. I've kept it really streamlined to go through the holidays...and to get used to the amount of business they international extension of Gallic cuisine. "I grew up in the South of France, and my roots South of France, and my roots are in Southern French and Mediterranean cooking, but having traveled so much, and being here for ten years, I try to stay away from any set regional to the amount of business they flavor. I think it's just about have here, which is so differen from my little place - you know, 250 covers on Saturday

flavor. I think it's just about good food or bad food. I can't claim that my food is purely French food; it's become so much more than that. "Bertrand's is a great place. I really love it. Bertrand and I are really working well together. We both serve on what we cover! know, 250 covers on Saturday night!
"And here I can buy some really nice things — I can bring in pheasant, pigeon. I can import great seafood from Hawaii, from the North Sea or Holland or the Mediter-We both agree on what we expect want the food to be. Being both ranean, and it comes fresh French helps, and Bernard has been here so long, he knows overnight by FedEx. I don't have to worry about it not selling; it's a big restaurant, and 24 hours. People who com here are well traveled, and they here are well traveled, and they want quality and are willing to pay for it. Unlike many other places here, Bertrand won't charge more money just for "I think after January, I'll

be changing the menu weekly. I'd like to have a tasting menu eventually, but I have to be sure eventually, but I have to be sure my kitchen crew is ready for that, because I don't want to have nightmares at night. When you have 200 people in your restaurant, you have to be sure you can do it. My goal is to keep the menu very seasonal, to try to use, as much as possible, local produce, and basically to keep

going. With the seafood we have to research constantly, work closely with our suppliers, and be creative with what we have, because some things are grow-

people to be able to come here and have a great time, eat great food, and have really great service - friendly but professional, vice—friendly but professional, not being stuffy if people aren't wearing a three-piece suit. All of us are going to raise the expec-tations and work on this restaurant big-time... Finding an identity for the restaurant is the most important thing, and that's what we're going to be working on in the next few months." .





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chilled liver, its lobes marked

by a centerline stuffing of minced candied walnuts and green flecks of chives, slashed with a sweet

interesting texture and contrast

to the buttery foie and were mir-rored by garnishes of whole

walnuts and a few slices of wal-

wainuts and a lew stices of wainut bread. Of equally compelling interest was a sautéed escargot "vol-au-vent" of shredded leeks and tender small snails in and around a puff-pastry shell of

supernal lightness. A subtle anise-flavored Pernod-garlic-

shallot sauce lent intriguing

flavors to the leck mixture, with

the snail meats providing soft, carthy grace notes, rather than carrying the melody. (It was a welcome change from the old Burgundian garlic-butter-snails

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Sicilian Angel

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the menu, but.

n feeling grinchy. Christmas ain't upon me. Need to get away from all this rah-rah happy-happy thing. For starters, my tooth-gap problem is sucking away the spare dinero I was go-ing to use on Christmas. Seasonal song? "All I want for Christmas is my two side

teeth." I have to have 'em done or lose face in front of Carla's big important brother when he comes.

portant brother when he comes. So I'm leaning over the bar at the Star Club downtown, feeling sorry for myself, Like a lot of folks here this time of year, it seems. Star's in the old Astor hotel. It's one of the last sailor-town holdouts left in the

Stingaree that welcomes the riff as well as the raff. Can a man get food here?" I ask the gal be hind the bar. Nani. That's what I need. Food, to kick me out of this

kick me out of this.
"No, but you can get it next door and bring it back to eat, no problem," she says.
I'm straight out the door. "Sicilian Village," says the gold lettering on the maroon sidewalk awning 20 yards west. Smart. Inside, an old geezer stands at the red Formica counter. He was in the Star too. Robert. He's ordering himself the day special. Crab sandwich, to go. \$6.25. "You'll be all right," he says to me. "Good food here. But not

all right," he says to me. "Good food here. But not those crazy (salamp prices," Sicilian Village. Huh. Now I'm remembering, Sicilian Village. It was a little place where I had spaghetti once, and a great glass of red wine, in the Farmer's Bazaar, East Village. Before the ballpark knocked it out of left field. And the guy taking Robert's order, I

"I can do you a chicken Siciliana. It's not on

Sounds good to me. Except Robert's \$6.25 Sounds good to me. Except Robert's \$6.25 crab sandwish looks great too. I zig through the menu list of sandwiches, pizzas, pastas, salads, fish. Victor's pen's starting to twitch. "Chicken Siciliana has a brandy sauce over it," he says. "How much?" "Six nimety-five, with French fries or rice or "Six nimety-five, with French fries or rice or "

spaghetti, and soup or salad, and hot garlic bread."
"And a glass of wine?" "And a glass of wine?"
I'm remembering that great spaghetti-andwine deal back in the Farmer's Bazaar. "Fraid not,
wy friend. Not for the price. But we have a great
Merlot. Four dollars a glass."
"Gimme that chicken Siciliana with spaghetti."
"Soup or salad?"
"Soup."

"Lentil. Beans fill you better."

remember him. Victor, "Hi," he says, like it wasn't years since we met. Victor and his wife Maura brought their business here about a year ago. And this is plush, Purples easts, six overhead fans, a view of Sam Goody's, Horton Plaza, and the old Balboa Theater. "We work a lot harder now," Victor says." At the farmers' market everything closed at the farmers' market everything closed at the farmers' market everything closed with the farmers' market eve

And this is when it happened. Couple of guys come up to the window where I'm sitting — this is earlier this month. East Coast cold. I'm inside, right? They're outside. They look at me, discuss,

make frames of their hands like movie directors. make trames of their hands like movie directors. The older guy leaves. The young guy is, like, a foot away from my face. He hauls out a felt-tip pen and suddenly starts drawing black lines on the window pane. Long sweeping ones. I hear the squeak, but I can't make out what the heck he's

"Dine in or take out?"
So here's the dilemma. Suddenly, I don't re-

ally want Victor to know I've been carousing

th.
"Take a seat, my friend." He understands.

door. I mean, it's not exactly the Ritz.

Meanwhile, I've got my lentil soup and hot gar-lic French bread. Bread comes toasted, hot and buttered in a white paper bag on a plate. I slurp

lours: 7,30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days Buses: all downtown Nearest Bus Stop: Third and Broadway in. Oh, man. That soup-bread combo is go

or. I mean, it's not exactly the Ritz.
"Uh, eat here."
"Wine?"
"No wine."
With the money I got, it's wine or bus, not

in. Oh, man. That soup-bread combo is go Warming. The felt-tip guy through the wind ignores me. His arms sweep around like he conducting an orchestra.

"Chicken Siciliana" calls the chef. "Chicken Siciliana" is victor's sidektick brings it over. And, wow. Three slabs of chici na light brown stuce crowded with sliced saut mushrooms. The wine aroma wafts up myn. trils. The rest of the plate's a snake-pit of spa I go sit by a window. I don't know. Can't get out of this funk. Teeth, I guess. Symbol for ev-erything else poor suffering Carla has to put up

trils. The rest of the plate's a snake-pit of spagh, with tomato sauce.

I dive in. It's light, garlicky, tastes brandy-riand the spaghetti tampers down the flavors nice
Soon I'm eating at about the same rhythm as it
maestro with the felt tip through the glass. I'
just got into my third mouthful when he stop
julls back, looks, and calls the older man over pulls back; looks, and calls the older man over, can't help it. I stop eating, go out, and ask him wh he's doing. "Christmas decorations," he say Name's Jimmy, "We do it every year." I con back in and look again. And suddenly I seet it. If an angel. Wings, flowing hair. Looking at me, and the supplementation of the supplementation of the line. As I earth, and the supplementation of the I's like somerous's ventions a message. Okar. Ee

It's like someone's sending a message. Okay. I tile imagination. Still, after I eat, and walk into the cold, I feel...hopeful. People are di ing angels. I've heard of worse things.

Tiny Bubbles

You can always set a little of the good stuff aside to send to the critics.

once heard a story — a sort of vinous urban legend — about an English broker whose buy-ers were especially delighted with a certain vintage from a producer in another country (which shall remain nameless). The broker journeyed to said country, visited the winery in

said country, visited the winery in question, and asked if any of that particular vintage remained avail-able for purchase. The proprietor said he would check and began to rummage through a drawer in his desk. Finally, he drew forth a roll of vintage labels bearing the year of the desired wine, raised it in trimuch and said. "Now how much would you like?"

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but it does get at a certain suspicion about dippery
dealings in the wine world. Extraordinary wine is
difficult to make in large quantities. Many great
vnoyards are great in part because their yields are
so agonizingly low. Surely it must be tempting to
bring in a little help— a few thousand gallons of
Languedoc red to berf up your Burgundy, a little
bulk California to stretch your vineyard-designnated Cabernet. You can always set a little of the
ring to argue with a bottle that got 95 points?

It seems to me that the tempatation to mix things
up would be strongest in the realm of Champagne.
Perhaps more than any other type of wine, Champagne derives its appeal from image and association.

pagne derives its appeal from image and association.
It seems that people who are not otherwise interested in wine drink Cristal or Dom not because ested in wine drink Cristal or Dom not because they think it the finest Champagne on the market, but because it is advertised (and priced) as the finest Champagne on the market. They buy the label. If that's the case, then surely it must be a temptation to fudge things a bit — the customer doesn't even really care about the taste. Even if they're not into it solely for status, Champagne is most often drunk in festive situations, where people aren't paying

dose attention to flavors. And even if people do pay attention, they generally drink Charmpagne so rarely that they have little or no frame of reference. They have the they are they are they are the buyer left Santard helped provide that frame of reference, holding a tasting of nine sparkling wrines in the clean, well-lighted back room of the local chains Del Mar location. (Tast-ings are also held at the chain's sociations). The cost for the tasting sociations). The cost for the tasting locations.) The cost for the tasting MATTHEW LICKONA was \$10; most of the bottles rar around \$30, and three broke \$75

around \$30, and three broke \$75.

"There's always one wine that is sort of the magnet," explains Slankard. "A wine will be released and I'll say, 'Oh, we have to taste that.' Then I'll say, 'What other wines can I serve with this?' When the new Silver Oak release comes out — actually, twice a year — we have lots of cus-tomers who want to taste that. So, we do Silver Oak and other Cabernets. Everybody wants to Oak and other Cabernets. Everybody wants to taste Opus Onc, so whenever that's released, we do it with Cabernets or Meritages. It's not so much a question of whether or not to buy in a given year. Rather, 'A wine like that is so allocated that customers don't want to open up one of their own bottles when we can supply that service. A Thosatass set the crawkin in the door, and that

The stars get the crowds in the door, and that gives Slankard a chance to introduce them to wines they might otherwise miss: wines that have yet to be picked up by the ratings radar, wines from yet to be picked up by the ratings radar, wines from unfashionable regions, wines that simply win his heart. This time around, the star is the 1993 Dom Perignon. "Bevybody's always curious about it." (Allow me to attempt to relieve your curiosity an off-putting disappointment with a bitter finish and a hefty price tag—579.95. For the same money, you could get the almost-as-famous 1993 Verue Clicquot Grande Dame and experience a deli-

cious, classically styled Champagne.) The rest of the wines "were mostly picked because I liked them and thought they were good values; then there are two that I haven't had a chance to taste yet, and so I wanted to do that."

Of those others, my fa-

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> vorites were the Charles Heidsieck Non-Vintage Brut Mis En Cave 1995 Brut Mis En Cave 1995 (tighter and leaner than the also-available '93 ver-sion, but with the same intensity) and the Iron Horse 1989 Late-Dis-

gorged Sparkling Wine (a fine example of the mellowing that sparkling wine undergoes with age). Both cost \$29.95. Barons also carries my old standby, the Roederer Anderson Valley Nonold standby, the Roederer Anderson Vaniey Nor-Vintage, for \$15.95. It lacks the refinement (read-tiny bubbles and creamy mildness) of some of the French offerings, but I still love it. This year, I also tried the same producer's Rose (\$21.95). I found it to be not as complex as some other Roses but still well built and bursting with pink grape-form on the source and advised.

fruit on the nose and palate.

Once the buyer for Big Bear market in Del
Mar, Slankard has been with Barons since 1985, Mar, Slankard has been with Barons since 1985, when it was called Liquor Land. Since then, he's seen his store evolve into a kind of local Trader Joe's with "better produce and much better wines." His relative size helps him get some things that get allocated by distributors but he also notes that "one of the things that helps us get winery-allocated wines; is that we've been in business to long that we started buying wines from some producers before [they were popular]. We've been buying Silver Oak since the days when we were able to floor stack it in the store because nobody

able to floor stack it in the store because nobody knew what it was. We bought things like Dunn and Spottswoode in their first vintages." Because he deals with such a broad range and such relatively high volume, I ask him to take an end-of-the-year look at things and let me know what he sees. "Prices are starting to come down a

little bit," he reports. "The real high-end market is a little soft. There's sort of a hierarchy. Some things that were incredibly allocated are now only very allocated. Wineries that used to say, 'Well, we wan to sell 80 percent of our wine to restaurants | for the to sell 80 percent of our wine to restaurants [for the status and price benefits] in oway. "We want to sell 60 percent of our wine to restaurants." People who used to sell net items are now offering quar-tity discounts. You sort of move down the scale. "I don't think we're going to see the big price increases we've seen in the past few years." During those years. "It was amzung, A classic example is the 1996 Chateau St. Jean Cling Cepages." Wine Scotaura rauned it the massarine's Wine of the Year

the 1996 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cepages." Wire Spectator named it the magazine Swime of the Year in 1999, in part because it combined high point-getting (95) with relatively low price §238. The wine's market value immediately increased, and the winery followed simit. The suggested retail on the '96 Jan 85 pointer] is wishar, \$70; What a shanned though \$5 pain is not to be overflooked. The Australian have had a bigger impact than the wines from Southern France or Soains of an Assential

wines from Southern France or Spain so far, be cause of the style. They're big, fat wines that are very easy for people who are used to drinking California wines to switch to." But he does think that "the flood of [88- and 89-point inexpensive] wines coming in from those countries may have more to do with the flattening of [wine] pricing than any of the other factors we've talked about."



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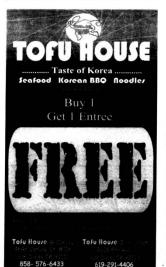
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LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-399-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this id-iosyncratic, vegan friendly Thai-Chi-covariant involve char crilled

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Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pincapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filing and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cloppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. (901) SOUTH BAY &

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tar, and island food. Although the Kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, mazons islad, and kimchee. But beware of the Haupha cake — it may cause serious addiction. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

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with frjoles, and dark-brown ceramic bowls of meat simmering on the flames. This ini TJ, is's Central Mes-ico. Some great choices include birek ahumada (smoked beef) or contilla de res (ox tongue), and carne de cerd opok), all oround 35. including soup, dessert, and pleasant culture shock. In-expense. — ER (1/100) N.W. (900)

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daughter Bunny to his Newfoundland roots,

Newfoundland roots, and becomes (among other things) the ace reporter on a local rag called *The Gammy Bird.* A tall tale, a dark tale, a droll tale, arch, sardonic, gottest, and the same than the s loaded, in short, with the nailmarks of contemporary Serious Fiction. Kevin Spacey (acting like a half-wit), Cate Blanchett (acting like a cream tart), Judi Dench (acting crusty), and Julianne Moore (acting with an accent) invest it with some of the traits of Serious Cinema as well. Sample: the hero's aunt shows up unannounced on the aunt shows up unannounced on the day of his wife's accidental death, close on the heels of his parents' double sui-cide, and she pilfers his father's - her own brother's — ashes, replacing them in the urn with ordinary fireplace

outhouse potty, and piss on them. (She has her reasons, it turns out. They inhas her reasons, it turns out. They involve revenge for incest. Lase Hallstrom,
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mie nor a war hero — is buried in false mie nor a war hero — is burned in laise sentiment. Director Frank Darabont's only degree of restraint (there's no quota on nose-to-the-screen close-ups) is to cut it half an hour shorter than the three hours of his Green Mile. I felt that if it went on for one minute more, I was going to be physically sick. But then, I felt that way for about the

last ninety.

Ali. Will Smith's impression of the self-proclaimed "Greatest," ne Cassius Marcellus Clay. For entertainment purposes, it can't touch Billy Crystal's impression of him. (Though, for those same purposes, there can be no quibble with Jon Voight's Howard Cosell.

piece.) The two-and-a-half-hour skim through the prime of his life, from the first Liston fight through the Foreman (shy of the third Frazier fight, the "Thrilla in Manila." worthy of an entir movie unto itself), is processed through Michael Mann's cinematic Mixmaster desaturated color, gilded color, frosted color, blue-rinsed color; Steadicam,

unsteady cam, bob-and-weave cam, float-like-a-butterfly cam. These stylisfloat-like-a-butterfly cam. These stylistic pretensions, coupled with the historical-sociological-cultural-cylind pretensions, dampen what might have been an agreeable stroll down Memory Lane in the company of one of the great sports figures of the 20th Centry, Possibly, vs., the greates: not present the company of the 20th Centry, Possibly, vs., the greates: not present the compance of the 20th Centry Possibly, vs., the greates: no make it happens. "A strong the companies of the present the

Cupid who makes it happen, "a 4-D pretzel of kismetic inevitability") unit-ing a Type-A Manhattan career woman and a 19th-century British duke, who and a 19th-century British duke, who tumbles through a time-portal into the present day. The matching of Meg Ryan — tossing around and peering through a grass-skirt haircut — with Hugh Jackman almost transforms it into an older-woman-younger-man thing, to boot, but that only under-scores the novelettish swoony-mooniness of it. (All that perky, plucky, ditzy, daffy stuff of Ryan's has doubtless got-ten a little old. It got there a little ahead of Ryan herself.) The woman's chosen career, market research, sanctions a satirical dig at modern filmmaking practices — "You people with your tests!" fumes the movie's actual director, James Mangold, in a cameo.
"You're sucking the life out of American cinema!" — but this comes ill from a movie which itself is pure manipulation and massage.

Vanilla Sky. Cameron Crowe fol-

Vanilla Sky. Cameron Crowe flows, the isoms 'personal' work, the semi-autobiographical Almost Famous, with the umpteenth Hollywood remake of an art-house import, Alejandro Amenábar's science-fiction brain-twister, Open Your Eyes. (Not exactly 4-1) pretzel of kismetic inevitability, More of a 2-D kaleidoscope of calculated caprice.) The most personal ingredient here, aside from the selection of oldies on the soundtrack. appears to be the latex mask worn by appears to be the latex mask worn by the intermittently disfigured Tom Cruise, looking in it uncannily like the horse-faced writer-director: a rather literal enactment of a storyteller's desire to live vicariously through his glamorous, gorgeous, girl-getting hero. (The star and director had worked to-(The star and director had worked to-gether before on lerry Maguire.) Still and always a crowd-pleaser above all, Crowe is at some pains to elucidate the obscurities: the commentative and mood-setting pop songs: illustrative cutaways to help explain and empha-size; continual repetition to allow slownokes to keen pace; much over. slowpokes to keep pace; much over acting. (How does Penelope Cruz, reprising her role from the Spanish original, feel about her first kiss from original, feel about her first kiss from Tom? Perhaps there's a clue in her bouncing up and down on the couch after his departure, her squealing like a teenager at a Beatles concert, her running-in-place at sprint speed.) At bottom — and at the root of Holly-wood's ongoing plunder of European cinema — this is for people who need Tom Cruise and no subtitles in order sit through a foreign film.

The Devil's Backbone, Ghost store

The Devil's Backbone. Ghost story from Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro (Cronos, Mimic), set in the Span-ish Civil War at an ad hoc orphanage for the children of slain Loyalists (identified in the subtitles as "Leftists," to cut through the mists of ancient his tory). Not quite as good as The Others, the recent ghost story from (that man again) Alejandro Amenihar, set pearly again) Alejandro Amenábar, set nearby in the English Channel at the end of the Second World War. Similarly cere-bral, somber, sure-footed, and creepy (highly evocative image of an unex ploded bomb standing in the courtyard like a sculpture, nose in the dirt), but

not at all scary, a bit static and overlong, with a pretty passive (if imaginatively and tastefully visualized) ghost. I had heard somewhere, probably by way of the Internet, that del Toro was at work on still another sequel to *The Crow*, so this came instead as something of a relief. In that respect, the hand-medown Bufuelianisms — the bugs, the prosthetic leg, Federico Luppi as a stand-in for the late Fernando Rey — seem more comforting than both

seem more comforting than bothersome.

In the Bedroom. A dealing-with-

idyll turned violent) with dangerous tendencies toward a Lifetime Channel original. But first-time director Todd Field proves himself to be a true director, cunning in his omission, this obliqueness, his attention to off moments, his focus on marginal desirists the family photos in the DA's office, or the jingling of coins in the DA's office, or the jingling of coins in the Da's pocket during an impromptu conference on the street. He can also be a reading of The Wyeths to supplement the Wyeth-esque landscape of the film. (I's set in Maine, the heart of Wyeth country.) Field, of course, is already known as an actor (Ruby in Paradise, Eyes Wide Shut, et al.), and it is thus hardly surprising that he should strive to care out human-sized roles for total the country of the country of the country of the country out human-sized roles for to carve out numan-sized roles for which his cast — Tom Wilkinson, 98sy Spacek, Marisa Tomei, Nick Stahl, Richard Mapother, William Wise — would be grovellingly grateful. Spacek, alone of them, belongs to that rare subspecies of actor who never seems ence on the street. He can also be a

to be acting, and who thus never seems to exhaust or recycle her repertoire, and who thus never wears out her wel-come. For her particular role, the viewer can thus be as grateful as she

No Man's Land. The Bosnian con-flict in a nutshell, or more like in a foxhole. Two mortal enemies take toxnoie. I wo mortal enemies take turns getting the drop on each other in a trench in the neutral zone, while one of their wounded comrades lies immobilized on a booby trap. U.N. peacekeepers and international



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news reporters, speaking in other tongues, roll up for a look-see. Direc-tor Danis Tanovic, a native of the region and a veteran combat photog-rapher, comes down on the side of absurdism, and he comes down heav ily. Homiletically. The allegorical grip on the situation tends to squeeze the life out of it. Good, clear, vivid color,

though.

The Affair of the Necklace. Skulduggery in and around the court of Louis XVI, based on fact, with inter-Louis XVI, based on fact, with inter-pretive leewsy. So stuffy and stilled a costume piece ("How skillfully you play the rogue. Yet even you cannot mask such impenetrable loneliness") that it approaches parody. When Christo-pher Walken turns up in the part of Cagliostro, the union is sealed. (And the Cardinal's red cushion is surely the Cardinal's red cushion is surely meant to evoke Monica Lewinsky famous remark about "Presidentia famous remark about "Presidential kneepads." And evoke titters, too.) It can't help much to have an over reaching director, Charles Shyer, whose specialty has been contempo-ary light comedy. Baby Boom, Father of the Bride. LLow Trouble. One of the things that seems to parodied is the notion of a classy encore for a recent Academy Award winner, namely Hi lary Swank of Boys Don't Cry. She wa more believable (if not a lot more) as a man than as an 18th-century French

I were talking about this. I'm glad I will have it to talk about when it opens here in lanuary. One of the best films of 2001 will be one of the best films of

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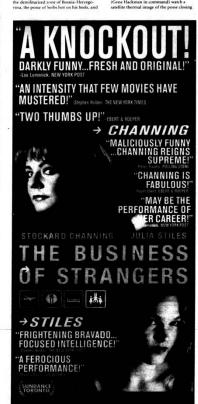
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at about one-tenth the length. With Mathieu Kassovitz, 2001. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS:

A Beautiful Mind — Fact-based Ron Howard film about a schizophrenic math genius, with Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly, Christopher Plummer. FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; FORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20. RANCHO DEL REY 16: TOWN SQUARE 14: FROM 12/25)

the rescue effort thwarted by a NATO busybody of divided loyalites. (Opportunity, better, to reprise the wistful Vietnam refrain about taking the glores off and unitying one hand from behind the back.) All in all, it affords a good case study, no better or worse than numberlies others, of the American (or the Hollywood) Way: the lack of interest in what the NATO. pooh-bah calls "the Big Picture," the total focus instead on what we must call the Little locus instead on what we must call the Little Picture, the individual, the here, the star, the center of the universe — even if it's only Owen Wilson and not, say, Matt Damon. There is one truly creepy sequence in which the flier's mates on the aircraft carrier (Gene Hackman in command) watch a satellite thermal image of the posse closing



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old-fashioned chase thriller, all the way t ts cavalry to the rescue climax. Tolerably modish photographic gimmicks of a

skipping, sliding, swivelling camera, and the overall complexion of ice-locker blue, and the inflated, slowed-down, drawn-out action. Directed by John Moore. 2001.

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Bread and Tulips — Licia Maglietta, a more loosely wound and comfortably upholstered Natalie Wood, warm and

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womanly, with a lived-in face and body but an undimmed sparkle, plays a Pescara housewife and intermittent klutz who gets separated from her tour group, including her husband and teenage son, while fishing an earring out of the toilet bowd at a rest stop. The occasion affords her an stop. The occasion affords her an opportunity to go off on one of those nonradical ferminist odysseys, in fact quite a conservative and conventional ferminist odyssey, to Find Herself: hirkhhiking to Venice where he has never been, landing a job with an incapacitated old florist, gaining lodging with a suicidal leclandic water who speaks a torturously stifled brand of Italian (it comes out in the English udstitles like as:

"What engenders such uncertainty?"). The novice private investigator on her tail, whose only qualifications for the job are the detective novels he devours and his trench-coat, is conventional as well, and he takes away too much time from the heroine. But director Silvio Soldini keepi the movie light on its fest, 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 bogged 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 an out of dream scenes with a amoothness and seamlessness that

surpass Fellini and approach Buñuel. Bruno Ganz, Giuseppe Battiston. 2000. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

La Bâche — French Christmas comedy with Charlotte Gainsbourg, Emmanuelle Béart, and Sabine Azéma, directed by Danièle Thompson. (KEN, 12/21 THROUGH 27)

The Business of Strangers — Touted as a feminine answer to In the Company of Mert. Two women at opposite reads of the corporate pecking order — a stressed exect and a sassy apprenties, who between them do a good deal of drinking and telephoning — visit a kind of revenge on a haptess made headbunter. Like the better LaBute movie, it's spare and sterile in appearance, but the plotting is more transparent, less tricky. The only real pleasure is in watching the hard work of two ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Devil's Backbone — Reviewed this issue. With Eduardo Noriega: Marisa Paredes, and Federico Luppi: directed by Guillermo del Toro.

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Domestic Disturbance — Suspenser in the tried-and-true pattern of the Boy Who Cried Wolf: a mendacious early adolescent (Matt O'Leary, vulnerable as required) who discovers that his well-heeled new stepdad discovers that his well-heeded new stepdad. (Vince Vaughn) is first of all a heel and next of all a psychopathic killer. The police might be forgored in childering that the discovered the exceeded hing through the discovered the exceeded hing through the discovered the exceeded hing through the properties of the family was in a difficult to believe it while seeing it with your own yes. But the whole yet have been a discovered to the family was read a difficult to believe it while seeing it with your own yes. But the growth is a difficult to believe it while seeing it will your own yes. But the frequency cannot for growth in the proper has a difficult to the fine given cannot be forgover, cannot forgove himself, for this compared, and well-constructed, the movie pars adoquet a terration to the migroup of both and sedguard arterint on the migroup of both

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The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition

The harrowing late of that aborted and recrusted attempt to cross. Attactica on foot, just after the outbreak of the First World War. It is quite a tale, all right, and taly little package of interfe dostage and still photos taken by he party's official, historian. Frank Hurley, supplementary disassing and partings from the period octor footing of the region; readings from the men's datares and letters; interviews with their descendants, and narration spaken by Laim Neemi. You suffount years in a \$\psi\$ 4.00 \text{William of the region readings from the period octor footing of the region; readings from the men's shares and letters; interviews with their descendants, and narration spaken by Laim Neemi. You suffount years in a \$\psi\$ 4.00 \text{William of the share of the region readings from the period of the region readings from the residence of the region reading shares and the residence of the region readings from the region of the region readings from the residence of the region readings from the residence of the region readings from the residence of the region readings from the region of the region readings from the residence of the region readings from the region of the region readings from the residence of the region readings from the region of the region region of the region readings from the region of the region readings from the region of the region region regi

Fat Girl — The sexual initiation of two rate user — The sexual initiation of two adolescent sisters, one kitenish, the other bearish ("No one would think we're sisters"), on a summer holiday. Very candid and detailed, with extended negotiations required of an older seducer. (The director, Catherine Breillat, doesn't strive to outdo

her hardcore Romance, however; and the rudeness of the title 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; cellent shots of freeway traffic. With nais Reboux, Roxane Mesquida, Libero De Rienzo, Arsinee Khanjian, 2000 ★★ (KEN, THROUGH 12/20)

Mrs. Doubtfire, Nine Months, Stepmons, Bicentennial Man, chief rival of Steven Spielberg for his in-touchness with the Inner Child. No longer applicable, quite plainly, will be the line of defense to the er rood or had it much be, the kids at least are reading it, reading something. Even if you haven't read it something. Even if you haven't read it yourself, you can inter a lassish fidelity to the text on the grounds that no special effects movie, no "event" movie, no move scored by John Williams, would otherwise keep so leisurely and strung out a schedule of dramatic incident. It's more a matter of going new places and meeting new people

(or new owls, goblins, trolls), a social schedule. The bespectacled little hero, if you didn't know, is a put upon or prima who, on reaching his eleventh birthday, and despite the interference of an abusive adoptive family of Dickensian grossness, discovers that he is a natural born wizard and is eligible for admittance into Hogwarts School of Wischraft and Wizards, there to School of Witchcraft and Wizardy, there develop his infinite inner potential: In dovelop his infinite inner potential: In short, he is a close cousin to every neglected, unspreciated, unlowed, sorned, mocked, but ultimately (sweetly, recengefully) trumphant here out of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales. In the end, his plodding path will lead him to a confrontation with the evel entity who slew his parents. But this destination is not signposted with the efficiency or urgency of a Hamler (for instance). Maybe admirers of the book will be content with what amount

Still, it's not the, or a, book. More bluntly, it's not anything special. With Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint. Robbie Coltrane, Ian Hart, Alan Rickman, Richard Harris, and Maggie Smith. 2001.

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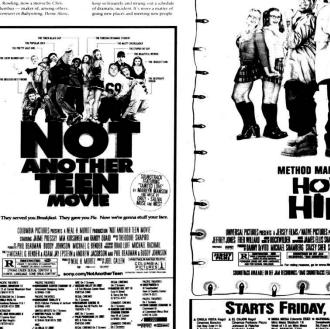
Holst — Relatively speaking, this has to be considered David Mamet's most commercial piece to date. Relative, that is, to one starring Joe Mantegna or William H. Macy. A cast headed by Gene Hackman

and Danny DeVito, in addition to Delroy Lindo, Sam Rockwell, Rebecca Pidgeon (Mamet's wife), and Ricky lay (a Mamet regular), may get the movie into wide release in shopping: mall multipleses instead of limited release on the specialty circuit. But it hardly constitutes the circuit Built hardly constitute the greedlest gang of seren thieres ever assembled. In any event the sad gives Manter everthing he needs (as dutined from everthing he meds) (as dutined from everthing he might commercially deaver or dream of), even, most surprisingly, Rebeca Polgeon, the very posture of self-considerate and hartipath in the part of the former fault. The computatory flot review for the former fault. The computatory flot review for the former fault. The computatory flot review for the former fault. The computation of the former fault. The computation of the former fault. The part of the former fault for the fault for the fault for the fault fault for the fault f They have always been an essential ingredient in his bag of tricks. But the self



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snarls the farther the plot is spun out. more smalls the farther the plot is spun out. The real lun of the thing, though, is the glitteringly polished Mamer dialogue: terse, repetitive, thinkmal, alignmatic, eminently quotable (flockwell: "IT be as quiet as an awar to as quiet as an art prising on cotton." I want you as quiet as an art prising on cotton. I want you as quiet as an art not even thinking about pissing on cotton."). More than any except can possibly show; certainly more than any competitives certainly more than any competitives. actianly more than any competitive 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 reated to trick spins and wicked spikes and incases in crick spins and wicked spikes and dring saves, never permitted to touch the ground, never booted away in frustration or digoust. It would be true to say that this style of dialogue draws attention to itself. It would be no less true to say that it amply repays such attention, 2001. ** * (HORTON PLAZA 14, THROUGH 12/24)



In the Bedroom — Reviewed this issue. With Tom Wilkinson, Sissy Spacek, Marisa

Tomei, and Nick Stahl: directed by Todd Field.

hrdmany — Screenwriter Hanif Kureishi (My Beautiful Laundrette, Sammy and Rosic Get Laid) and director Patrice Chereau (Queen Margot, Those Who Love Me Can Take the Train) combine to bring the British kitchen sink into the French boudoir. Or vice versa. Two Angst-ridden Londoners — a bartender and a small-time Londoners — a bartender and a small-incomment — a bartender and a small-incomment of the data states, the latter currently appearing in a bode in the wall production of The Glass Menagerie, both of them hiding a spouse and offspring in the wing. — meet on department of the states o termed his "real" life, the man, a trustrated mussician with an autographed photo of John Lennon on the wall, stares into space, chugs on a beer, engages in incoherent wrangles at work, curls up in a fetal position, jerks off in the john with a pair of his wife's panties (interrupted by a knock

on the door: "Daddy!"). For her part -with less time to herself on screen — t with less time to herself on screen — the woman treats her acting class, of which she's supposed to be the teacher, to a histrionic methodown that gives the stude a sterling example if not any actual instruction. It's all a bit hair-tearnipy ridiculous, but that doesn't mean the viewer, at least, can have some fin. Mark Rylance, Kerry Fox, Timothy Spall, Marianne Faithfull. 2001. * (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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Joe Somebody — Nothing much. A white-collar cog becomes a sudden celebra when he challenges the company bully to a rematch. Occasion for sitcom moralizing s.a. 1959. With Tim Allen, Julie Bowen. Warburton, and Jim Belushi; directed by

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John Pasquin. 2001.

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Kate and Loopeld — Reviewed this issue. With Meg Ryan, Hugh Jackman, and Liev Schreiber; directed by James Mangold.

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K-PAX — No, not an easy-listening radio station, and not a merger of Kotex and Tampax, but an undiscovered planet in the constellation Lyra — or so says Kevin Spacey, who is either a bona fide spaceman

Spacey, who is either a bona fide spaceman (the early evidence, apart from the actor's surrame, 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 maced-most facility of the Psychatric, 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 alsen/inmate to the realm of light, especially as a mode of interstellar travel. It's sticky all the same. With Mary McCormack and Alfre Woodard: directed

Life on a House — Dying man's last wish: to build his dream house and at the same time boad with his inhibition, incommunicative, pieced and glue-antifuing photographed (by Vilmor Asignmond) but brutally, maulingly manipulative. With Kevin Kline, Hayden Christennen, Kristin Scott Thomas, Jens Malone, and Mary Sterebaugen, directed by Irism Winkler.

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The Lord of the Rings: The Followship of the Rings — First installment in Peter Jackson's adaptation of the Tolkien trilogy, with Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Liv Tyler.

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The Man Who Wasn't There—The first Goen brothers film to disappoint. That's not to say it's not good, certainly not to say it's not even as good as their first. Blood Simple, when there could be no Blood Simple, when there could be no expectations and so no disappointment. The brothers have not studenly lost their touch. They do for Billy Blot Thermton what they did before for George Clooney in Of Bother. When Art Thour and namely make an unpubable actor polatible, largely be gitting him with an interesting and well written character, in this case a notworther the second of the polatile. withdrawn barber employed in his brother

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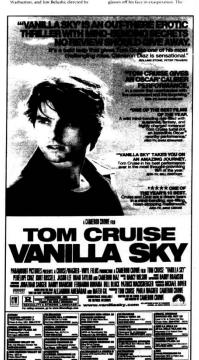
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and Robbins, they throw a muzzle over the usually unbridled Thornton. Open and

gabby enough in his first-person narration ("Me, I don't talk much" and "Me, I don't like entertaining"), he is practically catatonic in demeanor, allowing us to study and appreciate the Edward G. Robinson plushness of his lips, the Walter Huston. rodynamic crimp in his toupee. (The orbering details, particularly the live numering oceans, particularly the use allustrations of men's hairstyles from the Butch to the Flattop to the Executive Contour, are precious but few, and are never as compelling as the barber's dark inner thoughts on his profession; short h as a form of human waste. I A mostly morrose, spasmodically winking pastiche o

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James M. Cain, the film has the artistic detachment we expect of the Coens—
always happy to put words such as "Wop," "Nip," "Heinie," and "pansy" into the mouths of their characters, even the more sympathetic ones—and it has, in some measure, the ingenuity of plotting we expect as well. (The hero's money-raising scheme: to his femile his wife's lover aronnemously. as well. (The hero's money-rating scheme; to blackmal his wife's lover anonymously for the affair he secretly suspects.) Yet there is something unexcitingly also us — Eng. who was to be a superior of the solid properties of the movely of the brothers' first essay in black-and-white was supposed to make up for any lack of freshiness and originality elsewhere. And the black and white, at least their "appropriate" or "correct" for pedantic or "appropriate" or "correct" for pedantic or botsons' a choice it was for a pested film non, looks a little pide, a little milks, a little washed-out. Fances (M. Dormand, James Cambolfinis, Michael Badabacco, Ion Politic, Tons Shallhoods, Sariett Indamson, 2001. ** IHORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA VILLAGE

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Mulholland Drive — David Lynch's The the aberration; the twisted story is the one for him. In this case it's a braided story, besides twisted, of the intertwined fates of two women, one light and one dark, a starry eyed, starry sweatered Hollywood hopeful from Deep River, Ontario, and a haunted, hunted amnesiac from who kno where. The filmmaker's freedom from where. The himmaker's freedom from normal plot logic, to put it in the most neutral light, frees him to do pretty much whatever he wants, (Or, in a more whatever he wants. (Or, in a more jaundiced light, frees him to be the poster boy for self-indulgence.) In the result, the entertainment value is fiftight higher than in the average plodder chained to conventionality. For examples the abstract swing-dance competition of the opening and the later lip-sync auditions to Giff Rock goldie-oldies; the well-wishing elderly couple at LOX whose mile-wedge grins. stretch all the way to rictus; the spectator sport lesbianism tailored for the thereford at one or we have the second of th

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No Man's Land — Reviewed this issue. With Branko Djuric, Rene Bitorajac, Filip Sovagovic, Simon Callow, and Katrin Cartlidge; written and directed by Danis

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/21)

Not Another Teen Movie — Another 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 Kirshner, Randy Quaid; directed by Joel Gallen. 2001. CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL IAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION

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Novocaline — Run of the mill black comedy (remember when there wasn't a black comedy mill when black comedy that a subject to the comedy mill when black comedy mill when black comedy and a derived when the control of as a Hollywood star who butts into the police investigation in the course of researching a role. Deep into it, there's a good moment when Martin, contreed by cops in a seedy motel room, vaults himself into the crawl space over the bathroom ceiling and heads out to wherever it will ake him in a plucky attempt at escape. With Laura Dern, Helens Bonham Carter, Elias Kottas, Soot (Zaar; writtens, 2001). * (FLOWER HILL 4: HILLCREST CINEMAS)

as-a-whistle casino heist, with a star-studded cast (Clooney, Pitt, Damon, Julia Roberts, Andy Garcia, Carl Reiner, Elliott Gould, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, Casey Affleck, Scott Caan). There are sellouts, to Affleck, Scott Cann). There are sellouts, to be sure, and then there are sellouts, and Steven Soderbergh's philosophy apparently holds that if you're going to be one, you might as well be a big one. Bigger than he was in Erin Berchowich, bigger than in Traffic. The biggest. (The original was directed by the man who had made All Quiet on the Wittern Front and Of Mice and Men on the Acid of the control of the Quies on the Western Front and Of Mice and Men, so there's an immediate proceeding.) Maybe the stigmantization of a Vegas fat cat— This gay is as smart as he in rubbles."— makes it easier for Soderbergth doesn't make it causer to low Sat the screen. Fat cats are plemtful there. 2001.

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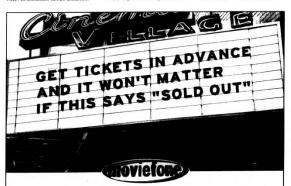


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acquaintances in his life, room best bud to the brunette hottie ac hall, look just the same as before. At on point, and only one, it is suggested that the

er beauty without the help of Ton 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, ● (ENCINITAS 8; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALA

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**Eldowables of New York — Multi-character cross-pollination romantic comedy, widely described as Woody Allenesque. This seem to signify that (a) it takes place in New York Ciry, (b) the line. What are you taking about," is speken frequently and dissingenuously when the speaker known (line) with what is being talked about, and (c) the writer-deriven in also the proposed of the companion of the companion of the more enugly if (a) behaved human were, or had, as well articulated a screen persona as Moody Allen (b) he could see himself Woody Allen; (b) he could see himself occasionally with analytical and selfoccasionally with analytical and self-mocking detachment instead of always as a Really Cool Guy; and (c) his wit were sharp-enough to cut butter. He undoubtedly has more generosity than Allen, not just in sharing the lines and the limelight with his surrounding cast but also in showering them with acceptance and affection. Only

one in the central core of six — Stanley Tucci — is an out-and-out rat fink, although all the men tend to act a little like although all the men tend to act a little like con artists. All the women, meanwhile, tend to act carbonated. (Heather Graham and Brittapy Murphy, but not Rosario Dawson, tend in addition to act vigorously shaken before opening.) So if the scope and scale of the thing are completely human, the acting and the writing are not. And that lazy device of direct-to-camera interviews of the characters cannot give it a documentar verisimilitude without raising the ques of who's doing the interviewing. And why, With David Krumholtz and Dennis Farina. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Spy Came — 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 nission in China, and is scheduled for

execution in twenty-four hours. His superiors, mindful of delicate trade superiors, mindful of delicate trade negotations, seem willing to look the other way. The main area of interest in this so-called 'game' (an indicator of Smiley synicism instead of Bond idealism) is the limitation of the playing field to CIA headquarters: the long-distance string-pulling, the circumvention of official channels, the concealment of activities from



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covert rescue operation). It's to say it could have observed them. What weakens this at of interest — what shoots holes in the thre unities — is the flashback structure that gives rise to a kind of career highlight reel

on the protegé (as his mentor selectively fills in his bosses on the deep background). The highlights, while naturally low in suspense, provide some action for action's sake. Or action, anyway, for the trailer's sake. Action

for bringing-in-the-suckers' sake. The highlights fail, however, to supply any reason why the old-timer would go to such lengths to bail out his understudy (when he had expressly told him, under similar circumstances, that he wouldn't). We are forced to fall back on the physical likeness of Redford to Pitt, and the fact that Pitt had in essence already played Redford in A River Runs through It, fuciling speculation on a sort of familial blood tie or at least maybe a fraternal bond between fellow mattines (sides). Streben Dilling, Marie Least maybe a fraternal bond between fellow mattines (sides). Streben Dilling, Marie Least maybe ad expressly told him, under similar frateria bond between fellow matines (dols, Nephen Dillanc, Marianne lean Baptiste, Catherine McCormack; directed by Tony Scott, 2001.

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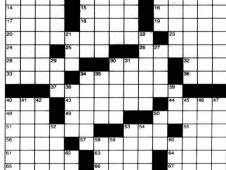


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That evening after the dinner dishes were cleared, my husband Patrick added water to the icing powder — powdered sugar — which comes with the kit while I

powdered sugar — which comes with the kit while I set up the walls to the house and the kids hovered over the candy decorations, popping a few into their mouths when they thought no one was looking. The construction proved to be disastrous. We had made the king too water on and the walls began to cave in on 1 not will not with the work of t

and the walls began to cave in on all sides. After adding some of our own powdered sugar, the consistency was thick and strong enough, but detail was out of the ques-tion. Our finished gingerbread house had the look of a kindergarten class project. The next day, my friend Bernice took one look at it and details. The details of the control of the control of the look of a kindergarten class of the control of the control of the day my friend Bernice took one look at it and details. The day of the control of the c

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come in and set up the walls of the houses.
Then! will swart a little while and decorate them.
To make the soun fords directions use that well. Eager to find out if I was the Eager to find out if I was the only inept gingerbreal-bouse builder, I called a few acquaintances to find out how their houses turned out. "It could have gone better," moaned my friend Monica. "I bought the \$5.99 [17.6 ounces] Original German 'Hexen Haus' Gingerbread House kit at To make the snow look glistening, we use edi ble glitter. Everything on the house is edible except for some of the figurines. The houses have Santa in a sleigh with reindeer on the roof, an Trader Joe's, It had a European look to it, Trader Joe's, It had a European look to it, 1 not what I would expect when I think gingerbread house. It called for icing sugar and I didn't know what that meant so I used granulated sugar. That was my biggest mistake. Later on, I added powdered sugar. It also didn't include a pastry bag or nozle, so I used a Ziplisbag instead. The Ziploc part kept coming unzipped and icing was everywhere. It included Santa in a sleigh with reindeer on the roof, an elf falling off the roof. There are little gifts and a Christmas tree in the doorway, candy canes on the sides, deer, a snowman, and a few plastic gingermen. They are very cute."

How much do you charge for the house? "They are 535 decorated. You can also order the house already assembled but not dec-

ds and cookie decorations and sugar candies.

The kids had a great time."
"We had a disaster with the icing," laughed

my sister Meg, who had bought a kit at Linens
'N Things on sale for \$14.99. "It took a num-

ber of tries to get the right toothpaste consis tency and then it was too thick to use the dec orator tip with it. We just took a knife and slathered it on. There was a plethora of pep-

stathered it on. I nere was a picture of pep-permints but the capdy canes were poor qual-ity. A minute after taking them out of the A minute after taking them out of the up leaving the kitchen and let-ting the kids go bog wild. They had fun but I don't think I

will go with the Wilton brand again." Thinking I

El Cajon. "We sell one size house," explained Mariana Gonzalez, cake decorator. "It is an old-

fashioned gingerbread

might just go with a pre-made house next year, I called Howard's Bakery in

orated and decorate them yourself. We will put all the goodies in a bag for you. Or, you can just buy the assembled house and use your own icing and decorations. A plain house costs \$18." How long will the houses last?

"We have people that save them for years with their Christmas decorations. Once the icing dries out they can just wrap them in plas tic and store them with their Christmas items. If the house gets broken while in storage Howard's can repair them for a small charge.

If the house gets broken while in storage, Howard's can repair them for a small charge." The clerk at European Cake Gallery in Joint Loma gave me further advice. "I've kept some gingerbread houses for about three years," she explained. "You can keep gingerbread houses if they are in a dry area. You can't have any houses for \$30. It is the same house we have don

Edelweiss Bakery in bakeries recommended ordering ahead to ensure

Other gingerbread house kits that I found around town:
Pic 'N Save carried a kit by Wright Brothers for \$5.99. It contained gumdrops, pepperminst, tangy treats, and rainbow sprinkles. Vons on Fletcher Parkway carried the Wilton Fully Assembled Gingerbread House kit for \$12.99 for 1.8 pounds. It contained more premade icing decorations (snowman, wreath gingerbread boy than the Wilton kit I had bought at Michaels. Party City sold a kit by Wilton called Fre-Baked Gingerbread House for \$9.99 for 1.8 pounds

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A couple of months ago, my mom and I were talking on the phone one Monday morning. My father died last March. My My father died last March. My mom has spent the months since adjusting to the loss of her best friend, the man she was married to for almost 47 years. She started going to church again. She found time to pray. During our phone conversation that Monday, my mom told me. "You know, the

had been at church with our five kids. "Refresh my memory," I told my mom. "I think I was tak ing Johnny to the bathroom during the gospel."
"It was the one where Jesus

says to 'take up your cross and follow Me,' " my mom said. "I've been spending these last months wondering what I'm supposed to do now that your father's gone. Yesterday when I heard the gospel, I thought, This must be my cross to be a 69-year-old woman who's lost her husband."

a 69-year-old woman who's lost her husband."

Over the next few weeks, I thought a lot about what my mom had said. One night, I told Jack, "You know how Jesus says to take up your cross and follow Him?" "Mm-hmm," Jack said looking up from the

magazine he was reading at the kitchen table.
"Well, I've decided I've got a lot of little

crosses."
Jack looked puzzled.
"I think God sends some people big crosses, like great poverty or a horrible disease or the death of a child. God sent me a lot of little crosses. Like the fact that I can't eat whatever I want and still the fact that I can't eat whatever I want and still be thin. And the fact that we never get enough sleep. And all the little annoying things the kids do during the day that drive me nuts, like Johnny's whining and Ben always trying to climb up on things, My challenge is to remember how generally blessed we are and to carry all my little crosses gracefully and cheerfully and cheerfully nart last week. A bornble cold vms herefully nart last week. A brofile cold vms

erfully part last week. A horrible cold virus worked its way through the family. First, sixyear-old Angela got sick. Her throat burned. Her nose ran like a faucet. She lay awake in bed at night moaning because she felt so bad. I gave her medicine. "It's not working," Angela whined at 3 a.m. In the mornings, she coughed a harsh,

barking hack and couldn't talk. I kept Angela home from school for a few days. She bickered with 5-year-old Lucy and tortured 3-year-old Johnny by stealing his toys. She tried to love Ben, who is 15 months old. "Stay away from Ben," I fussed at Angela. "The last thing I need is for him to get sick,

When Angela got better, her older sister Rebecca got sick. Day and night, Rebecca coughed and coughed. Sometimes, Rebecca coughed until she threw up. "I'm bored," Rebecca complained as she lay on the couch. "I want to go

"You can't go to school so long as you're still coughing," I told her. "You'll be better when Rebecca got better, Johnny and Lucy

got sick. I poured more Motrin and Pedia-care In the morning, my house sounded like a TB ward.

ward.

Last Thursday night, I started to feel the familiar scratchiness in my own troot. By Friday morning, my sinuses were blocked and my head pounded. Jack's company Christmas party was scheduled for Saturday night. "I don't know if I'll be able to go," I told him.
"It's unposed to be the whole family." he "It's supposed to be the whole family," he

his forehead felt hot when I kissed him. While I snuggled him on the couch, I stuck the baby I snugged num on the couch, i stuck the bady thermometer under his arm. When is beeped, I read aloud, "102.2. When you take it under the arm, you add a degree." I looked at lack. "We can't take this boy to a Christmas party." That evening, I hugged Jack and the girls goodlye. "I'm so sorry you can't come," Rebecca

said mournfully. "That's okay," I told her. "You guys have

a good time. I fed Johnny some hot dog and macaron

I fed Johnny some hot dog and macaroni and cheese for dinner. Ben took a few bites of the macaroni then fussed to be let out of his highchair. I got the boys ready for bed, then took them back downstains. Sitting on the couch, Johnny and Ben fell askeep while t watched fig-ure skating. Ben's cheeks still burned with fever. Johnny's breathing was raspy from his cold. My own throat still felt swellen and sore. looked around the room. Duplos and puzzle pieces and plastic figurines lay strewn about the floor. In the kitchen, dirty dishes littered the counter. myself.
Then I caught sight of the Advent wreath sitting on our dining room table. I thought

about a teenage girl riding through the desert on a donkey for several days before giving birth said.
Saturday, Ben seemed fussy. He fell asleep at lunchtime and slept for two and a half hours.
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