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Common Horror

I've just read your current issue, April 25, with the cover article, "Their Teachers Molested Them." This really affected me. I plan on letting my child read it. I am so sorry that these people had such a horrible situation happen to them in their lives, but from what I can understand, this is, apparently, very common. Teachers are not what they used to be, even though I have to honestly say I think a lot of them still are the same old-fashioned teachers we all grew up with. But unfortunately there's a crazy, weird group of people who are hurting children. Thank you so much for this article. I hope that you print articles like this again, and I probably will read your paper now because of the depth of this article.

Name Withheld

End Violent Madness It seems there is no limit to insanity in San Diego. Two

April 25 "City Lights" articles exposed the madness.

First, a Coronado bar that is a hangout for fanatic warhungry men proudly promoting endless slaughter ("More Treacherous Than Vietnam"). Second, a plan to tow plastic bags of stolen water from Northern California rivers to San Diego to feed our insatiable desire for water ("Can Plastic Bags Slake City's Thirst?").

The two issues may not seem connected. But they are both brainless, violent, and destructive nonsolutions to serious problems.

Has anyone considered the alternatives? Work for world peace, keep our men from killing or being killed, and seriously reduce our wasteful consumption of water. Is there no one out there to stop this madness?

Tanja Winter La Iolla

Larson's Best

Thomas Larson's "I Have More Money Than We Could Possibly Spend in Our Lifetimes" (April 18) is probably the best article I have ever read in the Reader. A thoroughly engrossing and entertaining read. Larson should turn it into a screenplay, half drama, half black comedy.

Santee

Bitter Review

I have never read such a meanspirited review as the one on the

new restaurant Cafe W ("Grazing at the Bar-W," Restaurant Review, April 18). It is sad that a person spewing so much venom is in a position of power over a business like that. I'm not sure if it was the wrong time of the month, or if she just hates Hillcrest restaurants, because she has a gay ex, or exactly what the problem is. I have eaten there several times and have always had a wonderful experience. I have never seen this reviewer, but in the article she refers to her bodytype as that of Kathleen Turner. I think she must be delusional, or in denial, because the booths at Cafe W are more than ample for "normal-sized" people, and I am not talking about "Calista Flockhart clones." I don't think such a bitter person has a place on the staff of a paper with the reputation of the Reader, or should even be allowed to have her opinion shared with anyone. From looking into her past credits, and talking with other people, she seems to have a reputation for not supporting new businesses in the Bay Area as well. Considering how difficult it is to open and maintain a restaurant, especially one as pleasant and accommodating as Cafe W, someone like that should not set out to sabotage them. The damage of your widespread readership cannot be undone and was totally unfounded!!!! Steven Forman

English Pride

I'm calling in response to Sarah Spaid of Oceanside, with the "Sexist, Racist Titles" (Letters, April 18). She needs to get a clue. I'm multilingual, and I'm also a woman; however, I only speak one other language besides English. My family comes from immigrants who had to come here and learn how to speak English to make a living so that we could have a life, and the language that I speak is not spoken in California very often. I find it very frustrating when I make phone calls to banks and other companies and have to hear messages in several other languages because we're accommodating other people rather than being proud of our citizenship here in America and the primary language spoken here, which is English. English is very important for everyone to learn if they intend to live in the United States. I work in a military installation, and it's supposed to be English-only here, and yet they don't comply by the rules set forth by the federal government, and I have to hear a language and I don't know what they're talking about — they could be terrorists, for all I know. I'm proud to be able to speak English and another language, but English-only is my response to Ms. Sarah Spaid.

I don't find anything wrong with "Horses and Their Women." You know, we always talk about men and different things, so why not women and horses? Tell her she needs to grow up.

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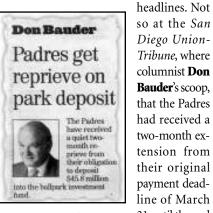
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Copley Stadium In most big cities, word that a Major League Baseball team had missed the first \$45.8 million payment to a "public-private" partnership with city hall to build a \$450 million-plus downtown stadium would merit screaming front-page newspaper



From the San Diego Union-Tribune, 4/27/02 of May, ap-

Tribune, where columnist **Don** Bauder's scoop, that the Padres had received a two-month extension from their original payment deadline of March 31 until the end

peared on Saturday's business page. The Saturday paper is notorious among insiders as a place where U-T management parks stories and letters they don't want readers to pay much attention to. Bauder quoted Padres president **Bob Vizas** as saying the team intends to raise \$140 million for its share of the project through a sale of bonds, which has yet to take place. That contradicts a February 16 report in the U-T, under the byline of reporter Jonathan Heller, in which Vizas was paraphrased as saying "the ballclub, which recently received an infusion of cash from a new long-term deal with Cox Communications, will not have to sell bonds to finance its portion" of the deal. City taxpayers are supposedly protected if the Padres renege on the payment by a guarantee from Major League Baseball and bond insurance. But lawyer Vizas, a talented, high-priced corporate litigator from San Francisco, could make things very interesting if Mayor Dick Murphy and the council majority — which thus far has given Padres owner John Moores everything he's wanted — try to enforce the contract against his will. If Murphy lost in court, taxpayers could find themselves holding the bag for far more than the estimated \$200 million the city has already gone into hock for. Already, a highly placed, sports-oriented Union-Tribune executive is reportedly telling people he fully expects the team to ultimately renege, forcing taxpayers to pick up the entire tab for the project, a move that the paper, he promised, would editorially support ... The next hearing on that First Amendment lawsuit against the City of San Diego by Clear Channel Outdoor, the big billboard company that opposes regulations against booze advertising, is set for May 23, according to federal court records. Settlement talks are reportedly in the works. Employees of Clear Channel gave thousands of dollars to the city council candidacy of Charles Lewis, who is running to replace his boss in District Four, George Stevens.

Widows and orphans A church in Rancho Santa Fe figures in a scandal involving a Cleveland stockbroker who allegedly embezzled \$40 million from the accounts of his clients and spent the ill-gotten gains on everything from charitable contributions to a private jet to a New York condo for his girlfriend. He's also charged with inflating by \$200 million the value of his clients' accounts to hide his withdrawals. According to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Frank Gruttadauria, a broker at the local office of Lehman Brothers, sent \$135,000 to the Village Community Church at the behest of Elaine Meyerhoff, an 87-yearold investor whose account he handled. Meyerhoff thought the money was from her own funds, but it actually came from the account of another Gruttadauria client, the paper reports. Reached at her Rancho Santa Fe home last week, Meyerhoff said she lost virtually her entire fortune due to Gruttadauria's alleged embezzlement scheme, as did many others. He's being held in jail without bond. The church had no comment.

The Nazi card San Diego Unified schoolboard member Ron Ottinger, facing a sur-



Ron Ottinger

prisingly strong recall effort, has come out slugging. In a news release dispatched by the district's public relations department last week, Ottinger all but accuses critics of district superintendent **Alan Bersin** of being anti-Semitic. "I feel I can no longer

keep silent about a disgusting aspect of the heightened incivility that has plagued our school district recently. It involves attacks on



Frances Zimmerman

a man of Jewish descent, that involves images of Nazism and the Holocaust. As a Jew, I resent it. As a human being, I deplore it." Among other offending actions, says the release, is an article on the website of fellow

our superintendent,

board member Frances Zimmerman "calling one of our classes a 'remedial stalag' " and "a photo of a teachers union activist carrying a sign at a recent district event that says, 'Heil Führer Bersin.' "On Tuesday, Ottinger's release paid off big-time, triggering an editorial in the Wall Street Journal attacking Zimmerman for making Nazi allusions and the teachers union for standing in the way of Bersin's

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Disability Attorney Haunts India Street

By Justin Wolff

yself, Gelato Vero, and Shakespeare Pub and Grille — all three of us got hit," explained Su-Mei Yu, owner of Saffron

Chicken and Saffron Noodles & Sate on India Street. She was referring to suits filed against her and the other restaurants in late March by Theodore A. Pinnock, a local attorney who assiduously monitors compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Pinnock, who has cerebral palsy, has filed hundreds of suits against local businesses, mostly restaurants, for infractions ranging from having doors that are too narrow for wheelchair access to improper placement of toilet-paper dispensers in restrooms.

Yu remembered hearing the news that she had been sued in federal court. "I was in Florida for the Easter holiday," she said, "when I got a phone message from a friend who is a lawyer. She said she was sorry about my lawsuit, but I had no idea what she was talking about. When I called the office, my assistant said that we had been served with some papers. She read them to me, and I was very upset. I didn't understand. When I got home, I read the summons. I had some vague memory of a gentleman in a wheelchair who in March was going up and down India Street, and he came into the noodle restaurant. This was about a week before I left for vacation."

The complaint, filed by Pinnock on March 21, charges that when he went to



Mary Howell

Yu's restaurant he "had difficulty" using the "entrance, interior path of travel, customer service counter, and public dining facilities" because they "failed to comply with ADA Access Guidelines." More specifically, Pinnock main-

sufficient floor space to allow for the required turning radius for a disabled person who uses a wheelchair"; that the "customer service counter is too high"; that "the restaurant fails to have any disability signage"; that the toiletpaper dispenser in the restroom "is mounted too high"; and that the "lavatory sink and faucet handles are inaccessible." All told, Pinnock found dozens of similar infractions.

In the suit, Pinnock demanded that the barriers be removed and the hardware be fixed. He also asked for \$4000 for each offense and for resti-



Theodore Pinnock

tained that "the exterior hardware on the outer entrance door is inaccessible, as the hardware requires tight grasping and/or twisting of the wrist to operate"; that a screen door at the entrance is too narrow; that there is "intution for general damages and attorneys' fees. Pinnock filed almost identical suits against Gelato Vero Caffe and Shakespeare Pub and Grille.

Yu told me that since her restaurants had passed incontinued on page 6



Saffron Chicken (Su-Mei Yu photo in poster)

Afghan Dust Jams Mouse Guns

Bv Ernie Grimm

eginning with Vietnam, American soldiers and Marines have carried the M-16 rifle. And the virtues and vices of the

black rifle have been argued by military men and gun enthusiasts ever since. The central issue in the argument is the .223 caliber, or 5.66-millimeter bullet, fired by the M-16. "Before Vietnam," explains Jason Kuyper, manager of Southern California Guns in La Mesa, "the military used a heavier-caliber weapon. It was a .30 caliber, and now it's basically a .22 caliber. There's a significant difference in both the size of the bullet and the energy it delivers."

The size of the bullet fired by a gun is denoted either in caliber rating or in millimeters. A .22 caliber round is 22 hundredths of an inch in diameter. A gun firing that size bullet will commonly be called a "22." A 9-millimeter handgun fires a bullet 9 millimeters in diameter. In the interest of uniformity, militaries in NATO countries officially use the metric rating. But in the United States, gun owners usually speak in

terms of caliber. Hence, in the case of the M-16 service rifle, its round is known both by its caliber, .223, and its metric size, 5.56 millimeters.

"Guys that are from the younger [military] generation," Kuyper says, "and raised on the newer generation weapons, they don't have a problem with the M-16 and the .223 round. But you have the guys who are a little bit older, and they were around when the heavier-caliber weapons were issued, guys who were in the military in the early '60s and WWII vets and Korean War vets. Those old-school guys think that the new stuff is junk, and they call it a 'mouse gun.' "

Mouse gun?

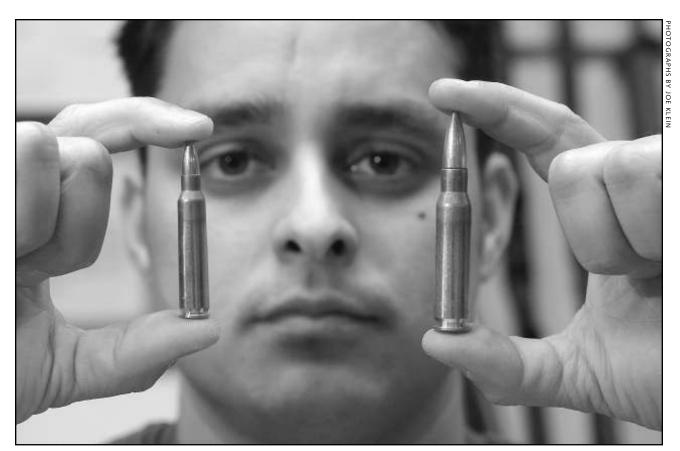
Kuyper chuckles, "Well, in general, .22 caliber weapons are used for varmint hunting — prairie dogs and gophers and that kind of stuff."

What about hunting something the size of a

"It depends," Kuyper an-



From left to right: .308, .223, .45, and 9mm bullets



James Montes, holding .223 and .308 caliber bullets

swers. "There is kind of a dividing line right at that size game. Game similar in size to a human would be deer and people have different opinions on what you can hunt deer with. Some people use a .22 caliber to hunt deer, though people generally will use a .30 caliber because of the stopping power of the larger round. They know that the .30 caliber will kill the deer in one shot, and they don't want to see the animal suffer. You don't want to wound game and let it run off and lose it. And in dangerous game, you don't want to shoot it and have it turn around and attack you."

Former Navy SEAL Bill Salisbury fought in Vietnam with the M-16 and a shortened, or carbine, version thereof known then as the Car-15, now as the M-4. A freelance journalist with close ties to the SEAL community, Salisbury thinks a soldier who had grown up hunting human-sized game with .30 caliber bullets and varmints with .22s would feel uneasy, carrying a .223 caliber weapon into combat. "It would look like a toy to him," Salisbury says, "until he saw what could happen with that .223 round. First of all, it is not a .22, it is a .223. And it has got a little more powder in the jacket, too, so it's coming out with more velocity

than what you shoot squirrels with. And, because of the way it was designed, it has a stopping quality of its own."

Salisbury explains, "The scientists who developed the [.223] round designed the bullet to be unstable, which meant it was not unstable in flight, but when it struck something it immediately became unstable. So instead of blowing a big hole through somebody, like in the Dick Tracy comics, it started to tumble and tear."

"In World War II and Korea," Kuyper says, "the theory was using one large-caliber bullet to kill one person. In Vietnam, the combat theory shifted to thinking you are more effective if you don't kill the guy. You are more effective if you wound him because then it takes three other guys to carry him off the battlefield and you now have taken out four soldiers instead of one. The high-velocity small projectile [.223] round is less lethal, but it causes a very messy wound because it bounces around inside of you and makes a big mess."

That theory, Salisbury says, was at least partially proved in Vietnam. "I saw a person who was hit in the buttocks with a .223. It was the only round in her yet she was dead within 30 minutes. We tried our best to save her,

but what happened was that round, when it entered her buttocks, began to tear and tumble and it went up through her intestines and her stomach and God knows where else, and that is what killed her."

Yet the theory proved to have flaws as well. "The

dous effect when it hit the target, that same instability would cause it to fly off course if it hit something like foliage or small tree limbs between you and the target."

Kuyper points out that the maiming effect of the .223 round fired from the M-16 is only half of the combat



.45 caliber bullets, used in World War II

trade-off for the stopping power," Salisbury explains, 'was going to be this tumbling effect. But that tumbling effect was also a drawback because anything that round hit on its way to the target would cause it to go unstable and go off course. With the M-14, which was the service rifle we had before the M-16, the 7.62 [millimeter] round, that round would go through a small tree branch and continue on its way. But the instability that was built into the 5.56 so that you'd get this horren-

theory. The other half has to do with weight. "One individual soldier can carry almost 400 rounds of the .223 into combat," he explains. "Previously, soldiers were issued 200 rounds of the .30 caliber and it was extremely heavy. You couldn't load up with that stuff because it was a bigger, heavier bullet and bigger, heavier bullet and bigger you couldn't carry all that weight."

"In Vietnam," Salisbury 🤔 adds, "where you have a lot \(\subseteq \) of heat, a lot of humidity, you 5 go out and you are exhausted

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spection, "I just assumed that everything was up to code. I know vaguely about the Americans with Disabilities

Act," she said, "but I'm not a lawyer. I do keep track of it, and I thought everything was fine, though I know the codes change all the time. You know, I have no objection at all to making renovations. If they had come in and asked

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me to buy new tables because they can't sit there comfortably, I would have had no problem. I really don't. But I'm told they're not interested.

"I had only 20 days to respond," Yu explained. "I was told that the amount would

be doubled if I didn't respond. I did some research and found a lawyer who specializes in this, and when I called her she knew immediately what was going on. She said she would call Mr. Pinnock but that she didn't ex-

pect a response. Apparently he's not interested in talking, just collecting."

Yu's attorney is Mary Howell, a partner in the firm of Epsten Grinnell & Howell. She is also representing

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Henry Rabinowitz, who owns Gelato Vero. Howell said that she's been following Pinnock's work for a number of

years. "I don't think his charges are totally grounded," she told me. "What the complaints don't address is that these are old buildings. These may be estimable goals and I don't think anybody in his right mind in this day and

age would quibble with the goal of accessibility — but frankly none of these owners would have rejected these requests outright. The anger that you're hearing from these owners is them wondering why they were never given a

chance to act like decent human beings. Even though the owners may not be obligated under the defenses that the law has in place, they certainly would have listened and tried to collaborate on this. Instead what they got

was a lawsuit. And I don't know about you - California's reputation as the home of recreational litigation notwithstanding — it kind of ruins everybody's day to get a lawsuit. Plus, the owners then have to pay the at-

torneys rather than spending money on making the changes. Not smart."

Howell explained that she suggested to Pinnock that he dismiss the complaint "without prejudice," meaning he could refile the suit at any time, "because there is no statute of limitations problem."

"And what was his reaction to that?" I asked.

"Nothing so far," Howell said. "I think it would be a good way to go. It would give us time to put a contractor in there with experience with barrier removal and path-oftravel obligations. It just seems logical to give us time to see how to do this best."

In mid-April I asked Pinnock why he didn't first send a letter to the defendants asking them to improve their access. In an e-mail Pinnock responded that "civil actions are necessary to compel access compliance because empirical research on the effectiveness of...the Americans with Disabilities Act indicates that [it] has failed to achieve full and equal access simply by the executive branch of the Federal Government funding and promoting voluntary compliance efforts. Further, empirical research shows when individuals with disabilities give actual notice of potential access problems to places of public accommodation without a federal civil rights action, the public accommodations do not remove the access barriers."

In July 2000, Pinnock outlined his position for the Union-Tribune. "We used to write letters," he said, "but the letters don't work. Normally, after we file a lawsuit the case gets settled."

It's statements like these that cause many in the local restaurant community to believe that Pinnock and other disability attorneys care more about getting cash settlements than about compelling public businesses to make changes to their buildings. Patricia Walsh, the director of the San Diego chapter of the California Restaurant Association, said, "California restaurants, in general, are really being targeted by these suits, a lot of which are drive-by. If they have a problem with signage or parking, they'll file a suit. Everyone's inundated with them. And quite fre-



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quently these suits are illfounded."

One local restaurateur who is familiar with the India Street cases — but who wished not to be named out of fear of retribution — told me, "These guys go around suing everybody. This is what made Clint Eastwood so mad, and he went to Washington to say so. I can't say that it's all one-sided. I mean, some places need to make changes, but this is what attorneys do; they look for settlements. Going to court is too much work. So Su-Mei's table might be a half-inch off,

but some of these places are old. They should have a chance to make changes."

CITY LIGHTS

This is precisely what Eastwood argued before a congressional committee after a woman named Diane zum Brunnen filed a federal complaint in 1997 alleging that his Carmel Mission Ranch and Inn was inaccessible to the disabled. Though a jury in U.S. District Court in San Jose ruled after only a five-hour deliberation that Eastwood was not liable for damages, the actor/director fought hard to change the law. Under the current law, a complainant's attorneys in such cases can collect their legal fees from the other side if they win. This is why so many businesses often settle out of court rather than fight.

Since Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, the disabled community has filed thousands of lawsuits against businesses, most of which have been settled out of court. The majority of the lawsuits have rightfully served as a last resort to force business owners to put in place legally mandated equal-access provisions. No doubt, the strength of the law has opened doors to the disabled across this country. What Eastwood asked for, and what U.S. Representative Mark Foley (Florida) proposed in a House Resolution in August 2001, was a 90-day reprieve for small businesses after being charged with violations. If the resolution becomes law, it would require that plaintiffs notify businesses of their infractions and then wait 90 days before initiating legal proceedings. The plaintiffs must check to make sure the accessibility issues have not been corrected before filing suit.

When he proposed the resolution, Foley told the Miami Herald, "There's a flaw in the law. There's a flaw in the system. This is a scam. This is not right."

But Foley's resolution has repeatedly stalled in the Senate, so many small businesses continue to settle these complaints. According to Pinnock, 95 percent of those

people he sues settle out of court; he told me that since 1992, only six cases have gone to trial. Pinnock maintains, however, that when defendants settle, they usually agree to fix the barriers in their businesses in addition to paying out reparations. So, by Pinnock's account, his suits almost always result in improved accessibility for the disabled in San Diego. Bill Adams, a partner in the downtown firm Norton and Adams, represents many restaurant owners in these kinds of suits. He is currently representing the owners of the Shakespeare Pub and Grille. "Mr. Pinnock is a good attorney and an honest person," Adams told me. "He

does a good job on these cases. This is a law, and he believes in it. In some communities these people are heroes. Instead of having the government monitor compliance, they do it themselves.

"My issues are with the law, which has created the impression that old businesses are grandfathered, or protected, when in fact they aren't. Usually what drives settlement is not liability so much as attorney's fees in defending these cases.

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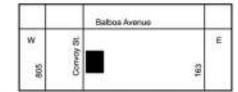
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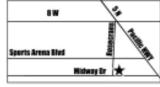




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against the 'mom and pops'. What," Adams asked, "could be more reasonable than a waiting period?

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within the first hour of moving around the countryside, and I'm telling you, you feel every ounce you carry. So the weight of the weapon and ammunition really matters. Just talking about it makes me remember how goddamn exhausted you'd get on patrols in that terrible place."

According to James Montes, range master at American Shooting Center in Kearny Mesa, "Most of the warfare that is happening today is in suburban environments. Gone is the day of trench warfare like in World War II and World War I. You

are not having to pick guys off at 500 yards."

That's a good thing, Salisbury says. "The old M-14 had a max effective range of 500 yards," he explains. "Well, the manufacturers and the Army touted the M-16 as having a max effective range of 500 yards because they wanted to divert any complaints about replacing the M-14 with a weapon that didn't have the same max effective range. But, in my experience, the max effective range is only 300 yards. In fact, when I was in with the SEALs, we were told, 'Max effective range of this weapon is 300 yards."

Salisbury adds, "Given the terrain and climate and situations that I was in [in Vietnam] — our firefights were very close-range — I was satisfied with the M-4 and the M-16 firing the .223 round. But there was a terrible flaw in the M-16. When you fired a lot of rounds through it, I'm talking about hundreds and hundreds of rounds, without breaking it down and cleaning it, it would get a carbon buildup in the chamber. This carbon buildup would prevent the round from being seated in the barrel. Then it would misfire, and you had a stoppage. This first became a serious problem in Vietnam in a place called Hill 881. It was a Marine fight against NVA [North Vietnamese army], and it lasted two or

three days. They did not have

time to break down the weapons and clean them, and so they had a lot of stoppages, and Marines were killed because they couldn't fire their M-16s. Now, after 881, the Department of Defense launched this big investigation, which I became involved in peripherally. I was working with SEALs down in a place where we were going out for a couple of days at a time in small groups, 6 to 12 men. We never got in a firefight that lasted more than half an hour. Well, this general comes down, he and some civilians who are going around the country to every service that uses the M-16, asking what our experiences have been with the rifle. It

was part of the investigation of what happened at Hill 881. They come to me and the general asks, 'Can we see your M-16?' I said sure and I brought the M-16 out, and of course it is beautiful because when we came out of the bush after our two-day mission, we cleaned that son of a bitch and hosed it down with WD-40. Well, this general takes a look, and he says, 'See, look at this. If you maintain a weapon like this, you're not going to have any misfires.' I remember thinking, 'What the fuck are you talking about? We fire maybe 200 rounds through it and that's it, then we are back here cleaning it. Those poor old

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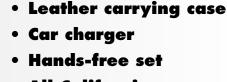
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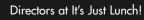
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Marines up there are just firing hundreds of rounds through it, and they can't clean it and they get the stoppages.'

'That problem was supposedly fixed," Salisbury continues, "but I've talked to SEALs who have been in Afghanistan, and they're still saying, 'You gotta keep that son of a bitch clean or it will misfire.' That's why a lot of those SEALs prefer the AK-47 over the M-4 in Afghanistan and, in fact, they were grabbing AKs whenever they could find them."

"The AK-47 is a .30 caliber, or 7.62-millimeter, weapon," Kuyper explains, "so it has more knockdown power. But it is a shorter round so that it's lighter weight and so the soldier can carry more ammo. An AK might be effective out to about 300 yards, but it's a highly inaccurate weapon."

But Salisbury says the Rus-

sian-made rifle's reliability makes it a top-choice combat weapon. "SEALs do have AKs as part of their arsenal, and some SEALs prefer the AK because, first of all, it is more reliable. That M-4 and M-16, they were having trouble with that son of a bitch in Afghanistan just like they were having trouble in Vietnam. It is a weapon that has got to be kept clean. And then with all of that blowing sand, they're having a terrible time keeping it clean. SEALs I've talked to tell me they would bag it, as they say. They would keep it in a parachute bag when they were in Camp Rhino, for example. But the AK-47 is a lot tougher to jam

up with sand than the M-4. I remember in Vietnam some guys valued the AK-47. I didn't, because it was so hot and humid and the AK was too goddamn heavy. Of course, the NVA carried the

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Montes recognizes the logistic value of carrying a lighter weapon and lighter bullets. "You want to lighten the soldier's load," he says, "because they are carrying a lot more stuff, not just rifles out in the field. Your rifle does you no good if you have no water. Your rifle does you no good if you don't have food, or if you don't have your medical pack. It is only one tool in an arsenal of things that you'll need to have."

Still, he admits that if he were in Afghanistan, "I would take the weight. I would much rather have a 7.62 bullet. The 5.56 [millimeter] round is an excellent cartridge, but having that 7.62 gives you more confidence. Maybe it is more psychological than actual physics, but I would have more confidence in the 7.62."

Kuyper disagrees. "I think the newer generation weapon is great," he says. "I think the M-16 with the .223 caliber is superior to go into combat with, because you are carrying almost twice as many rounds. And the last thing that I want to do is run out of ammo."

"Well, if I were in Afghanistan," Salisbury concludes, "I'd rather have an AK, for the extra stopping power of the 7.62 round, but mainly for the reliability. With all the blowing sand and dirt over there, I'd want a weapon that I could rely on. And I believe that the AK-47 is simply more reliable."



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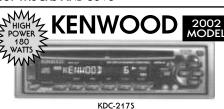
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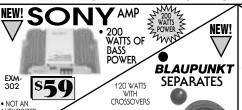
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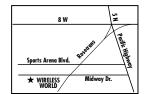
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Hey matt:

I just love peanuts. I know they are good for you — great protein, good type of fat — just a great snack. My question is, can I eat the shell too? My wife told me I am going to have some internal catastrophe if I don't peel the nuts before I eat them. I say, if it's good enough for the elephants, it's good enough for me.

— Going Nuts, College Heights

Hev. Matt!

What is human spit made of? Water and enzymes?

— Shannon in Santee

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One Day I Hit A Triple

while back I decided to try out college Abaseball in Tony Gwynn Stadium and slogged over to San Diego State to see a night game (SDSU vs. USD). The stadium is a remarkable example of 21st-century Soviet architecture and another homerun for the Ready-Mix concrete industry. Having said that, the structure is new, and since it seats only 3000 fans, every seat has an intimate view of the field. Deal clincher: for five bucks you'll see the Mountain West Conference's firstplace team and the nation's 25th best college squad.

I like to walk around a stadium during a game and watch the action from different angles. By the seventh inning I've climbed to the top row, third-base side, and take a seat next to Jack Hacker. I'd guess Hacker, 78, is six feet tall and 180 pounds. He has a full head of gray hair and a ruddy, clean-shaven oval face. I ask how he likes the team.

"Well, the first game I saw was against Western Kentucky. I thought the infield players were excellent. Double plays by the shortstop and the first baseman, they made three that night and two were as good as I've ever seen in the majors. The third baseman made a beautiful flying stop. Their defense is very, very good. They're not letting balls go by; if they think they can get to it, they'll go for it.

"There were a lot of foul balls during that game. The left-handed batters hit a lot of fouls to the left side. That means they were trying to waste the pitch so it wouldn't be called a strike. They weren't reaching for the home runs; they were keeping the ball in play.'

Who is this guy? He looks like an ordinary grandfather/fan. I mean, he's wearing jogging pants, a SDSU baseball cap and a redand-black SDSU jacket, said ensemble accessorized by an opening-day commemorative pin affixed to jacket's lapel.

Hacker continues. "Tonight was a good example. Anthony Gwynn had two strikes on him, and he looked just like his dad when the next ball came over the plate. The pitch was a change-up, on plate level, but on the outside, and Anthony just bent over, his butt sticking out, and got a nice little blooper into center field. Smart baseball. And our pitching is excellent. We give up very few walks and our batters are not striking out. Tonight, I noticed there were two strikeouts, and the other night there were three. One was against Anthony Gwynn, but the pitch was not a strike, it was a ball and Gywnn took it. That's what you're supposed to do." Hacker beams, "This is a great team.

I don't need to ask if he's been involved with baseball. I can count on that. "How long have you been involved with baseball?"

A long time. I started when the San Diego Padres came to town." He's got me hooked. "Which Padres?"

They played in the Pacific Coast League. The Padres came to town in '36, played at Lane Field. I lived in Pacific Beach and rode my bike in on Saturdays. They'd have a session for kids; players gave us instructions, and then we'd pair off for a two- or three-inning game. One day I hit a triple."

Pro baseball players giving kids pointers. For free. I thought that was a crime. "Did you play professional ball?"

'No. I played a lot of ball in high school. After the war, World War II, I played on the San Diego Clippers, which was an old sandlot team. I guess my claim to fame is later on I coached Presidio Little League for 36 consecutive years.'

Bingo. "So, you know the game."

'I know a little bit."

Thirty-six years of a little bit. "Can you tell, when you see kids in Little League, which one might make it to the pros?"

"I had a boy who made it to the majors. He was signed out of high school by Pittsburgh.'

"What did he have that other boys didn't?" "A great attitude, number one. You have to love to play baseball."

Well, a lot of people, say, a quarter of the men in this country, love to play baseball. "Wouldn't the kid have to have unbelievable

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physical coordination?"

'Well, no. Baseball has a lot of late bloomers. You'll see some kid that isn't all that well coordinated, but he loves the game. You have to wait until he gets longer in years to see who he is. Look at Mike Piazza. He was the last guy taken in that draft. The Dodgers took him. And the only reason they took him was because he's Lasorda's godson [Tommy Lasorda, Dodgers' coach, 1976-1996]. Piazza's making \$110 million now, and he was a late

Time to go. "What do you like about baseball? I know that sounds like a stupid

"Baseball is a game where every pitch is a new game. You don't know what's going to happen to that ball; there's always an anticipation of something new happening. You always see things you never saw before.

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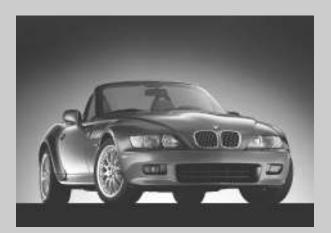
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Diversity: Filipino, white, Hispanic,

African-American

Dress: casual to dressy

Services: Sunday Mass, 9:00 a.m. (Spanish), 10:45 a.m. (English); last Sunday of each month, bilingual service, 10:00 a.m.

In National City last Sunday morning, an elderly Mexican woman carried a bouquet of blue and pink flowers into Saint Matthew's Church. She dipped her fingers in a large holy water font. She crossed herself. She entered the nave, genuflected toward the cross above the high altar. She turned to her right and entered

an alcove that serves as a shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe. She placed the flowers before the Virgin, again crossed herself, and knelt in prayer.

St. Matthew's, an Episcopal church decked out in Victorian gingerbread, sits on East Eighth Street just north of the Mile of Cars.

"We sort of stand out," said Dr. Anthony Periangelo, who's attended the church since 1953. Matthew's was built in 1888. At that time, there were big plans for National City. It was going to have the train station. It was going to be the big town, not San Diego. But Southern Pacific Railroad changed its mind."

Dr. Periangelo said that when he first started going to St. Matthew's, most parishioners were white.

"But we always had a lot of people come and go. National City

had a lot of temporary housing, especially during the Korean War. About 20 years ago we started getting more Latinos and, interestingly enough, Filipinos."

Dr. Joseph Toctocan, another St. Matthew's parishioner, explained to me that, "the Philippines are 80 percent Roman Catholic. The country was divided up by the missionaries. The Roman Catholics had central Luzon, the Baptists had the south, but the Anglicans went to the mountainous northern provinces. Most of the Filipinos here at St. Matthew's come from those mountainous areas.

"Right now roughly 50 percent of the church is Filipino. Twenty-five percent is Hispanic. Twenty percent is white. Maybe five percent is African-American."

Reverend Patricia Andrews, St. Matthew's priest-in-charge, was away last week. Father Wilfredo Crespo took her place. On the last Sunday of each month, St. Matthew's combines its English- and Spanish-language services. Father Crespo, who works as a chaplain at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, celebrated the liturgy in both languages. An older gentleman gave the Second Reading in Tagalog.

St. Matthew's parishioners refer to their Sunday worship as "Mass." They kneel often, even during the Prayers for the People and the Post-Communion Prayer, Father Crespo's sermon, which he based on the morning's gospel reading, John 14:1-14, was ardent.

"Jesus was telling the Disciples, 'You aren't to believe in only a doctrine, in an idea. You are to believe in me.' He was stressing that the relationship wasn't just a conceptual one. It was much deeper than that. When the Disciples looked at Jesus, they were seeing the essence of God Himself. And Jesus was commanding them to form a profound, committed relationship with God. It is only through such a relationship that we learn what it is to be human, to be called out of ourselves.

"Without such a relationship the sacraments mean nothing. Unless they're informed by a passionate commitment to God, they're meaningless. You must invest yourself in a

relationship with God. So many people are afraid to step into that real arena, to allow themselves to become vulnerable in the way that only true love and true trust can make us vulnerable.

"Don't be afraid. Give yourself to God. He promised that He will never abandon you. Give yourself to Him and you will truly be free.

After the service, everyone gathered in the social hall for the potluck St. Matthew's holds after each month's bilingual service. I spoke with Graciela Sanchez, who's attended the church for

"About half the Mexicans who come here were already Anglican before they came to the States," she told me. "Most of them are from Guadalajara, which is home to most of the Anglicans in Mexico.

"Nowadays, Mex-

icans aren't the only Latinos at St. Matthew's. We have people from all over Latin America. We have Peruvians, Salvadorans, Guatemalans. We even have a few Puerto Ricans."

Sanchez told me she had been baptized and confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church. I asked what drew her to St. Matthew's.

"In a Roman Catholic Church, it seemed worship was just a matter of going to Mass, hearing a sermon, taking Communion, then going home. Here, people were very friendly. This church has a real familial ambience. You feel that you can actually participate more in the life of the church. Although the liturgy is serious, the atmosphere is very loving. You probably noticed how the little kids sort of run around during the service. Nobody cares. We love kids."

A Filipina listening to our conversation agreed. "Yes, the kids running around. It reminds me of home. Everyone loves the kids. It reminds me a lot of church in the Philippines."

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My husband used to be a great help around the house. I did the majority of cooking and cleaning but he'd always pitch in, fix dinner a couple of times a week (and he was a great chef!), or vacuum. Last January, my husband's mother, who he loved dearly, died suddenly. He was deeply grief-stricken. He had a lot of trouble coping with her death, and among other things he let slide was any form of helping around the house. I didn't nag him and just picked up all the slack. He was in pain, and I wanted to lighten his load. But now more than a year has gone by, and he seems to be perking up a little bit, although he still gets very sad sometimes. I continue to do all the housework and cooking, and he seems oblivious to the idea of doing any domestic chores ever again. I'm beginning to flag in my enthusiasm for being lone cook and bottle washer. He doesn't even pick up after himself anymore. I know losing a parent is a severe blow, but when can I fairly ask him to begin doing a little housework like he did in the good old days? I miss my helpful hubby.

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Dear Frazzled,

Blessings on you for your forbearance and generosity. Your husband is a lucky man. Not every woman would be willing to suddenly take over all formerly shared domestic duties for over a year to give her husband space to mourn. But like Cinderella, you deserve a big reward. You deserve to be reunited with your omelet-preparing prince. I don't think you'd be jumping the gun by talking to him right now about returning to some form of parity in terms of housework. Ask him how he's doing with processing his grief, what he's thinking and feeling about his mother and her absence. If you fear he might be seriously depressed, suggest he see a good, sympathetic psychotherapist or grief counselor. Tell him you'd like to begin moving back toward the domestic arrangement you had before, and ask him if he feels up to it. If he's the man I think he is, he'll leap to his feet, kiss your hand, and go in search of the dust mop and furniture polish. Sometimes it's actually better to have other things to do than just marinate endlessly in grief's bittersweet juices. I'm not sure it's good for him to continue to sit idle while you busily fold clothes and swab the decks. He may have come to the point where the distraction of a little honest floor scrubbing would do him some good, allow him to contribute to the running of the household again. It can be gratifying to make things sparkle even when you have a heavy heart.

RFADERS WRITE:

Here's a reader response by one who has really

been there. "Fretful Son in Law" wrote that he was torn between trving to intervene in his father-in-law's problems with large ongoing debts and keeping out of the matter in order to spare the older man's pride.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

Being someone who's in big debt myself, I think the recommended compassion in this situation needs to be heavily tempered with tough love. Asking, "How can we help?" may not work. Many of us in debt are capable of intense self-deception. I didn't get into debt by wild living. I merely charged a few months' rent and carrepair payments on credit cards. I didn't really understand how compound interest was building up a mountain of debt. In January, a certain percentage of interest is charged on the principal you owe. In February, a percentage of interest is charged on the principal you owe AND the accrued interest, and so on through the months. I found myself not paying off debt but drowning. As Robert Kiyosaki, author of Rich Dad, Poor Dad puts it, "Those who understand interest collect interest. Those who don't understand it pay interest. Unfortunately, interest, especially credit card interest, is like the cyborg in the movie *Terminator*. It does not sleep, it does not feel remorse nor have pity, it shows no mercy, it cannot be bargained with, and it absolutely will not stop until you are dead." I have been paying off my debts for three years now with debt consolidation and have three more to go. The sooner Pop-in-law with his nine maxed-out credit cards is confronted with the facts of his situation, the more this worthy person will thank his daughter and son-in-law for their bold, proactive honesty and love. Trying to spare his feelings will do more harm than any frank, prepared intervention ever

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Cheetahs strip club, Kearny Mesa

Dirty Dancing

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he Reverend Dr. Ted McIlvenna settles his massive frame into a large, overstuffed couch and invites a visitor to join him for a discussion about nude dancing, morality, the First Amendment, and political corruption in San Diego. The way he describes it, the city is ground zero in a national battle between a rabid right-wing fundamentalist Christian antinude dancing group from the Midwest and McIlvenna, a gruff, 70-something veteran of the sexual revolution who runs a San Francisco sexology school and is the proud owner of what is reputed to be the largest collection of erotica, pornography, and sex research in the world.

A little more than a year ago, the San Diego City Council passed a new law banning lap dancing and various other forms of what McIlvenna considers artistic expression at the city's strip clubs. Since then, those in the local nude-dancing industry say, business has plunged sharply at many of the clubs, with one prominent exception: Cheetahs, a flashy strip joint in Kearny Mesa, its parking lot regularly packed with Jaguars, Cadillacs, Corvettes, and Porsches. Cheetahs appears to have prospered while other clubs claim to be struggling. And that, some say, raises questions about whether something is rotten at city hall.

McIlvenna, a retired Methodist minister, runs the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality. He says he was invited down to San Diego to study the strip club scene here by one of his board members, Harry Mohney. It is not exactly an accident that Mohney, who lives in a mansion up the coast in Carlsbad near La Costa resort, happens to be one of the key figures in the national Deja Vu chain, which is involved

in five San Diego County strip joints and many others around the country. Mohney, called the Howard Hughes of the American porn scene by some industry insiders, has provided a well-appointed office for McIlvenna's study in Deja Vu's regional headquarters on the second story of a former bank building at the corner of Midway and Rosecrans. The rich brown carpet and heavy drapes are left over from the bankers' days; the walls are decorated with X-rated movie posters from the 1970s, on loan from McIlvenna's personal stash.

McIlvenna's school offers a master's in "public health in sexology," and he has recruited a corps of eager young students, many of them women, from the Bay Area to come to San Diego to study what he considers the peculiarly repressive habits of the locals, especially when it comes to the practice of striptease and the erotic arts. On a recent visit to check up on the study's progress, McIlvenna, a heavyset, grandfatherly type whose appearance belies his role as the inventor of Erogel, a sexual lubricant designed to protect against HIV, and a potent aphrodisiac he calls Vigorex Forte, recounts the string of obstacles he says have been placed in his way by city hall.

"I began to have serious questions about selective enforcement right from the moment I got here," McIlvenna says. "I wrote a letter to the city attorney's office and asked them if they would do a dialogue about the study. They said they didn't want to dialogue with us. A few days later, I got a call from this 'morality' group in the Midwest asking what I was doing here. There's something very, very strange going on."

At first, McIlvenna says, he wanted to start a "stu-

dio" in some of the Deja Vu clubs here, where dancers could practice their art and the students could conduct their research without being hassled by the vice squad. That way, he says, vice would be required to park their guns at the door before entering the establishment and wouldn't jeopardize his students' safety. "There are exemptions in the law for schools running studios in the clubs, but the police said no. Wouldn't even discuss it. Said, 'Sue us if you don't like it.' They refuse to honor the law unless a judge tells them to. That was all politically motivated. It just fed my suspicions about what has transpired behind closed doors in this fair city."

Instead of the studio, McIlvenna switched gears and instructed his students to discreetly conduct sex and lifestyle surveys among the dancers and their customers. "I decided to put the interns into those establishments." They fanned out with clipboards and long survey forms with questions such as, 'Counting your partner, with how many people of the same sex have you had sexual contact?' and 'During the past year, how often have you masturbated to orgasm?'

"We've been doing extensive sex profiles on all the dancers and in-depth studies of the patrons. At no point in any of this has Harry Mohney tried to influence us, by the way," says McIlvenna. "It was a lot more complicated than we thought it would be. The city didn't want anything to do with the study; they tried to block us at every turn. They didn't want us to find out the truth, that there isn't any prostitution problem, that these clubs don't disrupt neighborhoods. I suddenly understood that there might be selective enforcement going on, and it bothers me terribly."

Even more disturbing to McIlvenna, he says, is what he sees as the frightened attitude of local dancers and their reluctance to confront the city fathers whom he says are out to "destroy their freedom." "I asked 'em why they hadn't protested. I suggested they hang tea bags on their breasts and jump into Mission Bay, like the Boston Tea Party. They're too afraid. And nobody in the colleges and universities around here is interested in the welfare of the girls, either. My friend, this indeed is a very sorry situation for the First Amendment. I tell you, I'm quite ready to go to the U.S. Civil Rights commission. That's what I'm going to do. These poor girls are considered the lowest on the totem pole; just girls who take their clothes off for money. It's outrageous."

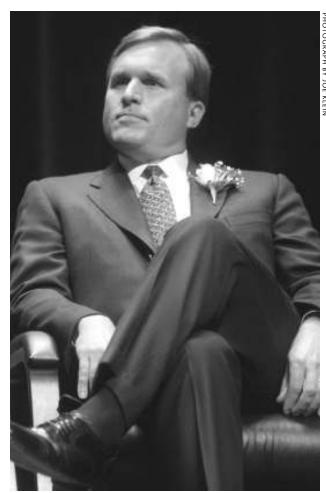
Martie Troy, a 40-year-old woman originally from Florida, has been working as one of McIlvenna's interns, interviewing dancers and compiling elaborate demographic information on each. She is working toward a master's degree in sexology and has hopes of eventually becoming a radio talk-show host like Dr. Ruth. "College girls are more sophisticated about sex than many of the girls dancing in the clubs," she observes. "We couldn't find any prostitution at all. With this crackdown by the city here, they can't make

a decent living anymore. It's very sad. They are very politically naïve, and most of them don't want to hassle with the city. They are also private people and don't always want it known by the world that they dance for a living, so it is very easy for the city to take advantage of them. What these girls do for a living is the most harmless thing on earth."

McIlvenna's nemesis, and one of the main reasons for his presence in San Diego, is the Cincinnatibased National Coalition for the Protection of Children & Families, formerly known as the National Coalition Against Pornography. Founded in 1983 by the Reverend Jerry Kirk, a Presbyterian minister, the organization has raised millions of dollars in an effort to combat pornography. Among its early battles was an effort ten years ago to convict the director of the Cincinnati Contemporary Art Center for obscenity in connection with an exhibition the museum had staged of allegedly pornographic, homoerotic, and sadomasochistic photographs taken by the late gay artist Robert Mapplethorpe. A jury found the director not guilty on all counts, but the battle put Kirk's group on the map and greatly increased its fundraising clout. By 2000, the coalition was taking in \$2.6 million in contributions each year.

In 1996, the coalition set up what it calls its "Model Cities of America" program, targeting nine cities, including Atlanta, El Paso, Kansas City, Long Island, Memphis, Oklahoma City, Pittsburgh, Richmond, as well as San Diego. The aim of the project, according to the group's website, is to "increase public awareness of the harm and availability of pornography. This includes, but is not limited to, sexually oriented businesses such as strip clubs and adult bookstores." The group also says it seeks to "develop appropriate zoning ordinances where they do not exist and maintain and enforce existing laws."

By 1998, the national coalition had established Citizens for Community Values, San Diego, a sepa-



Casey Gwinn

rate nonprofit with a board of local directors including its chairman, Bishop George McKinney, and Kent Peters, director of the Office of Social Ministry for the Catholic Diocese of San Diego. According to the group's 2000 tax return, it collected about \$164,000 in donations in 1999, \$50,000 of that from a single donor, whose identity was not disclosed. The group did not waste time advancing its agenda.

In a September 1999 interview with Reader contributor Ky Plaskon, Darcy Taylor, the model cities program's national director, made it clear that San Diego's main attraction as a regional nerve center for the antidirty dancing group was City Attorney Casey Gwinn, who stood ready to push through tough new stripclub regulations. "We look for a number of things, one being the legal climate in terms of the district attorney or the city attorney and whether or not there is a willingness to help curb the proliferation of pornography in a city," Taylor said. "We brought in \$90,000 worth of seed money — at least we did in San Diego, anyway — so we are looking to make sure that our investment yields some returns in regard to the city's willingness to look at the issue."

Gwinn, the son of a Congregational minister, is a self-professed born-again Christian who preaches sermons at local evangelical

churches. "One of my jobs as city attorney is to sit at city council meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays with the mayor and council and the public as we go through the whole docket for city business," he told the congregation of the Mission Valley Christian Fellowship last fall, not long after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. "It is an assignment that I do not particularly enjoy. One of the things that I enjoy least about that assignment is what we call 'public comment.'

"That's where anybody that wants to say anything about anything gets to come and have three minutes. We run anywhere between 15 and 30 people during public comment. These are items that are not on the agenda for that day, and everybody just gets to come and do their thing. Do you know that on the Monday after September 11, the following week, there were no speakers during public comment but one who spoke the name of Jesus Christ!

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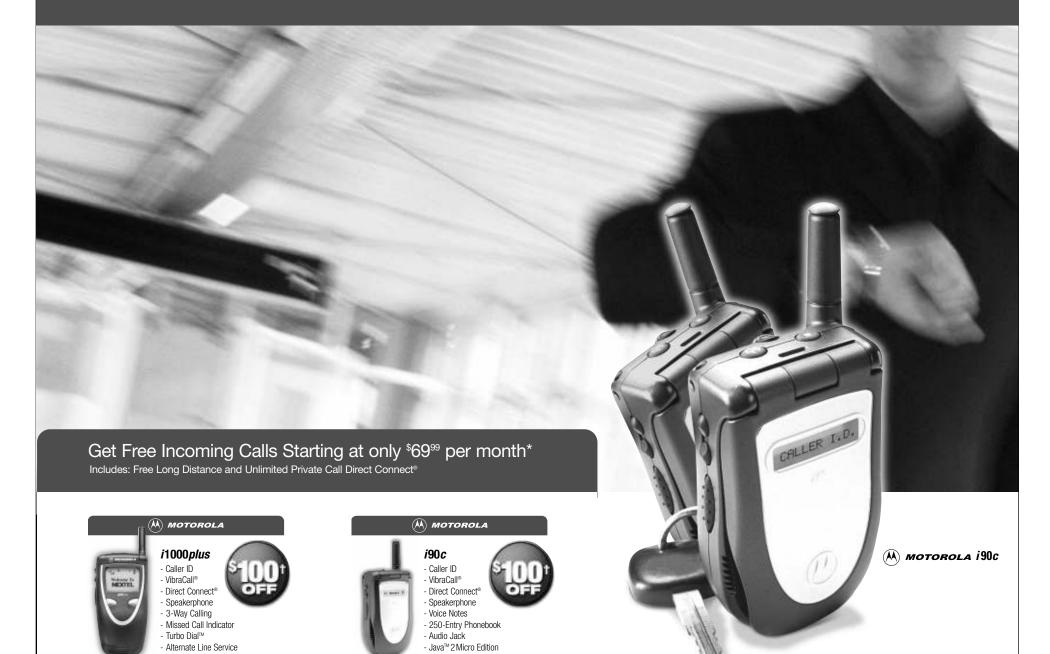
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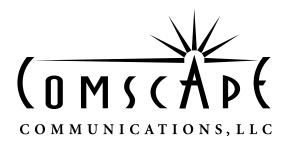
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into cheers and applause as Gwinn continued. "And I thought to myself, this is a wonderful thing! Amidst all the tragedy and all the pain and all the destruction and sorrow of this, the people in the public-comment section of city council finally get it; that there are very few things that really matter in the context of eternity. And all their little petty gripes and grievances really aren't that significant. I was so excited!"

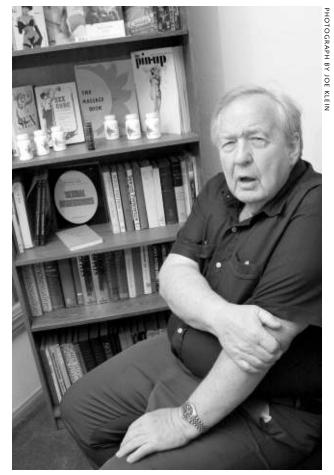
There were more cheers and applause, and Gwinn paused briefly, then resumed. "Until Tuesday morning a day later, when we had 25 speakers yet again, and just like that, in a matter of hours, they were back focused on their petty gripes all over again. And we listened to speaker after speaker after speaker. We listened to a woman who complained in a rage because she had not gotten notice of a public meeting in the district where she lived — a meeting that happened two days after the terrorist attacks in New York and Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. I got up and walked out. I couldn't

stand it! I couldn't stand to listen to her!

"I'm not here today, though, as the city attorney," he went on. "I'm just here as a follower of Jesus. I'm not going to talk about really anything related to city government, because it really doesn't matter in the context of eternity.

"In 1995 I had the opportunity to hear Carl Sagan at the Insights conference here in San Diego. Carl Sagan, the scientist, astronomer, revered man in many circles, who devoted most of his life to proving that God did not exist. And in 1995, Carl Sagan was at the Insights conference here in San Diego, sponsored by the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego Union-Tribune. And he was dying of cancer, he was terminal, he would not recover.

"And I sat in the audience and I took these notes of his words. And these were his exact words. Quote: 'There is not a hint that help will come from someplace else to save us from ourselves. We alone are the saviors of our own destiny.'



Ted McIlvenna

Unquote."

There was a long, silent pause and then Gwinn said: "He was without question the most eloquent scientist and philosopher on the road to Hell that I have ever heard!"

Thunderous applause filled the hall. Later in the sermon, Gwinn added: "We won't allow anything to cause finger-pointing that would divide the country at a time when we have to be unified. We stand together in all that. But it doesn't mean that we compromise what we believe. And it doesn't mean that we say, as some say, all faiths are basically the same and all roads lead to the top of the mountain, and everything is going to work out for everybody that's sincere. I gotta tell ya, it's not in this book. You won't find a line that says everybody that really tries hard and really tries to do what's right, and everybody that's really sincere about what they believe, they're going to spend eternity with the God that created them. It doesn't say that in the Bible. Jesus never said

"The way that we experience that everlasting life is to accept a personal relationship with Jesus and to say I claim him as my way to eternal life. There's no other way, there's just no other way to get there.... Our faith cannot be in the church. The Catholic Church, the Protestant church never saved a soul. Jesus saves souls, not the church."

It was with this kind of

moral and religious certitude and evangelical fervor that Gwinn and his allies at Citizens for Community Values set out to exorcise the demon of nude dancing from San Diego's soul. All through the winter, summer, and fall of 2000, they lobbied the city council to adopt tough new restrictions on the city's strip clubs. The chief aim was to restrict nude dancers from approaching closer than within six feet of their customers. In addition, the entertainers, whether nude or not, would be banned from touching any patron. In effect, that meant that "Lap dances," in which customers sit on couches or overstuffed chairs while dancers hover above them, and which had heretofore been legal as long as the dancers wore clothing, were to be forbidden. To make dancing even less lucrative for the performers, Gwinn also wanted to ban direct tipping of dancers.

As the proposed ordinance made its way through city hall, progress reports appeared on the Citizens for Community Values web-



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site, each noting Gwinn's special role in helping the cause. "On May 3, updates to the Adult Entertainment ordinances were presented to the San Diego City Council's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee," said one. "The City Attorney's Office and the San Diego Police Department recommended further updates including leaving the doors off peep-show booths.

'City Attorney Casey Gwinn predicts that negative 'secondary effects,' such as an increase in crime, could result if the ordinance to leave the doors on is adopted. This will be voted on by the full city council soon. You are urged to write or call your councilmember to express your concerns."

A few months later, the website warned that the proposed ordinance was in danger of being watered down: "The next committee debate held August 2, focused on ordinance updates regarding no touching and no direct tipping of nude dancers. The divided PS&NS committee chose to take the no-direct-tipping language completely out of the ordinance update, ignoring the recommendations of the SDPD and the city attorney before sending it onto the full council. Direct tipping subjects the dancers to increased exploitation through sequential seduction."

The see-saw battle over the new regulations spawned a lobbying war between the anti-strip-club group, which hired lobbyist Marc Wolfsheimer to bring its case directly to city councilmembers in a series of private meetings, and the California Cabaret Association, representing the strip clubs, which hired Wolfsheimer's father Louis and his partner Jim Milch, to



Martie Troy

lobby on its behalf. The elder Wolfsheimer and Milch, blue-blood Republicans and the deans of the San Diego lobbying corps, have been plying their trade in the corridors of city hall for many years, even before their

friend, ex-governor Pete Wilson, was elected mayor of the city in 1971.

But their best efforts proved to be no match for the fundamentalists, who consistently outflanked them by waging a largely below-

the-radar letter-writing campaign to individual councilmembers. For their part, the strip-club owners sought to combat the Christian influence by funneling thousands of dollars to the campaigns of ambitious city council aides seeking to succeed their bosses.

During the summer and fall of 2000, Toni Atkins and Jim Madaffer, two city council aides who were running to replace their bosses, collected sizable contributions from many donors with strip-club connections, including employees and dancers at Cheetahs. A year later, Ralph Inzunza and Charles Lewis, two other council aides seeking to succeed their bosses, also received substantial financial support from employees of Cheetahs. Atkins, Madaffer, and Inzunza were subsequently elected to the council. Lewis faces a runoff in the fall.

"I go to all our people myself," notes Peter Luster, a management consultant for the Deja Vu chain, which opposed the new law."I give campaign contributions. My managers, too. I have had some entertainers also









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And though the candidates eagerly accepted the strip-club money, they appeared reluctant to publicly back their benefactors. In November 2000, the council gave Gwinn and the anti-stripping lobby most of what it wanted except the no-tip rule. "The San Diego City Council completed the process of



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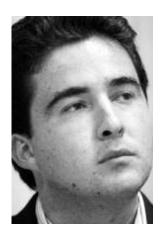
updating the police-regulated business ordinances that include Adult Entertainment," reported the Citizens for Community Values website. "With community support for strict enforcement, these will significantly reduce the criminal activity associated with the sexually oriented businesses in our community." Especially important, the group said, was that the new law "protected the performers from any type of



Charles Lewis

touching."

Armed with the revised ordinance, members of the newly energized San Diego Police Department vice squad began regular undercover "sweeps" through the city's strip clubs, intended to put a halt to lap dancing once and for all. In the year that followed, vice cops who posed as customers in order to induce performers into giving illegal performances issued hundreds of citations and threatened to close



Ralph Inzunza

down several clubs alleged to have violated what came to be known as the "dirty dancing" law.

Critics like Ted McIlvenna claimed the strikes against lap dancing, performed by dancers with their clothes on, were a frivolous waste of taxpayer dollars, but for the vice squad, they were serious business. A letter written in October by vice officer Ron Nichols to the owner of Tens, a strip club on El



Jim Madaffer

Cajon Boulevard near the intersection of Interstate 805, provides a detailed account of the crackdown.

"During this most recent inspection, detectives entered your establishment and posed as customers," Nichols wrote. "They came into contact with three entertainers, Brandi Smail (Stage name: Diamond), Rieko Fratus (Stage name: Baily), and Nicole Johnson (Stage name: Nikki). All of who provided 'Lap dances' to the detectives.

"During Smail's performance, she wore a flowerprint dress and as she bent over the dress would come up exposing her buttocks, which was only clad by a 'G-string' type garment, with no other type of covering. As she performed the dance she repeatedly bent over in front of the detective, exposing her buttocks. The detective documented that she was approximately ten (10) to (12) inches away from his face while doing this. In addition to exposing her buttocks, part of her dance routine was to grab her clothed breasts with both hands and move them in a circular motion. The detective documented that she did this repeatedly throughout the dance.

"During Fratus' performance, she opened the detective's legs with her hands, as he sat on the couch. She stood between

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the detective's legs and, while facing away from him, rubbed her thighs against his. She then knelt on his thighs and rubbed her buttocks against his chest at least three times.

"During Johnson's performance, she straddled the detective with her legs as he sat on the couch. She did pelvic thrusts, rubbing her groin area against his groin. She then turned around and sat in the detective's lap. She rubbed her buttocks against the detective's groin. She then stood up and rubbed her buttocks down the detective's face. Again, she sat in the detective's lap and rubbed her buttocks on his groin area until the end of the dance.

"Smail's performance violated the 'The six rule' and the 'No touching/fondling or caressing specified anatomical areas rule," "the letter to Tens said. "These are all prohibitions associated with their adult entertainer permits and your Nude Entertainment Business Permit. The Police Permits & Licensing Office believes their actions were intentional and deliberate. Each entertainer was sent a letter of warning in regards to their violations."

Ten days later, according to the document, a vice squad detective by the name of Dan Vile had a similar encounter. "Detective Vile subsequently reported that when Lorraine Alvarado performed the couch dance for him that she committed actions in violation of San Diego Municipal Code 33.3610(b) including but not limited to rubbing her vaginal area and buttocks on his crotch and legs seåveral times, rubbing her breasts against his chest and face, and allowing him to put his hands on her hips as she performed."

Ilse Goette, a.k.a. Kiley, performed for vice squad detective Michael Hastings, with the same result. Violations included "placing her tongue inside his ear, guiding his hand to the left side of her buttocks and onto her vaginal area, and grinding her hips as she sat on his lap." Vice detective William Murphy reported that another dancer, Mayra Del Rio, "a.k.a. Tabitha/Maya" "solicited a couch dance

from him" and racked up yet another set of municipal-code violations, including "rubbing his crotch area with her thighs and knees, placing her buttocks on his lap, and moving her buttocks back and forth on his crotch."

Santa Monica attorney Roger Jon Diamond, who is handling a First Amendment case against the city on behalf of Tens Club, contends that the raids on the city's nude dance clubs are a waste of taxpayers' money. "The question is whether it's a wise allocation of tax dollars to go after any club. Why are the taxpayers of San Diego spending any money at all on the question of how dancers dance inside the club? Why should the taxpayers care? That's the fundamental question.

"It's absolutely a lot of money, because the cops are in there all the time. Not only are they in there, but then they conduct these administrative hearings that cost money. Then these administrative hearings go to court. This goes on because the politicians are diverting attention from other more important issues. If politicians are taking bribes and they're taking contributions from developers, they don't want the people to focus on those things, so everybody goes back to sex, and sex attracts the media, sex draws the readers, and the readers buy newspapers, so it's like an endless cycle. All you do is say sex and strip clubs and everybody reads the article, but if you say stormwater runoff or water pollution, everybody's eyes glaze, the reporters don't care, but it's a big health problem."

In a telephone interview this week, Gina Holloway, executive director of the local Citizens for Community Values, took issue with Diamond and others who argue that stripping is a victimless occupation. "Those girls for the most part are seduced into that kind of a lifestyle to begin with. There's a kind of a systematic seduction that goes on with that, because they're young and they're pretty and they need affirmation and those sorts of things, and my heart goes out to those young women,"



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Holloway says. "There's an awful lot of illegal drugs and there is some prostitution and there's a lot of violations just to the ordinances that are in place. The six-foot rule and some of those kinds of things, no touching, those are violated."

As a result of the vice squad's diligence, business at many of the city's biggest strip clubs has virtually evaporated, claims Deja Vu management consultant Peter Luster. "They are spending a lot of times in the clubs, no question about that," says Luster. "A tremendous amount of time. A lot of time and a lot of money. It's been pretty consistent now for a year."

As the raids progressed, complaints that the vice squad was hitting some establishments harder than

others began to emerge. According to these accounts, certain clubs were somehow continuing the lapdancing business as usual, while other clubs have been forced to cut back on the lucrative performances.

"The clubs that I [work] for have been taking a beating because of it," says one competitor who sought anonymity."When you have customers, you have entertainers, and when you don't have customers, you don't have entertainers, and as you know they're all independent contractors able to go where they want to go to perform. When things like that happen, it creates an un-level playing field, and it's not good for anybody. I just figured it as a time bomb, and somewhere down the road it's going to catch up, and I just didn't want to be any part of it."

One club that has generally not been cited by the vice squad for violations of the dirty dancing law is Cheetahs, confirms Lieutenant Bob Kanaski of the city's vice unit. The club is said to be especially popular and prosperous, and enjoys full houses every weekend.

The president of Cheetahs is Michael Galardi, who runs another strip club, also called Cheetahs, on Western Avenue in Las Vegas. Three years ago, police in Las Vegas requested more than \$10,000 from the Clark County Commission to send their special investigations unit to Atlanta, Georgia, in order to investigate Michael Galardi and his father Jack, who himself is involved in a number of strip clubs around the country, including the Pink Pony in Atlanta.

In 1998, the elder Galardi was sued by Pink Pony stripper Vanessa Steele-Inman, who claimed that she had been blackballed by Galardi from the 1997 Miss Nude World International pageant after she refused to let Galardi slurp whipped cream off her naked body at a pre-contest golf tournament and photo shoot. In 2000 a Fulton County jury awarded Steele-Inman \$2.5 million, but a judge later threw out \$1.6 million in punitive damages, leaving her with \$335,000 for "tortious interference" and \$500,000 for slander.

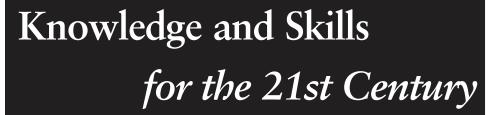
Michael Galardi planned to open a strip club called the Gold Club in Las Vegas, *The Las Vegas Review Journal* reported, and cops there suspected that it might be more than a coincidence that a similar establishment in Atlanta, also called the Gold Club, was at the center of federal allegations dealing with prostitution, sports stars, and ties to the Mafia's Gambino crime family. The Galardis' attorney denied there was any connection between the clubs, and the Vegas cops were denied their travel request. Late last year, the Gold Club case ended with a plea bargain that sent owner Steve Kaplan to prison for 16 months in January after he also agreed to make a \$3 million forfeiture.

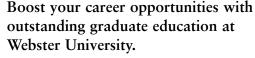
In the meantime, Cheetahs has been spreading around a lot of money to San Diego politicos. In addition to the campaign cash its employees gave to city council candidates, this January the club itself gave \$3000

to the state assembly campaign of incumbent Fourth District city councilman George Stevens, a Baptist minister who voiced his opposition to the city's strip joints but accepted the Cheetahs money anyway.

The campaign lucre has spawned accusations that untoward influence has been brought to bear on city hall, all of which are vehemently denied by the parties involved. Mike Galardi did not return phone calls seeking comment, but his Las Vegas—based marketing manager Mike Beezley says, "I'd have to speculate its just jealousy, an exemployee working for another club."

Denying that Cheetahs has gotten special treatment, Beezley says the club was penalized by the city earlier this year. "We ended up





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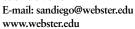
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having to pay a \$5000 fine, and to our knowledge there's not been any club that has had that kind of problems."

Beezley also says Cheetahs' customer traffic has not been immune from the dirty-dancing crackdown. "Since the six-foot rule, our business has actually taken about a 30 percent drop." If Cheetahs does better than other nude clubs in San Diego, Beezley maintains, it is because of the company's superior management. "It's because we're treating the people right, the customers, and we're also taking care of the girls. People don't realize in our industry simply being nice to a girl and saying 'Hi, how're you doing?' really kind of works in our favor.

We actually care about how they're doing, what kind of finances they're making, and such and such."

Regarding the contributions made to city council members by Cheetahs and others connected to the nude-dancing business, Dale Manicom, a First Amendment attorney who represents the Midway Deja Vu club in a current appeal of a city enforcement action, says, "I have no comment on that. I read the paper like anybody else."

Asked during a telephone interview last week whether he could rule out persistent reports that certain nude-entertainment establishments were getting tipped off about undercover vice squad raids before

they happened, the squad's Kanaski responded: "Not that I'm aware of." Asked to elaborate, he said; "Like I said, not that I'm aware of. That's my answer. I'm not changing it. Not that I'm aware of. I can't speak for something that I don't know about, and I'm not going to try to make up something that I don't know anything about."

"Inspections" of the clubs, Kanaski said, are conducted "more or less on a random basis. We do have certain nights where that's what we have scheduled to do, the inspections of nudeentertainment establishments. We don't make it a so-called priority within our unit. It's not something that we do every day. We

may do one or two nights a month to where that's exactly what both our teams would do. Other than that, we've got other duties that have more of a priority than, say, going into an establishment of this nature to see if there are things that are going wrong.

"It's hit or miss when we do inspections. We can only deal with what we see on the dates that we are there. I can't speak for what happens during times when we are not there. And that's basically how it would operate. Now, the other thing that we also do is if that we have a particular club to where we have had a number of violations, we're more than likely going to inspect that club on a more often

level than we, say, would do others."

Asked whether he was certain Cheetahs, for instance, runs a "clean club," with no dirty dancing, Kanaski replied: "I'm not going to say that. All I'm saying is when we do our inspections we have not seen anything that we would [issue] regulatory violations, or write a citation for a regulatory violation while we're there. I can't speak for the times that we're not there. So I can't say whether or not they're clean or not clean overall. I'm just saying that when we do our inspections we don't see the type of behavior that would cause us to write a citation."

All of this just intensi-

fies the suspicion of the Human Sexuality Institute's Ted McIlvenna. He vows not to surrender in his battle to turn back the lapdance law. "I think as our next step in San Diego, we need to have a presence of some sort. Sort of a resource center to answer the questions people are asking, to protect the sex workers. We'll probably focus more on that, advocating a sexology center in the city. The politics here are a lot more complicated than we thought they would be. But it's critical. What we do is so important for America, my friend. Just remember, if you can control people's sex lives, you can control them absolutely."

— Matt Potter

Autumn Rhythm

HAIKU #1

where the fuck's my car? don't even gotta be drunk no more t' lose it!

GIG

Let it be known, to begin with, that I didn't ask for this, but was *asked* —

Assigned, in exchange for a sum equal to roughly a season's rent, the chore of composing a first-person account of the process of aging (heh heh), "growing old"...of copping in print to *being* old: an official GEEZER GIG.

My reluctance at first was natural. "I'm not there yet," I protested. "But I'll start taking notes, OK?" (Had an editor or two "noticed something" 'fore I did?)

Mainly, I felt, I've for damnsure got better things to do than write about my current writhe-and-squirm; more viable hoops to jump through than finding adequate voice to critique my ease or difficulty, for inst, in maintaining an unassisted daily bowel movement. At my age, who the hell's got *time* to waste on such twaddle?

Fuh..

Inevitabilities are a pisser to sidestep. Geezerhood comes when it comes — fuggit — but just as inev' as suddenly, finally being there, now!, on the cusp of fucking dotage, my time/left measured in thimbles not buckets, was that I would be invited — cajoled — roped into writing about it.

Writers are a vain buncha geeks, y'know? We don't always wear lampshades on our heads, but we do wear hats galore, funny and straight, to get our idiot-share of *attention*. A sucker for such bullcrap, I have worn one guise in particular, oh, a couple hundred times at least: The Naked Writeboy.

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tired, squinty (as opposed to merely jaded) eyes.

What a dandy ultimate USE of the subject/object self: as a touchstone of Decline and Fall...mammal...human...universal! What sort of writer would I be to decline the invitation? Of all the cheesy stories I've wanted no part of, this would appear to have my name — well, one of 'em — all over it. The No-Insulation Kid at your service! *Deeper* than skinnaked, *deeper* than flesh-naked: come have a peek, see what's underneath...parts-o-me that age ain't touched, and those it's already trampled.

And hell yeah — independent of all this — I do have some copious THOUGHTS on the geezer "issue"...microminutiae to explore and explicate...lingering personal baggage, nasty and not, to get off my chest given so cheery a context.

Hey, I may not be *quite* there yet — a frigging "senior" — but time is definitely a-wasting, pottage needs to be procured, fiber to be ingested, and other stories to be writ…let's get on with it.



GEEZEROLOGY

Tomorrow used to be another day, or so somebody said. It ain't no more.

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DAYS

The first Bukowski title I



The author's cat

ever noticed in a bookstore was The Days Run Away Like Wild Horses Over the Hills. I was maybe 26, and it struck me as a tad corny. It wasn't that I didn't, um, appreciate the concept, the metaphor, this image of them galloping way off in a pack, leav-

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ing a mighty puff of dust, never to be seen again 'cept as tiny dots on the horizon, or that I regarded it as hokily "romantic" or some such — our common mortality in prewar cowboyflick drag — it just seemed (and in some ways still does)

like hambone literary caprice: a self-designated "old man" coming on "old and wise." He was like 48 or 49 when it was published.

At 26, I didn't think much about eventually being 49. If I did at all, it was simply in arithmetic terms —

that it would take me 23 years to get there. Who'd've thought it would only take 9 or 10? In life, ha, 'rithmetic works existentially. Over the hills! gone!...fuckadoodle.

Today, seven years beyond 49, it hits me like a two-by-four in the face. The days run, they don't walk, and not just the days, plural the YEARS — but each and every 24-hour day. A couple years ago I started quantifying what a day actually felt like, what its duration as lived existentially was, and the unit day, I surmised, was only four hours long.

It now feels about three and a half.

The compression doesn't seem so much existential anymore as corporeal. Strictly physical factors have risen to the fore. For a while I've been aware of an upswing in basic bodily fatigue...lethargy...enervation. Lately, howev, it's also impacting on my ability to handle the specifics of my so-called job, one more ostensibly mental than physical, to focus on th'm or pay even semi-continuous attention. The body part of mind has taken command and thrown in the towel.

Shoot — I'm a privileged fuck who stays at home and writes, and I'm feeling this beat. If I worked on an assembly line, being 56 would be devastating.

What can you get done in three and a half hours? (Better not piss too much that'll cut it to three.)

LIFETIMES

One afternoon when I was 6 or 7, I sat around with some neighborhood kids watching a purple crayon with the paper removed float in a bowl of water. When it didn't dissolve immediately, nor after an hour or more, we figured it must be a matter of days. not hours — and only when days had elapsed







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would we know for sure.

After five days, having paid no notice for the previous four, I emptied what water was left and put the crayon, none the worse for wear, back in its box. In ensuing playtimes with these same kids I never bothered to bring it up. (I was the only scientist, mad or not, the only stickler for empirical doodah in the bunch, and I knew even then that empiricists were saps, killjoys and worse.)

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LIVES

All we get is dashed hopes, mangled and bungled dreams. Is this good or bad?

TROPIC OF NIPPLES

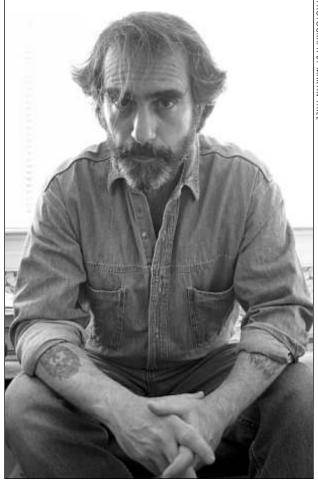
Baby! —

In my spare time, when not busy being old or jerking off or worrying about my cat, I've been working on a nice little contraption to, uh, spank you with...and for you to spank me. It's kind of a composite of things, and when I'm done it'll produce a nice little sting different from any of the whatsits we used last time.

Hey babe, I can't WAIT to sting your funky li'l geezer butt with it!

BEAT ME

Much as I like grocery lists, Jim Carroll beat me to "People Who Died," so I won't even list all my friends who are dead.



The author

GEEZEROLOGY (2)

Every day, rain or shine, you see them, chugging down the avenoo — paunchy, stoopy, prune-faced, droopy, drooly - what a scene! Two and three abreast they come, clogging sidewalks with their arthrickety tortoise-dawdle: geezers on parade!

Indeed, there is much to be amused by in the streetface of geezerhood, but nothing more amusing than the shirts, skirts, pants, hats, jackets, socks, sneakers and umbrellas they mix and

match with no regard for optical or even seasonal suitability - pinstripes w/ polka dots — team logos w/ tiedyeds — purple w/ luminescent orange — Xmas plaids in June — what a scream!

Go 'head and laugh, they are a scream. Clowns and rock stars never dressed so funny. All your LIFE you've laughed at geezers and their clotting, make that clothing; made grievous light of their esthetic impairment; gotten your jollies at their feeble expense. Well, laugh while you can, buddy, but don't laugh too hard...'cause someday soon the geezer will be YOU.

So listen up.

A recent survey by the Gerry Studies Department, Lewis and Bob College (Kliquot, New Hampshire), strips bare a prevalent MYTH concerning geezer clothes. The principal reason, previously overlooked, underestimated, or anyhoo underreported, for howcome they "dress so silly" is not so much their taste in attire is "alien or bizarre" — "f'r shit" — "up their ass" — as it is, simply, that these are the ONLY DUDS GEEZERS HAVE LEFT. Inotherwords, unless they are or were "total doofs to begin with," the report sez, chances're likely they once owned and wore not only sillystuff —

hey, everybody needs some sillystuff — but one or more "neat" clothings (relatively speaking) which because they were neat got worn more frequent, thus wearing 'em OUT, leaving the geezer ultimately with his or her most undesirable garments, the threads they themselves cared for least — and now 'cuz of fixed income, alzheimer's, immobility or indifference, the hideous dregs is all they got left: their final apparel, their final "look." If they shop anymore it's at thrift stores, known repositories of the dregs of others live & dead, further prolonging the "cycle of dregdom." Hey, it makes sense.

Additional factors include: too FAT to wear yer own neatstuff no mo, dropping it from the active wardrobe, replaced by any uggle that still fits, or donning the former in uneasy "geezer defiance," running the risk — the study further claims - of "lookin' like an M-F'ing dipshit"; too skinny (same deal); bald or balding, in the case of formerly wearable hats and headgear, causing the 'gear to slipflop down, perching heavily on the ears, which flap out like turkey wings (hooty HAH! — 'scuse my laffin'...it's just so funny); cataracts and blindness, requiring others to dress you, "often with sarcastic intent." It's not a pretty sight.

And what, for the merry love-o-Mike, might be DONE?

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Thirty years ago, when the field was the size of Montana, and a lifetime seemed a reasonable span for pulling off something akin to literary fame & fortune, I fancied I would average a book and a half a year for all the years I saw spread before me — the approximate rate I was writing 'em at the time. If all had gone well, that would've meant 45 books over these three decades hey, there are people who've done it!

As it stands today, I've had, I dunno, 10 or 11 books published, which still ain't too shabby. Since the last two are prob'ly the best I've ever done, it wouldn't totally shatter me if somehow they turned out to be the last two, period. But I imagine there will be more, although right now I'm not sure what shape, form or flavor any of them might conceivably take. If I live another 10-12-15 years, considering how tough it is for me to write these days, how long it takes, I'm looking at another three-four books, max. Or let's just even say three, or two...and I've GOTTA make those count - got

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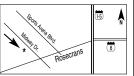
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to! got to! — not in terms of my "permanent record," my "legacy," but simply...between me and me. In some as yet unknowable way. Someday fairly soon I will have to decide: what the bleeping fuck will these books be?

Even less than 30, less

than 25, the pipe dreams came fast and furious, and I actually believed, given proper exposure, that in due time I would cop a Nobel — well goodbye to all that. Goodbye to even that goodbye...what a load off my postadolescent mind.

I will certainly never

be rich or anything close, but I wouldn't mind, just once, briefly, making what could pass for a middleclass income. (The guy who does my taxes has promised me the high-sign the moment I threaten to knock on that door.) But even that is more "symbolic" than anything

anymore — and of what, I can barely remember — a silly old-school notion I'm already half-set on letting go of f'rever.

Many waters under many bridges, and many letting-gos, great and small, present, past and future...

Is it necessary, for ex.,

even once by accident, that I ever be slim or trim again? That I regain the muscle tone I last had when I worked out regularly, oh, like 15-16 years ago?

Between now and the final curtain, does it mean a ding dang duck dick if I comb my hair? Shower and shave more than three times a week?

How strongly does selfesteem (or is it egotism?) compel me to continue wearing contact lenses, to bother correcting my eyesight to 20-20?

Does it matter that I rarely know who won a



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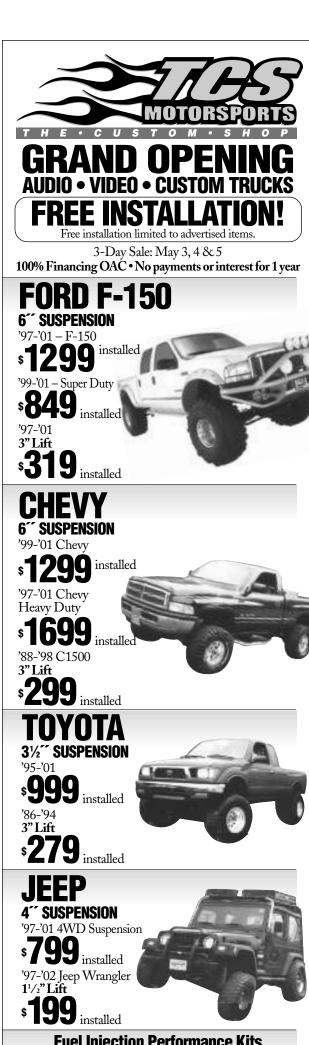
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given year's Super Bowl? That I can no longer recite the line of succession to the heavyweight title? Would it matter if I could?

Does it mean shit to a shithook if I answer even one letter in 10, one e-mail in 50?

If I never again hear the Zombies' "Is This the Dream?" — does that matter?

Does anything absolutely, unequivocally matter?

Well yes, of course, LOVE matters, but how do you get it (how do you GET IT?) ('specially w/out grooming or shaving or muscles) and how do you keep it f'r longer than it takes to brew a cup of tea? If I never get it, never find it again, I reckon I'll live...and if I die unloved, well, it's not like I've NEVER LOVED, y'know? My mem'ry is still pretty good in that regard — I could tell you old girlfriend tales till you puke. If I write another novel, maybe I'll tell 12 or 20.

PRESSURE DROP

A couple years ago, I had my hemorrhoids snipped, scraped, or whatever they do...something with a knife...the final surgical

Though longer than I expected, as a hospital stay it wasn't so horrible. True. they botched their own estimate of when I'd be released, which threw a mean curve at my care & feeding. Instead of salad, fruit and, I dunno, oat bran or something, they fed me roast beef, potatoes and vanilla pudding, hotcakes and sausage there'd been no plan drawn up for feeding me at all. Don't wanna lay on the hyperbole, but a day later, at home, it was like trying to shit a football...with severely challenged equipment...oh well.

But the stay itself, hey...I had this really pretty nurse who gave me demerol and changed my ass dressing. "This is gonna hurt," she warned, yanking the adhesive, "but nowhere as bad as bikini waxing" — she then apologized for being "superficial"...what a sweet, attractive person to have change your ass dressings.

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Compared to what I'd envisioned, it was more like a weekend at a country club, a far cry from this scene in Wild Angels which had always plagued me, the one where Bruce Dern, strapped to a bed, lies dying with all these tubes in his arm. When I first saw it in the '60s, high on pot, I thought Sheesh, I do NOT wanna die with fucking tubes in my arm.

This wasn't anything like that, plus I learned that my blood pressure was high, but not dangerously high. I'd known for years it was high, and controlled it at times (in theory or practice) with exercise and diet. In any case, it was down from my previous reading, taken at an ER I dragged myself to when a spider bite got infected and blew up like a golf ball. (Maybe all the huffpuff I'd exerted in helping a bookstore guy move all his stock, loading and toting too many things myself, is what lowered it.)

Hey, I don't even know what exactly you GET from high blood pressure — heart attack? stroke? I don't know — honest! — and obviously I should; is it denial or stupidity (stubbornness?) not to know such shit at 56? But it was down, so good.

Or is it good?

Strokes I don't want who does? But are heart attacks all bad? They come in handy sometimes — a quick end, unlike AIDS or cancer — but if they don't kill ya outright, a freaking hospital is still your destiny. Open heart butchery...quintuple bypass...sheesh-amighty.

Whatever.

But really, strapped down or not, I DON'T wanna die in a freaking hospital...hideous surroundings & lighting...mean or kind or indifferent personnel, with or without the bikini waxing...all variety of tubing in my arms. I don't!

Once you're dead you're dead, but still: why relinquish the calling of shots before that? So I should prob'ly do some homework.

HAIKU #2

periph'ral vision? bicycles slower than me run over my feet

THE SHIT TOGETHER

I forget the title or the publisher (HarperCollins? Ransentative of the previous (or pre-previous) (certainly not current) generation. Here's what I gave him:

Well, OK, let's get clear on one thing: there are no "generations." Maybe once, but no longer. Or, if you'd like, there is only one. We're all in the shit together. Period.

To cut to the chase, American Youth has never had fewer advantages —

defined as maimed and retarded. Quickly, you're gonna need to think for yourself (or perish!), come up with your own system (no cheating!):

> it's fucking compulsory. And then, the long run. Though miracles do happen, it will in all likelihood take you longer than you anticipate — an unfair percentage of the time you've got left — to get much of anything right, to develop your own "chops," to arm yourself the way nurturing parents *hypothetically* did while you were (or at least I was) still wriggling in diapers...you have to factor in the LONG HAUL. (Writing, for inst — something I personally wouldn't wish on a dog — will take you fifteen years, minimum, to even begin to get

NOTHING. Youth is a dis-

mal sick joke today: a con-

sumer-demographic blip

right.) In the meantime, an early order of biz: unplug from the cyber lifeline...it's a fucking deathline: the bitter END of mammal life as any of us have ever known it. And encourage — by hook, crook, or outright subterfuge — everybody ELSE to unplug, y'hear?

And the next order, well, choice of poison. There's no getting very deep into this thing-called-life without the faithful assistance of whatsems that at least partially will also be killing you. For symptomatic relief, artificial energy, access to alternate universes, superficial kicks, whatever...there's no getting around 'em. Still, it would be hokey to impose my actual tastes on you, like you should drink, say, a lot of strong bitter ale with lots of hops - avoid red wine until a doctor orders it whiskey will slow you down, put you to sleep — if you're of a mind to do tobacco, better to chew it...no, I won't do that. But if you're young enough, speed probably isn't such a bad idea. Heroin and the opiates, on the other hand, really aren't for kicks — they're for heavy grief reduction.

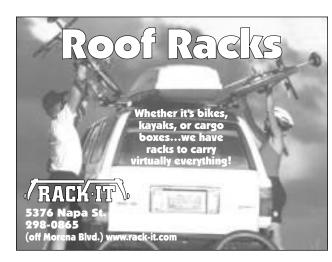
I DO GET A GOOD PORTION OF MY KICKS THESE DAYS IN BARS, WHERE TWO-THREE AFTERNOONS A WEEK I'LL SIT AND SWILL.

dom House?), but a few months ago some 25-yearold kid — 'scuse me grownup asked me to contribute to a book he'd somehow scammed a contract for. Something on the order of "advice to the next generation." He invited me 'cause I seemed, in some conspicuous way, a repre-

assets - resources. Not in all the time I've been around, and that includes the loathsome, despicable *pre*-rock fifties (when they banned comic books, and the best you could look forward to was wearing a tie every day of your life). Aside from the extra years you've got remaining, your lot is basic

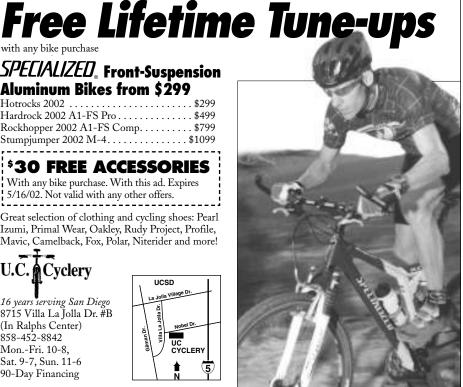












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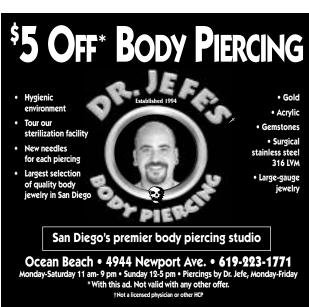


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Buddhism? I wouldn't know, some Beats swore by it, but I've never tried it.

Speaking of Beatniks, don't read On the Road, not ahead of four or five other Kerouac titles: Big Sur, The Subterraneans, Tristessa, The Dharma Bums, and this one you never heard of called Vanity of Duluoz.

Otherwise, I dunno, see the movie Mesa of Lost Women — don't ask me why. (I'm sure it's rentable.)

That's it, so anyway, once again: 'tain't no generations. Any more than there are "decades." But some very deep shit. "If it ain't shit, it ain't IT" - somebody French said that. Get used to it.

ANYTHING

How many people die having embraced and experienced one thing on their own terms for ten minutes? How many die having popped a pimple perfectly...once?

NEVER

A position you'll never shake me from:

Even in better possible worlds than this one, to inflict the full slimy wrath of your being (and its ongoing shadow and stand-in, your neurosis) on a living creature more vulnerable than yourself is despicable. Or let's just say unwise.

As far as I know, I've had no children. The buck



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VANITY AND CULTURE

Am I really and truly, by a stretch of anyone's imagining besides my own, a beatnik drunk, as I'm fond sometimes of I.D.'ing myself?

A philosopher on a barstool?

A philosopher at all? A real drunk, even?

My buddy Nick always said if you can't drink through a hangover, you're no drunk nohow. Well I can't make it through 'em—they drop me in my tracks. Nor do I share with Bukowski fans a fondness for

the designation "old drunk" (ho hum)...what a quaint cartoon. But I do get a good portion of my kicks these days in bars, where two-three afternoons a week I'll sit and swill down pints as bitter as life itself — and if that sounds corny, well, tough. (Hey, people! — JOY is involved.)

I'd rather have a meaningful conversation with a stranger or friend in a dark, gloomy dive than most anything in this here life, and I'd certainly rather run an idea 'round a barroom than beat it to death on paper...turn it into a fucking essay.

I don't "get ideas" from drinking, and anything I write down drunk I usually can't even read later. Ideas as experienced, as groped and sussed out *in vivo* — in life — are of far greater oompah to me than ideas "themselves," and it

No, I'm not talking finite in the extended sense, y'know, like mortality, death—the end of it ALL but finite in the here & now, as a limit-line and cutoff

I WAS IN MY 50S BEFORE I REAL-IZED BARMAIDS FLIRT WITH YOU NOT 'CAUSE THEY THINK YOU'RE CUTE OR RESPECT YOUR WIS-DOM, BUT TO GET A BIGGER TIP.

ain't just the dialogue — the back & forth, the alcohol-accelerated fervor — that makes suss-out in bars so appealing, it's the alc-assisted finitude and *termination*.

to further (let's call it) intellection, intelligizing. Alcohol in real time can be my-t all reet for serving you the warrant *This far is far enough*. Twenty years ago,

when I still occasionally wrote drunk, what it basically meant was an end to endless revision, especially simpy things like word choice. *Pick a word, damn it, and we're done!* (More "definitive" than this — why bother?)

The provisionally so, the functionally so, is all you need in the way of an afternoon's so-ness...no carry-over to next week (and *phuck* eternity). Another of alc's great gifts: the GRACE to embrace a bottom line of so-ness.

And this is even without delivering euphoria, or nirvana, or oblivion — it ain't heroin! — without actually blunting the ideational edge: an edge you're gonna need, right?, 'cause you WANT it to keep a-knockin' at your being, to "trouble" you enough to command your ongoing, if slip-sliding, attention. Hopefully, ideally, what you get in the process is a glimmer, as well, of an idos's own attrition. Discourse and disintegration in a single dose. (Did I say I wasn't pushing one poison over all others? Pardon me.)

There was a run of maybe 20 years where I drank for very ferocious reasons, then another five where I stayed at home, wrote, and drank hardly at all, but today it's one of the calmest things I do. Where once I behaved antisocially when even halfway drunk,

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Rarely do I drink at home, and the only homestuff that might be lacking in bars is my own music. My goddam collection. You're not gonna hear New York Eye and Ear Control, or even "Ornithology," at the Snake & Weasel. But if there's any kind of jukebox. the difference between a very specific this and a that isn't gonna be the makeor-break of a couple-three hours on a stool. No Doors, no Stones before Black and Blue, but lookit — Best of George Jones!...let's hear "Open Pit Mine."

And if there isn't a juke, and all you can reasonably expect from one of those crummy, nuthin' compilation-X tapes some barperson made is one tune in ten that even semi-works as soundtrack for the drunken moment, as expedient grist for a nuance of conversation or the random tweaking of your pliant mindset, that's a-plenty. Music in a bar is music in context, and one in ten is okey doke.

In general, the whole basic shuck of cultural "choice" has lots more resonance, both volitionally and phenomenologically, in beer joint Z than a supermarket or record store, a multiplex movie house. Even if the options are this pisswater brew versus that (Bud and Hamm's, let's say, with no IPA in sight), or the yes/no/yes/no of maybe coming on to a new face down the bar you've got no chance in hell of doing the meat-dance with, not if you were the last bozo on earth...ha...at least you're eyeball to eyeball with the NOTION of getoff, in ballpark range of its being not some distant illusion (a cockamamie abstraction), but oboy, all the diff. in the world: a CURRENT ILLUSION.

To grab some jargon from the existentialists, with a couple-three Hamm's in your gut — hell: even Coors fucking Lights — potentiality begins to approximate actuality, starts behaving (in raw, wretched ways) quitelike it. 'Tain't even virtual getoff — rocks-off, a "real" beer buzz — of course, but something ASYMP-

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Two bar-trains running. So some funkvsweet babe says nuh nuh NO to your overture of whoopee, okay? Well, phoo, fie, fug a donut, but HEY!, without missing a beat, without really changing the subject (one "text" equals another), you can likewise reject Beethoven's 9th, "Be-Bop-a-Lula," all the works of D.H. Lawrence — while you're at it, THE ENTIRE WEST-

ERN CANON — or, conversely, you can accept NOTHING, literally.

Nothing! If there's enough sweat to the experience, total wipe-out is as good as a score...it *is* a score. From gimme! gimme! to nada? I like it!...a most plausible leap...or maybe that's just me in my sleepiness. Or my geezer serenity. Or whatever.

I may fancy myself a thinker, but I never said I was smart. I was in my 50s before I realized barmaids flirt with vou not 'cause they think you're cute or respect your wisdom, but to get a bigger tip. But I always overtip — usually a buck a beer, regardless of the act they do or don't throw my waythough it's possible I don't jack off thinking about them as much as I did before learning their cruel secret.

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Ooh babe, it tingles my SHORTHAIRS to think it: you'n' me mixin' the mature (the ripe!) and the infantile...the autumn (the winter!) and the not-even-spring! So effing WHAT if we can't control our functions? Weewee...doodoo...you can change me and I'll change

Oh darlin', let's really make a mess!

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He doesn't know he's dying, dig it, any more than he knows he's "old" — a notion both too abstract and concrete to be of any use to him. He does, however, seem all too aware that he's LOS-ING IT. A window sill only two feet off the floor is now a difficult jump for him. He hasn't got the spring he once did, and unless his timing is perfect he'll blow it. This *maddens* him — he meows loudly...howls!...flashes me his what-the-hell-isgoing-on? look. I rap on the sill to encourage another

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try, but he rarely goes for it. Too proud to suffer assistance, he'll promptly jump down if I lift him up there. Never chases moths or flies anymore — can't keep up with 'em.

Lately he's cleaning himself less...could there be too little saliva to spare? When it gets really hot he does no grooming at all, and by the time he gets to it, with all the accumulated sweat, his coat is stiff and matted. He picks at it with his teeth and gets nowhere, mopes and moans and sits around looking, oh—what's that stupid, cutesy catword? — scruffy.

Has his weight gone down because his appetite is failing, or might Fancy Feast, which was shit to begin with, be getting worse? Every time I open a can, a given flavor, it looks different, smells different, from a few weeks before — am I imagining things? When he walks away from Savory Salmon Feast, a former favorite, I defer to his taste and open something else, but in what LANGUAGE

can I deal with his blaring bewilderment, his sense of world-gone-fucking-wrong? It maddens *me* that I can't 'splain to him the snuffout of quality control (they get their salmon in the sewer, see), the unregulated exploitation of poor contingent beings (they don't care if you live or die).

The depth of my feelings for the little beast tears me apart. My sidekick, my pal, the first and only pet I've had with hair (if pet is really the word — I've always thought of him as heck, an equal), he's also the last. I won't be doing this number again. Why oh why, I ask, did I allow myself to get so viscerally involved with a warmblooded earthling who neither speaks nor understands a known human tongue, who can't be asked "Where does it hurt?" or even "How many fingers?," and certainly hasn't the means of volunteering such biz on his own? It tears my guts out that I can't tell him anything he'll understand 'bout how come he can't go outside no more.

The most colossal of his losses — by his reckoning, surely — and he didn't lose it, I took it. A tough guy, a fighter, he was getting in too many fights, which led to too many abscesses, which more than anything is what killed his kidneys. A bully when you get down to it, he could no longer take the measure of every new stray on the block,

from an IV bag, 150cc dripped or squeezed through the hole I poke with an inch-long needle in the loose skin of his back. Every time I poke him, he yelps...betrayal, anyone? Some claim that cats/dogs "know" when you're helping them...dunno. While the months go by and he's still living and — who can tell? — maybe in gen'ral

YOU COULD DIE LIKE A DAWG IN THAT DISNEY WORLD SWEATSHIRT IN WHAT IS IT, OCHRE? MAUVE?

every dog smaller than a doberman, and once or twice he came home *mangled*. For more than a year now, he's been confined to quarters, where I've been not only his keeper, his jailer, but worse than that: his torturer.

So much for equality.
Once a day, to flush
out his toxins, I give him
a dose of greenish fluid

hurting less, he's yet to stop yelping, and after I release him he lunges from my lap and scampers to the door, where he sniffs at the crack and cries.

OUT THERE: where all the goodtimes were. Wild youth, wild maturity. Anything-but-mellow middle age. The long hot run of a life/lived. Where he lived it all 'cept for inconsequentials like meals in cat-bowls and sleep. This geezer had his run.

Besides all the fights,

and he really was pretty good vs. dogs (claws to the snout! — first strike preferred), he did his share of mouse catching, bird catching, tree and phone-pole climbing, blind leaps down open manholes, dashes up/down schoolyard fences in thunderstorms, and I saw him one time scale a 30foot ladder, the kind with narrow rungs, to a roof where hot tar was being laid down, emerging (much later) and descending unscathed. Fond of vehicles, he enjoyed splitting up a single urination and directing its stream at the hubcaps of three separate cars, though hardly ever the first three — he was selective and crawling in windows of tall trucks to smell the upholstery and piss on the steering wheel.

And, shoot, he must've gotten *some* kicks (or he wouldn't've done it) from his afternoons just hangin' out with me — interspecies

"male bonding," alright? the zillion times I brought a chair outside and sat with him as I doodled over the morning's writing. I'd sit and he'd sit, an hour, two hours, after which I'd follow him on his prowl, see him terrorize the neighborhood.

Now it's like he's in a nursing home.

Perched up there in his window seat, he gets very agitated when he spots a sparrow on a branch or a cat, 'specially one he used to beat on, roaming free. Whenever visitors come by, he follows the scent of street grit tracked in on their shoes, nuzzles mini-blades of grass fortuitously caught in a rut in the floor. On bright afternoons, he finds a suitable patch of light on the rug and settles there — as if he were outside. His fur is dark and the sun fries him like a biker in black leathers, dehvdrating him worse than he already is, undercutting the day's forcefeed of liquids. I could close the blinds, natch, but what sort of asshole would take such a treat away from him? ('Twould be like taking an 80-year-old smoker's pack-o-cigs.) I won't fuck with his dignity, not anymore, but for a while, if he also happened to be napping, I would sometimes move an object — a box, a large pillow between him and the sun. When he woke to see this, he got extremely vocal, yowling in sheer exasperation.

But those yowls wurn't nothin' compared to the ones he did — and does — when the sun is down. A creature more of Night than of Day — for 16 years, it was when he was most independent, autonomous, most unimpededly animal — he's likeliest then to get mega-

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Which wake me, twitching, like no earthquake, no smoke alarm, no human caterwaul down the street, ever has, and I'm forced to wonder: Is he dying? Has a dire wolf broken in? Realizing that neither is the case, I figure maybe the s.o.b. has got his appetite back, he needs a fresh can of slop, or I forgot to clean the litter box, but it never seems to be anything that mundane, or that specifiably doable, but something more on the level of Wake up, dammit! and hang w/ me in another room! Or, I dunno, Be around for mec'mon! — you're the only friend I've got.

Whether I comply or

not (and usually I do), there isn't a night I don't lose sleep...as if I ain't tired enough. Theoretically - if he can take naps, I can take naps — I could occasionally, prob'ly, make it up. More unsettling is his waking me out of dreams and I lose 'em. THE THIEF OF DREAMS! — add that to the list of things he'll never know about himself.

The little guy persists. A fighter indeed, he's lasted six months longer than the vet's most optimistic forecast. He goes up and down, up and down, but he hasn't begun to give up the fight. One moment he's lying there grim and wasted, and I see the labored crawl of all livingthings to the Abyss. I leave the room, return, and he's walking on the keyboard of my computer — having hopped on a pile of books, from the books to a chair, then a table, and finally my desk writing:

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I hope, when I'm his age, I write as well.

DEVO PLAYS MENSA

Some people I know, more well-intentioned than not, keep offering to help set up a website for show-&-telling shards of my writing to a "wider audience," instantly rendering me "less invisible" (as if somehow I've been hiding), but I always decline. The prospect totally, utterly revolts me, but who knows? — maybe my arm will be twisted (peer pressure is like that), and sooner or later I'll relent.

If so coerced, and someday, sure enough, I find myself stuck with a frigging home page, the message right up front, way at the top, will be: I've already lived life for real. How's about if I live it for fake?

As imitations-of-life go, have any, writ large, been shabbier than the Internet? Shabby but clean, like all these dot-com nerds, the yuppie cocksuckers who caretake the action, pay far more heed to cleanliness than content; as shabby as death and not even real death, just death by default,

by virtue of not-beinglife...a room of dead mannequins...or daytime TV.

At its utter bottom-line "best" — most arch — at sites overseen by some o' your more acid-headed yuppie idiots — it has the look and feel of Devo at a Mensa convention...how groovy. At its worst — or in general — the trickle-down "populist" version — it's the acrylic sock section at Kmart.

What a giggle pit!... what a seedy "public world" to have served on a plate.

Listen, folks...I have online access 'cause as a writer it's now mandatory. Editors want instant delivery of the fruits of your labor. I never graze the Internet for anything like fun & frolic. But so you don't think I'm totally out of it, The Man From Yesterday, no fun nohow, there's a cyberpit I do drop in on from time to time: the Englishlanguage site of the Nihon Sumo Kyokai, the governing body of sumo the only sport I follow anymore.

Http://www.sumo.or.jp/ index_e.html...check it out...six tournaments a year (the odd-numbered months)...y'might find it a hoot.

NOTHING

There is nothing that concerns me less than the decor of my own home.

D.C.

Diminished capacity. Does 7 plus 4 equal 11, or does it equal 3?

RESEARCH STUDIES

Hormone Replacement Therapy

If you are a woman between 45 and 70 years of age and are undergoing menopause, this message is for you... Menopause is accompanied by a pronounced decrease in your estrogen levels. Lower estrogen increases your risk for osteoporosis, heart disease and signs of physical aging.

The Damluji Research Center is conducting a research study designed to evaluate the effects of an oral hormone replacement therapy on menopausal women. Women taking medication for high blood pressure or diabetes may be eligible. It's free and you can help.

If you qualify, you will be followed by a board-certified cardiologist, doctors and nurses at a large OB/GYN center.

You will receive study-related medical treatment, laboratory tests, physical exams, mammogram and study medication at no charge to you.

You will also receive compensation for time and travel.

Call our study coordinator at: 619-293-0644.

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Medical researchers at UCSD are currently conducting a study to evaluate an investigational drug for the treatment of patients with insomnia.

Participants must be in general good health and be between the ages of 21 and 64.

- Symptoms of insomnia may include:

 Difficulty sleeping

 Not enough sleep or sleep that is not restful

 Difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep

 Non-restful sleep for at least one month

 Problems with work, social, or other important activities due to lack of sleep

Medical evaluations and the investigational drug will be provided for up to one year at no cost.
This study does not involve a placebo.
Eligible participants will also receive financial compensation.



For more information, please call:

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Sad? Depressed?

Volunteers

suffering from depression are needed for depression research studies sponsored by reputable pharmaceutical companies.

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Who was the "New Journalist" who wrote the *Esquire* article on Joe DiMaggio...not Gore Vidal...not Vidal Sassoon...what the hell was his name? Christ, it was *famous...*got reprinted...fuggit.

And who's that German vibes player, uhh, played some *very* out shit, had an album on ESP, lived in Woodstock awhile? Onesyllable last name...or is it two? Definitely not Borah Bergman.

Or like I'll somehow remember the *complete* details of a story I heard the other day — or earlier the same day — but have trouble 'membering WHO told it t' me...can't put a face (or voice!) on it.

When I saw Matt Dillon in *Drugstore Cowboy* whine about how hopeless it can get sometimes just having to tie your shoes, I

thought: whudda stretch! 'Taint under *any* circumstances that difficult. Well...hoo!...as somethin' to even just *keep track of*, 'tis! I can go a quarter-mile without NOTICING mine're untied.

I'll be dog*gone* if the GEEZER EPISODES hain't been piling up. I'll go for a pizza and totally forget where I parked the car...no idea. Circle the block, all four streets, both sides, nope, so I walk the next block, and the next: where izzzzit?! Then a few days later the goddam battery dies 'cause I turned the headlights on, not off — in mid-afternoon. It'd been dark and rainy, see, but that was the previous aft. Hey — I knew I was s'posed to do something onoff-wise (I jus' got it wrong).

Then there's this nail that I missed, I was clipping 'em. Fourth finger, right hand, is that the ring finger? You go nail by nail by nail, left to right, how do you MISS ONE? I don't

believe I ever missed one before...but whuddo *I* know?

It drives me infuckingsane.

And I can't balance my checkbook anymore to save my life, even with a calculator. Used to be a snap. And I can't pay bills on time, can't keep on top of the *chore* of paying them. I put 'em in a stack and suggestion, I've started taking ginkgo, which I find makes me about five percent more alert, more able to cop to operational details — hey, I'll take it. ('S better than three percent.) She also mentioned bee pollen, but I can't recall if that had to do with alertness or the immune system. I should a wrote it down.

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the stack keeps stacking. Gets so daunting it's scary. How long before they shut off my power — or my sorry ass gets evicted?

Some holistic guy I ran into in a bar thought there might be a left brain/right brain aspect to it, y'know writing and then writing checks, going from the "creative" to the "practical," and he recommended I try the Hawaiian Haaaaaa Breath. Breathe in through your nose, deep, exhale through your mouth...haaaaaaaaa...then in through your nose again: do the whole thing five times. Or was it ten? Well I've done it five, I've done it ten...ha ha haaaa. (Could it be he was putting me

On somebody else's

What I've gotta really do now is write EVERY-THING down, and leave all kindsa notes to myself ("gas for car"..."rent due Monday") where I'll be certain to see 'em, like on a chair I'm gonna use or the counter next to the fridge or on the bathroom floor...write 'em as soon as I think to write 'em—no waiting a sec! — or it'll be "Duh...whut wuz it I was about to write down???"

And as far as the alleged creative rubbish goes, I'm not so adept now'days at navigating even *one* side of my brain. G-g-gone is my ability to write on lotsa subjects simultaneous, bing bang bing — and it once was one of my stronger credentials. Working whole-hog at only TWO

I call on more subsets of myself to write than in days of old 'cuz I NEED to mobilize more parts of myself. If the mind can't do it alone, the heart hasta pull some nasty weight. We'll find out soon what capacity my heart has for write-muscle shitwork. Gonad writing? Well, there's that too, eh? (Whatever it takes.)

Jeez — it's gotten to where I can barely hack worrying about more than a couple things at once. A return-o-call I do not wanna make to an ex-girl-friend who wants a bigggg, agonizing favor of me; date with the dentist after not having gone for seven years: to add a third vexation and a FOURTH would produce neuro-overload. My system short-circuits, there's a maximum stress point.

And actual *crises*... whew! If I lost my keys and my glasses, that'd be one godawful bummer. If on top of that I lost my wallet—or my left shoe—or my fucksucking computer broke—it would effectively DEMOLISH ME. There's no way I could live another 15 minutes.

SAVAGE MEAT, PUN-GENT MEAT (UNDIMIN-ISHED LUST)

you want show & tell, well:

the smell of a woman (any woman) merely SUG-

GESTED BY the smell (stink?) of me is often sufficient to make me abandon EVERYTHING

COOTIES

Ageism? *Heck* yeah, it exists. Is real. Rampant, even.

In the town where I live, overt racism, sexism and even classism, homophobia, anti-other-people's-cultural-et-cetera are fairly rare, which is to say that while many may harbor topical prejudices, manymost have at least become hep to the protocols of concealing and containing their public expression...but this does NOT seem so cozily the case with anti-geezer predilection. Lotsa folks, i.e., nongeezer folks, have developed no habits for biting their tongues in real-time verbal dealings with geezers, or even pre-geezers. When it comes to expressing, oh, certain particular point-blank things, geezers are still fair prey...they're open-season slow-moving targets.

As a pre-geezer, or a

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do you have Acne?

If you have acne, call us to find out if you qualify to be part of an investigational research study at our site. The study includes study-related evaluation, laboratory tests, and study medication at no charge. Compensation for time and travel available.



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You may be eligible if you:

• Have Type 2 Diabetes

SCRIPPS CLINIC

- Are between the ages of 18 and 79
- Are currently treating your diabetes with: **Actos** or **Avandia**
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Study medication, study related medical care by board certified physicians, diabetes education by a certified diabetes educator, study related supplies, such as glucose meters and test strips, and compensation for participation.

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late pre-geezer, or an early geezer — whatever I am — I've been getting a taste of what's in store: a round of previews.

This guitarist I run into who always shamelessly sucks up to me, hoping maybe I'll write about him, egged me recently into telling a bunch of dumb stories 'bout my encounters with bands from before he was born, bands that later — through recordings — he got to appreciate (and steal licks from). I was feeling generous, and he kept begging for more! more! more!, when suddenly he lost interest and snapped at me, all but kicking me in the nuts: "Enough of the old WAR STORIES already" — say what?...like I was some grimsweaty Jack Lemmon or Jimmy Stewart getting weepy-eyed about D-Day. Then, to hype me on a new band he was getting together, he sez to me, with no irony whatsoev: "In your time, you'd have really liked us"—in my time?! Which you think is now all up?

Well fuck YOU, shithead! (You also owe me 4 bucks.)

When I was 53, a 21year-old stripper I'd been bouncing around with, and by bounce I'm talkin' mainly bar-hopping — I'd buy the beers, and sometimes she'd buy 'em — she told me at some point it wasn't "such a good idea" to chum around with somebody twice her age. "Shit," I said, cutting to the chase, "why don't you do the long division? I'm two and a *half* times your age — old enough, prob'ly, to be your grandpa.""Well, right...that's what I was saying." And therefore what — you don't cotton to the prospect of me DYING on you? Rather not be SEEN with a soonto-be pruneface? Y'think I'm a fucking VAMPIRE sucking yer youth? (Well, honey, I'm not that nuts about yer youth.)

Hey! — whoa! — I could understand if I were some kind of boring old *nuisance* or something, a fool spouting antique vernac like "balderdash"

or "jiminy christmas," but these jerks wanted a whiff of my seasoned p.o.v., fallout from my vast (um) experience, and they got off galore on my knowingmore-than-them — more than I got off on any of their finer qualities — & then in the end it's like I was just a prop, a curiosity, an "other" in their midst...they would rather be with their OWN KIND. Well, fine.

'S not like I take such treatment personally — I'd rather not consort with geezers either — but I do still have a degree of vitality left, I've got fun fun FUN up the old wazoo, so it doesn't really make too much sense to me. By no means am I covered with even a thin layer of dust yet, and to cut to the only chase that matters: so the hell WHAT if I were (and what happens when finally I am?)?

Really, boys and girls, I don't wanna be in a room full of geezers, but to no greater extent than I'd avoid one containing a gang of lawyers, or PGA golfers, or

high school gym teachers, or evangelical missionaries, or Hollywood coke addicts, or commodities brokers, or cops. Truly, I do *not* wanna be stuffed in dense with old coots and old farts — but I could certainly take 'em one or two at a time.

And like what's the score, anyway (irrational? rational?), on geezer anathema? How'd they get to be shunned like LEPERS, like homeless wretches outside yuppie espresso joints? What is it that compassionless cretins half their age (you know who you are!) have against them, f'r crying out loud?

Granted, in their endgame they don't move so fast, and to scuzzy judgmental types they might not look so fab, and they're fuck-hard at times to understand, and what about those eeky aftershaves they use?...but that don't begin to explain it.

Geezers are *needy*? Helpless, even? Well, much of humankind is helpless and needy...you ever see

the band Cat Power, Chan Marshall? They're sour, caustic, and bitter? You shoulda met the late-great M.T. Kinney at 25.

Is it simply, or chiefly, the STAMP OF ENDGAME emblazoned on the surface of their being? Itchytwitchy evidence to young louts of their own mortality, of the literal way of all flesh and all flash? A case of shoot-the-messenger? Or would that be a mite too metaphoric and teleological — and mightn't there be a little too much denial on young'uns' parts for such a leap-o-logic?

Or, after all is said and done, might it boil down to no more, no less, than the creeping ineffable: COOTIES?

Geezer cooties! (The way of all all.)

MY OWN SKIN

Though it appears feasible, seldom have I been able to write my way out of it. Oh! would it suit me to scram the "me" scene! More than likely, you need to be dead to pull it off.

ON-OFF

We would all, of course, be better off dead. Is that a truism or what?

No more pain, no more disappointment or responsibility, no more shit to fear, nothin. The ultimate in relief and deliverance, the ultimate in slack-off. No more tumbling to the age-old con of "striving," no more lock-step or gimp-step to the fetish of "playing out your string."

Could death take your breath away with greater viciousness or greater *efficiency* than life itself already does?

If there's a problem anywhere, obviously it's not in the *being* dead — that part's e-z — but in the dying: the torment of having your action stamped CAN-CELED!...the cheap, vile drama of a useless bod toss-

RESEARCH STUDIES

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- Not currently taking cholesterollowering medications
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ing in the SPONGE...the perpetual fret over WHEN?, over HOW?...the whiteknuckle wait 'til whate'erthe-bleak-fuck rounds the bend belching STEAM as it choo-choos straight at YOU to bulldoze you screaming in ag' every INCH of your last sleazy mile.

No: death ain't no-way the "great mystery" that dying is, and with suicide as an option, a tool — the anodyne in your pocket! — y'even get to specify the when and the how.

Don't know 'bout you, but I've thought of killing myself a good quarter to a third of the mornings of my life, faced with yet another day of IT, and my fair share of noons and nights as well, in direct response to unbearable obstacles (to sundry whatev) falling, lurching, wobbling in the way, for instance DEMONS. There's

no living through them (it's inconceivable!), so why not blow everything that's blowable away? If you can't put out the fire, eliminate the matter. (They dynamite oil wells, don't they?)

Methods I've considered: bullet to the head, right side (I'm a righty); bullet through the eye (no preference left or right); jump from a tall building (the kind Superman used to leap in a single bound); normal hanging w/ rope; hanging w/ barbed wire 'round my neck. I've never entertained thoughts of cutting my throat — it has a nice ring to it, though — nor of slicing my guts. These would require some finesse, and if you muff it, where are you?

Poison, f'rinstance cyanide? That can't be too pleasant. But pills, y'know, like valium or seconal yeah, why not?

I've also fantasized a good shortlist of undoable scenarios — things you couldn't verywell do yourself — like an arrow in the face from 50 paces. (Wouldn't it be great to be both archer and target?) A railroad spike through the heart'd probably take more

HERE'S a nifty, baroque end-dream: to be poked through the heart by a spear weighted down by a TWO-STORY HOUSE. The inhabitants wouldn't have to leave. With so much weight, it would slide through you like a tusk through butter.

unsevered one.

BEERS? NOT TOO MANY WHILE WRITING, JUST AS A "REWARD" FOR GETTING SOMEWHERE PAGE-WISE.

than one whack — plus you wouldn't exactly have the right angle — but that's definitely one I could feature. And it sure would be neat to throw your own severed head under the wheels of an oncoming truck...alone, you'd have to make it an

All that said, I must confess I meditate on suicide less than I used to — way less. Could it be that the concept has less reverb, less bombast, when you're actually near (or nearer) the end? You'd be surprised, but when it comes to putting the big gilt-edged frame around all this shit, life is quite a bit like wrestling — bombast plays a huge fricking part. Bombast and Romance.

Y'know, I'm as romantic as the next a-hole, but capital-R Romance as a NOTION, as an all-accommodating vehemence, has its time and its place, its stage and wardrobe, its dance and its tune — and the bubstrut of this Romantic number is the proper toss-off of, oh — you guessed it — Callow Youth.

Unless there's an immediate something to urgently deal with — an inoperable nose tumor, let's say - suicide, like Trix, is indeed for kids. As a fast-food solution, an objective to aspire to, it's for people still in chapter 1 or 2 (no later than 3): grandiloquents young and vain enough to imagine they've got SO! MUCH!

MORE! to erase. (Been there, ahem, so I know.)

In the later chapters, life on its own does a bloody fine job erasing every massive slab of the dang shebang that genuinely counts. All that's left to efface is the declarative sentence "I am living."

DON'T REMEM

Can anybody out there please help me?

Who (or what) is (or ever was) DOGGY JULIAN — or possibly Doggie Julian?

> Early to late 1960s. (Possibly in a dream.)

HALF REMEM

"I am a soldier, big and

RESEARCH STUDIES

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strong. To some good boy I'll soon be-long.'

Or it might've been "sailor."

The earliest clump of text I even half remember...jeezus.

No. it's not some army/navy pedophile thing—or is it?—but a line from a Christmas play in the first or second grade. I was playing a toy, see. That would be 1951 or '52. The Korean War was on.

Wait, let me...uh...first grade.

Did I wear a soldier or a sailor suit?

Uhhhhhhhh.

Could it have been white? Blue? Khaki doesn't ring a bell.

GEEZEROLOGY (3)

So where were we? Ah, yes. When we suspended our seminar on "geezer clothes," we were pondering P-G predicament. Increased frequency ups other probabilities as well, including the prob of croaking while ug-attired. You may only be at the first fork in the geezer road, no farther, and still it could hap any minute: you could die like a DAWG in that Disney World sweatshirt in what is it, ochre? mauve?, and be terminally known as one who dressed repulsive. It'll forever be your lot, your reputation, the final embarrassing entry in your GOOFUS FILE.

No, you'd be better served keeping it part-time. Designate a Pre-Geezer Day once, twice, three times a month. It would be helpful, natch, if Congress established it by statute — a pub*lic* Pre-Geezer Day — but they haven't even legalized fucking yet...you can't depend on those stiffs. "Self help" (in the v. best sense) is what this is about: a P.G.D. of your very own — as personal as your P.I.N. Mark

"SEE HERE HOW EVERYTHING LEAD UP TO THIS DAY," SANG THE GRATEFUL DEAD IN 1970, SPEAKING OF AN OLD MAN'S DAY OF DYING.

the issue of solutions stopgap or otherwise sensible paths for pre-geezers imminently faced with the Wearing Of The Ug. In a nutshell, what it oozes down to is not one but TWO hot categories of direct action: P.G.D. and P.G.R.

But before we get there, some general comments:

First and foremost, and once and for all, let's quash the rumor that the more clothes you have, the longer you live. That's the bunk!

INCENTIVES to live long??? There are many. But what higher inducement than to outlive one's ugs? Outlive your ugs or your ugs will outlive you! In short: dress ugly now or dress it later — the choice is YOURS — but here's the kicker:

While an increased wearing of unfavored items will extend the life of the favored — and you surely have your work cut out for you — it would be a grave mistake to lose sight of the, uh, precariousness of your

it on the calendar (don't forget!).

Every night, meanwhile, can be Pre-Geezer Night. Unless you've got a special date, wear your worst as pajamas or underjamas.

But even FOUR days a month might not shake a dent in your stash. You can't just toss unwanted wear'ems (didn't your mother tell you?) — you'll need a workable policy of P.G.R.: pregeezer recycle.

And by recyc I don't mean pass 'em on. Don't think for a sec about inflicting your unwanteds on the clothesless! Would you give tainted food to the malnourished and starving? Would you have the homeless live in Port-A-Potties?

Your unsightly outfits are part of your karma; to pass them on is to bypass the hallowed ORDER OF THINGS. It is garbatorially invalid, not to mention flatout rude.

No — we're talking legitimate ALTERNATIVE USES here, not pass-alongs.



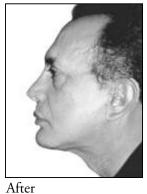
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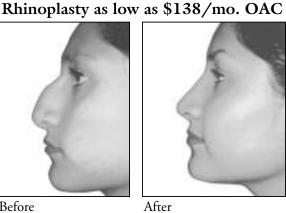
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A starting roster of justifiable recycs would include:

— Medical emergencies. Wrap a burn, bandage a bug bite, apply pressure where the roof of your mouth was gashed by broken glass in a tuna sandwich.

— Towels. With global

warming, you may need sweat towels more than you currently'spect. Be my guest: wipe your brow with the ugliest sock in the house.

— Curtains. For those sew inclined, a needle & thread will join up sundry g.g.'s (garish garments) real

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— Shoes: bang nails with 'em. At least knock tacks in cork and particle

−Ties. *Ties*??What're you, some kind of fop? Ties you can just throw out.

A note on RAG CON-VERSION. To gratuitously turn garments into rags before they are rags is for spudheads. If once in a longwhile you *need* a rag, that's one thing, but don't overdo

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EPISTEMOLOGY

In days of yore, I was quasifamed as a bloke fond of burning britches - pardon — bridges: torching them with extreme malice on the flimsiest of provocations.

If my age-peer crowd was once very hip to the activity, I was hipper. I gloried in it.

So how is it I'm not burning them TODAY?

Well, it isn't 'cause the onrush of years is starting to scare me; there are times lately where I'm scared shitless, but I can't say they've made me an advocate of bridge safety.

Nor am I refraining because I'm less of a firebug, or even 'cause there probably ain't too many personal bridges left to

I simply can no longer TELL a bridge from the water — can't distinguish one from the other! — or dry fucking land. Or which end is "my" end. I wouldn't know how to target a bridge if you put a gun to my head.

Be that as it may, it's entirely possible I am in fact still burning th'm - burn-



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ing 'em royally! — only I couldn't tell you with any certainty. Couldn't begin to guess the where and when.

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I've never smoked cigarettes. There's supposedly some Russian doctor who says

that if you're over 50 and have never smoked, go ahead — it's good for you. The nicotine will rejuvenate a whole host of mental processes, it'll make you perky, on the ball, et cet., and since you're on in years. you most likely won't LIVE LONG ENOUGH to develop lung cancer. Sounds good — I *love* nicotine but he's talking cigs, and I've never been able to get past the taste of the burning paper.

It's too bad I've instead used up (already!) my life quota of the form of tobacco I've gotten far & away the most mileage from: chew a/k/a chaw --- my most odious intake at a time, like 20-25 years ago, when I really was something of a selfdestructo.

And to boldly claim I ain't one still, well, that might ordinarily be the plan, but no sooner am I caught up in a writing project than old habits and old intakes walk right back and make their presence felt: cigars, rotten food, enough caf-

feine to stun a wildebeest. Beers? Not too many while writing, just as a "reward" for getting somewhere pagewise, and as the age count goes up, the page count goes down down. Even short to medium things take long these days, leading to sieges like this one (six months! no end in sight!): a protracted rampage of screw-my-health, whatever it takes to crawl to the end.

Writing full tilt like I am, I can't bother with cooking — ya kidding? — so what I'm eating right now, my dinner!, is a jumbo bag of bar-b-q chips containing (let's see): sodium caseinate, sodium diacetate,

disodium inosinate, disodium guanylate — a li'l bit o' sodium, huh? — in addition to salt and MSG. And food dyes, well, there are three yellows, a red, and two blues — BLUE? — if this was paint, you could do a fucking seascape. Which, take my word for it, I would not be eating if I weren't writing, and I wonder, d'you think (do ya do ya?) any of these ingredients could give you "C"?

'Cuz I do fear "C," okay?, and not simply on account of the little practice brush I've had with it (pinheadsize basal cell on my neck nine years ago). Every time I puff on a little-c cigar and

my heart races like Secretariat (so I know, inhale or no, it's damnwell there in my SOMA), I'm all too conscious of the "risk," and I thank my lucky STARS that a timely bum experience ended my dance with the biggest and nastiest of tobacco C's: Copenhagen. I gag just thinking about

Somewhere in the late '70s, when I was flirting with some really yugsick chewbacs like Red Man and Days Work, I saw an ad in the back of Sports Illustrated fill out this form and Copenhagen ("the smokeless tobacco") will send you FOUR free tins: what a deal.

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They weren't all Copenhagen per se—there was also Skoal, and I vaguely remember a raspberry version of the same brown ammoniated stuff but a tin wasn't cheap, and their giving away so many should've made a ding-dong firebell go off.

As it turned out, four was exactly enough to get me hooked, ooh boy, and I mean DEPENDENT. Well, maybe not textbook dependent — it wasn't like I needed it to get through the hours, the day, or feel actual physical withdrawal pangs, but I needed it for fucksure to write. It was very speedy, and right away. I could almost wake up on Copenhagen alone and be writing, full throttle, immediately. My mind felt incredibly mobile, darting back and forth, up and down, like a goddam Pac-Man thingie...how remarkable. Once I realized its effectiveness, how could I (why should I) stop?

For five years I used it every day, a "pinch between lip and gum," refreshed and supplemented by mammoth fingerfuls as required. Ammoniated? Dunno. But something caustic and corrosive was part of the mix, 'cause in no time flat my inside lip was being corroded. Eaten away. I'd go a week, two weeks, corroding the right side, then switch to the left, and on and on back again, back again. Craters formed and healed, only to be dug anew. When I spit there would often be blood. Which told me pretty early on this was BAD JUJU — if it wasn't how you got cancer, there was no such animal. (This was before they painted chips blue.) Periodically, I would resolve to kick, I'd throw out my last tin, then as soon as I had to get a paragraph done right!now! I would run out and rummage through the dumpster...yowee.

What finally did it for me was one night I was at the typewriter, two teacups on my desk. One held cold tea, no milk, the other served as my spittoon. Two cups of dark brown liquid, and at some wee hour, bleary-eyed, I gulped down the cup of TOBACCO SPIT. I have not taken a pinch of C since.

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I didn't know anyone in a band. It was rumored that an original member of Jay & the Americans, someone not on any of their records, had once gone to our school — some blond guy a couple of classes ahead — but seeing his pic in a yearbook, I didn't recognize him.

The summer I was 20, a group of my friends formed a band, an imitation Rolling Stones, that played one chaotic bar date.

In '67, when I was 22, the "scene" mushroomed exponentially, and through my 20s I stood face to face with *hundreds* of people in bands, and was actual friends with several — I'd hate to call them celebs — known quantities of rock rock rock and roll.

By the time I was 32, I'd already been in two bands myself...big deal.

Today, membership in at least one band, however briefly, seems a rite of pas-

sage for practically everyone. How many people do you know, menwomen 30 and up, who've never been in a band, or tried to be in a band, or thought of learning bass because of an opening in some band that didn't care if their bassplayer could even *play* — they just needed somebody by Friday?

A rite, yes, and one that becomes more benign all the time — no longer on a par, as it once was, with selling dope or part-time whoring or joining the Marines.

Ironically or not (now that rock qua rock has ceased to be a bona fide universal solvent), in your average case it's more like a calisthenic, a strut...nothing wrong with that. The problem comes in when the calisthenic gets out of hand, starts calling for more and more reps, and lofty forethought or no, suddenly finds itself a MISSION.

FOLLY

I should talk about missions!

Fortunately or unfortunately, writing was not a rite of spring for me. It wasn't remotely anything I thought about as a kid, or an adolescent, or a postadolescent—it was one of the last things I'd ever've wanted to grow up and do. I had no writing "heroes" whatsoever. I didn't like reading.

Yet at some point: BINGO. I was hooked.

Except for the ones I take in my mind, I haven't had a vacation in possibly 20 years, and I haven't taken too many weekends off in the last 30. If it's a day of the week, my nose is to the grindstone.

"Every day is Saturday," said Jack Kerouac and Handsome Dick Manitoba. For me, every day is more like Tuesday.

Which may be funny in a way, but I honestly don't always know what day it is in the "world out there." To occasionally be off by *one* day is understandable, but lately, with alarming regularity, I'm getting to be off by two or three.

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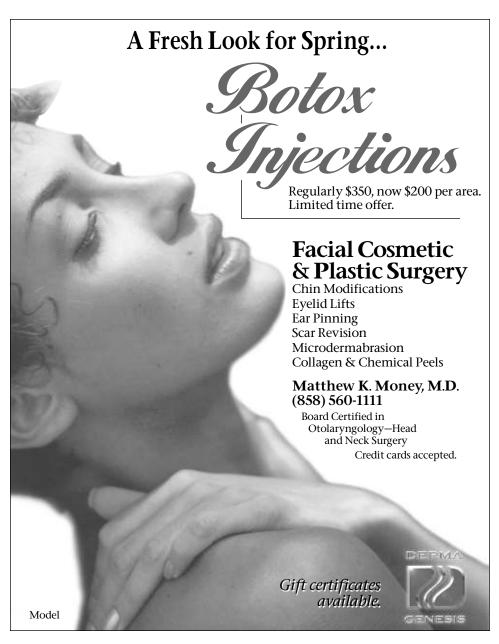
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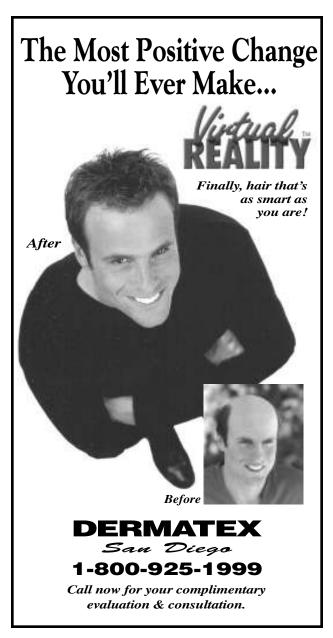
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USE

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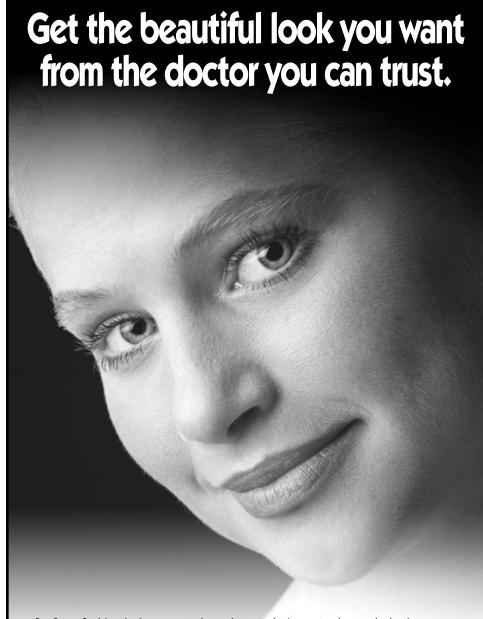
When all we are is a pathetic waste of cells, how can you blame the directors of the factory for taking us out back and STEP-PING ON US?

MODELS (2)

Harry Rademacher is the only guy I know with an eye patch. For a long while he didn't wear one. Though his left eye never looked where the right was looking, he never mentioned it so you didn't either. Then one day, voilà! "How do you like it?" he asked. "A present from Edna"—his 46year-old sweety. "She thought it would make me look distinguished." Indeed: a distinguished, pony-tailed Captain Hook.

Harry is 63. A year ago, he quit his job as a dishwasher to work full-time on a book he'd been painstakingly researching, and slowly but surely pecking out, over nights and weekends of the previous 16 years. Before the dish gig, he worked as a Spanish professor, a library supervisor, assistant to a minor league hockey exec, until a windchange convinced him Enougha this white-collar *b.s.!* — *better to bus tables.*

The first friend-o-mine living on Social Security, he opted to start collecting at 62, not 65, when he learned he'd have to live to 77 to come out ahead by waiting. "I'm crazy for longshots, but that feels a smidge beyond my reach." Maybe, maybe not, but he does fuck yes — expect to survive long enough to complete the book, and he's only on the first draft. The most singularly motivated buzzard I know, he'll let nothing stand in his way, including auto insurance. He's been driving uninsured for six months now, and is about to let the bank repossess his Nissan. "Sure I love driving places" — the track, for



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inst — "but there's NO TIME for it. All there's time for is the tome."

In addition to the staples of his diet, home-made goulash and saltines, he limits disbursement of his S.S. pittance to rent, laundry, gasoline (but not for long), cheap cigarettes, and bargain-basement beer, well, sometimes he'll splurge on Lucky Lager.

Every few weeks, we get together at his pad and talk it up. He shows me some pages and I give him feedback and help copyedit. I tell him what reads clunky or unclear, and I challenge and encourage him to *keep at it*. Since generally speaking I wouldn't advise my worst enemy to write, in current parlance I am his "enabler." All of which may seem even more unlikely when I tell you that the volume in progress is a work of ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP.

Y'might by now have a

rough idea how I feel about academia — and academic writers — but Harry, though one serious prick, ain't one o' them in the slightest. Declaring himself an "academy of one"—a "nonspectator scholar" — he's taken on the task of composing a "secret intellectual history," one that crosses the bounds between shitloads of academic genres and sub-genres, and a sprinkling of non-acs as well. Even that may sound like standard fare — what the hey — but I've read most of the damn thing, and it's often terrific.

And how is it terrific? Well, for one thing, it is really all over the place. I've seen 300 pages, sardinepacked with references to hotsos from Herodotus to Sappho to Boethius to Bernard of Clairvaux to Cervantes to Voltaire to Ludwig Feuerbach to Sacher-Masoch to William James to Giuseppe Verdi to

Alfred Jarry to Babe Ruth to Joseph Campbell to Robert Mapplethorpe to Rasputin to Max Weber to Lash La Rue (I kid you not) to Edna St. Vincent Millay to Edna Vitaliano, Harry's womanfriend — a former underwear model. "I'd like to also have her on the cover" - he winks, showing me the pic he has in mind...ah *ha*.

All over, that's one, and for another — hey — it's a big, sprawling, jolly mess of SMUT.

The Chi-Psi-Omega Hypothesis: The Search for a Collective Pornography that's the working title. Harry cautions me, however, about labeling it smut. "Don't get carried away. 'Pornography' is just a buzz-word to pique the reader's interest. Yes, by all means, I'm concerned with the evolution of sexual thinking, that is, human sexual thinking, and from what you've read so far, you know that on an anthro-

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aren't, and weren't.

The thought of dying young — "before your time" — in such a universal termination is one grimly unacceptable excruciation. To be over 45, let's say, or 50 — to already be in the "death zone"—and be faced with imagining that same annihilation is quite another. To have toiled and moiled through a lifesworth of delusions, for an approximateminimum full-life's duration. and have it add in a flash to undifferentiated molecules on the slag heap of undifferentiated nothing — now THAT is a frightening outcome to grapple with.

If for no other reason than to serve as an exemplar, let me get fatuously personal: to be forced to surrender the concept of FUTURE, and of strangers not yet born, their grandparents not yet born, finding delight (or finding anything) in my silly writings; to in the same breath abandon, after so long and foolishly embracing, something as absurd as the notion of works (and

words!) that OUTLIVE MEN...well...fuck shit piss godfuckingdammit...tell me about it, okay?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I should probably take acid at least one more time.

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In Guided by Voices' "Have It Again," Robert Pollard poses the musical question "What would you give to be 9 or 10 again?," then the same Q re "19 or 20," and finally "49 or 50"...oh, priceless yrs! oh, precious past!

Yeah, yeah...right. Y'gotta believe me when I tell you I wouldn't wanna have it, and would hate to *have* to have it — to be any of those ages! — again. They all have their work and their woe, and the work and the woe outweigh the jollity and the joy.

Sheezus — I pity the

poor 19-yr-old stuck living NOW — on this planet why the hell would I wanna be one? Nor would I 'zactly wanna revisit being one THEN.

To get there from *here* would mean toting a 12pack (min.) of, oh, call it insight — you can't not bring it. Perspicacity? Or worse: a small working replica of my current late-model shit detector — a laptop s.d., if you

a younger, less up-to-speed psyche? No thankyou! Innocence, relative or otherwise, is really not something I would care to recapture. As it is, I'm still a fairly innocent schmuck, and it wouldn't appeal to me t' be MORE SO — certainly not at the expense of all the oceans of sweat I've bled getting to "know better," becoming even marginally less of a dumb-ass fuck.

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will. You would only hafta crank it halfway for it to do its dirtywork. Which on time-trip turf would bring out some of my more GEEZERESQUE TRAITS, like my stick-in-the-mud tenacity at "seeing through shucks" (oh yawn). The balmy things we oldtimers take pride in!

Now of course I wouldn't mind being younger in body, you betcha — but

If innocence, or nondisbelief, emotional benightedness, whatever, be the key ingredient in getting off on a full range of hands-asdealt, well, that's completely, totally objectionable. There might well be more pleasure, and hotter and cooler kicks, to be had being moredumb as opposed to lessdumb, but at this advanced date, something in the emotional ecology of the situation disposes me towards the latter...and if that makes me an old fussbudget, hey, so be it.

It takes all (as they say) kinds.

John Cassavetes once said: "There are no great films...only great scenes." Well, I'm not sure I even do miss all that much about any o' these old temporal turfs, epochs of ancient self, even from AFAR, but yes (ah me): there were certainly moments!

HAIKU #3

does my dick have scales? (many miles since last checkup) rust or barnacles?

AGO

With the triumph of the CD now complete, none of this has any currency anymore, but it once was a semibig deal to reach a recordspeed milestone in one's

own life — to turn 33 1/3, for example. Though it hardly meant as much as turning 30, 40, or 20, it was something you were sure to be aware of; it was good for a giggle.

By the time I turned 45 it no longer meant zip in the contempo promenade; and if I make it to 78, whether or not I still have my wits about me, I don't anticipate even thinking about it.

Hey - I'm already at an age where I can look back on major occurrences of my life, of my adult life, that happened 33 1/3 years AGO.

Before my next birthday, in fact, it will be 33 1/3 since the release of my alltime favorite 33 1/3'er, The Beatles (a/k/a "The White Album") and one of the most happily recalled nights of my life.

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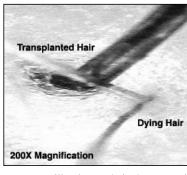
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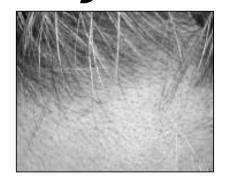
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there would be another Beatle album. (Their previous LP, Magical Mystery Tour, hadn't really been an album at all. True, it contained the A and B sides of some great singles, but the new stuff, what little there was of it, included arguably their worst cut ever, "Your Mother Should Know.")

An actual new album, and a double album yet: yay! At the Long Island home of a band called the Soft White Underbelly, with whom I was living off and on, aiding and abetting and writing lyrics, everybody was STOKED.

As zero hour approached, we smoked some very potent hash and ordered a pizza. We: the band, my girlfriend Roni and I, the drummer's girlfriend Helen. I don't remember Eric ("Manny"), the soon-to-be singer, being there. Les, the vocalist of record (who still lived in the house and was all but ignored), definitely wasn't, but all the others were: Albert, Allen, Andy, Don. That night, we would be something verymuch like "family," or "tribe" - oh, even "household" would do — in that Late Sixties maxi-kinship sense though no such unanimity of connection would ever come close to rearing its head again.

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drix accompaniment). Having musically stripmined so mega-much terrestrial acreage, was there anything left for the MopTops to mine but the sky?

We flashed insane grins and shook our heads, muttering WOW after WOW. To call the experience "religious" is to understate the awe we felt in witnessing the most cornucopially profuse, most abundantly generous band rock-roll had known, all but given up for dead, suddenly returning with its greatest and most bountiful work. When the bogue-Caribbean "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da" came on, we rose as one, danced round the room and hugged each other.

After the second play of "Good Night," Ringo's neo-Mantovani masterpiece, we scampered out into the cold, high on more than the hash, and kicked up our heels, feeling (for prob'ly the final time in the Sixties...or ever) a distinct sense of UNLIM-ITED POSSIBILITY. Even Allen, a mocker who until then hadn't even liked the

Beatles, was driven to say, "Well, I guess the object is no longer just to listen, or even memorize — it's for everybody to internalize this shit and SPEAK IT."

We taped the whole thing on an old reel-to-reel recorder. When I woke the next morning, Don, who when the band became Blue Öyster Cult would be known as Buck Dharma (little mister Heavy Metal!), was rewinding and playing a portion of the tape, trying to learn the chords to, of all things, "Mother Nature's Son," playing them back on his guitar. What a beautiful little coda to the occasion...event...happening.

(That's right: an Old War Story. If the world ends tomorrow, at least I've taken one last hike through it.)

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Joe Callicott, "Fare You Well Baby Blues" (on Mississippi Delta Blues, Vol. 2, Arhoolie CD 402)

Skip James, "I'm So Glad" (on She Lyin', Edsel EDCD

Coleman Hawkins, "Time on My Hands" (on Sirius, Pablo/Original Jazz Classics OJCCD-861-2)

In early 1930, after cutting two sides — a 78 — including the kiss-off classic "Fare Thee Well Blues," Joe Callicott returned to a life of sharecropping punctuated by appearances at Mississippi fish fries and, occasionally, Memphis frolics, not recording again for 37

By then he'd missed out on the "country blues revival" (culminating, for better and worse, in the 1964 Newport Folk Festival), during which a number of longforgotten blues players were exhumed as "folk artists" by entrepreneurs of varying exploitational bents. Not on the "A" list of targeted "rediscoveries," Callicott had to wait until the summer of '67, when he was 65, to record nine songs, six of them released while he was alive, most notably a remake of "Fare Thee Well," this time entitled "Fare You Well Baby Blues."

Slower than the original, its picking less nimble, it's nonetheless a v. passable account of the tune. A snatch of old lyric is dropped ("You got more men than a twoton truck can haul") and a new line added ("What is you gonna do when your

trouble get like mine?"), but the vocal is every bit as strong, with the identical balance of anguish and resignation. There would be no further recordings, and between two and four years later Callicott was no more. (So relatively insignificant was he to even his rediscoverers - and their "folklorist" compeers — that nobody kept close enough tabs on him to know with any accuracy when he died.)

An "A"-lister all the way — he'd cut 18 sides in 1931 (including two — "22-20 Blues" and "Devil Got My Woman"—commonly assumed to have influenced the young Robert Johnson) — the 62-year-old Skip James was one of a dozenplus bluesmen to play Newport '64, which afforded him access to what biographer Stephen Calt has called "the dreary coffeehouse circuit." It also led to Cream's recording of James's "I'm So Glad," which earned him a larger fistful of coins than sales of his own two albums for Vanguard...the royalties from ALL of which would be devoured by his final hospitalization with cancer (ain't life sublime?).

Four weeks after Newport, just before his body started hurtling down the drain, he recorded the first post-'31 version of "I'm So Glad," and probably the best. (Though superior to the Vanguard take of '65, it would not be released until '93, when he was already dead 24 years.) His guitar work is no great shakes, but he sings some really impassioned shit, maxing out the misery, the distress, in the non-falsetto parts, nearly reversing the intensity flow of the '31 original — no mean feat. Has there ever been a performance of a song, any genre, more ABOUT (and from) exhaustion and confusion? (What a thoroughly worldbeaten guy.) And hey, don't "sad" and "mad" rhyme with "glad"? While emotionally scattered, the original had some gladness — this has NONE.

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ophone family somewhere around 1840, but it wasn't until the second and third decades of the 20th century that anyone anywhere would figure out how to play more than imitation animal sounds, and other comedic "circus" effects, on a single one of them. Somewhere before 1920, New Orleans jazzman Sidney Bechet performed the deed on soprano sax, followed in the '20s proper by Coleman Hawkins on tenor.

For the next 40 years, Hawkins would be known for a sensuous (often dangerous) muscularity of tone and phrase, a signature warmth emanating from the chest and belly. He had a "sense of the ballad" as advanced, and as simple, as any hornplayer's ever, and was a majestic improviser. According to lore, he was the chronological FIRST to "tell a story" on a saxophone, and as time went by the stories got longer and more intricate. (Check the '39 "Body and Soul," the '45 "Talk of the Town," the '48 "Picasso.")

In 1966, at his last studio session, the phrases at his command for storying are fairly short and unmenacing, and not always perfectly formed (or even sturdy), and they end as often as not with an almost gauzy vibrato like that favored by his acolyte and rival Ben Webster. You can just about hear columns of toneless, pitchless air vibrating, and ceasing to vibrate...sound unto silence.

A minute and a half into "Time on My Hands," the rhythm section drops out, and for the next two minutes-plus, which feel to the listener like five or six or ten — time as *perceived* being so palpably molded, so altered — the 62-yearold Hawk delivers not so much a story as a valediction. So little breathing time remains, yet time is his...micro-duration is macro...all time is NOW. It's not always such a great idea to lean heavily on metaphors, but astro-time implodes, matter too, and Sirius, brightest star in the heavens, becomes a neutron star...a campfire...a matchbook aflame in a skeleton hand. All entropy, all destiny compress the final recitation to a throaty

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L 15

Nothing I write — no sustained *episode* of writing — feels like a winning fight anymore. 15-rounders, all of 'em, and the best I ever do is lose by a split decision.

Sometimes one judge will score it for me by a point or two, if only because he remembers when I had all the moves — and still digs seeing them in flashes — even though they're only simulations now. I shrug when they read his scorecard 'cause I know it's just old sentiment speaking. (If you're not up on these things, I was once a cross between Willie Pep and Cleveland Williams.)

The worst thing about it is I never get KO'ed. It would be a lot healthier: fewer overall punches taken, fewer eyes swoll shut and

noses broken, fewer witless displays of "courage" trapped on the ropes before miraculously clinching. Seems like 20 years since a ref last stepped in and stopped it.

Ooh my soul, do I wish I could fight a 4-round prelim once in a while.

With every sigh, every sneeze, I feel every body shot I've ever taken.

ALWAYS

I always stoop down to pick up worms after rain or the runoff from watering lawns or washing cars has trapped them squirming on the pavement, unable to make it back to safe sod whence they came. If they show any signs of life, I move them to a patch of dirt or grass or a cozy heap of wet newspapers...anywhere there's less chance of their being stepped on or dried up by the onslaught of sun.

For as long as I can remember I've done this, and I'm confident I always

IMPORTANT

At this late stage of things, all previous statements aside, it's important to me that I continue to write for one reason alone: BECAUSE IT'S ALL I KNOW. So important is it that if it should kill me, well, that would be OK, at least as causes-o-death go...as long, that is, as I've *finished* whatever I was writing in the process.

Writing has microsquat to do anymore with "glory" or "craft" or "expression" — none of those are even elements. It's simply SOMETHING THAT MUST BE DONE, again and again and again, to certain vocational and avocational specifications, something no more significant in and of itself than brushing my teeth, or shopping for groceries, or changing a light bulb...a grander version of those things, perhaps, but really only the *eensiest* jot less prosaic an ACTIVITY.

Whether being so fixated, so hooked, on something so wearing and tearing — and at the same time so intrinsically notmuch — constitutes a good habit or a bad habit is of no concern to me, though I'll concede that "objectively" it's prob'ly a verrry bad habit (worse than Copenhagen!)...'s merely my habit. My filthy, dirty, bloody TERMINAL

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If only in this one regard, right now I feel something quitelike peace — and a sense of life-mission accomplished — far more than if I'd had another ten books published. As Hegel said somewhere down the

line, the Absolute unfolds itself — and all my writing put together, Absolutely, as both mission and accomplishment, becomes as nothing beside my four tattoos in equilibrium.

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Symmetry...sheez. Now that I'm no longer a Platonist, nor any kind of monist or especially an idealist, I wonder: why does such hoohah obsess me?

FOREVER

I absoposilutely do *not* wanna live forever.

If I somehow got to live a THOUSAND TIMES, ha, it'd take some weird, unforeseeable lunacy (at age 56 and up) to make me fantasize stretching it even ONCE beyond the bounds of a single lifetime, a timecoded unit existence.

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SCENE ONE

JOSETTE. Pass the pota-LOOOOIE. Yeah, sure. JOSETTE. (Glares at Looooie.) LOOOOIE. Fuck you.

SCENE TWO

IOSETTE. You're a big fucking dope. LOOOOIE. You're a pigfucking dope. JOSETTE. I said "big fucking dope." LOOOOIE. You're that too. JOSETTE. Actually, you are a pig-fucking dope.

SCENE THREE

A large clear-glass bowl of potato salad on

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Chinese Ethnic Costume Exhibit

ao Zedong was not a fan of fashion. Besides his Little Red Book, there was his famous blue jacket. He wore it — and so did everybody else in the People's Republic of China — after the revolution in 1949. Mao banned ethnic costumes because he hoped to create a unified population. He achieved at least its illusion. The plain, high-collared, shirtlike uniform — the Chairman Mao jacket — has been worn by more people than any other article of clothing in the history of human dress.

In China, as elsewhere, fashions come and go. Mao's Little Red Book was denounced in 1978. The Cultural Palace of the National Minorities in Beijing installed an exhibit of costumes in recent years. And China today has its own neo-Ralph Laurens, who design

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Western-type clothing for the world's most populous country.

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those designers helped bring a gift of eight ethnic costumes to the San Diego Chinese Historical Society and Museum last summer. The costumes have been on display there since last Sunday.

The donor, Annie Hsu Ćarrillo of Phoenix, works in her family's textile business in Arizona. "Designer friends of hers in the Far East helped her collect the costumes, and they continue to do so," says Peggy Cheong, a historical society member who has been a friend of Carrillo's since they went to junior high school together 38 years ago in Taipei.

Collecting these costumes was not an easy task. "They're not something you readily come by," says Cheong. "They have to be sought."

The pieces — China's vintage clothing — are old, but not "old-old," says Cheong, who dates them from the last century. All are meant to be worn by women on festive occasions. All, in fact, have been worn by members of Carrillo's Phoenix-based, Chinese ethnic dance company, which has performed in San Diego.

The Tibetan dress has long, full sleeves that extend past the fingertips. "When the wearer dances, the sleeves slip back to reveal the graceful arms,' says Alexander Chuang, executive director of the historical society. The matching headpiece is adorned with chunks of amber and two long black braids made of yarn.

The traditional Han costume is two pieces made of embroidered silk. Its yellow color is significant, says Chuang. "In ancient days, yellow was reserved for the emperor's use. At the end of the last

dynasty of the Chinese empire, in 1911, anyone could wear it, and many women chose to do so, because they believed it attracted men."

The costume worn by people who are known as Miao is a short jacket and pants; both shimmer with sewn-in bits of silver jewelry. When the wearer moves, the jewelry makes a tinkling sound, says Chuang.

The Mongolian outfit is a long, loose gown that is worn with an elaborate metal headpiece topped by two bell shapes, one on each side. Watch out: in an irreverent mood, you'll be able to think only of Mouseketeers.

The costume of the Uygur, who are the Muslim people of China, has a geometric pattern that may not look "Chinese" to some people, says Chuang. "The Uygur culture is a mixture of those to the west of China, including Iran and Afghanistan. And the Chinese who live there don't always look like what you normally think of as 'Chinese,' either. They may look Middle Eastern or Russian.'

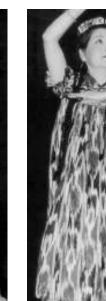
Nancy Lo, a past member of the historical society's board, describes the Manchurian outfit in the exhibit. "It's what everybody thinks of when

they think of a Chinese ethnic costume, but it represents only a tiny portion of what the Chinese traditionally wore.' The dress is long and fits snugly, with a slit up each side. The collar is erect and the cloth buttons are curled into the shapes of flowers. It's called a qipao (pronounced chee-pow).

Like ethnic food, ethnic clothing brings back memories. When Lo is asked what kind of shoes women wore with these costumes, she forgets to answer. Instead, she reminisces about the shoes she wore as a child in pre-Maoist, mainland China.

'In the old days," says Lo, who was born in 1943, "we wore shoes made of cloth. My mother made them. I





Mongolian dress

United States.

she wears a qipao.

remember vividly how she did it, even

though I didn't do it myself. She used

scraps left over from sewing our clothes.

She even made the shoes' soles. To do

this, she brushed the cloth with paste

made of flour and water. She painted

sun. After many days, she traced the

soles on that hardened material."

family fled to Taiwan. ("We were

Force.") In 1965, she moved to the

Lo sometimes still dresses

ethnically, on holidays like Chinese New

Year. Although she is of Miao descent,

Nationalists. My father was in the Air

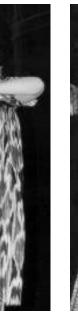
layer after layer. Then she let it dry in the

When Lo was five, she and her



Uygur dress





Manchurian dress

Where did she get it? One does not have to search all over China for a contemporary one, she says. She bought hers at Macy's. – Ieanne Schinto

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The Foreign Club Museum was started by folk musician William Clauson "for the purpose of providing a venue for the musicians and artists of the area to perform and display their art in a noncommercial setting." Clauson presents a program on Fri-

GETAWAYS

day, May 3, 8 to 10 p.m., of Mexican folk and contemporary music at the Foreign Club Museum, with paintings on display by Miguel Najera, Jose Raul, Jayme Dias, and Roger Esty.

Admission is \$3 U.S. The museum is located on the west side of Avenida Revolución, between 3rd and 4th Streets (in the center of the block is a lane that goes west past the Caliente off-track betting facility; walk about 50 feet past the betting facility and look to the left). For more information, call 619-295-2604.

May Fair — with music, food, and entertainment — continues through Sunday, May 12, at the Monumental Bullring by the Sea. Tickets are \$9 U.S. Call 011-52-664-684-1691 for further information. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

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"Los Monologos de la Vagina" is presented by a variety of actresses south of the border. Performances begin at 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3, at Casa Social SCYF. For more information, call 011-52-665-654-1535. (TECATE)

The production moves to the Tijuana Cultural Center on May 4 and 5. Performances begin at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Selections by W.A. Mozart may be heard when the Ensenada Centro de Estudios Musicales performs on Friday, May 3, at 8 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. Tickets are \$6 U.S. (IIJUANA)

A Concert is planned by Aleks Syntek on Saturday, May 4, at 9 p.m., in the Auditorio on Boulevard Agua Caliente. For more information, call 011-52-664-688-2378. (TIJUANA)

How Large Is the World's Biggest Enchilada? Organizers of the Mexican Food Festival at the Festival Plaza Hotel claim that the aforementioned enchilada will be on exhibit on Sunday, May 5. The family event includes food, folkloric dancing, mariachi music, and more. Admission ifree. Questions? Call 011-52-661-612-0233 or 011-52-661-612-0200 for answers. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Blooming Vines Fiesta, head to the Valle de Guadalupe Vineyards for this celebration on Sunday, May 5, promising a blessing of the harvest, food, entertainment, and wine tasting.

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Matadors Rafael Ortega, Julián "El Juli" López, and Fermin Espínola meet up with bulls from Barralva on Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m., at the Monumental Bullring by the Sea. For information, call 619-428-9517. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Giddyup! Take in "real Mexicanstyle horse races" when Cinco de Mayo racing takes place on Sunday, May 5, at Rancho Agua Fria (at the 10-kilometer marker on the highway from Tecate to Mexicali). Admission is \$3 for adults, free for children under 12. Dial 011-52-665-653-1782 for further information. (TECATE)

A Unique Mexican Combination is celebrated when the Hotel Calafia hosts a lobster and chile food festival on Sunday, May 5, from 1 to 7 p.m. The \$12 admission fee includes a complete *langosta* dinner and beverages. For reservations, call 877-700-2093. (ROSARITO BEACH)

OUTDOORS

San Diego's Coastal Wildflower Bloom, practically a bust this year because of little winter rain, is not entirely over. Meticulous searches on slopes facing north (away from the sun) or in shady canyon bottoms (where runoff may have lingered) may reveal native red monkeyflower, blue-eyed grass, wild hyacinth, and nonnatives such as chrysanthemum and mustard. Irrigated freeway embankments, with showy African daisies, blooming ice-plant, and other forms of groomed landscaping, look muted but decent this spring season.

The Silk Oak Tree, a fast-growing import from Australia, comes into short-lived glory this month. Golden flower clusters decorate the silvery-green branches, an effect that is particularly stunning when seen in contrast to the blue-blossoming jacaranda trees often planted nearby. A common tree in San Diego-area parks, the silk oak is also a popular street and back-yard tree in the older residential areas.

Black Oaks are sending out new leaves in the higher mountains, painting the hillsides with subtle red, brown, and green shades. When the leaves first emerge from buds, they're reddish or brown in color; they gradually become light (and later dark) green as they unfold and grow in size. Large numbers of black oaks can be found throughout the Jeffrey pine forest along Sunrise Highway, north of the village of Mount Laguna. Take a walk along any of the nature trails in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area or along the nearby Pacific Crest Trail to admire them.

Rabbit and Rodent population is peaking in the canyons and hillsides of coastal San Diego County. In many neighborhoods, car headlights illuminate the rear ends of scampering cottontail rabbits making raids on succulent garden vegetation. On the fringes of suburbia, sleek coyotes are sometimes spotted slinking about in pursuit of rodents and rabbits, or easier-to-catch fare — house cats.

Friday Frolic Through Florida Canyon, head out with Walkabout adventurers on Friday, May 3. Many native plants will be flowering, and there's a neighborhood garden to gawk at as well. The moderate jaunt starts at 9:45 a.m. at the corner of Park Boulevard and Morley Field Drive (one block south of Upas).

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Boots and Paws, take a ranger-led interpretive walk with your dog and learn about the importance of dog care when in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, May 4, at 8 a.m. Bring water for yourself and your canine friend, along with a bag to pick up after your pet. Join the group in the Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. Dial 619-668-3275 for details. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Explore the Plant World around the Mission Trails Regional Park's visitors' center with a ranger during a native plant walk on Saturday, May 4, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Many native plants from different habitats around Southern California are found in the park. Find the center at One Father Junípero Serra Trail). For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

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Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist, conducting an orientation at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at the Clairemont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Participants are involved in all aspects of the work. 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Clean It Up! Wear sunscreen, hats, and gloves to help with the beach cleanup planned in Pacific Beach on Saturday, May 4, starting at 8 a.m. at the foot of Felspar Street and Ocean Boulevard. For information, call 858-483-6666, (PACIFIC BEACH)

Explore the Natural Beauty of Mc-Cain Valley in southeastern San Diego County during a field trip hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The area's vegetation and spring flowering shrubs should be in full bloom. The \$69 fee for nonmembers includes transportation. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Named for the Owls that lived there in considerable numbers, Tecolote Canyon boasts indications of early Kumeyaay Indian occupation dating back 2500 years. Take an easy hike through the eastern portion of this six-mile-long canyon that stretches between Clairemont and Linda Vista with the Canyoneers on Sunday, May 5, 8 a.m.

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Where Is the Crestridge Ecological Reserve? Located between El Cajon and Alpine, this reserve is one of the places where natural habitats and wildlife are protected in perpetuity. Hike along paths through chaparral and sage scrub-covered slopes, live oak woodland, and grassland with the San Diego Natural History Museum on Sunday, May 5, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is \$69 for nonmembers. To reserve a spot, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (EAST COUNTY)

Nature Hike, local naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including May 5, at 1 p.m. With over 30 years of study in the area, he'll explain the lake's history and the mountain ecosystem, including birds, plants, and animals. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5

miles. Bring binoculars if you have them.

The hike is free, but there is a \$6 per-car day-use fee. The Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center is at 15027 Highway 79. Call 788-581-9904 or 619-447-8123 for details. (JULIAN)

Serious Hikers, This One's for You! Hike with senior ranger Lopez in San Dieguito River Park on Sunday, May 5. Expect a six-mile hike from Lake Sutherland to Pamo Valley and learn the ecology of San Diego County, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring lunch. For reservations and directions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free (RAMONA)

Walk Back in Time, rediscover South Escondido Boulevard during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Tuesday, May 7. The outing starts at 6 p.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Call 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207 for details. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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The Essential Questions of Life are 'wryly examined" in dances utilizing myth, nursery rhymes, poetry, and popular song when then San Diego State University School of Music and Dance presents "The Final Protest and Other Stories" May 3-5. The program includes Four Love Stories, Towards Grace, Leda, The Final Protest, and Poseidon's Beauties, among others.

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"Funkalosophy," it's the title for the season 2002 premiere by Eveoke Dance Theater on offer from May 3-26. The piece, choreographed by Ericka Moore and Gina Angelique, "explores vision, dreams, images of hope, and the reality of urban life in San Diego."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Tickets are \$15 general on Fridays and Saturdays, with "pay what you can" opportunities on Thursdays and Sundays. Find the theater at 644 Seventh Avenue (between Market and G Street), 619-238-1153, (DOWNTOWN)

"The Way of the Dervish: A Night of Rhythm, Chanting, Movement, and Dance" is planned on Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m., at the Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). Admission is \$15. For information, call 619-857-0463.

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'Tis the Season of the Spring Dance Concert, so it's time for Dance Break 2002, the annual spring dance concert at MiraCosta College, taking place May 3-5 in the theater on campus. Expect to see dancing in a variety of styles. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$10 general. Find MiraCosta at One Barnard Drive, For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

The dance department at Grossmont College hosts concerts May 9-11 onstage at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Again, a wide variety of dance styles will be showcased. Tickets are \$11 general. For reservations and information, call 619-644-7766 or 619-644-7408. (EL CAJON)

Swing and Jitterbug Dance Party, Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center hosts dancing on Sunday, May 5, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m.; the jitterbug and swing dance lessons starts at 8 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission

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Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

In the Mood for a "Delightfully Daffy Whinefest"? The Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library features Martin Hynes's spiked jab at the dating game, The Big Split, on Monday, May 6, 6:30 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Luis Buñuel Films are being screened at the San Diego Museum of Art in conjunction with the exhibit "Iosé Clemente Orozco in the United States, 1927-1934." Buñuel's Viridiana, made in 1961, is considered a bitter allegory of Spanish idealism versus pragmatism and the state of the world. See this class on Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$7 for nonmembers. 619-696-1966. In Spanish with English subtitles. (BALBOA PARK)

Members of the Local Artists' Group RevArte participated in the Havana Biennial last year. The Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla

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hosts the premiere screening of documentary footage of the trip, as well as a discussion about the footage with members of RevArte on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street and by calling 858-454-3541. The event is included in museum admission. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the incredible everyday story of life that is, the daily biological processes that go on without our control and often without our notice — is told in The Human Body. The film takes the audience on a fantastic voyage with great detail and sound through November.

Bears is a close-up look at the black bear, brown "grizzly" bear, and polar bear. You'll follow the complexity of their social lives, their importance in the ecosystem, and their ancient mythological and spiritual significance. Environmental factors are threatening the survival of North America's bears. The IMAX film was shot in Montana, Idaho, and in Alaska's Katmai Preserve. It screens through August.

Experience the challenges and countless mysteries of great animal migrations in Amazing Journeys. The film follows monarch butterflies. birds, migrating whales, the red crabs of Christmas Island, the great migration of zebras in Africa, and Maasai warriors on their travels. Take the journey through Thursday, May 16.

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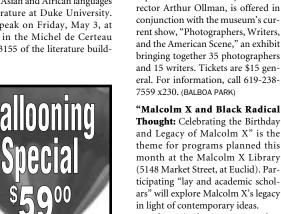
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"Hands Across the Ocean! The Music of the Americas" is being explored by Jacquelyne Silver in her new series at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. Silver unites "our place in the world as Americans through the music and literature of our country, while exhibiting the continuing and changing relationship between the Old and New Worlds.

"United We Stand!" on Thursday. universal."

(LA JOLLA)

"Voices Out of the Arab World," Miriam Cooke is professor of Arabic 3 p.m., in the Michel de Certeau



The series begins on Saturday, May 4, 3 p.m., when UCSD ethnic studies professor George Lipsitz focuses on "Marxism and Ethnicity." Jane Rhodes, from the same department at UCSD, examines "Malcolm X and Black Power in Britain" on Monday, May 6, at 6 p.m.

ing, at UCSD. Cooke's works include

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Globetrotters, this travel club gath-

ers on Saturday, May 4, for a per-

sonal account of vacationing in Thai-

Montgomery. The group meets from

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the community

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"Light/Words: Conversations with

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The series continues today, Thursday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m., with music from South America, Central America, and Mexico. The theme is May 9, with music of the United States and how it took its place across the oceans; ragtime went to Vienna, jazz to Paris, and Broadway "became

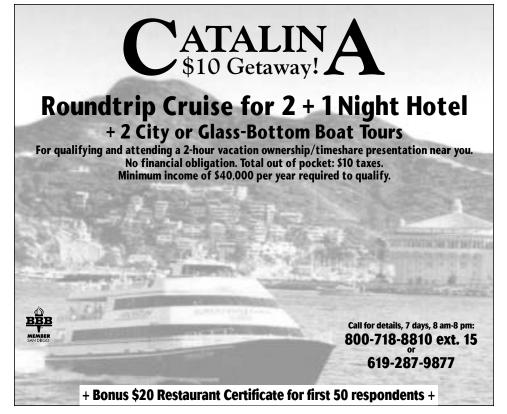
The fee is \$17 per talk. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street; call 858-454-5872 for reservations.

Coughing on the Chain Gang, "Ethical Considerations in the Medical Care of Convicts" will be considered when Sam Rickless of UCSD's philosophy department speaks on Friday, May 3, at noon, in Garren Auditorium at UCSD. Admission is free. Call 858-534-6270 for information. This talk is part of the "Dialogues in Medicine" series, (LA JOLLA)

literature and chair of the department of Asian and African languages and literature at Duke University. She'll speak on Friday, May 3, at Room, 3155 of the literature build-







SDSU women's studies professor Pat Washington takes on "Black Lesbians and Gays and the Black Radical Tradition" at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7.

All of the programs are free. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

Back to Basics, the North San Diego County Genealogical Society hosts a beginners' class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For information, call 760-723-1342. (CARLSBAD)

"Myths behind Nuclear Power" will be "exposed" when Douglas McGregor speaks for the John Birch Society on Saturday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m., at Tio Leo's (3510 Valley Centre Drive). McGregor is director of the Semiconductor Materials and Radiological Technologies Laboratory at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The \$20 fee includes dinner and lecture. Call 760-599-4699 or 858-755-8558 for reservations.

"Spirit Attachment/Possession" is the topic when Julia Dawn Seaver speaks for the Edgar Cayce Association for Research and Enlightenment on Sunday, May 5, at 1 p.m., in the community room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). According to organizers, "For centuries, many cultures have recognized the ability of spirits to influence the living. Are we ready to accept this possibility?" The suggested donation is \$5. 619-669-0331. (LA IOLLA)

"Moving Waters: The Colorado River and the West" explores the institutions and politics of the Colorado River through lectures, panel discussions, and exhibits at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Myths from Western literature specifically, Animal Dreams, The Monkey Wrench Gang, The Grapes of Wrath, and The Ford — are explored by author David N. Cassuto in his book Dripping Dry: Literature, Politics, and Water in the Desert Southwest. Cassuto will discuss his book on Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

Make Some Noise, the Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art hosts a class in Afro-Cuban conga drumming taught by Romeo Carrido. Beginners and experienced drummers are welcome; bring your own drum (although loaners may be available). The fee for the eight-week class which begins on Monday, May 6, at — is \$95. Find the school at 219 North Coast Highway, For registration, call 619-726-5004 or 760-726-7097. (OCEANSIDE)

Examine Wagner's Flying Dutchman during the opera previews addressing the music, drama, and history of this upcoming San Diego Opera production at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, May 6. The speaker at 2 p.m. is vocal music specialist Ronald Shaheen; at 7:30 p.m., listen to Nicolas Reveles (education director at the San Diego Opera).

Admission to either talk is \$7. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street. Call 858-454-5872 for information. (LA JOLLA)

'Violence, Trauma, and Displacement," this series continues with a look at "9/11 and Global Emergencies" on Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p.m., in 115 Center Hall at UCSD. Topics in clude "Homeland Insecurities: Hate, Violence, Racial Profiling, and Cross-Racial Coalition the Day After 9/11" and "Grounded Ethics." Admission is free, parking is not. Dial 858-534-7324 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Most Disasters Are Quickly Forgotten, but 90 years after the event, the *Titanic* catastrophe still fascinates people around the world. Why? Find out when UCSD professors Stephen Cox (literature) and Don Tuzin (anthropology) attempt to answer the question on Tuesday, May 7. "Titanic: The Drama of Moral Choice" starts at 7:45 p.m. in Solis Lecture Hall (room 107), located in Thurgood Marshall College. Free. For more information, call 858-534-6270. (LA JOLLA)

Socially Responsible and Humane **Public Architecture** is the bailiwick of the Miller/Hull Partnership, located in Seattle. The firm's Craig Curtis speaks for the American Institute of Architects and the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; call 619-232-0109 for reservations. Admission is \$7 general. (LA JOLLA)

Eyes on the Universe, this lecture series at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center focuses on "Journey to Space: The Challenger Learning Center" on Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. Speakers include Kathy Hepler (Fleet Science Center "flight director") and Fleet astronomer Dennis Mammana. Admission is \$6.75 general. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Transnational Memories: Deconstructing a Nomad Intellectual on Latin American/Latino/Latina Turf" is the topic when Marc Zimmerman, peripatetic professor of Latin American Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago, speaks on Wednesday, May 8, at UCSD. The talk starts at 4 p.m. in the Michel de Certeau Room, 3155 literature building. Admission is free, parking is not. Call 858-534-4618 for information. (LA JOLLA)

What Are "Wheat Meats"? Find out when the ongoing vegetarian cooking school sponsored by Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine convenes on Wednesday, May 8, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Grateful Heart Café (at the Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, 10820 North Torrey Pines Road). Chef Lou Ellen Tapia leads the classes, with future subjects including salads (May 22), easy-to-make foods (June 19), amazing grains and pasta (July 17), and many more. The fee is \$25 per class. To reserve a place, call 858-554-3663. (LA JOLLA)

Bookish Delight, explore "The Evolution of the Book" when Sidney Berger, director of the California Center for the Book, speaks on Thursday, May 9, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Berger will focus on the role of books in human society, artists' books, and the contemporary structures of today. Admission to the lecture is free. To make the required reservations, call 619-696-1956. (BALBOA PARK)

Labor of Love, these workshops "for mothers who want to make a difference in the world" are planned by Sharon G. Mijares. Workshops are "especially designed for mothers who would like to develop meaningful career goals without ignoring the needs of their children.'

Free. The lecture on Thursday, May 9, runs from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Mijares repeats the program on Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). To reserve a spot in either class, call 760-436-3518. (LA COSTA, CARMEL VALLEY)

Any Authentic Heirlooms in the family attic? Is that pricey piece of furniture a genuine antique? You'll be able to answer these questions when the American Society of Interior Designers offers a two-day seminar by Lvn Fontenot to identify antique furniture on Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11.

'Antique Furniture: How to Tell the Real Thing from the Fake" runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). The fee is \$200 for the seminar (in advance), or \$120 each day (at the door), plus \$30 for the seminar workbook. Call 858-646-9896 for space availability and reservations.

With a Nod to Gertrude Stein, Gerald D. Stewart presents "A Geranium Is a Cranesbill Is a Pelargonium" for the San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. Stewart will focus on the challenge that serious plant people have with the common names geranium and

pelargonium and reviewing the

botanical differences of the two genera

and the species that do well in South-

ern California. Stewart is the propri-

etor of New Leaf Nurseries in Vista. The talk will be followed by the Plant Forum. The group meets in the Surfside Race Place at Del Mar on the Del Mar Fairgrounds. 760-630-7307. Free. (DEL MAR)

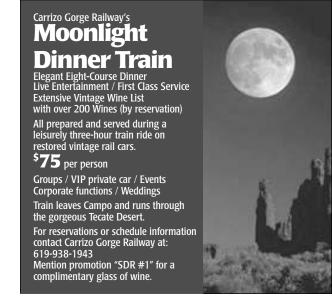
Meet Another Leakey when Phillip Leakey, youngest son of noted paleoanthropologists Louis and Mary Leakey, speaks at the San Diego Museum of Man on Saturday, May 18, at 3:30 p.m. Leakey, the former head of the Kenva Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, will discuss the people and wildlife of East Africa, and share childhood memories of early fieldwork at the Olduvai Gorge with his famous parents.

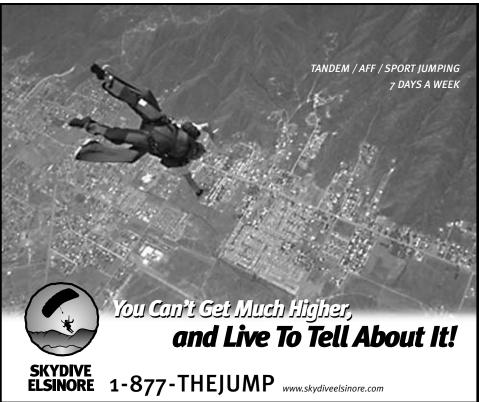
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Artists on the Cutting Edge X, the "Cross Fertilizations" literary and music series at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla concludes with performances by author Alexs D. Pate (Amistad: A Novel), poet Marie Howe, and keyboardist Adam Holzman today, Thursday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. \$15. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. Call 858-454-3541 x444 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Good Man, the Coronado School of the Arts theater department presents Clark Gesner and Andrew Lippa's Broadway hit You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Thursday through Saturday, May 2-4. Performances begin at 7 p.m. Find the school on the campus of Coronado High School, 650 D Avenue. Tickets are \$6 and \$7. Call 619-522-8969 for reservations. (CORONADO)

Intellectual, Noisy, and Fun, led by Japanese composer and pianist Satoko Fujii, the Satoko Fujii Quartet "marks a dramatic extension into the realms of avant-garde rock and freestyle jazz." The quartet includes Fujii's husband Natsuki Tamara (trumpet), Tatsuya Yoshida (drums), and Takeharu Hayakawa (electric upright). The group performs for the Fresh Sound concert series at Spruce Street Forum on Friday, May 3, 8 p.m. Find the Forum at 301 Spruce Street; 619-295-0301. Tickets are \$20 general. (HILLCREST)

An Electronic Music Marathon is planned on Friday, May 3, beginning at 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

Hailing from the Same School where the Boys Choir of Harlem trains, the Girls Choir of Harlem presents an evening of jazz, pop, and gospel music on Saturday, May 4, at 8 p.m., at the Poway Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are \$30 and \$35. Find the center at 15498 Espola

Road (at Titan Way); 858-748-0505.

The Musical Horizons Concert at Palomar College features the Palomar Chorale in a Dixieland Mass, the Palomar Symphony Orchestra with music of Gershwin and Sondheim, and performances by students and faculty. The concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, in the Howard Brubeck Theatre. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. Tickets are \$10 general. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Jazz Break, this 12-hour music and dance event features eight bands in two venues playing music from traditional jazz to swing. Participating bands include South Market Street, High Society, the Hot Club of San Diego, Tami's Dixie Swing, and others. Events run 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at the Holiday Inn Select (595 Hotel Circle). Tickets are \$20 at the door. For information, dial 888-474-7407. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fern Street de Mavo, celebrate Cinco de Mayo when the Fern Street Circus performs on Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Guests will be treated to a show with acrobatics, aerial work, juggling, and clowns. For information, call 619-641-6100. Free. (CITY HEIGHTS)

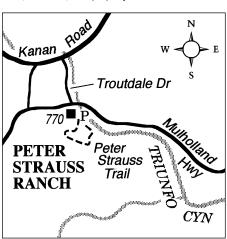
How About Some Salsa with Dinner? Enjoy Latin and salsa music when the Enrichment Series hosted by the Poway Center for the Performing Arts continues with a "Latin Jazz Supper" and music by Jaime Valley and Equinox on Sunday, May 5, at 7 p.m. The \$25 tickets include buffet supper; they're available by calling 858-748-0505. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan

"Process Works," this evening of works in progress gives "maturing and experienced Southern California artists" the chance to present their latest creations. Expect to see dance, performance art, music, and theater pieces on Sunday, May 5, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. There's a potluck at 7 p.m., with performances beginning at 8 p.m. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. Tickets: \$5. For reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

This Is the Big Kahuna of Slams! Poets have been slamming the Urban Grind since January, racking up Roam-O-Rama

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

The 65-acre Peter Strauss Ranch, now a postage-stamp patch of open space within the gerrymandered Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, was purchased from its former owner, actor and producer Peter Strauss, in 1983. In the 1930s and '40s, however, the property was known as



Lake Enchanto, a resort and amusement park, boasting the largest swimming pool west of the Rockies, a terrazzo dance floor, and amusement rides. The upper reach of Malibu Creek (known in these parts as Triunfo Canyon) was dammed to create the lake, which then became popular for boating

and fishing. During the 1960s - long after Lake Enchanto's commercial demise — plans were afoot to develop the property as an elaborate Disneyland-style park, but they were never realized.

Today's Lake Enchanto bears scant resemblance to the resort it used to be. The dam washed out in 1960 and has not been rebuilt. The great swimming pool lies unfilled. A picturesque stone-and-wood bath house remains. Other than guided walks, and occasional special events such as dances, plays, art shows, and musical performances held on the grounds, this quiet refuge caters to a relatively small number of hikers, picnickers, and curious folk.

Kids will find plenty to keep

them busy here. From spring into early summer, the shallow, sluggish stream is alive with thousands of tadpoles. Careful investigation may reveal crayfish, newts, and possibly pond turtles. Just south of the ranch house, there's a playground in a eucalyptus grove overlooking the remains of Lake Enchanto's dam. The one-mile-long Peter Strauss Trail, one of the most attractive short paths in the Santa Monica Mountains, begins here. Shaded by live oaks and flanked by a ground-hugging carpet of ferns and poison oak, the easy-to-follow path zigzags up a hillside and loops back toward the ranch house.

Peter Strauss Ranch, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, is located three miles south of Highway 101 at Agoura Hills by way of Kanan Road and Troutdale Drive. When you reach Mulholland Highway at the end of Troutdale, turn east, cross the bridge spanning the creek, and then turn in to the large dirt lot on the south side. Go back over the bridge on foot to reach the ranch entrance — or just make a beeline across the creek, which is not likely to carry much water this dry season.

bands and "pickup groups" from the parking lot jam sessions. Events begin at 7 p.m. at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street, at Ash). Free, Call 760-726-8380 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

Expressions Unlimited, "jazz poet" Tomás Gayton reads for this openmike jam session on Wednesday, May 8, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). All forms of spoken word and artistic expressions are welcome. Free. 619-527-3405. These forums take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. (ENCANTO)

Author David Faber witnessed the murder of his parents, five sisters, and one brother during the Holocaust and eventually survived eight Nazi concentration camps. He'll sign and discuss his book, Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor's Memoir (in its sixth printing), on Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m., in Center Hall 101 at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive). Free. For information, dial 858-534-7117. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz in the Park, enjoy a tropical interlude when Patrick Burke, Tom Gates, Allan Phillips, and Cecil McBee present "Island Jazz" for this series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Wednesday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m., in the Sculpture Garden Court. Tickets are \$10 general. For reservations, dial 619-696-1966, (BALBOA PARK)

See Your Problems in a Different Light when Byron Katie signs and discusses Loving What Is on Wednesday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). For information, call 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Enchanting Music from Indonesia is on tap when the CSU San Marcos Gamelan Ensemble, under the direction of Randy Griswold, performs on Wednesday, May 8. The concert starts at 7 p.m. in ACD 102; find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Free. Call 760-750-4366 for information. (SAN MARCOS)

A Writer's Book Fair is slated for Wednesday, May 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Grossmont College. Fiction, nonfiction, and poetry authors will be on

points for the honor of being among the top ten to go three rounds on Sunday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. Help select the team representing San Diego at the National Poetry Slam in August. Find the Urban Grind at 3797 Park Boulevard. The suggested donation: \$3. 619-294-2920. (HILLCREST)

"Magic to the Outer Limits" is promised when magician Michael E. Johnson appears (and disappears) every Monday night through May at 6 p.m. at Killer Pizza from Mars (3915 Mission Avenue). Kids become stars of the show and help perform the magic. (OCEANSIDE)

Johnson also performs every Tuesday through May at the Killer Pizza from Mars located at 1040 West El Norte Parkway. Johnson says he "specializes in interactive magic with rare and exotic objects" such as real meteorites. The magic is free, the food is not. For information on either show, call 760-747-4627. (ESCONDIDO)

Music and Theater of Java may be enjoyed during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6, in Smith Recital Hall at San

Diego State University. Tickets are 10 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further informa-"In the Absence of Sun: A Korean

Woman's Promise to Reunite Three Lost Generations of Her Family" will be signed and discussed by author Helie Lee on Tuesday, May 7, at noon, at the UCSD Bookstore (located in the Price Center on the UCSD campus). Free. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

Listen for Latin World Beat when Mario Olivares and his band perform for the Off-Night Series at North Coast Repertory Theatre on Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m. Enjoy a mixture of flamenco, Arabic melodies, romantic boleros, and a touch of Latin jazz. Tickets are \$15. Find the theater at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe and by calling 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

Hailing from Lake Elsinore and Orange County, the Silverado Bluegrass Band performs for the San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, May 7. There will also be shorter sets with other local



hand for the event, which includes readings and a performance by the 2002 San Diego Slam Team. Find the campus at 8800 Grossmont College Drive; 619-644-7523. Free. (EL CAJON)

Under the Blue-and-Yellow Big Top, 55 artists from ten countries perform a variety of high-caliber acts created specially for Cirque du Soleil's newest show, *Dralion*. Ancient Chinese acrobatic tradition is fused with the avant-garde in Cirque shows, which feature teeterboard, double trapeze, hoop diving, bamboo poles, single handbalancing, clowns, and more.

Dralion continues through Sunday, May 12, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Tickets range from \$45 to \$65 for adults, \$5.50 to \$31.50 for children. For specific showtimes and reservations, call 800-678-5440. (DEL MAR)

Global Conspiracy and the world of the paparazzi are part of Alan Russell's seventh novel, *Exposure*. Head to Esmeralda Books and Coffee to celebrate the release of the new book and hear a reading by the author on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307; 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

"Thin Places," as they were called a millennium ago, were believed to be places where heaven and earth and the past and the future where thinly divided. Harp guitarist, storyteller, and historian John Doan plans a presentation inspired by a pilgrimage to the most sacred sites of the British Isles on Saturday, May 11. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (2775 Carlsbad Boulevard). 760-729-8901. An offering will be received. (CARLSBAD)

"(Un)Defining Queer," this original work combining theater, music, dance, and visual art explores the word "queer." Written and created by an ensemble of Palomar students and faculty, the performance touches on the "human experiences of exclusion, intolerance, fear, love, sexuality, and identity labeling." The production is directed by Peter Gach and Michael Mufson.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, and at 2 and 7 p.m. p.m. on Sunday, May 12, in room D-5 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Tickets are \$10 general. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

On the Road Again, comic Jerry Seinfeld entertains our burg on Friday, May 31, at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Performances begin at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$47 to \$77, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Crack of the Bat, the San Diego Padres host the Chicago Cubs in Qualcomm Stadium at 2:05 p.m. today, Thursday, May 2. The Pittsburgh Pirates arrive for games May 3-5, beginning at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The next road trip heads to Florida for games against the Marlins Tuesday through Thursday, May 7-9, at 4:05 p.m. each night.

Tickets range from \$6 to \$28. For additional details, call 888-MY PADRES. All games are broadcast in English on KOGO (600 AM) and in Spanish on KURS (1040 AM). (MISSION VALLEY)

Del Mar National Horse Show, the 57th annual three-week show of competitions, instruction, and displays continues with Hunter/Jumper Week events through Sunday, May 5. Events are held at the Del Mar Arena on the Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. Weekday

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admission from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. is

The \$25,000 Surfside Grand Prix is slated for Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m. Tickets begin at \$10. For more details on tickets or event schedules, call 858-792-4252. (DEL MAR)

Athletes and Actors Mingle when the Stan Humphries Celebrity Classic golf tournament continues through May 5 at the Morgan Run Resort (5690 Cancha de Golf). Tickets are \$10 for spectators, good for all days of the tournament. For information, dial 858-966-5959. (RANCHO SANTA FE) $\,$

Look, Up in the Sky! It's time for Flight Fest 2002, an exposition of paragliding and hang gliding planned May 3-5 at the Torrey Pines Gliderport. Four classes of paragliders and hang gliders will be competing. Races begin at 11 a.m. at 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive. Spectators are free. For information, call 858-452-9858. (LA JOLLA)

Reaching Speeds of 140 Miles, the competitors in the Oceanside

Jaycee's sixth annual Pacific Offshore Grand Prix Boat Race and Festival will be racing from Friday through Sunday, May 3-5 in the Oceanside Harbor and along the Oceanside coast. Personal watercraft competition will take place at Harbor Beach.

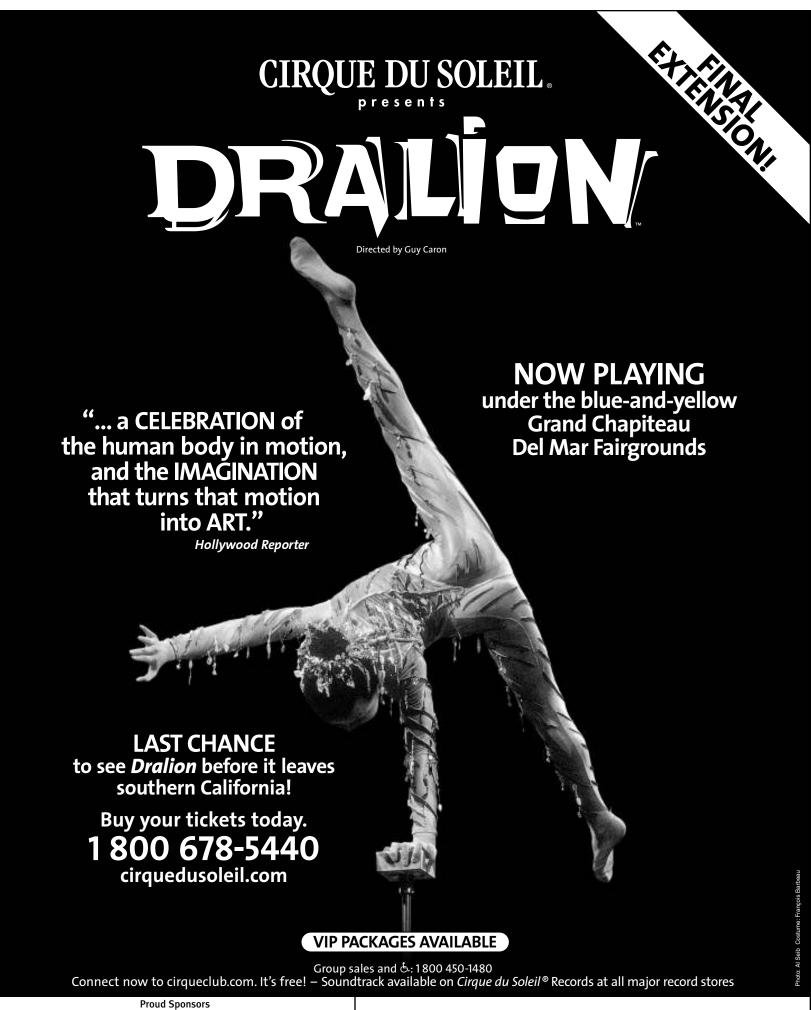
A Parade of Boats down North Coast Highway begins the fun at 4 p.m. on Friday, with racing from 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Viewing is free. For information, call 760-966-7114. (OCEANSIDE) Speed Trucks Will Compete, along with Grand American Modifieds, bombers, pony stocks at Cajon Speedway on Saturday, May 4. along with sportsman, street, and bomber division racing. The first race starts at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying runs starting at 5 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field. Take I-8 to Highway 67, and use the Bradley exit. Drive left for two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to the track entrance. Adult admission: \$10

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(west side) and \$12 (east side); \$5 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. For information, call 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

What Is Celiac Disease? Find out when the 1k and 5k walk/run for celiac disease takes place on Saturday, May 4, at La Jolla Cove (starting at the Hard Rock Cafe). There will be celiac testing at the event. The 1k starts at 7:30 a.m., with the 5k stepping off at 8 a.m. For information, call 858-395-5421. (LA JOLLA)



No Punting Is Allowed in arena football, and there's no fair catch either. The San Diego Riptide meets up with the Louisville Fire on Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$50, available by calling 858-404-0232. (SPORTS ARENA)

Bring a Bike, Bird Book, and Binos when the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts "birding by bike" on Saturday, May 4, at 9 a.m. Participants will ride along the many South Bay bikeways and stop for excellent birding opportunities. Free. For directions to the start point, call 619-409-5903. (SOUTH BAY)

The Surf Had Better Be Up, as two organizations are planning competitions this weekend. The Christian Surfers United States Surf Contest is slated for Saturday, May 4 (760-722-6363), and the USSF Championship event is on Sunday, May 5 (949-369-6677). Both events run 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the north side of the Oceanside Pier (at the foot of Mission Avenue off I-5). Admission is free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

The Second Annual 5k walk for Myasthenia Gravis is scheduled on Saturday, May 4, at Lake Murray. The 5k starts at 7:30 a.m. (with day-of-event registration at 7 a.m.). The fee is \$20. For information, call 619-449-3005. (LA MESA)

The Spirit of Soccer, the San Diego Spirit, one of the teams of the Women's United Soccer Association, hosts the team from Washington on Sunday, May 5, at 5 p.m. Games take place in Torero Stadium, on the campus of the University of San

Diego, at 5998 Alcalá Park. Tickets range from \$12 to \$20, available by calling 877-476-2237 or through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Matches are televised on Cox Channel 4 (INDA VISTA)

Whaddaya Know About Cricket? Get the skinny when the San Diego Cricket Club/UCSD Cricket Club hosts its next home game on May 5. The club has teams in divisions 1 and 3 of the Southern California Cricket Association. The second team meets up with the Hollywood 2 on Sunday. Games begin at 10:30 a.m. and last until about 5 p.m. (bring a lunch!) at UCSD's Warren Field. Admission is free. For information, call 619-518-1596. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate National Orienteering Day (May 4) when San Diego Orienteering hosts a meet on Sunday, May 5, at 10 a.m., on the campus of San Diego State University. Registration and instruction for beginners starts at 9:30 a.m. and continues through the meet. Compasses may be rented for \$1. The general fee is \$5 per person, including one map and one course. Beginners are encouraged to attend. 619-594-1847 or 619-469-6460. (SDSU)

Heavy Foot Traffic on 163, the *Union-Tribune* Dr. Seuss Race for Literacy 8k run/walk boasts a downhill course along scenic Highway 163, with events starting at Pan American Road in Balboa Park at 7:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 5. For information, call 858-792-2900. (BALBOA PARK)

Tennis, Everyone! Metabolife's Tennis Fest 2002 is slated for Sunday, May 5, noon to 4 p.m., at the Balboa Tennis Club (2221 Morley Field Drive). Tennis professionals will be on hand to offer basic instruction and offer tips, and there will be competitions, drills, and workouts. Admission is free, but pre-registration is

required, by calling 619-299-8647. (BALBOA PARK)

Ride to the Cardiff Bakery when Joan leads the Tuesday group ride for the San Diego Bicycle Touring Society on May 7. The 35-mile ride up the coast begins at 9:15 a.m. in the south parking lot at the Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). Bring money for snacks. 858-298-5506. (PACIFIC BEACH)

SPECIAL

A Half-Price Book Sale continues through Saturday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Rancho Santa Fe Book Cellar (17040 Avenida de Acacias, at La Granada). For more information, call 858-756-4780. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Spring Gardens on Tour, the 14th annual installment of this tour of gardens in Poway, Escondido, and Rancho Bernardo hosted by the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club is slated for Friday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For ticket purchase locations and other information, call 760-741-0829. (ESCONDIDO, RANCHO BERNARDO, POWAY)

Q: What Does Cinco de Mayo Celebrate? Most gringos think it's Mexican Independence Day — remind your amigos that the fiesta commemorates the victory of a very small band of Mexican soldiers and townspeople over the much larger French forces on May 5, 1862. And where, you ask, can you celebrate this holiday yourself? Among the parties planned:

Old Town's 19th annual Fiesta Cinco de Mayo runs from noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, May 3-5. The ongoing entertainment includes all kinds of Hispanic dancing and music, children's activities, female equestrians, reenactments of the Battle of Puebla, and more. Call 619-296-3236 for details. Admission is free. (OLD TOWN)

Organizers boast that they'll have the "world's largest sombrero" at the fifth annual Cinco in the Gaslamp, from 3 to 11 p.m. on Sunday, May 5. Other attractions include music, ballet folklorico, dancing, jalapeño-eating contests, and food. Tickets are \$8 in advance, or \$10 at the door, benefiting Christie's Place. Find the fiesta at Fifth Avenue and Island. Call 619-233-5008 for details. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Cinco de Mayo Celebrations" take place on Sunday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Main Street. Expect live music, piñata busts, children's events, carnival, dancing, and more. Admission is free. A Taste of Main Street will be on offer as well; adults \$4.99, kids \$2.99. For more details, dial 760-806-8980. (VISTA)

A Cinco de Mayo Fiesta runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, in the amphitheater at the Oceanside Pier (200 North the Strand). For information, call 760-761-1140. (OCEANSIDE)

Authentic music, dance, food, and family fun areas are planned for Cinco celebrations from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, on Third Avenue. Admission is free. 760-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

Dancing, live entertainment, games, prizes, and food are in store when the Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation hosts "La Fiesta del Pueblo Celebrando el Cinco de Mayo" on Sunday, May 5, from noon to 7 p.m., at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Admission is free. For information, call 619-744-4336. (DEL MAR)

Wings over Gillespie, over 60 World War II warbirds and vintage aircraft are being displayed at the seventh annual "Wings over Gillespie" static air show, Friday through Sunday, May 3-5, at Gillespie Field. Expect a "Salute to American Air Power," with the show dedicated to the history of the Douglas A-26 Invader. Planes take off and land regularly throughout the weekend, and rides are available (for a fee) in some of the planes.

The entrance to the show is at the Gillespie Field Administration Building (1960 Joe Crosson Drive). Gates are open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 general, free for children 9 and under. For information, call 619-448-4505 or 888-215-7000. (EL CAJON)

Find the (Furry) Love of Your Life when the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA hold their Pet Adop-

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tathon 2002 May 3-5. Guests may mingle with adoptable dogs and enjoy food and beverages to find just the right pooch. Events run 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Find the shelter at 887 Sherman Street. Call 619-299-7012 for information. Free.

Buds 'n Blooms, the annual floral fiesta in Balboa Park runs through the month of May, celebrating the botanical wealth and beauty of the park. Each weekend promises lectures and plant shows.

Events include a "Garden Show-case," highlighting eight of the gardens in the park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. Each garden will have a host on hand to discuss the garden's history and its special plantings, along with live musical entertainment in five of the gardens. Free. For information, call 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Venture Beyond the Garden Gate when the Clairemont Town Council hosts its sixth annual Garden Tour on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The self-guided tour includes front- and back-yard gardens, koi ponds, waterfalls, and a garden railroad. Master gardeners and composters will be on hand to answer questions. Tickets are \$8.50. For information and locations, call 858-278-7788. (CLAIREMONT)

Curious About the GIA? Learn all about the Gemological Institute of America during an education open house on Saturday, May 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be information about the educational programs, classroom demonstrations in gemology, museum exhibits, and selfguided tours of the 18-acre campus. Free. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive; 760-603-4222. (CARLSBAD)

Great Decisions, this Foreign Policy Association (FPA) program considers issues such as the Middle East peace process and energy and the environment. The FPA is a nonpolitical, non-ideological organization dedicated to stimulating interest in and knowledge of other nations and our relations with them.

Eight topics are selected for discussion each year; there's an organizational meeting planned on Saturday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m., at the Chula Vista Public Library (at Fourth and F Street). Free. 619-420-8759. (CHULA VISTA)

May Marches In, the 55th annual Maytime Band Review Parade — boasting 35 marching bands from ju-

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Book Sale, the San Carlos branch library plans its monthly book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types are offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-442-1860. (SAN CARLOS)

An Art and Music Festival is planned on Saturday, May 4, from noon to 7 p.m., at the Valley Center Community Hall and Pavilion (28246 Lilac Road). Guests will take in art demonstrations by area artists, community painting, a youth art contest, face painting, food (for sale), wine tasting, signings by local authors, live music, and more. Admission is free. For information, call 760-749-8852. (VALLEY CENTER)

Tall and Bearded and the less well known "spuria" and Louisiana types of irises will all be showcased when the American Iris Society hosts its 36th annual show and sale, with horticultural and artistic displays. Potted specimens will be available. Show hours are 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, in room 101 at the Casa del Prado. Free. 858-571-1154. (BALBOA PARK)

Swap Some Scenery, trains, toys, model kits, and magazines when the San Diego Model Railroad Museum hosts a swap meet for rail fans and serious collectors on Saturday, May 4, 7 to 11 a.m. Admission is \$2 for buyers, \$5 for sellers. For information, call 619-696-0199, (BALBOA PARK)

Polly Wants New Digs? The Parrot Education and Adoption Center hosts an adoption fair on Saturday, May 4, noon to 3 p.m., at the Hubbs Research Institute (2595 Ingraham Street). Meet parrots looking for new homes; volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. Free. 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

What's in the Cards for You? The Alexandra Institute hosts a metaphysical conference and psychic fair on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts will be featured; pay \$20 per reading. Call 619-298-3422 for information. (MISSION VALLEY)

Pug-Nacious, the 11th annual pug rescue party and care fair runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$8. Call 619-685-3580 for further information. (DEL MAR)

"2002: The Year of the Rose," the San Diego Rose Society's 75th annual rose show — its diamond jubilee — is planned on May 4 and 5, at the Balboa Park Club. Admission to the show includes the Rose Forum 2002, boasting "five experienced rosarians" who will share their expertise on all manner of successful rose cultivation.

On Saturday, Dixie Dahl focuses on "Oriental Flower Design" (2 p.m.), "The Ins and Outs of Drying Roses" is examined by Ardell Leivas (3 p.m.), and Phil Ash divulges "Raising Roses from Square One" (4 p.m.).

"Living with Worms and Compost" is the subject when Jack Shoultz speaks on Sunday (11 a.m.), and you'll learn "How to Choose the Best Roses for San Diego" when Lise Rassmussen-Wright speaks (12:30 p.m.).

Show hours are 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$2.50 general, free for children 12 and under with





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Charity Art Fair, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito hosts "ART for FAIRness" on Sunday, May 5, noon to 6 p.m. All manner of paintings, pottery, photography, jewelry, mobiles, and imported crafts will be offered for sale, with proceeds benefiting a variety of charitable organizations. Admission is free. Find the fellowship at 1036 Solana Drive; 858-793-1009. (SOLANA BEACH)

Hit the Streets for the Carlsbad Village Faire on Sunday, May 5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with 900 arts and crafts booths, antiques, a pancake breakfast, food for sale, and children's rides. Shuttle service is provided from the northwest parking lot of Sears (in Westfield Shopping Town, Plaza Camino Real). Admission is free. 760-931-8400. (CARLSBAD)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale are all part of San Pasqual History Days, taking place from 11 a.m. to 2½s>p.m. on Sunday, May 5, at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

St. George's Day is being celebrated at Saint Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, May 5. Watch the colorful procession of standards, banners, and even a dragon, beginning at 5 p.m. at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). For information, call 619-298-7261.

Village Spring Home Tour, the Coronado School of the Arts benefits from this tour of three homes on Sunday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance, or \$50 per pair; at the door, pay \$35 per ticket. For information and locations, dial 619–522-8969. (CORONADO)

Wearing 19th-Century Clothing and using traditional painting methods, Old Town banjoist Chris Ownby is painting a 19th-Century stage backdrop for San Diego's oldest professional theater, the Whaley House. Ownby is painting the backdrop and playing music of the 1860s on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, beginning at 10 a.m., through May. Concerts are free with paid admission to the Whaley House Museum, at 2476 San Diego Avenue. For information, dial 619-297-9327. (MORENA)

"Moonlight Sonata: A Tribute to Italo Scanga" is on exhibit through the year at the Carlsbad Sculpture Garden. The show includes seven Scanga pieces, including the very last piece he finished before his death, Moonlight Sonata. The artist's sculptures combine found and salvaged objects, telling tales "of the human existence."

Find the garden behind the Carlsbad Arts Office, 2955 Elmwood Avenue, next to the Cole Library. 760-434-2920. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free. (CARLSBAD)

World-Renowned Book Artist Claire Van Vliet, who is also owner of Janus Press, has an exhibit of book art on display through Friday, May 24, in the donor corridor of the SDSU Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Viewing is free. 619-583-6080. (SDSU)

Youth Artwork is on exhibit through Monday, June 3, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). There's a reception planned after the 10:30 a.m. service at the church on Sunday, May 5. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

"Young Art 2002: The Art of the Book" in on display Monday, May 6, through Friday, May 31, at the San

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FROM THE DUST JACKET: Part fable, part diatribe, part elegy, part love song, this fifth collection by Campbell McGrath makes poetry of the most unlikely of materials — the state of Florida where, in Miami, McGrath lives and teaches. While at times poignantly personal, McGrath also returns for the first time to the characteristically comic and visionary public voice displayed in his celebrated "Bob Hope Poem." Moving from

prehistory to the space age, he catalogs Florida's natural wonders and historical figureheads, from Ponce de Leon to Walt Disney, from naturalist William Bartram to Chuck E. Cheese -"the bewhiskered Mephistopheles of ring toss,/ the diabolical vampire of our transcendent ideals." In the sociohistorical monologue of "The Florida Poem," McGrath employs the Fountain of Youth as a mythic symbol for both the tragic consequences of a society built on greed and cultural erasure and the diverse human potential "which must become the fountain/for any communal future we might dare imagine."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Campbell McGrath was born in 1962 in Chicago. "Yeah," he said, on the day that we talked, "frosty, snowy Chicago. I didn't grow up there, though. I grew up in Washington, D.C. I went to Sidwell Friends School [whose graduates include John dos Passos and Chelsea Clinton]. And then went back to Chicago to go to the University of Chicago. I majored in English with a minor in creative writing. I wrote poetry for the majority of my undergraduate work. Graduated in 1984.

"And then you went to Columbia?"

"I got an MFA at Columbia, in 1988."

"And studied with Dan Halpern."

"And Quincy Troupe, speaking of San Diego. He was one of my main teachers and a great guy who's always been a real mentor. Dan Halpern and Quincy were my two main teachers, but they taught me different things. Quincy taught me - I think taught everybody — to think of yourself as an artist. Quincy is very empowering is what he is. So he was a very empowering teacher, teaching you to think of yourself as an artist, which is very intimidating to do when you're starting out. So that's where I was,

"What did Dan Halpern teach you?"

"Dan taught me craft and a kind of sensibility. I liked Dan as an editor and as a poet, and he was one of the reasons I went to Columbia. At that point, which was in the mid-'80s, a lot of the poetry I thought was the best poetry around was in Antaeus and Ecco Press, and so I said, 'Hmm, if Dan Halpern is the editor that connects all those people, he must be somebody worth studying with.' So that's one of the things that drew me there. Now, of course, he's my editor. He doesn't do a lot of editing with poetry. But any little thing he tells you is very useful."

After graduation from Columbia, Mr. McGrath and his wife moved to Chicago, where Mr. McGrath taught as an adjunct professor. When Mrs. McGrath became pregnant, Mr. McGrath sought a tenure-track position, and in 1993, he accepted such a position at Florida International University in Miami. The couple now has two sons.

Mr. McGrath's previous collections are Capitalism, American Noise, Spring Comes to Chicago, and Road Atlas. His awards include the Kingsley Tufts Prize and fellowships from the Guggenheim and MacArthur Foundations.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Mr. McGrath's

father was a psychiatrist and analyst. I wondered what that was like to grow up with a parent who was in the analysis business.

"I think my father probably was an atypical analyst. But I was used to the idea of applying psychological analysis of people's motives and the world around me.'

I said that I'd wondered, as I read Mr. McGrath's poems, if growing up in a home presided over by an analyst father had not perhaps made Mr. McGrath more comfortable with symbolic thinking and perhaps had given him a sense of metaphoric possibilities existent in everything. I added, "You seem comfortable with metaphor, as if you're not having to force it."

'Metaphor sometimes is harder for me than literal description. Documenting the world is somehow my first level of thought as a writer. And then sometimes where the metaphors lead me is more complicated. I think that's probably just because it's a more complicated level of everything.

"Tell me when you first started reading poems."

"I always loved books. I spent a lot of my time reading. But it wasn't poetry. It was mostly fiction. As a kid and as a teenager, I read novels, voraciously, all kinds of novels. So it's fair to say I had from day one an absolute love of literature, but not of poetry. There is no way I would have guessed that I would be a poet. I might have guessed that I would be a literary person. But I would not have thought I would be a poet. I don't think I had any particular love of poetry over other genres.

"In a way, I came to poetry through prose, through a Jack Kerouac kind of a voice, which then plugs you back into Whitman. There's a kind of visionary prose writing that takes off from poetry, which has always been one of my favorite places in poetry. The borderline, the borderlands, between poetry and prose are very interesting to me. But then my attempts to write fiction just always were dreadful. I had no patience for the world-creating you have to do in fiction. I just wanted to get up and start talking, already in my own voice. And poetry enabled me to right away go do that."

'You can plot. You plot very well in poems.'

"Yeah, that's true. No question. My real point is I don't think there is any divide between poetry and prose. I don't think there is any absolute boundary line. It's a false dichotomy, like many we set up, that trick us into thinking poetry is one thing and prose is

Diego Public Library (820 E Street) and the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). The pieces selected for inclusion were among the artworks submitted for the "Young Art 2002" show concurrently on view at the San Diego Museum of Art. For information, call 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN, ENCANTO)

Aspects of Jewish Life in other cultures are examined in books selected for discussion in the World of Literature Book Club convening at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. The meeting on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m., takes a look at Achy Obeias's Days of Awe, based on the author's own experiences. Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive. Free; to make the required reservations, dial 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Art and Memory is the theme for "Connections/Reflections," a collection of mixed-media collage and sculpture by Ann Chaitin and Carol Cole. The show continues through Friday, May 10, in the Gotthelf Art Gallery at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Viewing hours are

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Friday. Call 858-453-3440 x119 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Family, Food, Flowers, the annual Mother's Day weekend festivities are planned by Quail Botanical Gardens and the San Dieguito Art Guild. Events begin with a British "high tea" in the floral setting of Quail Botanical Gardens on Saturday, May 11; tours of the garden, food, and music are included in the ticket price of \$20. North County artists will display art and present demonstrations.

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, promises a self-guided tour of artists' studios and gardens, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15. For information and reservations, call 760-436-3036 x203. (ENCINITAS)

Tour the Timkin, the Big Sister League hosts a Timkin Mansion and garden tour on Saturday, May 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. The \$10 fee includes an art sale in the garden and hors d'oeuvres. Find the Timkin at the corner of First Avenue and Laurel Street. For information, call 619-297-1172. (MIDDLETOWN)

FOR KIDS

"Kate's Bloomin' Dream," focusing on the roots of Balboa Park, will be performed by the Puppet Theater Players at the Marie Hitchcock Pup pet Theater through Sunday, May 12. Shows begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5045. (BALBOA PARK)

Good Grief! Spend a day in the life of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and friends when the San Diego Junior Theater presents You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Book, music, and lyrics are by Clark Gesner, with direction by Jasper Grant.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday through May 5 in the Casa del Prado Theater. Tickets are \$7 to \$10 adults, \$5 to \$8 seniors and children 13 and under. For reservations, call 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

The Magic of Ventriloquism is on display when ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents Pinocchio on Saturday, May 4, at 1 p.m., at the Hearth Theater (found in the San Marcos Civic Center, at 3 Civic Center Drive). Tickets are \$3. For information, call 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Speed Through Geologic Time and create fossil and plant rubbings at the San Diego Natural History Museum in conjunction with the exhibit "T. Rex on Trial" on Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The family day workshop is included in regular museum admission. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Uncover New Ways of Thinking about the past giants of the sea during "Science Adventures: Ichthyosaurs and Plesiosaurs — Giants of the Sea,' being offered on Saturday, May 4, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The class is for those in grades one through three and includes stories, crafts, and video reenactments. The fee is \$20 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Kids' Magic Mile, the 2002 Union-Tribune Dr. Seuss Race for Literacy is slated for Saturday, May 4. The onemiler starts at 8 a.m. at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. For details, dial 858-792-2900. (BALBOA PARK)

"Cinco de Mayo: Fiesta Mexicana," this San Diego Chamber Orchestra Carnival Concert is slated for Sunday, May 5, at the Center for the Arts, Escondido. Celebrate Mexico's heritage with performances by the Mariachi Griego de Montgomery Middle School, folkloric dancers, and traditional repertoire including the "Mexican Hat Dance," "La Bamba,"
"Granada," and "The Toreador

The concert begins at 2 p.m. at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Tickets are \$9.50. For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Cast Off into the Frame, the Museums of Contemporary Art offer Freefor-All First Sunday activities on May 5. Inspired by Judith Shea's sculptures of clothing, particularly her Eden, participants will create threedimensional artworks from discarded

clothing cast in plaster at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). (LA JOLLA)

There will be props and settings for kids to step into to "make old paintings new" at the MCA Downtown, along with Polaroid snaps, and the chance to make an ornate frame. Find MCA Downtown at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (DOWNTOWN)

Events run from 2 to 5 p.m. at both locations; the galleries are open free of charge from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 858-454-3541.

She Is the Queen! She likes to talk backwards! Meet that lovable "mouse with the most" when Lilly, the star of many of Kevin Henkes' books, visits White Rabbit Bookstore for story time fun on Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m. Find the shop at 7755 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3518. For children three and older, Free, (LA JOLLA)

Follow the Trail to Quail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m., for a general tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six). Meet at the visitors' center located directly north of



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"I would think that would be difficult for somebody born in

"It was very hard. I was like, 'I know I like it, so let me look around at it more, but what am I going to attach to?' Clearly, I did like Whitman, but you know, it's a long divide between Whitman, so it was not very immediate. So trying to find contemporary poets who made sense to me was a struggle."

"And," I said, "it's more difficult to read contemporary poets at the beginning of their careers, because they're only beginning to be anthologized."

"It's hard. You have to be practically an investigator to go find who's good. I always was feeling, while there were poems I was being taught in college or in graduate school and that I could admire their craft, they didn't seem to have very much to do with the world I lived in. In fact, my first book, Capitalism, grew out of my MFA time and grew out of a reaction against a lot of the poetry that I was being shown and taught. I was like, 'Well, why can't you just write a big prose narrative about a 7-Eleven, and why can't that be a poem?' That seems more to be actually true to the world I

knew. 'So maybe I'll just try that,' I thought. "Whitman certainly gives you permission to do that. I think it was the great thing about him — permission. He takes it, obviously, to a very extreme point. But, you know, permission to err on the side of throwing everything in rather than having to be an absolute minimalist all the time. The guy who taught me minimalism was William Carlos Williams. So on one hand, there's that great difference between Williams and Whitman, but on the other hand, they're both documenters of the real world.

I said to Mr. McGrath that one reason I felt I enjoyed his poems so much was that he was not — at least not apparently – an unhappy person.

"That's very interesting. That's only come to my attention recently."

"That you're not unhappy?"

"That it was unusual to not be unhappy."

"Well," I said, "think about poets who are one generation ahead of you. Even Bob Hass, who writes such gloriously celebratory poems, writes many poems that indicate he is not all that happy.

"I agree. That was one of the problems in finding models. Then there's the generation back where everybody killed themselves. That was a particularly miserable bunch."

"Berryman, Sexton, Plath..."

"Berryman and Plath, yes. Plath particularly is a poet I loved. But as much as you could read the work and learn from it, they weren't very helpful in helping you organize your life. Because the notion that to be a poet meant you had to be suicidal or in the gutter never appealed to me. That doesn't sound good."

'So, you looked for models."

"I did. I looked for models. And again, there was a problem with the models. For instance, Richard Hugo and James Wright. Two poets I loved. Dick Hugo was one of the first poets in college where I said, 'Aha, this guy is writing about the world,' even though I wasn't living in a town in Montana. Just reading Hugo driving through Montana, I said, 'Aha, I recognize this...it's the real world.'

'Dick Hugo driving his famous green Buick .

"Exactly. It's particular and it's real and I wrote lots of poems like that in college, like 'Driving Montana,' my own version of those kinds of poems. But you know those guys didn't kill themselves, per se, as in committing suicide, but they died young."

Hugo, I said, was also a great, great teacher.

Mr. McGrath agreed. "His book, The Triggering Town, for a 'how to write' book is a truly great book to expose people to. It's not as well known now as it was when I was a student 20 years ago. I occasionally find myself suddenly saying to the class, 'You guys know about this book, right?' And it's like, 'No, no, we haven't heard of that.'

"But models. There was a lack of models, yes. In one sense, I said, 'Well, I have to create a model because I feel like I'm writing about things that aren't yet in the poetic lexicon.' Two people that were models for me in a certain way were Bob Hass and Robert Pinsky. They seemed like people whose lives could make sense to me. They had families, they had kids, they had books."

"But," I said, "in the poems of both these guys, especially Hass, there's quite a bit of despair."

'True. I've had a class where we talk about Bob Hass's despair versus James Wright's despair. Wright's despair being a kind of American despair and Hass's being a European despair and kind of comparing those two. But it's true, despair isn't what makes me write. It's a kind of joy or just analytical happiness with stuff."

"There's such an exuberance on the page in the poems in this book," I said, adding, "It gives the reader permission to be happy."

'Again, my first three books I just wrote without ever thinking about that. And then people would say, 'You're very happy,

"There's the generation back where everybody killed themselves. That was a particularly miserable bunch."

that's so unusual.' I said, 'Oh, I wondered. 'What was going on? Why was I being happy? And then maybe my fourth book was certainly less happy or more ambivalent. And this later book is very happy again. But I do, yes, write more out of happiness.'

I said that as I read this new book I thought it must

have been a huge change to move from a cold climate to Florida with new sets of flora and fauna and to find yourself in this entirely new culture.

"Positively. Totally weird. Like washing up on alien shores, which is, of course, how many people arrive in Florida. And it was very much our experience. I was, 'Wow, this is a strange new world culturally, linguistically, everything.' We are having to create our own immigrant experience here. Miami in particular is being defined by the immigrant experience. Miami right now, and Dade County, is majority foreign born. In the last census that came out they said even New York City in the 1920s had never had a population that was majority foreign born. So that we're really in an immigrant city here. Great numbers of Brazilians, Colombians, Venezuelans, Argentines — wherever turmoil in Latin America

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the parking lot, at 230 Quail Gardens Drive; 760-436-3036. Free. (ENCINITAS)

"No, David!" This book by author and illustrator David Shannon is one of the best-loved books on many library shelves. Shannon — who also created The Rain Came Down, A Bad Case of Stripes, and the new Duck on a Bike - visits White Rabbit Children's Books on Wednesday, May 8, at 4 p.m. He'll give a brief presentation and then answer questions and sign books. Find the shop at 7755 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-3518. (LA JOLLA)

"Scales, Tales, and Operculums," how are estuaries important for fish? Learn about some of the species found in an estuary with the Junior Rangers on Thursday, May 9, at 3:15 p.m., at the Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve. The free program takes place at the

reserve's visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) for kids 7 to 11 years old. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, "The World of Sound" offers instruments from a variety of cultures and activities focusing on the science of sound, sound waves, and how sound travels. The museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, mini-city, and renovated children's marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

Children's Museum of San Diego, the month-long celebration of theater arts entitled "Puppetry, Circus, and Storytelling" features Pam McIntire's puppet exhibit, highlighting four

decades of puppet magic. The exhibition includes more than 100 unique puppets, props, script samples, backdrops, sets, photographs, and a working stage and continues through May.

Continuing exhibits include "The Book Stop," "Improv Theater," and "Cora's Rainhouse." Find the museum at 200 West Island Avenue. Dial 619-233-8792 for additional details. (DOWNTOWN)

"Concert for the Young at Heart," music aimed at kids and their families — "and all those who are young at — is promised during a concert by the North Coast Symphony on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., in the MiraCosta Theatre. The program features the premiere performance of the "Smiley Wiley Symphony" by Oceanside schoolteacher Richard Morgan, narrated by elementary music school

specialist Steven Traugh.

Also on tap are the Saint-Saëns "Carnival of the Animals" and a series of traditional classical works: the first movement of Beethoven's "Fifth Sym-

phony"; an allegro vivace of "The William Tell Overture" by Rossini; "Morning Mood" and "In the Hall of the Mountain King," the first and last movements from "Peer Gynt No. 1"

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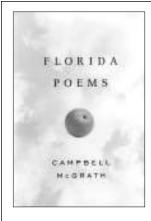
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is, the immigrant population here grows, so it's a very diverse set of immigrants, almost all from the Americas.'

"Have you learned Spanish?"

"I have adequate conversational Spanish from hearing Spanish and from reading Pablo Neruda in the bilingual edition and from my son. My oldest son is ten, and he's been in a bilingual program in the public schools from day one. So from his homework I'm learning more Spanish than he is, unfortunately. But that's it. I couldn't at all

claim to speak Spanish, but I'm comfortable listening to it on the radio now.'

"Did you find the first few years you were in Miami that you were always looking up in books the names of trees and flowers?"

"Absolutely. And you know, it was interesting because, talking about Bob Hass, there's a lot of poets that write as he does, out of that sense of the natural world. I never had because I'd always my whole life lived in big cities. In Chicago the natural world, for instance, isn't what's memorable about Chicago — it's really more the human world."

"The Nelson Algren world. Division Street."

"Exactly. And that's what my book about Chicago is too it's the urban reality. Suddenly coming to Florida was, like, 'Wow, now I need to get all those books and find out the names of the birds and the flowers.' And then the names are so beautiful that it sometimes just suddenly writes an entire poem out of the language of the natural world for you. And the colors and the quality of the light and the feeling of the air around you are utterly different than they are in Chicago. Instead of being dry and pale, watered-down northern sunlight, you're suddenly always enveloped in moisture and warm rich light. In Chicago you spend all summer trying to coax one tomato plant to grow, and here you stick stuff in the ground, and a year later, it's become a 30-foot-tall tree and the rest of your time you spend trying to chop these vines down before they overwhelm you.'

Also, you go around half-naked instead of bundled up."

"And you're feeling all that air and sun on your skin, and it's totally a sensual landscape at every level in a way that no place I had been before was. I think it changed me as a person. It was weird, though, because all the changes in our life occurred in a fell swoop — when we left Chicago, we had our first child. We'd lived in little rented tiny apartments in the city. We suddenly came to South Florida, bought a house, had kids. I had a real tenuretrack teaching job. So our life became very different at many levels all at once. We had a yard, for instance. We never had a yard. We never had a house. You'd plant tomatoes in pots on the back porch. So it was a big transformation at a lot of levels."

Wallace Stevens, who lived in Connecticut, often vacationed in Florida and wrote many poems set in Florida. I asked about Mr. $\,$ McGrath's relationship to Stevens.

Wallace Stevens was one of the first two poets I liked a lot. On the one hand it was Wallace Stevens. On the other hand it was Richard Hugo. I was grappling with the language, the sheer, lush beautiful language of Stevens versus the Hugo side, where my interest is more documentary, more like that the world is on the page. From Stevens I went into loving Ashbery a lot, when I was in my junior and senior year of college. Ashbery's poem 'The Skaters' is one of my favorite poems — Ashbery at his most lyrical and imagistic — not at his purest, most language gone berserk. More grounded Ashbery I still like a lot."

Florida Poems opens with a long ten-part poem titled "A City in the Clouds." One way of reading the poem is as a creation story, that, like the story in Genesis, begins in an Eden and ends in Eden Lost ("in the compromised mud of their downfall"). The poem is set in the clouds above the state of Florida and clouds form the city's ground — "... the clouds lay smooth as a tabletop and children dangled their/feet as if to fish from an old trestle bridge."

"Who," I asked, "is the speaker in 'A City in the Clouds'?" "I don't know," Mr. McGrath said. "That's a very mysterious poem to me, 'A City in the Clouds.' It's not like anything I've ever done. I'm a pretty canny writer, and I tend to know where

poems are coming from. Like the other bookend, that long Florida

poem [the last poem in the book] is a poem I knew I wanted to write — and moved toward and did research for. 'A City in the Clouds' showed up on its own almost.

The speaker, at least it isn't me. I don't know who that speaker is, but it's not me. It was very liberating to get out of a lyric voice, which at some level is you, you know, no matter how you spin it. It's the sum version of you. But that wasn't me and that was pleasurable. And I suddenly said, 'Wow, it would be nice to be someone else besides me, even in another story.'

"A lot of it was written on airplanes during a period of time when I was traveling a lot. This time of the year, always in March and April, I'm very busy and travel on planes to give readings and Poetry Month talks. And that year, the idea of a metaphor for Florida I liked, and then a lot of the poem, I'd be sitting on a plane, and a new piece would show up, and I'd jot it down. Like being actually up in the clouds created some of that poem. So then I said, 'I think it's a long narrative poem, and I think it's going to go like this,' but I didn't know where all the pieces would go until I got them, and then I said, 'Huh.' And it evolved and changed, and there were at one point 12 sections, then it jumped back down to 10. I don't know why I wanted the different poems in the different sections rather than all as a long line. The stories are being narrated from the distant observer's distance, and I don't know who that is. Because I don't know that poem very well."

I said that in an attempt to find my way into the poem I got out Aristophanes (who wrote a play titled The Clouds) and rooted around in that. I asked, "Does the Aristophanes have any connection to the poem?"

Mr. McGrath thought that, yes, there was some connection. He explained. "I translated an Aristophanes play — The Wasps in the Penn Greek drama series that they did a few years ago where David Slavitt was in charge. He hired contemporary poets to do all the translations. You work with a classicist, but Slavitt wanted contemporary poets' voices; it wasn't about classical scholarship so much as about getting contemporary poetry into the works. And he asked me to do *The Wasps* because he'd read my 'Bob Hope Poem' and said, 'Boy, that's the Aristophanes' voice.' And I said, 'Mmm, that's very interesting. I never would have thought of that, but you're right.' I wouldn't have translated Sophocles on a bet;

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MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area and is run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home,

built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; call 619-469-1480 for more information. (SPRING VALLEY)

California Surf Museum, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling the stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text. Many of the photographs, surfboards, and other artifacts have never been on public display before.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J.' Richards, and Peter Johnson, and that way-cool megastar from Hawaii, Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876, (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, is located in the middle of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. The facility is home to fish and invertebrates that inhabit the mud flats and marshes of San Diego Bay. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms 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 owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. For more details, call 619-409-5903. Computer Museum of America,

"Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology" explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum, part of the National Security Agency, has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Visitors will learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

Ongoing 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-responsive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue), For additional details, dial 619-235-8222.

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 research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For information, call 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp 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 military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587.

Heritage of the Americas Museum. more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 BC) through the Ming periods (1368-1644 AD) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China," on view through May. From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as proudly worn ornaments in life. Iades were symbols of dignity and rank (as early as the Late Stone Age) and were status symbols closely connected with the conviction that jade brought long life.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. A mural by Mona Mills depicting ancient Teotihuacan 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 museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art.

Find the museum on the Cuvamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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that would have been ridiculous. So for a whole year I was immersed in Aristophanes. Another side of me probably would have condensed that whole 'City in the Clouds' down to a three-page poem told more lyrically instead of taking it apart and, like, letting it unfold scene by scene.'

"Section Eight, titled 'The Alligators,' "I said, "becomes quite frightening.

"The Alligators" begins with this:

Not the fall of a single sparrow, not the loss of a single feather, no life was too humble to merit the concern

of that society founded in utopian fellowship in the sky, and so when the alligators began to prey on the slaves

sent out each morning to the fields and greenhouses and orchid pavilions strewn across the cloudplains,

and to the aquaculture ponds pushed farther and farther away from the ever-enlarging city, something had to be done.

"And," I said, "Section Seven — 'The Slaves' — is also frightening." "The Slaves" begins this way:

Indeed there was much work to be done in the clouds, indisputably so, and thus there must be workers, yes, surely, and yet, between the much and the many, the few and the little, the doing and the not-doing, yawned a great chasm of possibility. Why should all be compelled to work, when the many might work more, leaving the few to enjoy the rewards of that common labor for the rest? But who among them would choose to work, it was wondered aloud, while other remained at leisure? Why not the newcomers, such robust and tireless helpers?

"This scene in 'The Slaves' was scary. That was a very scary part. And that's kind of an Aristophanes moment. That's a dramatic speaking voice there, or two voices, kind of the way the one voice is some sort of demagogue, or you know, with a tough argument within the society about the degree to which we are a class system or the degree to which we exploit labor in our own society. So at some level the poem is sort of a parable for America and at some level a parable for Florida, although I see Florida as just a recapitulation of America anyway. Florida is like a new world within the new world. The rest of the U.S.A. has been colonizing Florida for a long time, treating it like a colony, that is. All those things influenced me. And I think the Florida story in the end is larger than just being an American kind of story.

"But that exact final configuration that 'A City in the Clouds' took is interesting — ten pieces, but they don't begin and end continuously but take a different angle on perceiving. There are places where the narrative drives forward and then it steps back and gives you a different thought or different thing. But then overall, the poem does tell the story start to finish, but not sequentially."

The last lines of the poem (see page 84), I said, sound wonderful read aloud. It's a great last line. Do you remember the last lines? Awaiting the hour of their restitution?

"And that was a part," Mr. McGrath said, "that came late. Narratively I knew where it ended, the idea, the paradox of them, actually people so avid to destroy the alligators that they destroy themselves. Right away I got that idea. But then how to bring it about, that was what I didn't know. I didn't know to end on the alligators until the very end. To go back to the alligators and have them be the only enduring terrestrial thing of this imagined other place.

I asked about Mr. McGrath's poem "Elizabeth Bishop in the House at White Street" (see page 84). The form, I said, "is enormous fun to see devolve down the page.'

'Yes, it is fun. It's a form I write in most, even though it's a very quirky form, isn't it? It's an abecedarian poem, based on the alphabet. It's a thing you have in your head, this form, that you occasionally throw at your students and say, 'Ha, write one of these.' I like occasionally writing poems in form. Like, there's a villanelle in the book ["Because This Is Florida"], and I like writing a villanelle just to keep my hand in. To challenge myself. I remember writing it because I was complaining around the house and my wife said, 'Well, go write a villanelle then, if you've got nothing to do.' I said, 'Okay, fine, I'll try it.'

"But the ABC form I find liberating — linguistically liberating. It forces you to go back to words at the level of pure words, to start thinking, 'Hmm, what great Y word might I come up with here?' Or, often you come up with a great word that gives you a letter in the alphabet and then you have to build a thought around

that word. Just a way of getting back to language rather than narrative or description. I got the two abecedarian poems in the book. The second one is 'Maizel at Shorty's in Kendall.' That came out of seeing a waitress at a barbecue restaurant and trying to get in her voice. The Bishop poem also came out of that same thought, which was, 'How do I get in this voice?' So the one was a hokey voice, the woman at the restaurant. And the other was, 'How am I going to get at Elizabeth Bishop?' I wanted to have some part of the book touch on people who are Florida poets. I didn't know how to get at Bishop so I just did it that way, through pure language. And that ABC poem got me there. Her poem 'Florida' is one of the best poems about Florida there is. There aren't that many poems about Florida. Even when the writers we associate with Florida may have lived in it they didn't write about it. That's even true of Hemingway, who, I guess, many thought of as a Florida writer. Stevens came here. And he actually did all those poems about clouds and the sea and the Gulf of Mexico. You can feel that, at least the ocean and cloud landscape down here.

"Bishop, though, she moved on and does more Brazil in her work in the end. And more New England than Florida, but it is interesting. I've been to her house there; you can see her house on White Street, the house she lived in is still there. Trying to think myself into how would I approximate Elizabeth Bishop or how would I get at her voice, I used the language of flowers and fruit and a high, dramatic — 'O my flowering beloved!' — dramatic voice. It's not a voice I would ever write in, but it somehow seemed okay there, that I could use that voice and try to be her.'

Mr. McGrath said that he had more abecedarian poems that are not in this book. He said that he had several poet friends who also like to write in this form. "And," he said, laughing, "occasionally they'll e-mail me and say, 'Hey, I saw your ABC poem in such-and-such a magazine." Mr. McGrath went on to say that many poets whom he knows find that they like e-mail. He explained, "E-mail is a great form of communication for a poet because you can write what you want to say and yet you can take the time to get it written. But it still has the immediacy of something spoken. You can just flash your latest take on something.

— Iudith Moore

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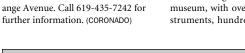
John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. On exhibit are Indian artifacts from the Kingery family. The museum is open on the last Saturday and Sunday of every month

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

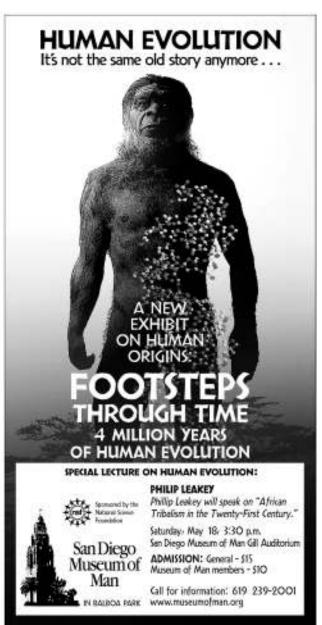
Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for

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video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is

a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlague House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. Women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800 are also on display. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the 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 more information, call 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the U.S. Air Force and Boeing Corporation have donated a global positioning satellite (GPS) for a new permanent exhibit. This GPS is "the only one of its kind on display in the world." Members of the women's flying club the Ninety-Nines have donated personal memorabilia, trophies, flight logbooks, and photographs for inclusion in "Pacific Air Race"; items on view alternate every six months to highlight the accomplishments of local women aviators from the six local chapters of the group.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of the Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, the flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviationrelated items, and memorabilia from the Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to the Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. For additional information, call 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobble-

TWO POEMS BY CAMPBELL MCGRATH

From Part Ten of "A City in the Clouds"

The Last Davs

The last night, as always, the moo from among the wheeling stars cast down its unfiltered gaze onto the great sky-prairie,

a place at last subdued, defeated, bereft of all but the thin shrouds and tattered shreds of cloud upon which the city perched.

The hunters were asleep in their barracks, the slaves at rest in their tenements, the citizens slumbered in ignorance of their fate,

so it was that none were awake to witness that instant —

none but the sentries in their silent watchtowers and the never-resting croupiers and blackjack dealers and the early crew brewing coffee for the morning rush —

when the minarets shook and the spires wobbled as the great pumps sucked in their final breath of vapor and the machines ground to a halt and the last filament of cloud was processed into liquid water which, having no longer any surface on which to rest,

fell to the ground as a soft rain

while the city fell as ruins of great beauty

but little value save as a photo opportunity for the trickle of tourists who for a brief while came to view them, then quickly scavenged, sold for scrap, paved over, grown over by the jungled foliage, and so lost without a trace, erased forever frem human memory,

though not from the dim, enduring minds of its only survivors, the alligators who splashed down across the state of Florida in swamps and water hazards and backyard swimming pools, haunted through all the lonely days of their existence by a vision of lost glory,

and a desire for blood vengeance, and a particular, unquenchable, marrow-racking sorrow, a grief known only to those who,

having once been granted license to a world of airy splendor must abide in the compromised mud of their downfall, dreaming up at the heavens,

awaiting the hour of their restitution.

Elizabeth Bishop in the House on White Street

Already almond un-shadow burns the bougainvillea from sable to shame.

Crinum lilies cry open for

dewfall; pinkly erogenous frangipani mimic lacustrine groves of coral.

Hibiscus, ixora, night-blooming jasmine's Socratic dialogue with daylight,

kin to the high tide's lunar ambrosia.

Many are the gifts night bestows, O my flowering beloved!

Pomegranate, sweet

quince, red-wax ichor of the unripe ackee suspended in shadow like artificial pears, teardrops upon unrustled verbena. From the minarets of the palms

wild doves summon the faithful.

Xantippe shrills below the sill.

Yellow light assembles its ziggurat in

stone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad Mu**seum,** in celebration of the annual "Buds 'n Blooms" festival, see the "Hon Non Bo Exhibit," featuring Vietnamese miniature scenes including waterfalls, misty lakes, miniature flowers, and bonsai trees. The pieces were created by the Hon Non Bo Association of San Diego, a specialized botanical club. This exhibit runs Tuesday through Sunday, May 7-12.

The museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. View four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, an interactive toy

train, and a refurbished toy train gallery with a Lionel O gauge exhibit. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. For admission and museum hours, call 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum,

enger? Guests use scientific methods to recreate a "crime scene" to determine the meat-eater's guilt or innocence in "T. Rex on Trial." World-renowned paleontologist and T. rex expert Jack Horner weighs in, acting as judge in the case. Complete casts of fossil skeletons of Tyrannosaurus, Allosaurus, and Deinonychus are included in the exhibition. One series of exhibits shows how paleontologists uncover evidence, develop hypotheses, and excavate items at research sites. Guilty or innocent? You make the call through Monday, May 27.

An assemblage of museum specimens, rocks, fossils, live plants, and an-

imals tell stories about the region's prehistoric and current habitats in "Natural Treasures: Past and Present." 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 paleontological collections. Visitors will also discover why dinosaur fossils are rare in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times).

The museum also offers the "giant-screen film" Ocean Oasis, exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the unique history of the San Dieguito area at 561 South Vulcan Avenue. For more information, call 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Treasures Uncovered: Trade and Exchange at the San Diego Presidio" features artifacts recovered from the Presidio archaeo-

logical site, dating to the first European settlement in California (in 1769) when Father Junípero Serra established the Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. "Treasures" in the form of ceramics, religious, and personal goods representing just a fraction of the more than one-half million excavated to date at the Presidio site are on view. See the show through summer.

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, found at 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is an educational component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South

Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp

Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For more information, call 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. There's an audio-visual theater presenting short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the recon-

structed Colorado House, at 2733

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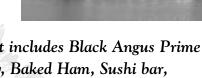
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Somebody's Got to Stand Up for Donizetti

JONATHAN SAVILLE

Ha ha ha ha!

suppose I've got to review San Diego Opera's Don Pasquale, but it's a depressing task. Everyone knows by now that the distinguishing feature of this production is that it is set in the Old West. The elderly bachelor Pasquale no longer

lives in a richly appointed house in Rome in the early 19th Century; instead, he operates a posh Victorian hotel apparently located in Monument Valley. The kind-

hearted intriguer, Doctor Malatesta, looks and acts pretty much like Wyatt Earp. Norina, the pretty and amorous widow, lives on a ranch and packs a pistol. There are chaps, fringes, horses, cactuses, sombreros, mariachis, and a Chinese servant with a pigtail. The supertitles translate the elegant Italian of the libretto (which is by Donizetti himself, with Giovanni Ruffini) into the accent of Zane Grey ("Don Pasquale's gettin' married"). Et cetera, et cetera.

It's depressing that any human being (in this case, a director named David Gately) should have thought this was a good idea. It's depressing that San Diego Opera's Ian Campbell, who ought to have known better, went along with it (and especially in the same season in which he allowed Rigoletto to be set in modern Hollywood). It's depressing that a competent set of singers had their talents obscured by the constant dumb tasteless irrelevant inappropriate schtik. It's depressing that much of the audience, including even those who were not drunk or high on cocaine, seemed to think the whole misguided travesty was FUN. It's depressing that Edoardo Müller, conducting with a superb mastery of Donizetti's bel canto style, should have allowed himself to be dressed up as Liberty Valance...that the audience should have risen to their feet to see him peering out of the pit in this costume...that they should have stood there whoopin' and hollerin' as though they were at Grand Ole Opry....

Actually, my similes here are set far too high. John Ford's film was authentic art; Bill Monroe was a terrific musician; even Zane Grey had an original style. The models for this degraded transformation of Don Pasquale were TV cowpoke series like *Gunsmoke* and *Bonanza* — that is, shallow popular junk, with no redeeming aesthetic value. Éverything was a cliché, including the sets and the costumes — and intentionally so, as a way of being clever: the self-referential cuteness of blatantly displayed stereotypes, the decon-

struction of the artificial conventions of Wild West "art." No one seemed to care that Don Pasquale, a European comedy of character in the Molière vein (such

as The School for Wives) has nothing at all in common with Wild West art, and that the production was deconstructing something it had itself quite arbitrarily imposed on the opera.

Well," you might think, "this is all just superficial decor, like the same company's delightful 1999 relocation of Così fan tutte to the Hotel del Coronado: an amusing but harmless gimmick.' Think again. At the beginning of Act Two of the real Don Pasquale, the youthful hero (Pasquale's nephew, Ernesto) is discovered alone in his uncle's house, lamenting the wreck of his hopes in regard to his beloved Norina. The tyrannical Pasquale has disinherited him. Ernesto adores Norina too much to ask her to marry a pauper. Imagining her in front of him, he elaborates on the contents of the farewell letter he has sent her: he is leaving Rome (and Europe) for a distant destination, he will always remain devoted to her, and if some day she should fall in love with another he will never reproach her but will rejoice in her happiness. The words depict him as a noble, faithful, idealistic, and just slightly self-dramatizing young lover. The music of 'Cercherò lontana terra" is of heartbreaking beauty, exquisitely written for the voice and for a ravishing trumpet obbligato. Donizetti was an expert at composing comic music, as a good deal of Don Pasquale testifies. But in this aria there is not the slightest suggestion of comedy; it is meant to touch the listener's feelings in the way only great song can do — something the wonderful tenor Matthew Polenzani knew full well. Using his lovely, light, lyrical voice with accomplished bel canto technique, he spun out the gorgeous lines with such sincere sentiment that it brought

That is, it would have brought tears to one's eyes if one had not been distracted at every instant by the trash that was going on onstage. Listen to how that profoundly sensitive theater artist, David Gately, staged the scene. It took place in a bordello. Ernesto, a ridiculous bumpkin, was there to take a bubble-bath (whether before sex, after sex, or independently of sex was not specified). "Miss Kitty's" girls helped him to remove his clothes, with much humorous business about Ernesto's modesty. Presumably naked, he got into the bath, with his feet still in their cowboy boots — propped up on the rim. In this position, he sang the aria, presented as a letter he was composing to Norina, which one of the prostitutes was taking down to his dictation. At one point, she dropped her pen into the bathtub and tried to retrieve it, but the shocked Ernesto stopped her. He groped under the water himself, first apparently coming upon his own penis (as the look on his face indicated), and then finally finding the pen and restoring it to her. And but never mind, you unafter that -

derstand the basic principles of this staging: David Gately knows more about effective musical theater than did Donizetti (the composer of some 60 successful operas), and the composer's intentions don't count for beans. The audience loved it! Ha ha ha!

Meanwhile, poor Matthew Polenzani's fabulous singing went practically unnoticed. How could anyone pay attention to the music of some old-fashioned operatic composer when a naked man in a bubble-bath was feeling himself up, surrounded by whores in corsets? And how could anyone appreciate the pathos of Ernesto's feelings, the intensity of his ardor, the loftiness of his de-

votion, the depth of his sadness, and the delicacy of Donizetti's characterization - when the atmosphere onstage was one of vulgar farce? In fact, how could one actually hear the expressive nuances of the singing when all around one there were the giggles, titters, and guffaws of a bunch of early adolescents laughing their heads off at Dude, Where's My Car?

I could give example after example of this sort of thing, if I had the stomach for it. Even Ernesto's magically enchanting serenade in Act Three was

Donizetti

Donizetti, "Don Pasquale" Civic Theatre (San Diego Opera)

Conductor, Edoardo Müller, director, David Gately (he should sink into the earth); set designer, Tony Fanning; costume designer, Helen E. Rodgers. Cast: Bruno Praticò (Don Pasquale), Christopher Schaldenbrand (Doctor Malatesta), Matthew Polenzani (Ernesto), Ying Huang (Norina).

> staged as a joke. The only number the director kept his hands off (he must have been ill that day) was the following love duet, which Ernesto and Norina were allowed to sing — quite beautifully – without any stage business at all! But that was an exception: otherwise, scarcely a moment in the production was free of Gately's destructive meddling.

> Furthermore, while he was busy dreaming up stupid pet tricks, he was also obviously discouraging the singers from creating believable, well-rounded characters, which would have gone contrary to the tone of the whole production. Consequently, virtually nothing was left of the

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Una Storia Segreta tells the little known story of the Italian Americans' internment and evacuation. In California, Italian resident aliens were subjected to a curfew and the searches and seizures of property. Eventually, an estimated 10,000 persons of Italian heritage were evacuated from prohibited zones along the coast.

Author Larry DiStasi will read from his book and discuss the west coast internment experience.

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human reality that gives Don Pasquale its irresistible humor and charm. Bruno Praticò's performance of the title role, while vocally adequate (although not distinctive), was curiously cold and unpleasant. He was neither funny nor pathetic, even when the libretto and the music unmistakably underlined those qualities. It was a far cry from François Loup's engaging and touching Pasquale in San Diego Opera's first-rate, traditional, ungimmicked production of the opera in 1989, when Wolfgang Weber, who actually respected the composer's genius, was the director. Christopher Schaldenbrand's Malatesta was simply vigorous, with no sense of a distinct inner identity, although when he was required actually to sing (as in his well-turned "Bella siccome un angelo") he did a respectable job. Ying Huang's Norina was suitably perky, and she managed the fioritura well. But anyone who was around 22 years ago, when Beverly Sills sang the role here,

will have recognized the difference between a dutiful singing actress carrying out the director's instructions (not all of them totally asinine) and a natural *comédienne* with a real flair for character.

However, it's not fair to blame the singers for anything in this awful production. Left to themselves, with their native talents and instincts, and without a self-inflating director to gum things up, they would without doubt have turned in a thoroughly enjoyable performance of an opera you might have thought it impossible to spoil. (Think again.)

"What are you so angry about, Saville? You talk as though a criminal act had been committed. Lighten up! It's only a silly little opera."

Yes, it's only an opera, only a work of art. But a work of art has its rights — and this is a very good work of art, indeed, in its genre, a perfect work of art: brilliant, graceful, witty, inventive, shapely, and humane. In it, the composer created something of true value, something worth cherishing. To see it treated with such ignorance and contempt ought to arouse any opera-lover's ire, and it's

aroused mine.

In the first scene of this production, Ernesto rides up to the hotel on the effigy of a horse, dismounts, steps into a pile of manure, and has to spend some time trying to scrape it off on the doorposts. (Ha ha ha ha!) He doesn't look confident that he's gotten rid of it all. That's the way I feel about San Diego Opera's Don Pasquale. I would have preferred never to think about it again. But somebody's got to stand up for Donizetti. ■

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Described as "Diverse and Dynamic," the California Quartet per-

forms for Escondido Library's First Thursday series on May 2. The performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Turrentine Room of the library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Call 760-839-4329 for information.

¡Zarzuela! Spanish baroque opera excerpts and villancicos are on tap when the USD Choral Scholars are joined by members of San Diego Baroque, La Monica, and the San Diego Opera for a concert today, Thursday, May 2. The event includes a pre-concert lecture at 11:30 a.m. and the concert at 12:15 p.m., all in the French Parlor, Founders Hall, at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Admission is \$8 general. Call 619-260-2280 for information. (LINDA VISTA)

The Jacobs' Masterworks Series hosted by the San Diego Symphony concludes for the season with concerts May 3-5. Maestro Jung-Ho Pak and company present Debussy's Prelude to "L'Apres midi d'un faune" and "Le Sacre du Printemps" by

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from \$15 to \$70. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (ESCONDIDO, DOWNTOWN)

Sonic Sampler II, listen for "the latest ideas in electronic music at Palomar College" during a concert led by Madelyn Byrne on Friday, May 3. Listen for "creations in a variety of media such as computers, synthesizers, and other state-of-the-art sources." The concert starts at 8 p.m. in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College, 1140 West Mission

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A Variety of Art Songs, spirituals, and selections from opera and Broadway may be enjoyed when soprano Maria-Pia Vischi Duffy performs on Saturday, May 4, at 3:30 p.m., at the Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). Duffy will be joined by pianist Janie Prim. The suggested donation is \$7. For further information, call 760-631-7055. (VISTA)

Enjoy Symphonies in C? A century apart, Franz Schubert and Igor Stravinsky each wrote a "Symphony in C," full of classical grace, strength, and beauty. Their very different masterpieces will be performed by the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus on May 4 and 5.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday in UCSD's Mandeville Center. Pre-concert lectures begin one hour prior to each performance. Tickets: \$19 general. For reservations, dial 858-534-4467. (LA JOLLA)

"Cinco de Mayo: Fiesta Mexicana," this San Diego Chamber Orchestra Carnival Concert is slated for Sunday, May 5, at the Center for the Arts, Escondido. Celebrate Mexico's heritage with performances by the Mariachi Griego de Montgomery Middle School, folkloric dancers, and traditional repertoire including the "Mexican Hat Dance," "La Bamba," "Granada," and "The Toreador Song."

The concert begins at 2 p.m. at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Tickets are \$9.50. For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Fauré's "Requiem" may be heard when the Cuyamaca College Community Chorus presents a concert on Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m., at St. John of the Cross Church (8086 Broadway). The 75-voice choral group will also present a "Salute to Andrew Lloyd Webber" with 40-piece orchestra. Admission is \$10 general. Questions? Call 619-660-4350 or 619-466-3209 for answers. (LEMON GROVE)

Operatic Scenes and Duets will be staged in costume by singers of the opera workshop when the Small Opera of San Diego hosts "I Love Opera" on Sunday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the Academy of Sound and Music (3554 Kettner Boulevard). The requested donation is \$5. Call 619-725-0777 for details. (MIDDLETOWN)

A Cinco de Mayo Mexican Fiesta featuring Tijuana native and tenor Marcos Labastida, American mezzosoprano Martha Jane Weaver, and civic organist Carol Williams is slated for Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m., in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. The program includes Mexican songs sung in Spanish by composers including Maria Grever, Alfonso Esparza Otero, Alvaro Carrillo, Bert Kaempfert, Nilo Melendez, Agustin Lara, Gabriel Ruiz, Quirino Mendez, and José Lopez Alavez. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Promote Peace Through the Joy and Beauty of Music" — it's the goal when the San Diego Chorale Arts Ensemble performs on Sunday, May 5. The program includes "The Peaceable Kingdom," with text from the prophecy of Isaiah and music by Randall Thompson; and contemporary and sacred music for unaccompanied mixed voices.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. at Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church (11451 Blue Cypress Drive). The requested donation is \$10. Call 858-653-3540 for information. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Symphonic Winds Concert Bands plan a concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. For more details, dial Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020. (SDSU)

"A World of Music" is the theme for the Kiwanis Club of San Diego and La Jolla's 18th annual music scholarship concert. Performers include the Brador Brass Quintet, the West Coast Woodwind Trio, the Ralph Rodriguez Trio, classical guitarist Roland Schlieder, clarinetist Marian Liebowitz, and pianists Richard Thompson and Rick Helzer.

The recital starts at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, at the Salvation Army Citadel, found at 4170 Balboa Avenue. Tickets are \$20 general, \$5 for students, benefiting scholarships for the School of Music and Dance at SDSU. For information, dial 619-222-1924. (CLAIREMONT)

"Celebrating Jewish Music: A Concert Series" concludes with a youth concert on Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m., at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. Cantor Sheldon Merel chose performers Claire Cutting (oboe), Brendan Homnick (piano), Karina Lombrazo (vocals), Eugene Ugorski (violin), and Amitai Zuckerman (cello) for inclusion in









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this concert. Tickets are \$10 general. Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive; 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Soprano Fiona Chatwin presents selections by George Crumb, Carlos Alsina, Chris Tonkin, and John Cage for her DMA recital on Monday, May 6, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. Admission is free. (LA JOLLA)

Pianist Scott Walton presents his DMA recital in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center on Tuesday, May 7, beginning at 8 p.m. Free. Dial 858-534-4830 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Cool, Clear Water, MiraCosta College's Guitar Orchestra presents a water-themed concert on Wednesday, May 8. Ensemble members include 12 guitarists, one requinto player, a flutist, a keyboardist, and a cellist; listen for surf classics including "Pipeline" and "Miserlou," along with the minuet from "Water Music" by Handel. Also on tap: the premiere of "Sand and Surf" by orchestra director Eric Foster. Tickets are \$7 general. Find the campus theater at One Barnard Drive. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

New Music is promised when the New Music Ensemble at San Diego State University presents a recital at noon on Wednesday, May 8, in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. For information, call 619-594-6060. Free.

And the Winners Are...the annual student composition concert at San Diego State University is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, at 8 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall. Tickets are \$10. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

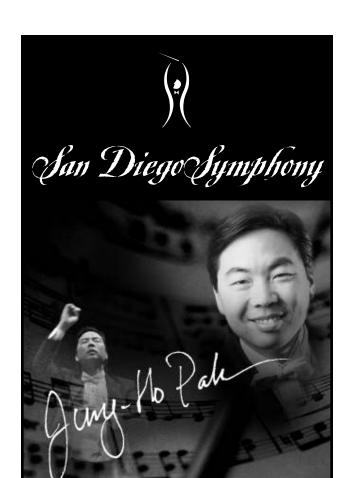
"Concert for the Young at Heart," music aimed at kids and their families — "and all those who are young at heart" — is promised during a concert by the North Coast Symphony on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., in the MiraCosta Theatre. The program features the premiere performance of the "Smiley Wiley Symphony" by Oceanside schoolteacher Richard Morgan, narrated by elementary music school specialist Steven Traugh.

Also on tap are the Saint-Saëns "Carnival of the Animals" and a series of traditional classical works: the first movement of Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony"; an *allegro vivace* of the "William Tell Overture" by Rossini; "Morning Mood" and "In the Hall of the Mountain King," the first and last movements from "Peer Gynt No. 1" by Grieg; the waltz from Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty*; and the "Russian Sailor's Dance" by Glière.

Tickets are \$7 general, \$5 for students and seniors, \$2 for children. Find the campus at College One Barnard Drive. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

"Local Living Legends" are being celebrated when the San Diego Symphony offers a "Light Bulb" series concert on Saturday, May 25. The concert is the final performance of maestro Jung-Ho Pak as artistic director of the symphony, joined by Grammy award-winning violinist and composer Mark O'Connor and jazz guitarist Peter Sprague. The program includes O'Connor's "Strings & Threads" and "Concerto for Two Violins and Orchestra," with violinist Joanna Maurer; as well as Sprague's "Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra."

Tickets range from \$10 to \$55. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. For reservations and other information, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)



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GALLERIES

Selected Work from over 200 Palomar College art and photography classes is on exhibit in the "Annual Student Art Exhibition" on view through Wednesday, May 22, in the Boehm Gallery. The pieces were created in a variety of media. An art department open house and reception is set for Friday, May 3, at 5 p.m.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2304.

The Spring Show at Taboo Studio opens with a reception for the six participating jewelry artists on Friday, May 3, at 6 p.m., and continues through Saturday, May 15. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Taboo, 1615 1/2 West Lewis Street; 619-692-0099.

Imagery Heavily Influenced by artists ranging from Rembrandt to Ingres that manages to transcend classical roots to "stand with the best contemporary art" by Herbert Olds is on exhibit through Sunday, June 16, at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Olds is considered a master draftsman who has in recent years put greater emphasis on painting.

"Herbert Olds: Recent Works" opens with a reception for the artist on Saturday, May 4, at 6 p.m. For viewing hours and other information, dial 858-238-6627. Olds presents an artists' talk on Saturday, May 25, at 1 p.m. (PACIFIC BEACH)

A Designer's Show featuring textiles from around the world, plein air paintings, furniture, carpets, and more opens with receptions on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, at Appleby International Arts (9814 Carson Place). Call 760-233-0404 for details. The show continues through June. (ESCONDIDO)

"Sunlight and Shadow: Recent California Paintings by John Comer and Robin Hall" opens at the Art Expressions Gallery with a reception on Saturday, May 4, at 6 p.m. Comer is described as an avid sailor and surfer, bringing his knowledge of the California coast to his work; Hall is said to be "a master of conveying the subtleties of color and light." See the show through Saturday, June 22.

Find the gallery at 2645 Financial Court, suite C. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and by appointment. 858-270-7577. (BAY PARK)

"My Favorite Places" are explored by Georgeanna Lipe in her watercolors on display at the Artists Gallery (7420 Girard Avenue) through Saturday, June 1. Meet Lipe when she's honored with a reception on Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 858-459-5844. (LA JOLLA)

"New Visions," San Diego Artwear hosts its annual spring show and sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at the Showcase Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). Participants will offer original handmade garments, contemporary jewelry, and accessories. Admission is free. 619-297-3030. (DOWNTOWN)

Travel to France and Czechoslovakia in paintings on exhibit at the East West Art Gallery through Saturday, July 6. Jane Riles frequently travels to France and has painted the country "with bold, vibrant colors"; colorist and expressionist Peter Suczek displays his love for Czechoslovakia in his work. Meet the painters during a reception planned on Saturday, May 4, at 5 p.m. Find the gallery at 7720-D El Camino Real (La Costa Town Center); 760-944-0670. (LA COSTA)

"Intrinsic Intimacies" — Matt Hutton's master of fine art thesis exhibition opens with a reception on Saturday, May 4, at 6 p.m., in the Everett Gee Jackson Gallery at San Diego State University. The show continues through Thursday, May 9. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The gallery is found in the lobby of the fifth floor of the art department building. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

"Come See the Music" when ten artists show "provocative artworks

empowered by the invisible harmonies of the universal language of music" at the Mixed Media Art Gallery. Meet the creators of the featured paintings and ceramics during a reception planned on Saturday, May 4, at 6 p.m. Regular viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on weekends by appointment, at 4576 Federal Boulevard. 619-527-2508. Face the music through June. (SAN DIEGO)

Two for One, the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery hosts an exhibit featuring painted ceramics by Sayoko Becker and landscapes by plein air painter Catherine Grawin on view through Sunday, June 16. Meet the duo at an opening reception slated for Saturday, May 4, at 4 p.m. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The gallery is found at 30352 Highway 78 (at the junction with Highway 78). For more information, call 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

Varied and Personal Works by R.C. Ginsberg may be seen during May at the Del Mar Art Center (1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street). Ginsberg paints landscapes, bodyscapes, and still-lifes in oil. Meet the artist at a reception scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, at 6 p.m. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

New Paintings by Stephen Pentak are on exhibit along with new works by gallery artists at Susan Street Fine Art (415 South Cedros Avenue, suite 160). Meet the artists during a reception on Thursday, May 9, at 6 p.m. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call 858-793-4442 for further information. The show closes on Sunday, June 30. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, a wide-ranging assortment of two-dimensional works examining the impact of science and technology on humanity is on offer in "Interface: A Juried Exhibition Exploring Science, Technology, and Art." Show jurors Don Bacigalupi, Sally Yard, and David Ávalos chose for inclusion "artists with an interest in science and working scientists with a passion for artmaking." See the show through Saturday, June 29.

The media arts are in the midst of what many have called a "digital revolution"; the technology behind this revolution has affected everything from the tools and distribution channels to the aesthetics and viewing experience of the moving image. "DV Noir: Video Art from

Under the Shadow of Hollywood" features single-channel video works by ten Los Angeles area artists who have attained technological expertise in the commercial entertainment industry while maintaining careers as independent artists. The artists selected for "DV Noir" are said to "share a commitment to exploring the conceptual, aesthetic, and sociopolitical boundaries of contemporary art." View the results through Saturday, June 29.

Site-specific installations by an international group of artists whose creative material is light are currently on view. "Light" examines subjects including "the nature of time, space and infinity, and the consequences, both positive and negative, of our increasingly intimate relationship with technology." The exhibition concludes on Sunday, May 5.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, a comprehensive exhibition of African arts of daily life from across the continent is offered in "African Art — The Pulse of a Continent," continuing through Sunday, September 8. Highlights include a beaded chief's robe from Nigeria's Yoruba culture, a wedding costume from the Ndebele people of South Africa, feather hats, ivory hairpins, and stools carved from single pieces of wood.

The James L. Greaves Collection is a unique assemblage of more than 230 pre-Columbian objects dating from the First Century to about 1500 A.D. Primarily fashioned from clay, the collection also includes works in stone, metal, and fiber depicting fish and other sea life as well as fishermen. Many of the forms are musical instruments. "Pre-Columbian Art — Marine Animal Forms" continues through Thursday, August 8.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. For additional information, call 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, using hired models and teams of assistants, Israeli photographer Adi Nes constructs dramatic scenes set in locations throughout Israel, painstakingly "creating a heightened realism charged with a symbolism, a theatricality, and an eroticism that transcends the everyday." Fifteen of these large-scale photographs are gathered in "Adi Nes," with works examining "masculinity, militarism, and the social sphere," on display through Sunday, July 14.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, the progression of Wolfgang Laib's career over the past 28 years is traced in "Wolfgang Laib: A Retrospective." The exhibition includes 24 sculptures and installations as well as 26 drawings. Laib is an artist whose work is said to deal with the spirituality of everyday materials and objects. Laib lives in a remote area of Germany's Black Forest. In his art, "Laib has gathered pollen to create glowing floor installations, has built rooms and other architectural elements from beeswax (which allude to antiquity), and explored the shamanistic role of the contemporary artist." Interested? View the retrospective through Sunday, May 19.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541.

Museum of Photographic Arts, 35 photographers and 15 writers were commissioned to record their responses to culture at the end of the 20th Century. The work they produced addresses an array of issues including tradition, family, diversity, and immigration. The resulting exhibition, "Photographers, Writers, and the American Scene," features a large selection of the images and excerpts from the writings, on display through Sunday, June 2.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, curated by former *National Lampoon* art director Michael C. Gross, "Smile" celebrates humor in art. The exhibit includes the work of 22 distinguished contemporary artists "designed to make you giggle, chortle, smirk, and laugh" through Sunday, May 26. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, the 21st annual Art Alive! continues through Sunday, May 5. More than 130 amateur and professional floral designers will be participating. Artworks from the museum's galleries are complemented by unique floral arrangements created by professional floral designers and amateur exhibitors.

Mexican, British, and American scholars who have made a special study of 20th-Century Mexican art and of the artistic and cultural relations between the United States and Mexico were brought together in the development of "José Clemente Orozco in the United States, 1927-1934." It's the first major exhibition of Orozco in the U.S. in more than 40 years, featuring over 120 paintings, prints, drawings, watercolors, and preparatory studies for murals All of the pieces showcase Orozco's "revolutionary artistic vision." The works in the show demonstrate the significant impact that living in the U.S. had on Orozco's art; he continued to focus on the intellectual and

social issues that had long been his central concerns, but he no longer treated them exclusively in terms of Mexican subject matter. The exhibition concludes on Sunday, May 19.

This year's "Young Art 2002" exhibit focuses on "The Art of the Book," beginning on Saturday, May 4. The exhibit examines the book both as an object and artwork and as a container of verbal and visual information. The show boasts work by students from kindergarten through 12th grade from San Diego City and County schools. Check it out through Sunday, June 9.

A reinstallation of approximately 40 European paintings from the museum's collection and from private collections exploring the impact that the politics of war and revolution had on art between 1870 and 1940 is offered in "European Art, 1870-1940: War and Revolution, on exhibit through Sunday, July 28. During this period, there was a tremendous vitality of the arts in Europe. The exhibit illustrates how artists' personal statements expressing outrage at the horrors of war are among the strongest images in the history of art. The works included in the show "reveal how images of incredible power and beauty could be born out of cataclysmic change, intellectual ferment, physical and psychological dislocation, and social discord."

The third rotation of Indian miniature paintings, gathered in "The Way of Rama: A Prince in Exile," follows the twists and turns of the Indian epic The Ramayana from the museum's Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings. The exhibit focuses on the adventures of the Hindu god Rama who, like Krishna, is an incarnation of the great god Vishnu, born as a mortal to bring divine powers into the course of events on Earth. Rama's legendary honor and nobility are witnessed in images made at various courts on the subcontinent between the 15th and 19th Centuries. See the images through Sunday, July 14.

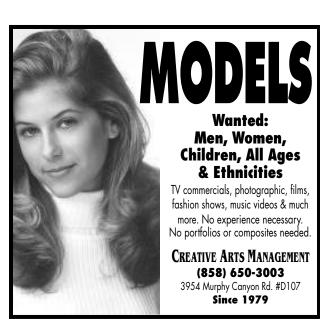
For additional information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, floral masterpieces from the museum's permanent collection are on exhibit during May as part of Balboa Park's annual "Buds n' Blooms" celebration.

"The Portraits of Bartolomeo Veneto," the first-ever exhibition devoted to this Renaissance painter, is on view from Friday, May 3, through Sunday, August 11. Every Veneto portrait known to be in a U.S. collection, as well as a portrait from collection in Milan, Italy, will join the museum's own *Portrait of a Lady in a Green Dress.*

The museum's permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)









THEATER LISTINGS

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Actors Alliance of San Diego: 12th Annual Actors Festival

I want to plug this enterprise, sight unseen. The 12th Annual Actors Festival offers local actors, directors, and playwrights the chance to showcase themselves in new or rarely produced work. The actors perform on a bare stage, or with few props, often against a black background. Costumes range from off-the-rack to off one's clothes hanger (or floor). The emphasis isn't on spectacle; it's on acting. Each evening has three or four one-acts. Some won't be showstoppers (several get chosen for juicy roles rather than for telling a good story or making a dramatic point). But the percentage of quality work's



Beehive

usually high. And every now and then you'll find a jewel. Worth a try.

ST. CECILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, TUESDAY, MAY 7, THROUGH MAY 19: DAILY AT 7:30 P M SPECIAL "KIDS' NIGHT OUT" SHOW (FREE TO CHILDREN), SATURDAY, MAY 11. AT 2:00 P.M. FOR DAYS. TIMES. AND LISTS OF SHOWS AND PER-FORMERS, CALL 619-640-3900

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. Beehive celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far

more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Iill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper

Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Before It Hits Home

As part of the Community Awareness Project to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in San Diego African-American and Latino communities, Floyd Gaffney directs Cheryl West's drama about a bisexual jazz musician who contracts HIV and doesn't tell his family. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA. DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, MAY 3, THROUGH MAY 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

Betty's Summer Vacation

San Diego Actor's Theatre presents a staged reading of Christopher Durang's whacko comedy, for one evening only. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, MONDAY. MAY 6, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 858-268-4494.

Carousel

The Welk Resort Theatre stages one of America's greatest musicals. Billy Bigelow, carny barker, falls for a mill worker on the coast of

WELK RESORT THEATRE THROUGH JUNE 8; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY. AT 1:45 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy

Mystery Cafe's new dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Chalk It Up to Murder

In HIT Productions newest mystery dinner-theater show, Texas Ranger Slate Montana must find the truth. Did Butch Spikehorn kill Hank Anderson, as people have long believed, or was it someone

SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR IN-FORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Cloud 9

One of the most important plays of the past 50 years enjoys a polished, hilarious staging at Diversionary. Caryl Churchill uses humor as an analytical tool, which makes Cloud 9 (1979) funny and thought provoking, often in the same instant. These qualities also make it a



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theatrically complex and tonally tricky, though you'd never know it at Diversionary. Act one takes place in Africa, in 1880. Amid homages to Empire, members of a British colony exercise true Victorian hypocrisy by doing the exact opposite of what they say. In Act two set in London 100 years later (though the characters only age 25), sexual liberation's a fact. But here Churchill ups the stakes. Though individuals become sexually open, the ruling orthodoxy hasn't changed. To break through colonialism on the home front they must forge a new kind of order. To stress differences, and taking her cue from Jean Genet, Churchill requires cross-gender casting. After intermission, the actors reverse roles again. Diversionary's performers show such precision and versatility it's unfair to single any out. Under Brendon Fox's savvy direction, and housed by minimalist, effective design work, each actor does terrific work. But, like the collaborative society Churchill envisions, it's their ensemble efforts that make the production so remarkable.

Critic's pick.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 11: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, MAY 5, AT 2:00 P.M.

Comedy Codependents

The Improv comedy troupe performs the first Friday of every month at the Creativity Centre in Normal Heights. CREATIVITY CENTRE, 4716 32ND

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Culture Clash in AmeriCCa

The Clash is back, with a greatest hits album of scenes from previous shows along with new work: Ric Salinas shows that how people dance salas reflects their place of origin; Herbert Siguenza's a Haitian emigrant convinced Castro'd be better for Haiti than François "Papa Doc" Duvalier; Richard Montoya plays a surfer dude who claims even the ocean has borders and hierarchies. Like Emily Mann and Anna Devere Smith's oral histories, Culture Clash interviews the people TV or movies don't go near and represents them with humor, satire, and astonishing physical accuracy. The question they ask, "What is an American?" gets no facile answer (an underlying question: does this country acknowledge and accommodate difference?). You sense a true authenticity to the voices they depict. And, as is their wont, along with evoking almost constant laughter, they can still reach deep. Toward the end of the intermissionless show, Montoya comes downstage. He's a Viet vet who's lived in Tijuana for 20 years because he can't afford San Diego. As he kneels before a campfire and talks about injustice across the border, a Ugandan and a Filipino become U.S. citizens. [note: the SD Rep's extended the show's run]. Critic's pick.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, LYCEUM STAGE, THROUGH MAY 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.



Dead Men Don't Talk Much & Other One-Acts

The Fault Line Theatre presents four one-acts: Dead Men Don't Talk Much, Sugar & Spice: Women's Stories, Puzzle, and Sink or Swim. FAULT LINE THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 11. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND SUNDAY, MAY 5) AT 8:00 P.M.

Death Rides the Stage

HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: 'You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear...and there's a dead body in the next room." SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFOR-MATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Dralion

Legendary Cirque du Soleil's latest has a vague theme, something about the elements - colorschemed as air (blue), water (green), fire (red), and earth

(ochre) — but has less storyline than previous efforts. And it's got so many pyrotechnical elements it's as much a rock concert as a "circus without animals." Like spiders, people crawl around a large metallic rear wall. Lighting, enough to illuminate heaven, spears and fries the performers (37 of whom are amazing acrobats from China). From atop the big top, a massive, high-tech carousel flies in giant rings, objects, and people. The incessant extravaganza threatens to dwarf the performances (and why the lighting zaps the audience during grand effects boggles the brainpan; you want to shout ."Yo. Cirque: relax and trust your talent"). In Dralion, the box its wrapped in gets as much attention as the gift. But amid excessive packaging, Cirque du Soleil speaking a universal language and maybe three words of English will show you 20 things you've never seen before, and will never forget.

Critic's Pick.

THE GRAND CHAPITEAU, DEL MAR FAIR-GROUNDS, THROUGH MAY 19; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 P.M. THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. AND 5:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL

Everybody Loves Opal

of con artists want to "do her in"? Keith A. Anderson directed John Patrick's comedy. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MAY 12: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-

Far East

The Laguna Playhouse stages A.R. Gurney's drama about a young reserve officer on an American naval base in Japan, seeking 'romance, adventure, and the chance to escape his rich family back home." Jules Aaron directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MAY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 949-497-2787

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family upset by a young visitor: an English actor. Luiz Russo directed. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 5. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-688-9210 OR 619-216-1391

Funkalosophy Eveoke Dance Theatre opens its new season with a "slap-tap, pop-locking, breaking, and street funk" show that blends hip-hop with modern dance theater. EVECKE DANCE THEATRE, 644 SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, MAY 3, THROUGH MAY 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY, MAY 26, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-238-1153.

Getting Frankie Married — And Afterwards

The South Coast Repertory Theatre offers the world premiere of Horton Foote's comedy about Fred. He "means to do the right thing by Frankie," his sweetheart, but may have something to hide. Martin Benson directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, MAIN STAGE, THROUGH MAY 5; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

Godspell

Must be some kind of local first: due to huge advance ticket sales, prior to opening Godspell, the Lamb's Players extended the show's run a month. It could run all summer. The original version (1971) had a humble, minimalist look. Teens at a playground retell the gospel according to Matthew. Over the years, Lamb's has staged the musical three times, each new version expanding the stage. Now Mike Buckley's set, a prop-rich potpourri of stuff, has become a gigantic trunk that contains the world. And the "Leader" (Rick Meads as a casual, childlike Nazarene) is neither lion nor lamb. He's a cool dude, hip to popular culture, which he and the cast use to retell the story with "found" items. Directed by Robert Smyth, with choreography by Pamela Turner, the show boasts fluid ensemble work, lively numbers (especially when Tracy Hughes grabs a mike and cuts loose), and kaleidoscopic meshing of colors and textures. The show favors the cute. and the first act still goes a parable too far, but the advance ticket sales were on the nose. If Lamb's could find a home for it away from home, Godspell could run indefinitely.

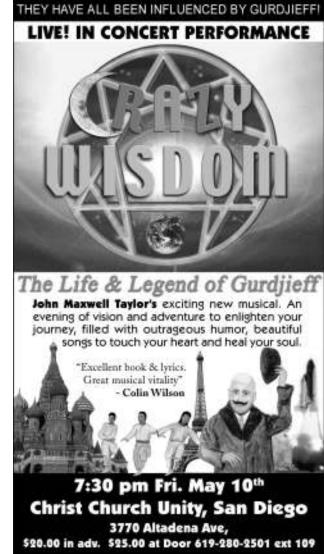
Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE THROUGH JUNE 16: TUESDAY THROUGH THURS-DAY, AND SUNDAY, AT 7:30 P.M. FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Hank Show

The Pine Hills Lodge & Dinner Theater presents Jack Johnson's



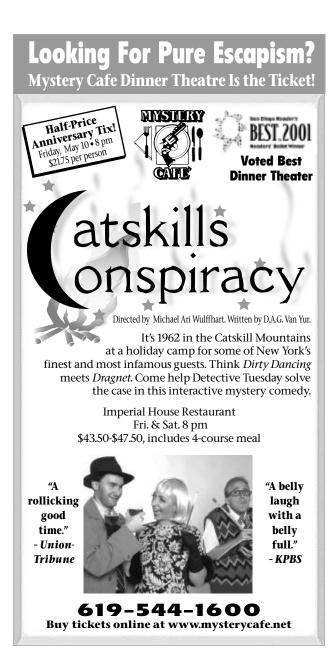


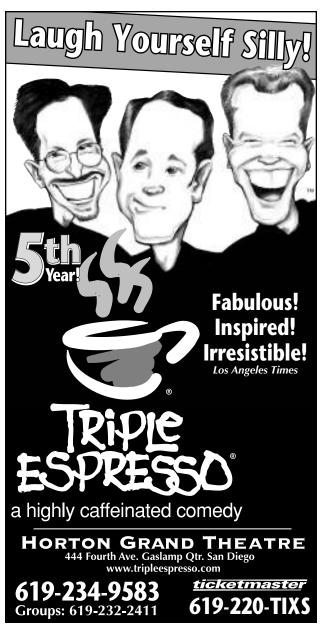
What do Bob Dylan, Marianne Williamson,

"The Matrix", "Groundhog Day" and

Rubin "Hurricane" Carter have in common?







tribute to Hank Williams Sr., "a 1950-vintage replica.' PINE HILLS LODGE DINNER THEATER, THROUGH MAY 11: MATINEE MAY 10 AND 11, DINNER AT 6:30 P.M., CURTAIN

Hello, Dolly!

San Diego City College Theatre stages Jerry Herman's musical, based on The Matchmaker by Thornton Wilder. Dolly Gallagher Levi decides to make a match for

SAVILLE THEATRE, SAN DIEGO CITY COL-LEGE, THROUGH MAY 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M.

How the Other Half Loves

The Poway Performing Arts Company presents Alan Ayckbourn's farce about a "clueless duo unwittingly drawn into the subterfuges" of three other couples. Jim Caputo

POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY. THROUGH MAY 19; FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P M

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents the "song-packed satire of big business and greed." Raylene Wall directed. CAMPUS THEATER, ALLIANT INTERNA-TIONAL LINIVERSITY (FORMERLY LINITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY), THROUGH MAY 18; FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT

I'll Be Back Before Midnight

East Side Repertory Theatre (formerly Octad-One Productions) stages Peter Colley's thriller. Jan, fresh from four months in a mental hospital, wants to rest her nerves, with husband Greg, at an old Victorian farmhouse deep in the country. Wayne Alan Erreca directed. EAST SIDE REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 12; FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Importance of Being Earnest

Centers of Learning by the Sea Performing Arts stages Oscar Wilde's comedy "with an American twist." CHURCH OF HIS KINGDOM, 950 GAR-LAND AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH MAY 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 4:00 P M FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-575-1688.

Irish Dance Cabaret

Dublin Square Irish Pub & Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, comedy, and song — and a three-course Irish

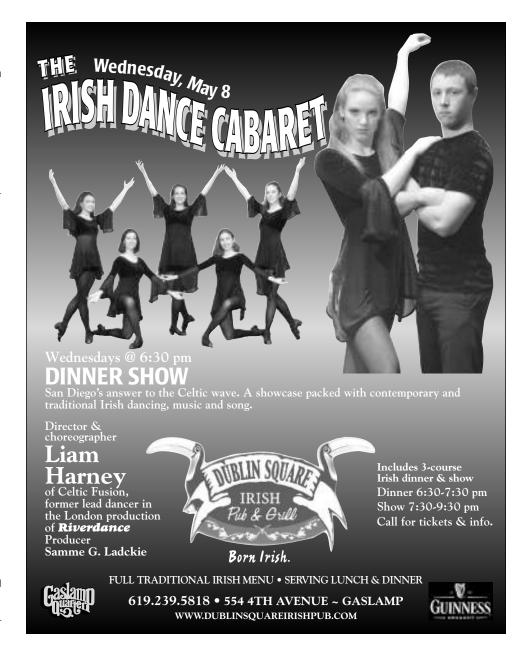
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It's My Party (and I'll DIE if I want to)

H.I.T. Productions' new interactive mystery takes place at Ted Sterling's birthday party. But ask his wife: Ted hasn't been all that sterling, "and now he must pay!" SHIRLEY'S, 7868 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-IOFY





The Lady Cries Murder

The Lamplighters Community Theatre stages John William See's slick, funny spoof of hard-boiled detective fiction. Les Payne directed.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 5: FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT

Late-Nite Catechism

One of its most popular shows returns to the California Center for the Arts. "Sister" — a substitute for the regular instructor (who's off at poker night?) — teaches an interactive adult catechism class. She's been banned from regular duties, for reasons that become obvious in no time, and takes this opportunity to lace her lesson plan with like

amounts of humor and horror. She means well. Oh, does she mean well (with emphasis on "mean"). She rewards the faithful, and correct answers, with glow-in-the-dark rosaries and threatens eternal damnation for anything even verging on an imperfect response. Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's twoact piece is unafraid to be authoritarian and old-time religion. People actually rubbed their knuckles (like the ghost of an amputated arm), the night I caught the show, as they remembered vengeful three-sided wooden rulers and other forms of pedagogical torment in the catechisms of their youth. But the other thing about "sister." She's savvy. She's way ahead of you and your objections and loves to prove it (heckle ye not: she excels at laser repartee). Worth a try.

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ES-CONDIDO, THROUGH MAY 12: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P M

Memoir

John Murrell's piece about the last days of Sarah Bernhardt has the makings: a charismatic superstar, her comic foil (Pitou, a senile secretary), plus territory drama rarely goes near: the final stage of a life and the "last things" thinking that accompanies it. How to sum up the years? What ultimately matters? Bernhardt dictates her memoirs to Pitou, but how could anyone, in her words, "make sense somehow" of a life as Wagnerian as hers? Memoir hasn't a clue. It shifts between sketchy biographical info, the sort you'd find in an encyclopedia, and childlike byplay between Bernhardt and Pitou. It's as predictable as superficial (there hasn't been this much sun symbolism since Ra ruled over ancient Egypt). Katherine McGrath scores as Bernhardt, playing her like deposed royalty, astonished that she's mortal and backing un-gently from the throne. And Jonathan McMurtry brings wry life to the white-clad,

doddering Pitou. The most arresting aspect of the production, along with Robert Morgan's late summer, sun-baked terrace, is how Mc-Grath and McMurtry share the stage with subtle artistry. They serve each other, feeding and receiving focus. But if that's what you end up doing — appreciating how actors interrelate — the play hasn't grabbed vou at all. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, THROUGH MAY 5: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT

Much Ado About Nothing

SDSU's department of theater stages Shakespeare's comedy about two of his most famous skeptics: Beatrice and Benedick. DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH MAY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain 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 pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try.

MAROUIS THEATER 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMA-TION CALL 619-295-4999.

Neville's Island

OnStage Playhouse presents Tim Firth's comedy about four middleaged "orienteers" stranded on an uninhabited island. And they'd planned for outbound team bonding. Michele Guisti directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, MAY 3, THROUGH JUNE 2: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-

Over the River and Through the Woods

Torrey Pines Theatre stages a comedy about a young man who "religiously" attends Sunday dinners with his four Italian-American grandparents. He gets a "dream job" offer and must leave town. TORREY PINES THEATRE, HASHINGER HALL, TORREY PINES CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FRIDAY, MAY 3, THROUGH MAY 19: THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 858-793-0154.

Pageant Beauty pageants rank among the safest of targets. Robert Longbottom's satire tears into the genre but raises the stakes twice. While his contestants send up the various competitions — talent show, Q&A, swimsuit — the actors are in their own contest, "Miss Glamouresse," judged each night by the North Coast Rep's audience. One other thing: men play the six female contestants. And play them so well you become convinced that, say, Jeffrey Merrell's Miss Texas is a woman playing a man playing a woman (whose hobbies include "working with the beauty-impaired"). After a while you wonder what you are judging: talent (as when David McBean performs triple ventriloquism with two puppets and stops the show cold), likeness to actual contestants, or the ability to satirize

the baroque hoopla of pageants. On the Grand Scale of Cosmic Significance, Forever Plaid probably stands closer to Hamlet than Pageant. The latter's a one-note show, but a game cast, decked out in wigs and an almost endless array of classy/chintzy costumes, sounds that note with all they've got. Pageant's a hoot. (Note: Phil Johnson has replace Don Ward; also due to popular demand, the North Coast Rep extended its run twice.) Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 26: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT

Psycopathia Sexualis

The Globe Theatres/University of San Diego MFA Program present John Patrick Shanley's "wacky comedy" about "two couples, a therapist, and a strange fetish!" Richard Seer directed. STUDIO THEATRE, SACRED HEART HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO. THROUGH MAY 4: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

Rhinoceros

Body snatchers invade a provincial French town. People succumb to "rhinoceritus" — literally becoming rhinos — so readily that soon humans appear "abnormal." Eugene Ionesco's allegory (1960) traces the rise of "fanatization," particularly in Nazi Germany. "Ideologies which become idolatries, automatic systems of thought," he wrote, "arise like a screen between the mind and reality" and "prevent co-existence, for a rhinoceros cannot get on with anyone not of his kind." Rhinoceros resembles what it depicts. It's a talky, cue-crazy, three-act monster. Further complicating matters: Ionesco argued it isn't a comedy ("it cannot be anything other than painful and serious"). The Fritz Theater honors Ionesco's dictum. The opening-night performance, however, didn't honor the play. Everything from the set to the acting looked unfinished. The show was underrehearsed, cramped (so much that actors bumped into each other), dry, long (especially Act three, in which two characters gab for at least 20 minutes), and badly directed. Each scene remained on a single noise level and made little use of the script's potential theatricality. The acting, much of it amateurish, offered one gem: Jim Chovick undergoes a "rhinocerotic" metamorphosis from the fastidious Jean to a fourfooted beast. ST. CECILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE (AT CEDAR), SAN DIEGO, THROUGH MAY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-233-7505.

Rumors

Premiere Productions stages Neil Simon's comedy about the way word of mouth can make mountains. Jim Strait directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, THURSDAY, MAY 9, THROUGH MAY 19: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR IN-FORMATION CALL 760-724-2110.

Seven Weeks of Greeks! The Tragedies

What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' Medea, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the

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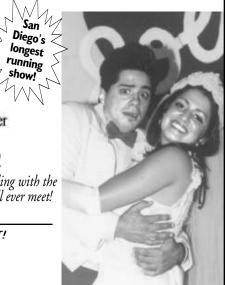
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"Mr. Halloran, you're having a heart attack.' "

Yesterday was the oneyear anniversary of alternative across the parking lot, I'm about ready to collapse. I was sweating like you couldn't believe. They took my vital signs. The doctor, Brett Berman, looked at me in the most calm demeanor vou could imagine and said, 'Mr. Halloran, you're having a heart attack.' "

Halloran, 43, says he has

the inside track

station 92/1 KFSD-FM, but founder Mike Halloran spent the milestone at his home in La Jolla. Halloran oversees both 92/1, which is based in Carlsbad, and Cool 94/3, which is based in Anaheim.

On April 18, Halloran left for home at 2 a.m. "On the way home I felt this huge pressure in my chest. Like many men, I could have just blown it off and gone home and taken some aspirin. Instead I turned off at Genesee and went to [UCSD's Thornton] hospital. As I walk

not smoked in 8 years. He says he hasn't touched alcohol or drugs in 18. But he admits he has "neglected to do the right things. My cholesterol was bad before, and I just neglected it by not exercising. I managed to eat a lot more crap than I should have."

While he was conscious, Halloran said the doctors "did a Roto Rooter job" declogging the artery in his heart. "It clogged up again, so they had to do it again 12 hours later. One of the guys in there said, 'Dude, we all

grew up listening to you....' You forget people know who you are.

Halloran said the most memorable moment was when his wife Stephani brought in their children, Declan, 8, and Rory, 4. "Declan said. 'Daddy, are you gonna die?' Right there I knew how serious it was.'

He spent three more days in intensive care and returned home last Thursday. Halloran said he was pleased to get best wishes from his friends at his old station 91X. "Kid Rock called me in the hospital. He said, 'Halloran?' I

gotta lay off the pork rinds.' Meanwhile, the staff at 92/1 and 94/3 are running the stations until he returns.

said, 'Yeah?' He said... 'You

"We're a little family," said one 92/1 employee who did not want to be identified. "The important thing is Mike. Radio is pretty secondary. Something that is lifethreatening puts everything into perspective pretty

quickly."

Halloran said he will take some health cues from his



MR. HALLORAN, YOU'RE HAVING A HEART ATTACK

boss, station owner Art Astor. "He's 77. He's the epitome of health. He gets up in the morning, goes for a walk, eats the right stuff, and then works 18 hours."

— Ken Leighton

"I...got a big Howard Stern wig and streaked the stage fully nude," said comedian Wes Sample about how he got even with a Comedy Store manager. "Tony, the old manager,

didn't like me from the beginning. One night I brought 20 friends who came to see me, and he told me I wasn't going on."

Sample, who works days at a biotech firm and is married with two kids, is sitting out his two-month Comedy Store suspension, after having performed there for two years. He says he was

too Kinison for the room. Now Sample is trying to work the rock 'n' roll opener niche. "I opened for Sprung Monkey once at Canes. When they introduced me everybody booed."

Sample, 33, used to sing in "dirthead" punk bands from East County like the Hex Dolls. Now he only sings when he spoofs pop hits in his standup routine.

"Another time me and my buddy Justin Davis rushed the stage wearing black tights and skeleton masks. Matt Bragg [comedian and Comedy Store assistant

manager] ...was onstage. It scared him."

Then there was the time Drizz (the stage name Sample goes by) wanted to pay homage on the anniversary of Sam Kinison's death. "I put on an outfit that looked like him — a trench coat and beret. I wasn't signed up, but I took the stage. I told the crowd about the stuff Sam



DRIZZ: BANNED FROM THE PLACE HE LOVES

used to do. I asked the crowd if they wanted to see how Sam broke stools onstage. They went crazy. I slammed the

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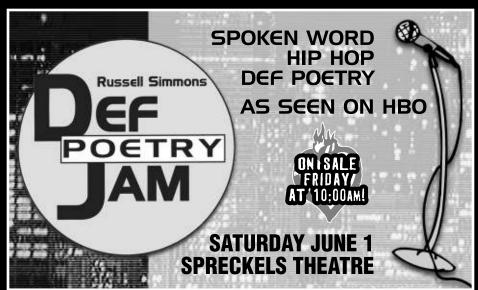
















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stool on the stage. It shattered."

But that wasn't what got him suspended. That happened April 14.

"Justin and I had been in Rosarito for my 33rd birthday, so we were a little wound up. Justin wore this serape and a huge sombrero. I came in in camouflage. Everyone there was already on high alert over us. Matt told us in the lobby, 'It would probably be better if you guys left.' Justin sat in the front row and yelled out [to Bragg]

asking him, When are you going to get funny?' A war of words broke out. They called the cops. No blows

were thrown, but six cop cars showed up over a couple of comedians. I got banned on my birthday. I can't set foot in [Comedy Stores in] Hollywood or La Jolla for two months — but I love the place."

— Ken Leighton

blink meets Bart — "It is set to run around late. January or February," said a Fox-TV spokesperson who declined to be identified. "It's going to be the 300th



DOH! BART DOESN'T MAKE BLINK SING

Last Wednesday, on the day of their sold-out show at

the Inglewood Forum and the day before their Coors Amphitheater show, blink-182 — Tom DeLonge, Mark Hoppus, and Travis Barker

walked into Fox TV's Century City studios and recorded the voice tracks for their own Simpsons episode.

The spokesperson said the animated characters will be drawn to look just like them. "They don't know what they look like [yet in the episode]. The way it works is you record first and draw second." The Fox staffer also said. "They only recorded their voices. They did not record a song."

As for the plot line: "Bart [Simpson] gets emancipated from his family and he lives in a loft downtown. The guys [in blink-182] stop by to visit Bart. They were very, very, very excited about doing it," she said of the band.

The spokesperson would not confirm or deny that skateboard mogul Tony Hawk would also make an animated appearance in the same episode.

– Ken Leighton

Shemm says, "I'm the only [coffeehouse performer] who has recorded background tracks, costume changes, and dancers. On top of that I sometimes sing in Spanish." A highlight of his regular



RICKY, ENRIQUE, AND NOW...SHEMM

Monday open-mike show at Lestat's is when he throws glitter on the crowd. Shemm is accompanied by Feline. She wears Goth makeup and dances with glowsticks.

Shemm says, "If you like Ricky [Martin] and Enrique [Iglesias] — my style is along those lines, but even better.

Shemm doesn't say much about himself except that he went to Hilltop High School and now lives in Normal Heights. He says an inheritance lets him focus on his music. His first CD Since '92 came out in February and describes his ten years as a songwriter.

"His live shows are a cross between Pee-Wee's Playhouse and a Star Search episode filmed in Lakeside," said fan Brian Swarthmore. "He's committed to his vision. He really does believe he's a rock star.

Shemm appears 8 p.m. Saturday at Lestat's Coffeehouse in Normal Heights.

— Ken Leighton

"There were basically two lawsuits,"

Oceanside songwriter Susan Smith says about the injunction against the release of her debut CD Neighbors from Hell on Rockland Records. The neighbors didn't take too kindly to her using a picture of their house for her CD, especially after she left an advance promo copy in their mailbox.

"One was against the label for 'unauthorized use' of the house on the cover. There was a court hearing, and the judge said the photo didn't have anything to do with how many copies of the CD would sell, and [the neighbors'] names and address didn't appear anywhere on the CD, so he okayed the release and threw out the case against Rockland. That just left a

lawsuit against me, for defamation and invasion of privacy.3

"I went into a hearing with my lawyer, the neighbors, and their lawyer, to see if we could reach a compromise. I told them Rockland is a tiny indie label...they only burned 5000 copies of Neighbors from Hell. Their lawyer said, 'Fine, give us \$5000 — a dollar a CD and we'll leave you alone.' They also said they'd back off if I changed the cover and took the [title track] song off the CD. While we were talking, I was fiddling with a print of the photo we used for the cover, and I noticed that it could be folded so that all you saw was the trash heap on the hill beside their house.

"I said, 'Okay, we'll print the covers so the house is on the inside of the jewel case, and only the yard is on the front cover.' They bitched and moaned and were saying they could still find grounds to sue me, and I was showing them an example of how the revised cover would look on my laptop [computer]. I could tell they were fascinated by the way I could mix and match the graphics on the laptop, and they were asking me all kinds of questions about it, about what it could do and what programs it had. So I







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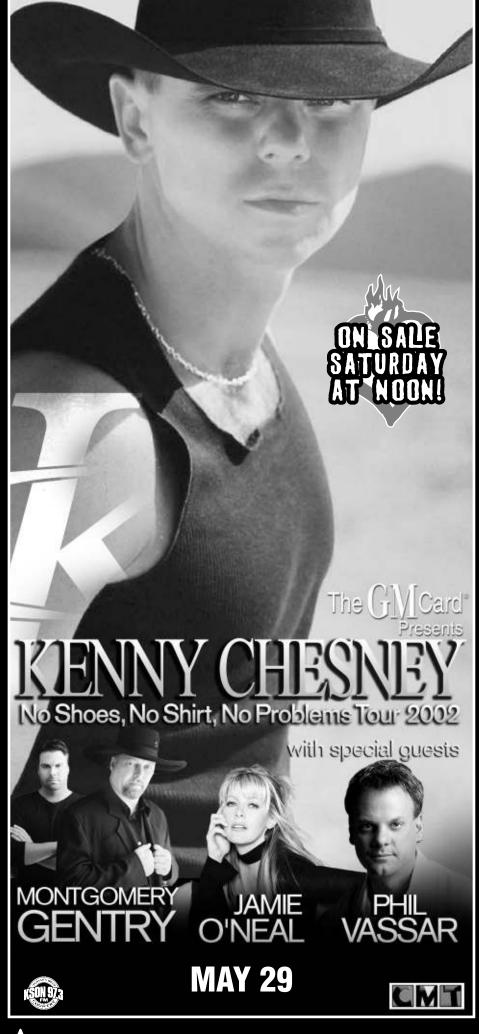






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said, 'Look, let's say I give you this laptop, right here, right now, and agree that the CD cover will be just the yard, not the house...will you sign an agreement waiving all rights to sue me and Rockland?' My lawyer's mouth was hanging down to the floor, and so was theirs, but they said, 'Okay, deal,' and the lawyers wrote up an agreement right there on the spot."

The title song remains on the CD, and Smith doesn't owe the neighbors any money. "I'm borrowing my mom's laptop for now."

Smith plans to reimburse Rockland Records for the cost of printing new CD sleeves, which is around \$800.

Neighbors from Hell, with its new cover design, is scheduled for release during the first week of June.

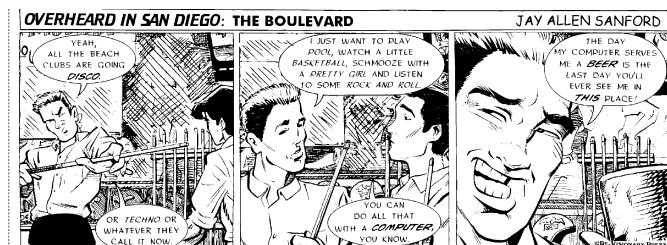
— Jay Allen Sanford

URL watching — Freakmagnt's Music Cave

http://www.freakmagnt.com Launched in 1999, freakmagnt.com greets site visitors with a photo of an overweight man dressed up like Ann-Margret with a poofy red wig, tarantula eyelashes, and hubcap-sized earrings. But don't let that put you off because here is a personal archive of unusual rock and roll photos accessed by clicking "Band Photos."

"These have all been personally shot by me," says Freakmagnt, "so unless you're interested in being personally shot yourself, you need to get permission before...claiming these as your own." The majority are performance pics and backstage candids, including Auntiechrist, Frank Black, the Breeders, the Donnas, the Dwarves, El Vez, the Groovie Ghoulies, Man or Astro-Man?, Nashville Pussy, Reverend Horton Heat, and Shonen Knife, among others.

Photos of Kim Shattuck, Ronnie Barnett, and Roy McDonald, a.k.a. the Muffs, were taken at Brick by Brick on August 24, 1997. One rarely comes across Pansy Division photos, so those posted from a June 20, 1998, Casbah show are gems to fans like me who think that 1998's Absurd Pop Song Romance is one of the greatest albums of all time. Rob Halford of Judas Priest was a surprise guest at two Pansy Division shows in 1997. Nine shots capture Halford just after his appearance with PD at the Casbah, mugging it up in a



San Diego bowling alley where he's seen actually singing karaoke in the wee hours of the morning.

A great set of pictures captures the Voluptuous Horror of Karen Black at San Diego's Showcase Theatre on June 9, 1997. Lead singer Kembra Pfahler is seen performing in a plaid miniskirt, undersized sailor shirt with a red bandana tie and hip-high black leather boots, looking like a dominatrix Donald Duck in drag.

Freakmagnt's Music Cave also includes a link to "Find a Grave," which allows you to track down anybody's gravesite. Pictures are posted of some of the more famous burial plots, such as Jim Morrison's and Jimi Hendrix's.

(Those with or who know of sites created in San Diego or which focus on local music are encouraged to forward info/URL links to jas2669@aol.com.)

— Jay Allen Sanford

CD review: The Last

Exit Band Down this Road
There was the band Last
Exit, and now there's the Last
Exit Band.

In 1973, a young Gordon Sumner (the persona Sting still just a zygote in the oozy recesses of this ditchdigger's brain) started teaching in a Roman Catholic school and founded Last Exit, which included John Hedley (guitar), Gerry Richardson (keyboards), and Ronnie Pearson (drums). Though the band had only three sessions to make their marketing

demo and then failed to get a recording contract, Sumner quit teaching in 1976 so he could move to London with Last Exit.

As the story goes, a journalist friend of Stewart Copeland's brought him to see the band. Copeland didn't fall for Last Exit's jazz-tinged rock, but he did admire that little blond bugger's voice and enthusiasm — so he suggested that Sumner trash the band and start another with him. Sting, the Police, and a new wave sensation squirmed into the world.

The Last Exit Band — a (caution: dirty word) "jam" band — may never get the Virgin deal, but they're certainly more dogged than Sting's maiden project. LEB (like so many bands of its kind, the Last Exit Band chose

such a terrible name that they have to go by a preposterous acronym) formed in OB in 1995. After some personnel changes, the band finally has a loyal local following that spins in circles for them at Winstons.

If you can disregard the lyrics ("You know it all depends on whether you grab that pipe in the sky"), *Down This Road*'s songs are pleasant enough.

— Justin Wolff

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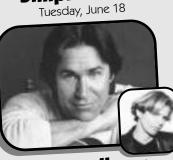


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As for that fresh limo smell, Ted explains, "Sometimes you have to pull up carpets every few months."

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ROBERT KUMPEL

ed (not his real name) owns a local limousine company that stopped soliciting entertainment business two years ago.

"We used to do that. We've kind of shied away from that. A lot of them are looking for

comps. They think that, since they're celebrities, we'll do it for nothing, but we're not into that. There's a lot of limo services that will do that. They'll comp them

just for the 'privilege' of saying they drove this or that celebrity. With us, it's 'No. You're making a million dollars a year, you can pay for the limo.' A lot of people are awestruck in San Diego, but not us. The bottom line is, I'm in this business to make money, not to meet celebrities....

'We've driven B.B. King, Kid 'n' Play, Warrant, a rap group called Cocaine, Toni Braxton, Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam, Mint Condition, Winger, Rod Stewart, Bob Hope — there's a whole bunch of them. I can't remember them all."

The cost per hour for transporting entertainers varies. "It depends on the size of the vehicle and what kind of contract you negotiate with the record company. A six-passenger stretch limo starts at \$45 per hour, and our largest vehicles — 17-passenger Ford Excursions — run about \$125 per hour. The typical six-passenger limo is a 68-inch stretch. The Excursions are 200-inch stretches. The way they measure limos is not by overall length, but by the span from the back of the front door to the front of the back door. We keep the interiors pretty basic, so that maintenance and repairs can stay basic. Most of them are leather, wrap-around couch seating, black locker bars, and we add fiber-optic lighting that changes colors — that adds kind of a nice atmosphere."

Ted admits even the limo business is different because travel is now different. "We used to meet them [the client] at the gate when they flew in, but since September 11, we have to wait at the baggage claim, so we hold up a sign so they can

When Ted started, he tried doing free jobs

for low-level celebrities but quickly changed his mind. "Sometimes you might do the first job, like with one band, the first job I did was all promotional in order to try to get future contracts. I was so upset with the first band that they could

take their contract. I don't want to deal with these kind of guys. That was Warrant. They had this record called Filthy Stinking Rich. The drummer was from San

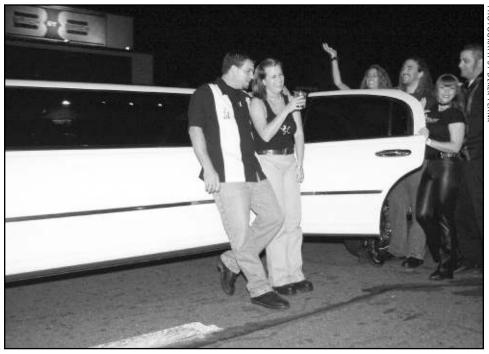
Diego, and he was about the only nice guy in the group. They were very pompous. It was a total comp job, not even for tip, and they treated me like dirt. I was starting out and did a lot of the driving myself. By the end of the day I said, 'This is the end of the road. Get out, I don't need your business.'

"A lot of times [the client] will tell us in advance that they want special provisions. It'll be like, 'We want ten bottled waters' or they want coffee, morning papers, and pastries. Sometimes it's little idiosyncrasies, like, they don't want you to shake their hand because they're worried about germs or something like that. Very often they'll ask if we can have some beers in the back. A lot of times, out of the goodness of their heart, drivers will put various things to eat and drink in the back of the limo in the ice chest and offer it to them, in hope that they'll appreciate the extra service and tip them more."

The basic uniform for Ted's drivers are dark suits. Drivers always go alone, in spite of the security risk of transporting celebrities. "A few times they've had security go along with us."

Limousines are washed, waxed, and detailed after every use. Every new job means filling the gas tank, as they never know where a performer will want to go. In one case, a member of a rap group pulled a gun on a driver and insisted he drive them to Los Angeles.

"Actually, the worst thing that somebody pulled on me was when we drove [this]...band. They missed their flight, so they chartered our limo to go all the way to San Francisco. When we got there, they proceeded to write a check on



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an account that was closed. Needless to say, I was pretty livid when I found out that it wasn't just nonsufficient funds but actually a closed account. When I called their manager, he just said, 'Yeah, right. See if you get your money.' I took it to the district attorney, and they went after them for me. I eventually collected about 4000 dollars.'

As for that fresh limo smell, Ted explains, "Sometimes you have to pull up carpets every few months. We don't allow anyone to smoke in our limos — but they try. When we tell celebrities that they can't smoke, they just can't believe it. But we let them know that they're a customer just like everybody else."

A driver standing near the doorway chimes in. "One time I had Tom Arnold, and he was smoking a great big stogie. He took it in the car, and I was just cringing, because the car smelled pristine and new. I told his cohorts to tell him that he can't smoke, and he got really pissed off. It was just a transfer from the hotel to the airport, but that thing stunk. I had to leave the windows open the rest of the night, and that was only from a five-minute ride."

Entertainers have also been known to vomit in the limousines. Ted recalls a bad experience with Teena Marie. "She was dating Prince back then. I picked her up at a hotel and she...was sweating profusely, and she could hardly talk. She asked me if I would pull over to a fire department so she could get some oxygen — I was taking her to a radio interview. I said, 'If we take you to a fire station, they're not just going to give you oxygen. Do you want to go into the hospital and get lots of bad press?' I finally convinced her to settle down. I pulled her over, gave her some water, and bought her some time. I called the radio station and took the blame. I told them I got lost on the way there, and they got all upset with me. I was just covering for her. She tipped me \$100 for doing that."

Ted says that marijuana smoking by entertainers is a constant problem. "The funny thing is, marijuana smoke does not bother me half as much as cigarette smoke. For whatever reason, it doesn't resonate and stay inside the car very long. Another plus side to pot as opposed to cigarettes is that everybody's being careful. With cigarettes, it's an extension of their hand they're not watching it, and it's flying around, but with pot in the back, they're trying to hide it. But we know everything that's going on. We can smell it even when they put the divider up."

While Ted doesn't approve of drug use, he doesn't necessarily see it as his job to stop it.



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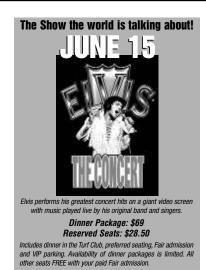


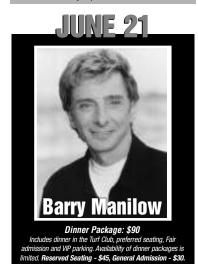
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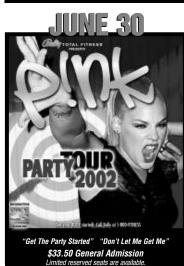
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"We're not the police. We don't have any obligation to say something about it except maybe morally. As long as it's not harming us or creating a problem, we close our eves to it. The thing is, it used to be so common for everybody to be using coke in the back of limos. It was so common that I didn't want people chopping things with razor blades on my countertops, so I used to keep a piece of glass back there just to keep people from ruining my cars! But society's definitely changing when it comes to drugs. We hardly ever see that kind of stuff going on anymore. Pot has become the drug of choice with not only younger people, but now with middleaged clients."

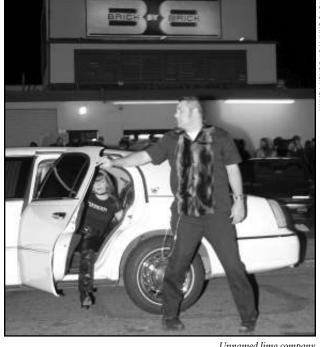
Not all celebrity clients are problematic. "I drove B.B. King a couple of times. Nicest guy in the world. He had all the original guys that he's been with for, like, 50-some years. He even had his own personal assistant, who had been with him from day one. He was the neatest old man. He'd pull out his flashlight in the dark and shine it down where you were walking so you wouldn't trip over anything. King actually sat down and started telling me stories about when he first got started — it was like watching

the History Channel. He actually holds the record for the most appearances in one year: 364. They only took Christmas day off. He told me it had been a long time coming for him to be in the back of a limousine. He said they had a station wagon once, and they would pad it if they knew there would be bad weather, because they used to strap all their instruments on top of the wagon and pull tarps over it. He was very down-to-earth and friendly. He even let me hold Lucille, his guitar!

"Another nice performer was Mary Wilson, the member of the Supremes who got dissed. She was pretty friendly, but the weirdest thing happened. I put the radio on an oldies station and a Supremes song came on and she turned it off. I guess that had some bad memories for her. She was one of the few who offered me an extra tip. I told her that the promoter had already paid me, but she insisted I take it."

Tipping is something usually left to the concert promoters, but sometimes the performers add their own tip. But that's rare. The tip is usually the minimum tip, and it's paid by the production company. If a celebrity offers money, we initially refuse it, but they usually insist that we keep it. It's just good etiquette to let them know the tip has already been covered."

Some entertainers seem to never stop performing, as with



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Kid n' Play. "They were really funny. You can see why they stuck that guy in comedies. They were just hilarious. Real pranksters the whole time. We had them and Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam, who was big at the time too, and we took them to a record signing. Well, Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam left first, and the radio station took all the security away. Now I was the only security for Kid n' Play. We went out the back door where the limo was parked and everybody knew to go there, and we were swarmed by girls. They were jumping on top of the car

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and everything. I was afraid I was going to hit somebody driving out of there. When I got back, there was a lot of damage to the vehicle. As I was inspecting it, I noticed that some girl wrote [on the limo], 'I love you Kid n' Play. Call me' with her phone number in felt pen. It was going to have to be buffed out professionally to get it off. I called the number and I said, 'Hi! Is this So-and-So? You know the one who left your number for Kid n' Play?' She said, 'Yeah! Yeah!' So I told her we needed to talk to her mom to make the arrangements. The

girl was so excited until her mom got on the phone. Then I said, 'Hi, this is Ted at Limousine, and your daughter has written all over our car, and we need to get reimbursed for a detailer to come out and buff it off.' Her mom paid for it. But this girl went from excited to tears in no time."

Another funny incident happened with the rock group Winger. "Their career was kind of on the downside, so they went ahead and made their own hotel arrangements. They called information for San Diego hotels. One of the hotels on the list was located in Logan Heights, so they booked that one. When I pulled up, they were kind of blown away. One member said that Logan Heights sounded like a fancy area, so that's why they booked it! They laughed about it and just made the best of it. When I showed up, I just said, 'Gee, why did you guys decide to stay here?' They couldn't stop laughing."

Two particular entertainers impressed Ted with their graciousness: Bob Hope and Rod Stewart. "Bob Hope is very old now, but when I picked him up he was younger.... I took him to a fund-raiser for the Boys Club - kind of a roast for Alex Spanos.... When I pulled up, he asked me if I had anything to eat yet. I said, 'Yeah. Don't worry about me. I'll go down the street,' and he said, 'No, no, no. They're having a great dinner inside. I'll

buy you a ticket for dinner and you just come in. He insisted, so I said, 'Okay.' I found out later that the tickets were \$250, which was pretty nice, but after I parked the car and went in, he ended up sitting me at the VIP table with him, Pete Wilson, Alex Spanos, and some secret service guys — Wilson was running for president. Needless to say, I could only eat about half of my meal. He was being very nice, but I was verv uncomfortable. I didn't know what to add to their conversations, so I thanked him for the meal and walked off to the side and waited for him.

"I drove Rod Stewart a couple of years ago too. I was still pretty awestruck at the time. I was sick as a dog, but there was no way I was going to let anybody drive that job but me. I had the worst flu I had in years, and it was very obvious. My eyes were puffed out and my nose was running, I was coughing and sneezing, and he was aware of it right off the bat. He continually offered to help me with stuff. 'Are you okay? Are you warm? Would you like to take a nap in the dressing room? We've got food over here. Do you need to go get a cup of coffee?' I kept reminding him that I was there to take care of him, but he was, like, 'Yeah, but you're sick.'... Everyone was bugging him about something or other, yet he still had time to be concerned about someone he didn't even know." ■

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f all the digitally remastered rereleases of Thelonious Monk lately, the most welcome and most eagerly anticipated, at least in this corner, are the two volumes of his first sides as a leader, Genius of Modern Music, Volume I and Volume II, on Blue Note. These rereleases are part of

the recently inaugurated RVG series (Rudy Van Gelder), in which the legendary Blue Note recording engineer has remastered many of his vintage recordings from the '50s and '60s. In fact, Van Gelder's remastered sessions have been appearing in Japan as part of Hitoshi Namakata's Japanese arm of Blue Note on its Somethin' Else imprint. Van Gelder has remastered some 200 Blue Note sessions for Japan, while in the U.S. only 50 or so releases have appeared in this special RVG edition.

The above discs are advertised on the label as having been "newly remastered by the original recording engineer" using 24-bit analog-to-digital transfers. Actually, all of the above were originally recorded at WOR Studios in New York City by Doug Hawkins. Van Gelder took over sound engineering for Alfred Lion and Francis Wolff

and their magnificent stable of artists in 1954, for early Art Blakey and Miles Davis dates. It is false advertising, not that it really matters. But Blue Note, when its founders were

alive, was a most exacting operation, which is among the reasons Blue Note grabbed Van Gelder as soon as they heard what he could do.

These Monk sides consist of five sessions,

Modern Jazz. The first Modern Jazz series was The Amazing Bud Powell, Volume I. Then came a Todd Dameron/Fats Navarro, The Fats Navarro Memorial Album, two James Moody albums followed by two Errol Garner, and then Volume II of Monk's Genius of Modern Music. Neither of the Monk albums

sold at all well.

The digital transfers on Monk's Genius of Modern Music, Volume I are made from the original lacquer discs with 24-bit resolution. On Volume II, the first nine tracks are transferred from lacquer and the second nine from analog tape. The technology had changed, or the new technology was two Bud Powell albums, likewise:

ference between the 1947 sessions and the early '50s sessions. You tell me, if you have these discs on hand, but Monk's piano sounds more recessed, less well miked in '47 than on the '51 and '52 sides.

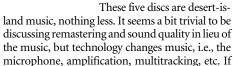
These vintage Monk sides, the first with him as leader, had been earlier remastered by the delightfully eponymous Ron McMaster in 1989. The digital technology has enjoyed a prodigious advance in the past decade, and Van Gelder, who also handled the sound for Prestige and other jazz labels, is regarded as without peer as a recording engineer for jazz. Listening to the McMaster and Van Gelder remasterings, with no credentials whatsoever as an audiophile, and with only serviceable speakers at

best, I found no overwhelming difference apart from, perhaps, a greater warmth in the horns. I had the same experience in the horns on the Prestige three-disc Monk reissue I discussed last year, with engineer Shigeo Miyamoto, under the supervision of Tamaki Beck with JVC Studios, using 20-bit K2 super coding.

With the Prestige sides, Miyamoto and Beck had the advantage of having Rudy Van Gelder as the original recording engineer on most of the sides. Van Gelder was especially brilliant at capturing a full sound from

the piano, and it's a pity the young engineer wasn't developed enough in 1947, or at least hadn't come to the attention of Alfred Lion, so that he could have done the original recording for these Monk and Powell sessions. The Milt Jackson CD includes eight quartet sides with Monk on piano recorded in New York City in 1948, with Harry Smith doing the sound engineering. (Is this the brilliant, eccentric Harry Smith who compiled the Smithsonian An-

thology of American Folk Music? I don't think so, but it sure is fun to imagine two of the great and brilliant eccentrics of music, Monk and Smith, in the same recording studio.) Smith's landmark technology was released, incidentally, in 1952, the same year as the first nine sides of the Milt Jackson Genius of Modern Jazz, Volume II. NYĆ was humming and would continue to hum at that same pitch for the next decade.



Milt Jackson

Professor McLuhan was correct and the medium is the message, then the technologies altering the medium perforce alter the message, in this instance the music.

Van Gelder, whose career began in earnest recording in his parents' home in Hackensack, New Jersey, continues recording to this day. The technology has

> gone through revolutionary changes, and Van Gelder, remastering these sides with 24-bit resolution, has kept up with the times. But in an interview he gave in 1985, Van Gelder discusses what was gained and what was lost with digital multitrack recording. What was gained, to be sure, is consistently good sound. Here is Van Gelder, being interviewed by Ben

> Sidran: So the event nature of what you were all doing back then had to do with the fact that people

were having to make live adjustments in order to get the music down.

Van Gelder: Absolutely.

Bud Powell

Sidran: And these days we're talking about ways of removing each individual from the live

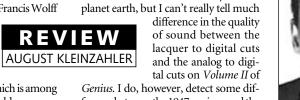
Van Gelder: That's exactly right. It's almost as if you wanted to think of a way to inhibit creativity in jazz music, in a studio... I would come up with a multitrack machine. A 24-track recorder that you could overdub on.

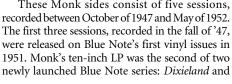
Sidran: Once you're into that, then you're into the whole concept of earphones, and you're into the concept of doing it again, and you're into the concept of doing it later. "Fixing it in the mix."

Van Gelder: It's inseparable. It's a machine of mass destruction. [Laughs.] Artistically.

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Saves the Day: 'Canes Bar and Grill, today, Thursday, May 2, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Vines, Buckfast Superbee (119), Rooney, and the Glossines: The Casbah, today, Thursday, May 2, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner ord. midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

The Satoko Fujii Quartet: Spruce Street Forum, Friday, May 3, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

SUNDAY

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MONDAY

Face to Face [393]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, May 6, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Martin Sexton [818] and Chris **Trapper:** The Casbah, Tuesday, May 7, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497

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WEDNESDAY

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Cowboy Mouth (608), Jason Mraz, fluf [493], Rochelle Rochelle, Lualta, Jack Costanzo, the Kokopelli Latin Jazz Quartet [674], Earl Thomas [946], Blue Largo, 2000 Pounds of Blues, Agent 22 [542], Slightly Stoopid [352], Buckfast Superbee [119], wONKA bAR, Glissando [484], Animal 32, the Sos Allstars, Scorch (201), d*fRost (389), Edify, the Lovelight Shine, Crucial, the Disco Pimps, the Booglemen, the Big Provider, Yellow Miseries, the Montgomery High School Steel Drum Band, and **Tom Griesgraber:** Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Garnet Avenue (from Mission Boulevard to Ingraham Street). Pacific Beach, 619-641-5823; for

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Jars of Clay [506]: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, May 12, 6 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or

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Loretta Lynn [790]: East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Gregory Isaacs [744], Soul Shakedown, and Quino: 4th & B, Tuesday, May 14, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Spyro Gyra: Sycuan Casino, Thursday, May 16, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon. 800-279-2826.

Jonny Lang [953]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, May 16, and Friday, May 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

De La Soul [607] and People Under the Stairs: 4th & B, Friday, May 17,

345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Motörhead [226], Morbid Angel, Today Is the Day, and Brand New Sin: 4th & B, Sunday, May 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Wynonna [781]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, May 19, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

B.B. King [966]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, May 20, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive. Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Big Head Todd: Belly Un Tovern Tuesday, May 21, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Rusted Root [111] and **Highway 9:** 4th & B, Tuesday, May 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

Marshall Crenshaw [538]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 22, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Jerry Cantrell [148] and Comes with the Fall: 4th & B, Friday, May 24, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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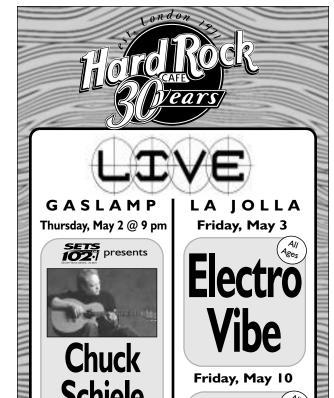
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Matmos: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, May 25, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Peter Murphy (220) and Michael J. Sheehy: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, May 26, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-720-8497

Trey Anastasio: Open Air Theatre, Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Jethro Tull [566]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, May 29, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-720-8497 or 619-445-5400

Bad Company [449] (featuring Paul Rodgers) and Joe Bonamassa: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, May 29, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Elvis Costello & the Imposters (514): Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, May 29, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-270-8497.

David J: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, May 30, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Get Up Kids (307), Hot Rod Circuit, and the Jealous Sound (294): 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, May 30, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

INXS [532]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 31, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Sugar Ray: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Pet Shop Boys [576]: Copley Symphony Hall, Tuesday, June 4, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Britney Spears [603] and Nikka Costa [604]: Cox Arena, Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

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Hiroshima [586] and Willie & Lobo (697): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 23, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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The Chieftains [867]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive,

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Pat Benatar (561): Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

" '70s Soul Jam" featuring the Stylistics (611), the Manhattans [987], the Chi-Lites [992], the Delfonics, and Harold Melvin's Blue Notes: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 15, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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The Indigo Girls /879): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 18, and Friday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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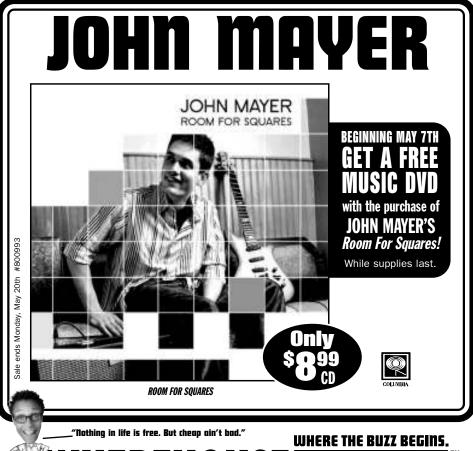
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Alicia Keys [605]: Summer Pops Series, Broadway Naval Pier, Sunday, August 4, 960 North Harbor Drive, downtown. 619-220-8497.

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Al Jarreau and Marilyn Scott *(661)*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 6, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Sergio Mendes & Brasil 2002: Humphrey's Concerts by the Boy, Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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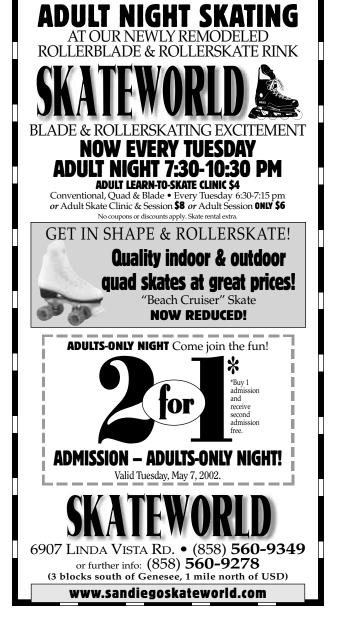
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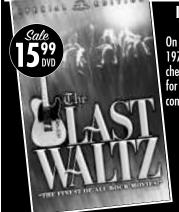
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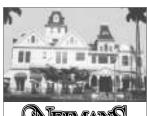
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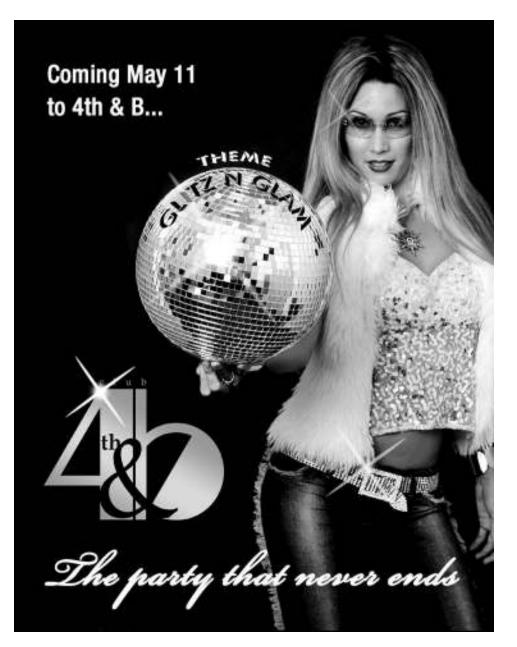
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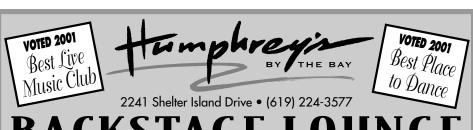
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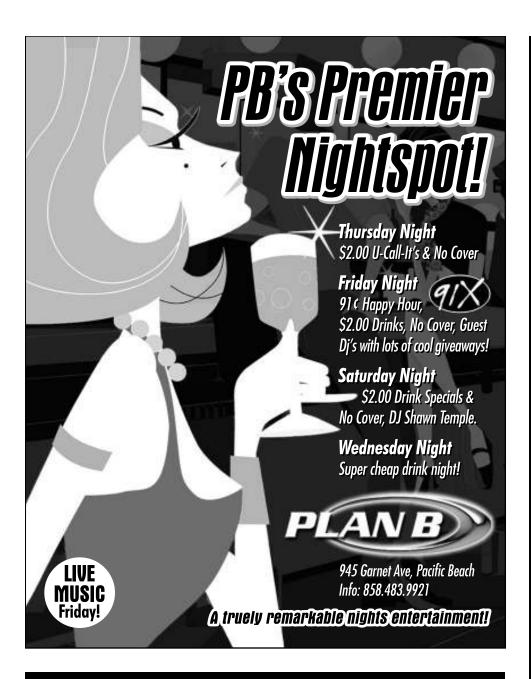






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Club Flow: Thursdays, the ultimate hip-hop experience with DJ Tova. 9 p.m., no cover. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163, www.theflame sandiego.com/weekly.htm

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BY DAVE GOOD

The first time I heard Satoko Fujii, the freejazz pianist from Japan, I thought she might be insane. I have since learned otherwise. Fujii, an educated composer, leads an avantgarde jazz/rock combo that includes husband Natsuki Tamara on trumpet, the drummer Tatsuya Yoshida (formerly of the bass-drum outfit Ruins), and Takeharu Hayakawa on electric upright.

Fuiii mixes traditions: a little Japanese folk, a little classical, a little rock, with a lot of no-boundaries experimentation. The resulting explorations resemble American jazz at its best, from the modalities of the '60s, '70s fusion, and pop jazz of the '80s. The combo's sound is mood-driven along the lines of Miles Davis or Don Cherry, a texture not heard here for decades.

Fuiii had to leave home in order to pur-

sue a career in jazz. After 20 years of funneling money into classical training, the elders weren't keen on Western beatnik music. But improvisation the language of jazz didn't come easily, so Fujii quit piano for a year and formed a hand-clapping-andvocal group, a sort of Japanese a cappella roots rig. As sodium pentothal loosens the tongue, the hand-clapping loosened the rigid classical structures embedded in Fujii's sub-

conscious, and she took off. Her playing has been compared to that of Cecil Taylor, even

I am no raving fan of free jazz. Much of the time. I think it only serves to edify the performer(s). But it may be a needed diversion; American jazz has been snoozing for 30 vears. Grounded by the gladiator drumming of Yoshida, Fujii's helter-skelter madness does something most similar artists seem loathe to do: her music lapses into melodic sweeps



combined with space and tension, and tension (as Jeff Beck and Jan Hammer illustrated) makes for excitement. Add contrapuntal gyrations with the wildest, most extreme musical architecture, and make it loud and fractal, and you have free jazz for the common man

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North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Saturday, and Wednesday, the New Breed Band. Friday, the Craig Carter

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances begin at 7 pm. Thursday, Mike Cea, jazz trio, Friday, Thursday, Mike Cea, jazz trio. Friday, Trio du Jour, jazz. Saturday, the Justin Brothers, acoustic. Sunday, 6 pm to 9 pm, 5 O'Clock Shadow, swing, blues, jazz. Wednesday, Semisi & Fulabula, reggae.

Bellefleur Winerv and Restaurant. 5610 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad. 760-603-1919. Vintner's Bar: Wednesday, 6 pm to 9 pm, live jazz.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Friday, 5:30 pm, *Billy Watson*, 9:15 pm, *Dave Wakeling* and *Minibar*. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Common Sense* and Maktub. Sunday, 8 pm, Cubanismo and Primo, Latin jazz

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Liquid Blue*, pop rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, the International Silver Strings Submarine Band, blues.

Borders Books and Music, 11160Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 pm, *Vocal Only*, a cappella. Saturday, 8 pm, Jim Earp, folk.

The Camelot Inn, 887 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-1332. Friday, the Strange Woods, Celtic folk. Saturday, Glenfinian,

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, the Jackson 3, pop. Saturday, Jeff Lee, acoustic.

Chesapeake Bar & Grill, 1068 North El Camino Real, Encinitas. 760-943-0177. Friday, Dean Davidson, jazz.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm, Billy Watson, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm,

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to 11 pm, Dick Matson, piano and

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Tom* Griesgraber, jazz. Saturday, *Chris* & Heather, folk.

La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, live pop music.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *the* Fabulous Rudies. Tuesday, the David Patrone Quartet.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside, 760-439-6646. Call club for information.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, Jim's Birthday Bash, call club for information. Saturday, the Janet Ricci Band, rock.

Mi Fiesta Mexican Seafood

Restaurant, 1551 West Mission Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-434-3316. Saturday, 6 pm to 9 pm, the California Rangers, country, folk.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, Poinciana, jazz. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, Chris & Heather, folk.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Chris & Heather*, folk.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, call club for information, Friday, Madcan Otis, Saturday and Sunday, call club for

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive. Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, Hut Sut Radison, contemporary. Saturday,

Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, open mike. Friday and Saturday, *Powerhouse*, rock.



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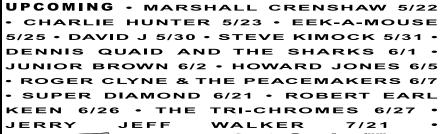








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Beaches

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Herb'n Root. Friday, Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations, reggae. Saturday, the Shoetoe Project, Wonka Bar, Uncle Jesus, and Sol Reel. Sunday, the Marinators and Flynn Lechner. Monday, Liquid BBQ, rock. Tuesday, Robin Henkel, blues. Wednesday, Proof of Burden, Railed, and Drive Pin, alternative.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Saves the Day and Audio Learning Center. Friday, Gary Hoey and RDG. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, Twiztid, Sug Izland, Anybody Killa, and Blaze. Monday, Face to Face, the Movie Life, and Thrice. Tuesday, Face to Face and Midtown. Wednesday, Jimmy Stare, Amherst, Sour Grass, and Falling Aspirations.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, 8 pm, *Footloose*, rock and roll.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All shows start at 8 pm. Music is alternative. Thursday, *Prize Fight, Junco Soul, Proof of Burden,* and *False Hood.* Friday, *True to Form, Lip Bomb, Maple Tongue,* and *For Water.* Saturday, *Loct,* 5*Degenerate, Dogmatic, and Three Foot. Tuesday, Psy-Fi, the Marinators, the Displaced, and Flynn Lechner. Wednesday, Diym, the Rolling Blackouts, Outlet, and Flophouse.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Judy Chamberlain*, jazz.

Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *the Christopher Adler Trio*, jazz. Friday, *Forward Funk*. Saturday, *Elevation*. Sunday, call club for information.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 619-454-5101. Friday, *Electrovibe*, pop.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, open mike.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Bushwalla. Friday, Jeremy Kaye and Berkley Hart. Saturday, Kitchen Fire. Sunday, Skelpin. Monday, Wendy's open-mike night. Wednesday, Cary Pierce and Alex Woodard.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *Sol Reel*, alternative pop.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8:30 pm to midnight, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and yocals.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I admit that I don't understand emo. I guess it's punk rock, but it doesn't sound like it. All I know for sure is that whenever I hear a band that gets tagged emo, it has lyrics that are written in the first person, don't rhyme, and spill all over the meter, as though the singer is reading from a diary, trying to fit all the words he or she can into the space of one song. I don't know who started that trend — Jawbreaker, maybe. But even when I like the music — as I do with emo heavyweights Rainier Maria and Sunny Day Real

Estate — that singing style virtually ensures that I will forget the song as soon as it's over.

I am happy to report that the rising emo stars in **Saves the Day** have more of a knack for vocal melodies. I wouldn't say they are masters at writing hooks, and their lyrics could probably use another bout of editing between the diary stage and the recording process. But at least Saves the Day understands that it's okay to give a song a chorus or repeat a line once in a while.

The band formed in New Jersey five years ago and quickly gathered a following with its uptempo, somewhat poppy punk. But last year it put out an album of much darker, much slower music. It was a big change, but



the band titled it Stay What You Are. Now that's punk rock.

SAVES THE DAY, 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, May 2, 8 p.m. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497. \$15.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Club Tremors, call club for information.

Rock Bottom, 8980 Via La Jolla Drive, La Jolla. 858-450-9277. Friday, 6 pm, *Barry Allen Cohen*, jazz.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Jack Pollack*, piano. Wednesday, *Stephen Knight*.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, Electrovibe, rock. Friday, the Last Exit Band, rock. Saturday, Modern Rhythm, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-mike night. Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Thursday, 8 pm, Natural Vibrations with Pau Hana, pop.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, Plump, alternative. Friday, Psydecar, reggae, funk. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm. Flop House, 8 pm, the Latanya Lockett Band with Electrovibe. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors, 9 pm, the Damn Dirty Apes, rock. Monday, the Electric Waste Band. Tuesday, Quino, reggae, with Soul Shakedown. Wednesday, call club for information.

San Diego

Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 pm, the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo, Brazilian-Latin jazz. **Beans Cafe,** 4176 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa. 858-627-0888. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Tuan To*, pianist.

The Boathouse Restaurant, 2040 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego. 619-231-0489. Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm, the Louisa West-Jimmy Patton Duo, jazz. Sunday, 1 pm to 4 pm, Dean Paul Ratzman, jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Jim Earp*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, Wide Open, Underhill, Blizzard, and Hero. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, Kottonmouth Kings. Tuesday, Blackbird, Buy Now Save, and Saturday's Child. Wednesday, EXP, rock. **Club Hollywood,** 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Call club for information.

Club Xanth, 4225 Thirtieth Street, San Diego. 619-584-2720. Music is alternative. Thursday, Falling Cycle, Nature's Mistake, the Ephesus Approach, Droning Within Reach, Jailbait, and Auxilary Fuse. Friday, Dalse Hood, Blotto's, and My Friend's Band. Saturday, the Geezers, Unsteady, Color Blind, fluf, Fuzz Huzzi, the Fabulous Rudies, and the

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-271-4000. Saturday, call club for information.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, Deeper Purple, rock. Saturday, 9 pm, Beyond Blue, blues, rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, Len Rainey & the Midnight Players, blues.









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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, Steal Dawn, classic rock. Tuesday, the Stillettos, rock. Wednesday, Earth Ride, reggae.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Quiet Storm*, jazz. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Detroit Underground*, rock, soul. Sunday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Calvin Romance*, jazz. Monday, 8:30 pm, 5 O'Clock Shadow, swing, blues, jazz. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Stellita N Dave*, jazz. Wednesday, 9:30 pm, *Quiet Storm*

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.*

The Inn at the Park, 3167 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-296-0057. Music is piano/vocals. Thursday, Karen Giorgio. Friday, Kenny Ard. Saturday, Carol Curtis. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Rick Ross, jazz piano, saxophone, vocals. Tuesday, Kristi Rickert. Wednesday, Andy Anderson and Ron Council.

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Saturday, call club for information.

Kelly's Steakhouse, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-291-7131. All music is piano. Music hours are from 7 pm to midnight. Thursday and Wednesday, *Joe Cromwell*. Friday, *Dale Peterson*. Saturday, *Kayla Black*.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Lovelight Shine* and *Lualta*, alternative. Saturday, *Rotator* and *Via Satellite*, alternative.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Itai*. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *the Bitty Bums*. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Shemm*, disco, house. Sunday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Sundowner*. Tuesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Jason & Jane*. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Carlos* Olmeda and Elias.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday and Saturday, live blues and rock.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Faze*, classic rock.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Friday, *Harmony 24, VIII Fraud,* and *Crawl Space.* Saturday, *15 Minutes, Zone Four,* and *Collage Menage.*

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/heavy rock. Thursday, Sparta, Airplanes Are Better, Spare Change, and Noise Rachet. Friday, Nothing to Lose, 3 Piece Scandal, Pensive, and Short Spoken. Saturday, Dissolution, Undefeated, I.S.I., and Dead By Sunset. Sunday, the X-Ecutioners, Coup, and Kenny Mohammed.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Rok*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live music.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Vernon's Burnt Chicken*, blues, rock. Saturday, *the Barnyard Ballers*, *Los Creepers*, and *Box*, alternative. Sunday, call club for information. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Ouartet.



Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, Univer Heights. 619-296-0616. Sunday, 4 pm, the Celtic Ensemble. Wednesday, open mike.

Downtown

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, Joey Bowen & Daryll Johnson with the Mardi Gras Gypsies. Friday, the 80z All-Stars. Saturday, Joey Bowen and the Disco Pimps. Sunday, Whitey Conwell. Monday, the Joey Bowen Band. Wednesday, Elijah Emanuel and

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown, 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Vines, Buckfast Superbee, Rooney, and the Glossines.

Friday, the Paladins, the Scotch Greens, and Orange Blossom Special. Saturday, Big Dictator, the Mice, Skipjack, and Changing Names. Sunday, Manic Hispanic, the Furious IV, Sr. Hammer's Taco Cart, and the Fabulous Rudies. Monday, the Loons, Bad Apples, and the Shambles. Tuesday, Martin Sexton and Chris Trapper. Wednesday, Spanish Bombs, Five Crown, and Ñinehall

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown, 619-234-6937. Friday, 8 pm, Power Play, rock.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, Neon. Saturday, Primo. Sunday and Monday, Glen Fisher con Alma. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Comberos

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. Friday, Billy Bacon & the Forbidden Pigs, rockabilly. Saturday, Fuzzy & the Bluesmen.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 pm to 11 pm, Rob Blakeslee, Michael Vlatkovich, Clyde Reed, and Russell Blake. Friday, 8:30 pm to 11 pm, Cal-Son, Latin jazz. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, New Math, jazz. Monday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, the Jazz Project Big Band. Tuesday, 8 pm to 11 pm, Bertram Turezky, Wolfgang Fuchs, Damon Smith, and Jerome Bryerton Wednesday, 8 pm, Beston & the Kitchen, jazz.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Sunday, 7 pm, *Cantor Alberto Mizrahi* and *Cantor Alisa* Pomerantz-Boro, Jewish music.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, 9:45 pm, *X-Cel*, pop. Friday, 9:45 pm, *Masterpiece*, pop rock. Saturday 9:45 pm, and Tuesday, 6:30 pm, *Mystique*, jazz, funk, R&B. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Jazzmag featuring Tim Maglione. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, the Edge.

Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue. downtown. 619-232-SOUL. Bistro: Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, the Gilbert Castellanos Quartet, Latin jazz. Friday, 5 pm, *Sue Palmer*, jazz, 7:30 pm, *Shelle*, blues. Saturday, 7:30 pm, Latin-a-Go-Go, jazz. Sunday, 6 pm Barbara Jamerson, jazz. Wednesday 6 pm, the Cynthia Hammond Trio,

La Bocca Ristorante, 515 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-3352. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, Dean Paul Ratzman, jazz.

Lilo's, 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-1969. Friday, 11:30 pm, to 1:30 am, open jazz jam session hosted by Gilbert Castellanos. Sunday, 11 am to 2 pm, the Rob Thorsen Trio, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown, 619-235-6100. Wednesday, the David Patrone

The New Bristol Hotel, 1055 First

Street), downtown, 619-232-6141. Friday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Trio.

Patrick's II. 428 F Street, downtown 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Bill* Magee Blues Band. Friday, 5 pm to 8:30 pm, the Texas Twisters, 9 pm, the Buick Wilson Band. Saturday, the Swingin' Kings. Sunday, Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz. Monday, Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars. Tuesday, the Bayou Brothers. Wednesday, Blue Four.

Redfish, 731 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-234-7226. Friday, Spaceman Spiff, jazz. Saturday, call club for information.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Thursday, the Boogiemen. Friday, Diva Soul, disco, pop. Saturday, Jungle Boogie, pop.

Roger's on 5th, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Saturday, 6 pm to 11 pm, also, Friday and Wednesday, 7 pm to 11 pm, Robberecht the Pianoman.

Sassafrass Bar and Grill, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Thursday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Robin* Henkel and Steve Nichols, blues and

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, Hector Rivera y la Conciencia. Tuesday, Orquesta Guayao. Wednesday, Primo.

La Trattatoria Strada, 702 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-239-3400. Thursday, 8 pm to 11 pm, Calima, Flamenco, world music

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, *Joe Cano*, piano. Friday and Saturday, Ches

Wesley, piano. Grant Grill: Thursday, 9 pm, the Pendulum Jazz Quintet.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Leslie Gold*. Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7 pm,

Robberecht the Pianoman, Also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, Julio de la Huerta, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, Karen Giorgio, piano and vocals.

South Bay/Coronado

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-9440, Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

Cafe La Maze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222 Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring Sandy Chappel, Sammy Canonizado, and Burnett Anderson.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, *Streetheart*, classic rock.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday,

8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.
Palm Court: Thursday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Ray Briz*. Friday and Saturday, 5:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *James Trousdale*. Sunday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, John Cain.

Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday, Daniel Jackson,

The House of Munich, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon* Kohl, Kiell Holmes, or Vicki Eriaat, European and ethnic accordion

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Where Business Meets Pleasure

I first tasted Bradley Ogden's cooking in 1984 at Campton Place, the restaurant of a chic little boutique hotel just off Union Square in San Francisco. I had quail with applewood bacon, and my companion had grilled baby lamb chops. I remember feeling annoyed that there were no refills on the bread basket, because the house-baked breads (especially the dainty little muffins) were the best part of the meal — in fact, I liked them so much that I came back for a spectacular breakfast a few days later. As much glorified heartland home cooking as California Cuisine, Ogden's straightforward culinary style seemed a perfect fit for a fine hotel dining room, designed not to scare the horses or the Midwestern tourists staying at Campton Place.

Five years later Ogden (and his business partner, Michael Dellar) bought his first restaurant, Lark Creek Inn in Marin County. So began an empire where Ogden presides as executive chef, with each of his restaurants having its own chef de cuisine under his general supervision. For the most part, these are chefs who've worked with Ogden for years and share his style and philosophy of cooking. At Arterra, the top toque is La Jolla–born Carl Schroeder, formerly sous chef of Lark Creek Inn and most recently executive sous chef for Bertrand at Mr. A's.

So I knew what the food would be like when Ogden opened the seventh outpost of his domain in Del Mar. That Arterra (which means "Art of the Earth") would be a great success here was a foregone conclusion: Not only does the cooking style suit a lot of San Diegans, but the Marriott Del Mar is the kind of hotel where Ogden's food is precisely right. The facility is located in a startlingly sterile corporate neighborhood, with not even a 7-Eleven nearby to offer human comforts. Even though it's just blocks from the Torrey Pines nature preserve, the immediate surroundings consist wholly of massive office buildings and high-rise hotels oriented primarily to business meetings and business travelers — who often prefer quietly good food that doesn't distract them too much from whatever business they've come to

Like most hotel restaurants, Arterra serves breakfast and dinner daily and lunch weekdays. The breakfasts are ravishing (and I'll get to them later), but let's start with dinner. I knew just



whom to invite — my boyfriend's boss, Larry, and his wife, Robin, whose birthday it was. They're suburbanite Gen-Xers, meat-and-potatoes people who usually celebrate special occasions at the Claim Jumper or Red Lobster. Dinner at Arterra would be the ideal treat for them.

The dining room is coolly handsome. A divider runs almost the length of the room, with booths on one side; banquettes and tables are

on the other side, affording a view of the large open kitchen at the front of the restaurant. At the other end of the room is a dimly lit bar with a small sushi counter

— not exactly typical of Ogden, with his emphasis on Americana, but the hotel management (John Moores of baseball-park fame) wanted sushi, and it's certainly handy for off-hours snacking. The bar's glass doors revealed a charming outdoor dining patio next to the swimming pool. But for all its attractiveness, the dining room's hard, modern surfaces and shiny floors create the usual sonic havoc — that evening, the noise level was so brutal that the waiter had to duck his

head deeply to chair level to hear us shout our order.

The seasonal menu changes daily but not drastically — that evening's choices included the same quail with applewood bacon that I ate at Campton Place 18 years ago. ("I thought I invented that!" said Chef Schroeder when I mentioned the coincidence.) The vegetables come from the best local specialty growers, including Chino

Farms and Valdevia. And the style of their preparation is emphatically in the Ogden mode: It's cleanlimbed, athletic, WASP-y. If it were a movie star, it'd be the young

Robert Redford.

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The favorite starter at our dinner was housesmoked salmon on a Yukon Gold potato blini. The "blini" was a soft, thick potato pancake, and the thinly sliced cold-smoked salmon was even softer — more tender than standard lox and less smoky. It was topped with two ever-so-gently hard-cooked quail eggs, one of them plain, the other gilded with a daub of crème fraîche and both black and salmon caviars. The dish may not be

Arterra

★★½ (very good to excellent)

Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar; 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700; www.arterrarestaurant.com

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radical, but its flawless execution made it spectacular. Prime New York steak carpaccio was another tender-textured treat, with the almostmelting raw beef sliced transparently thin. It was garnished with a salad of tiny fingerling potatoes, gourmet greens, and a delicate dressing that was precisely an equal match for the meat.

Two other appetizers had some problems. Hudson Valley foie gras was one of them. "What are you — chopped liver?" I asked it, after tasting the hard-seared, liverish exterior. It was served



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with a lolloping sweet conserve of "caramelized organic pineapple." In the soignée context of foie gras, it seemed like a kindergarten kid singing "Eensy Weensy Spider" at a New York supper club. And a "crisp crab cake" had a similar argument with its garnish. It came with tiny poached citrus sections and a salad of shaved fennel with a fiercely sour "chili-lime remoulade." One taste of that dressing, and afterward you couldn't taste the crab at all. Otherwise, it was a decent crab cake, with plenty of meat and little filler.

Through no fault of the kitchen's, service was a little slow and disjointed. Our bread arrived well after we'd dug into the appetizers. It was emphatically worth waiting for - the fine house-baked assortment included two exquisite tiny muffins similar to those I remember from Campton Place. Beverages, too, barely made the trek to our table. On the plus side, when you order wine by the glass, the waiter brings the whole bottle and pours a little taste for your approval before he fills your glass. I wish that every restaurant would adopt this sensible custom. But I was not impressed by the house's 'white flight," a mini-tasting of a California-grown Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc, and Viognier, a fruitless trio of thinflavored quaffs.

Our guests both ordered steaks done medium, which arrived medium-rare. Larry's 'pavé of New York steak" was the house version of surf 'n' turf. The full-flavored meat was

served in two conical hunks, with a small pitcher of competent, tarragon-rich Béarnaise sauce on the side. The marine component was a delicate Dungeness crab soufflé with a flavor of crème fraîche and a hint of hot pepper. Surrounding the proteins was a day-care class of cherubic veggies — red and gold baby beets, sylph-slim scallions, tiny potatoes, and newborn icicle radishes. Robin's Certified Angus filet mignon was of good quality but as bland as most filet mignons. It came with "thyme-braised Yukon gold potatoes" that tasted slightly of the refrigerator, frizzled onions. and a handful of Chino Farms veggies with young broccoli in the starring role.

Grilled Maine diver scalwere the genuine pulled-up-by-divers-yesterday product — that is, they'd never been touched by phosphate preservative — but their flavor was merely agreeable, lacking the deep, sexy complexity of the very best scallops. These came with a green pea risotto featuring rather gummy rice and new English peas over a splendid, hidden underlayer of fresh morels - wonderful spongy-textured mushrooms with a dark, velvety flavor. The menu indicated that the dish included a "saffron shellfish essence," but we didn't taste any; maybe "essence" in this case meant "vapor."

A pan-roasted wild king salmon was deeply disappointing, as soft-fleshed and mild-mannered as the pink salmon that goes into cans. But the garnishes with the sad salmon were the evening's top hits. There were blue-corn-dusted rock shrimp, sweet and crisp. There were beautiful young fava beans, and thumb-sized morels, and — best of all — there were

a pair of thin-skinned agnolotti (crescent-shaped ravioli) filled with an utterly sweet purée of fresh young peas, the very essence of spring. Those pea agnolotti are what I hope I'll still remember 18 years from now.

For dessert we tried a "twice-baked chocolate soufflé" that was turned out onto a dessert plate. It was cakey outside, gooey inside, pleasant but (like so much of the food here) only pleasant. It arrived with a tiny cup of melted ice cream, which the menu called "mini chocolate malt." and with a thin, lacv tuile smeared at one edge with a thick chocolate pudding. Robin went for a triple ice cream sundae, and it proved one sundae that's worth adult consumption. It had three small scoops of house-made ice cream served atop little pieces of chocolate cake — irresistible coconut. praline-like macadamia, and caramel ice cream with caramel syrup. We'd told the waiter earlier that it was Robin's birthday, and the kitchen wrote "Happy Birthday" in chocolate on the front of the plate — a considerate touch in place of the dreaded "Happy Birthday" song

Later that evening, after bidding our guests good-bye, we slipped back into the restaurant and headed for a late-night snack at the little sushi bar. We'd been so perplexed by the salmon that we wanted to taste some house fish in its most pristine state, and we ordered a Rainbow Roll to get a sampling. The rice was perfect, sweet but not oversweet with sushi vinegar, and of a fine texture. The nori seaweed was unusually soft and flavorful, accompanied by batons of cucumber at the center of the roll. We loved the tender octopus and the chewy giant clam, and the avocado at

the end (which showcased the nori), but the fin-fish — ahi, salmon, and mackerel — ah, they were all as bland as the restaurant's fish. That's the downside of the Ogden "touch": Even the raw ingredients are somehow gentled down.

In the morning, gentleness is appealing. Since day one, Ogden's breakfasts have been incomparable, and Schroeder is carrying on this tradition with a will. His "tangerine soufflé hotcakes" may just be the all-time paragon of a breakfast dish, with its combination of lightness, sweetness, and pungency - certainly, I've never had better pancakes. The ethereal batter is laced with seductive, bittersweet tangerine zest, and the stack is surrounded by sections of ruby grapefruit in a tangy red syrup. (Vermont maple syrup comes on the side.) A "Southern-style eggs benedict" brings two poached eggs with hollandaise sauce served over black pepper-laced biscuits. Between the eggs and the biscuit is a smoky, spicy layer of vibrant Louisiana-style andouille sausage slices. A huge heap of greaseless, precisionperfect home fries and onions fills out the plate.

Other tempting choices include thick French toast with bananas; a Meyer lemon and toasted almond waffle; turkey hash with hollandaise and poached eggs - plus the usual cereals, eggs, breakfast meats, muffins, and pastries. Breakfast doesn't come with breads, so you have to buy those separately - but if you order coffee, they leave the whole carafe on your table. (If you want a darker brew, Starbucks espresso drinks are available at a higher cost.) Prices are about triple those at Denny's, of course, but there's no Denny's nearby — and this breakfast merits the premium. It makes waking up worth-

The food at Bradley Ogden's restaurants is always nice, but I'm not a "nice" person — my tastes run to a more adventurous, demanding style. What I do like very much is Ogden's consistency — you always know what to expect. As Chef Schroeder says, "No shock value here, only pleasant surprises." When entertaining family or clients or bosses from out of town, Arterra is better than a safe bet. Its kitchen does know how to please.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Carl Schroeder grew up in La Jolla. Even as a toddler, he loved to help his grandmother in the kitchen. After obtaining a business degree in college, he realized that cooking was his real metier, and he enrolled in the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park, New York. From there, he returned to California for a year's strenuous externship in the great and hectic kitchen at San Francisco's cutting-edge Aqua, followed by a gig at the renowned Domaine Chandon. Then he went to Lark Creek Inn as Bradley Ogden's sous

"I worked there for three years," he says, "and his style is sort of my style now. When you start young in that really fastpaced environment where you have to think quickly — it just ingrains a lot of things into you. At the period in my career where I was developing a style, I was at Lark Creek Inn, so that became my style. It's like being a painter and having a certain number of colors on your palette. The ideas in my head are along the same lines as Brad's.'

After four years in Northern California and another

year in Nantucket, once Schroeder started a family he grew eager to return to San Diego. "My wife was adamant about it. We've got a fouryear-old and another on the way. Being a chef, I don't have a lot of time to be at home, but my family is here, and she likes my family."

Working for Ogden allows him as much creative freedom as he needs. "All the entrées on the menu are mine," he says. "I've got Bradley's Caesar salad on there and the blue cheese soufflé — those are kind of his signatures — but the rest are all my creations. I have a lot of freedom on this menu. We're down at Chino Farms a lot, so I base a lot of the menu on what products are available at the time. I like to stay right at the edge of whatever's in season. Coming out of winter, I'm so tired of root vegetables that I'm looking at some high-cost items — I'm eager to work with the morels that are just starting to pop up, and the fresh English peas and the new spring onions.

"In my opinion, in the past, there haven't been a lot of great restaurants in San Diego. A lot of the restaurant cooks here are just working for a paycheck, but to have great restaurants, you have to have some excitement about the food scene — and then you'll get good, skilled people to work here. If the restaurants here can enlighten people about heirloom tomatoes and morel mushrooms and all this other good stuff, you're finally going to see a lot more of the excellent products that are grown here starting to reach the local supermarkets. By using these products, it teaches people what a really good tomato tastes like." ■





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vant to tell people this place is mediocre," says Gregorio, "but only so they stay away. I don't want it to change. It's so fantastic. Who would have guessed, right in the middle of downtown TJ?"

Gregorio and Roberto chomp on through their carne asadas.

Actually they're Greg and Bob from L.A., but they're on their "excellent adventure" down into deepest Tijuana, so they're calling each other Gregorio and Roberto and speaking in bad Spanish. A cab driver recom-

mended this place when they asked for a "real" Mexican family restaurant.

In the back, a group of mariachis plays "Guantanamera" and "La Bamba" to a bunch of cigar-smoking American kids. But the truth is, most of the customers here tonight are Mexican. Families. Students. Lovers. Old guys. Businessmen. Quite crowded.

Which is surprising, because up there on Revolución, it's dead. Apart from a few desperate bars and strip joints. That's why I was relieved to see the "La Especial" sign lit up, and the guy in the little booth who sells steamed tacos. His stall is above the actual restaurant. You have to go down steps into a warren of leather and silver shops for that. 'Course they're all closed now, but the cozy-looking light of the restaurant draws you down anyway.

The amazing thing is, I've never come in here before. I always knew of it as a standard "safe" place to eat. Somewhere kids could bring their mom and dad from Ohio to on their TJ day out.

It feels like a true family casera-style joint.

Low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs, varnished tabletops, lots of murals of Mexico on the walls, multicolored paper buntings, waiters in black waistcoats bustling about...you get the impression this place has been here

for, like, ever. A warm red light shines in from the closed shutters of the stands outside.

"Smoking or non?" asks José the waiter. I look at the kids puffing their puros. "Non,"

I sit down, check out the menu, and, oh man, start worrying about dinero. It looks more expensive than I'd guessed. Those carne asadas with chiles rellenos that Bob and Greg had cost 97 pesos. Heading for 10 or 11 bucks. A T-bone steak is 134 — about 15 dollars. I order up a cerveza, Dos Equis dark, while I think (19 pesos, about two bucks). Bistek ranchero is 80 pesos. Maybe \$9.00. Bistek con papas, steak and fries, is 85, about \$9.50. These all come with soup, frijoles, mashed avocado, and coffee. And I long to have some of their adobada, marinated pork (also 85). Actually, these prices are better

than they seem, because they include tax, and tax on food in Mexico is 15 percent, double what it is in the States.

Still, I've got to conserve. With a will of iron, I flip to the "Mexican Combination" page. Now we're talking 54 pesos (say, \$6.00) for #1, a steamed taco, a chicken tamale, and an enchilada, with beans and guacamole or rice. Or 47 (\$5.25) for two meat enchiladas, same sides. Or a single taco (same sides) will set you back 38 pesos, maybe \$4.25.

José's waiting. "Number 1," I say. The taco, tamale, and enchilada. "With rice, not mashed avocado," I add. Rice will always fill you better.

While I'm waiting, I notice the paper mat in front of me. "We were born on July 17, 1952," it says. Huh. "Doesn't this make La Especial...50 years old?" I say to the guy in charge.

"Come July 17 it certainly does," says Humberto Brambila. The owner. His aunt Gustina started it all, he says, actually in 1948, with the steamed-taco stand upstairs. They opened this restaurant proper in '52 and expanded to carne asada and beer. "Our family originally came from Milan, Italy, four generations ago," says Humberto. "We've kept it in the family. I was a doctor, but I gave it up for the business."

José brings my number one. The tamal is

stuffed with chicken and the enchilada is enticing, but what I go for first is the steamed taco that started this business, all soft and squishy.

"Did you know who else loved steamed tacos?" says Roberto. "Diego Rivera, the famous Mexican muralist. He'd stop painting every afternoon to eat a basket full of them.

"Just like my uncle," says Humberto. He points to some of the murals here, like a lake scene from Apatzingán, Michoacán, behind the small bar. "He painted that. Alfonso Pasten. And a lot of those bullfight scenes, and all the faces on the backs of the chairs.'

I hadn't noticed till now, but most every chair has a portrait or a scene painted on its back. They may not be Diego Rivera, but they're pretty fine paintings.

"Did your uncle like steamed tacos too?"

"He was in the wrong place if he didn't," says Humberto.

"So how are you going to celebrate your 50th?" Lask.

"With old friends, customers, staff," he says. "Some will bring three, four generations with them. They all had milestones here...births, romances, marriages, children, grandchildren. That's why I prefer doing this to doctoring. In a way, it's just as important." ■

The Place: Café La Especial, 718 Avenida Revolución, down market steps (011-52-664-685-66-54) Type of Food: Mexican

Prices: Breakfast (9:00 a.m. to midday), ham and eggs (with beans, coffee), about \$4.50 (depending on exchange rate); cactus and eggs (same sides), \$4.50; steak and eggs (with potatoes, beans, coffee), \$10.00; taco-tamale-enchilada combo (with beans and guacamole or rice), \$6.00; taco (same sides), \$4.50; carne asada with chile relleno (including soup, frijoles, guacamole, coffee), \$10.75; T-bone steak (same sides), \$15.00; bistek ranchero, \$9.00;

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Guests Are Rare

"We often barbecue a variety of things, but it's not just steak and chops. You'd get thrown out."

ay Corley can rest now, which is not to say he's retired. The founder of Monticello Vineyards and a member of the second generation of post-Prohibition winemakers who journeyed to Napa Valley in the late '60s and early '70s, he has

now passed most of his duties on to his sons - winegrower/president Kevin, winemaker Chris, and sales/administration man Stephen. But he still stumps for Monticello (a wine dinner at Thee Bungalow in Ocean Beach was the occasion for our meeting). He still keeps track of the industry. And he still attends the monthly luncheon of the GONADS.

GONADS stands for the GastronOmic and Nonsensical And Dissipatory Society, and it is "essentially, just a group of about a dozen vintners that have been good friends for a long time. In the '70s, we formed an informal lunch club, and the group has stayed pretty well together for the last 20 years or so. Some of us are working on retirement, and some of the members have even sold their wineries, but they continue to be an active part of our group because of their longstanding wine interests. It's really a prestigious group of people that have kept out of the

limelight. Though guest chefs are usually brought in for the annual Christmas dinner (to which wives are invited) and occasionally for lunches, "a number of the members are really good cooks in their own right." Good thing; Corley notes that "all of the members have so much food experience that you can't just slap any old lunch together. We often barbecue a variety of things, but it's not just steaks and chops. You'd get thrown out."

As for the wines, "Each person brings a wine that they enjoy, plus the host has wines. They're very serious about... There's a lot of wine consumed." Corley likes Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, so he brings those, but "it's really a Cabernet-

lover's group. They'll take a taste [of my Pinot Noir], and then they go right to the Cabernets. They want big." Still, these are guys who have been around since the early days, when "winemaking was not that sophisticated. People were making wine from whatever grapes somebody had planted, and

Napa Valley had everything growing in it" -Riesling, Gewürztraminer, even Gamay Beaujolais. Not every such vine has been ripped out and replaced by more commercially viable varietals, and sometimes a member will bring some curious bottling for starters.

When it's your turn to host — the lunches are almost always at a winery or someone's - "you make an effort to see that good wine is served. You bring out some wine from your own collection that might be different, or some wine from another winery that's represented that you've had for a while and want to show off. I remember I had a very old bottle of Sutter Home Zinfandel that I brought out — a double magnum," the equivalent of four normal bottles. Corley recalls that Sutter Home winemaker Bob Trinchero "was practically in tears just seeing that wine."

Members start arriving for lunch around 12:30; nobody plans to go back to work. Guests are rare, friendships are common, and even the host can relax and talk shop. It's a welcome break from the

necessary formality of wine-related meals attended by the consuming public. There, "You're on your best behavior, you've got your proper clothes on, and you're trying to be a host. In this case, guys are coming in right out of the field or the winery." Corley treasures the casual atmosphere and the affection that comes from such a long association. He likens the group to a fraternity, rather than a gathering of competing businessmen, which in some sense they are. "There's a lot of that fellowship left. You could call any one of those guys and say, 'I've got a problem; could you come down here and help me?' We're often talking about new equipment or new pruning techniques."

They're often talking about the shape of the valley as well, and this is something I'm curious about - how Corley's generation sees the industry today. Mostly, he's still an advocate. "There have been a lot of changes, a lot of refinements. Now we have cult winemakers, who almost bless the winemaking process. They seem to have guaranteed a \$50 to \$60 bottle of wine. And I have to say, the wines are all good. There are not any bad wines coming out of the Napa Valley." But, he comments, a \$60 bottle of wine can end up on a wine list at five times that much, "and it isn't five times as good."

I'm surprised by his comment on cult winemakers. Corley regards himself as something of a purist. He has always tried to avoid over-oaking wine, as a chef would avoid overseasoning food. He doesn't condemn the practice of adding concentrate or small quantities of other varietals to help a given wine, but he has always eschewed the practice himself. "We're trying to give people the taste of the grape," he explains.

While most cult winemakers seem to share Corley's devotion to purity, I can't help thinking of a certain cult-status Zinfandel I tried a few years ago. Though the wine was amazing - balanced, but in the sense that every aspect was equally exaggerated — I never would have recognized it as Zinfandel. When I mention the wine, Corley concurs. "It's like a chef. You begin to



drift off into... You're tasting something in there that nobody else is tasting, and you're going off in a direction. People that have renown can do that for a while, and then you start standing out at the end of a limb. Pretty soon, a storm comes up and the limb breaks. You can't get too far afield, I think. Zinfandel is Zinfandel; you can't doctor it too much."

Cult or otherwise, there are few new faces among the members of GONADS, and even fewer comparative youngsters. "We've all sort of rolled on together. Chuck Carpy is the only original guy that's gone — he passed away. Dan Duckhorn [of Duckhorn Vineyards] was a member, but he sort of fell by the wayside. We have a couple of new members, including Bo Barrett of Chateau Montelena and another guy who only grows grapes. We all joke that none of us could get in now because everybody would blackball somebody." ■











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BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity car-

ries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — E.W.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grand-children for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999;

La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel

Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — *E.W.*

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy ever-multiplying restaurants —namely, mesquitegrilled, skewered, steamed or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locales. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't

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really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish mar-ket in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most super-markets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and some-times creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oys-

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HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue and white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian back-ground that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab

Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

KARL STRAUSS' OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), downtown, 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it's fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Other branches at 96/5 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. —

ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin' Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, sup-port poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like "Viva Bonita!" and "Work is for people who don't surf." The menu's big draw is the "big Baja bucket" (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled carne asada, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tor-tillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens,

crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and oriental dressing in a "cilantro tor-tilla." Open seven days. Friday happy hour free buffet 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twiggs, Old Town, 619-260-0305; 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7550; 258 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside, 760-967-6199. — E.B. (9/01)

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STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Puntal Control of the Contro *jabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, palak paneer. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Ask owner Kulbir about his 14-year-old yogurt culture and its health benefits. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.B. (11/01)

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its

mark by transforming the flat Italian mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more up-standing. Deep-dish pizzas have be-come one of Chicago's better-known exports (along with Oprah and steaks). Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th & H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)

NORTH COASTAL

AMICI 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael (hosting) offer personalized, home-style renditions of diverse Latin American and Italian dishes, including house-made breads, pastas, and beverages. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small noisy, pretty dining room. The bill of fare (about five choices for each course) changes nightly. (Groups of three or more can order sampler dinners with tastes of everything.) Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The signature dessert is a cloud-like Tres Leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. BYOB welcome; beer/wine license

pending. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday; reservations very strongly urged. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/02)

BIRD HOUSE GRILL 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with bird-cages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, a pile of very fine-grained halved sausages (resembling soft-skinned hot dogs with Middle Eastern seasonings) dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

CAFE SEVILLA CARLSBAD 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

CAFE ZINC 132 South Cedros, Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table. Dogs are welcome. Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kickback place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers

dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa. and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The veg-etarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

DEL MAR PIZZA 211 15th Street. Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W

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RANT 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and ex-citing atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

HIDE AWAY CAFE 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-753-5388. Here's where your mom met your dad the day he bought a long board. The Hide Away is the classic forties Cali-fornia beach café. You have to look carefully down the tiny tree-shaded street to spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It's a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion



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NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (corner of Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. The peaked dining room has been refurbished and looks like a circular country inn. All-you-can-eat buffet brunch with all-you-candrink champagne, mimosa, orange juice, and coffee. Traditional offerings include fried chicken. Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

PACIFICA DEL MAR 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Select the fresh fish pre-

pared in the simplest manner and you'll do fine here. The setting and view remain delightful and the service excellent. Wok items available. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

PARIOLI ITALIAN BISTRO 647 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-honored tradition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli, leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Maryland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

ROSANNA'S 806 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738. The original Rosanna's across the street from the Lumberyard is under renova-tions to become a full-service Italian dinner house. Meanwhile, Rosanna's Deli, 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546 (open daily 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) is the town's secret

Italian weapon, furnishing fresh-baked breads (and who knows what else?) to some of the best local eateries. The house-made sausages are juicy Sicilian-style classics of coarse-ground, fennelseasoned fresh pork, and the bright green frozen pesto is fresh and delicate. You'll also find frozen pizza dough and ravioli (with fillings such as lobster, wild mushrooms, or eggplant, as well as cheese), plus cold cuts, salads, and imported foodstuffs. Don't miss the sfogiliatelle, a light, moist, faintly lemony multi-layered breakfast pastry. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, and deli sandwiches. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, DEL MAR 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. Âll vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (6/00)

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TERIYAKI 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it . But this is Hawai-ian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner fla-vors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early din-ner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

TOM GIBLIN'S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 640-A Grand Avenue Carlsbad, 760-729-7234. Opt for Irish rather than American dishes. Recommended are the stew, shepherd's pie and fish and chips. Boxty dishes added to the menu. A brown bread, baked on the premises, is available for takeout daily. Inexpensive. — E.W. (3/99)

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VIVACE Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it's an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menus change seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music. Go see the hotel. It's worth the trip Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., dinners only. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 cific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza (close to Rancho Bernardo) off I-15, 858-675-2225. The same recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more lovingly prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value and tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there's very basic rotisseried chicken. Then, there are parboiled "barbecued" baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these dishes is "Cajun" seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs), dolmades, tyropita, and good gooey spanakopita. Although the salad dress-ings and tzatziki (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (5/01)

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somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang's creative Chinese menu has devolved into the cornstarch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the greaseless beef egg rolls and the sublime soups. Venturesome "regulars" who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the current menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there's a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

LA TAPATIA 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned

favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, highend high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time

chef Martin Woesle. Order at will, everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. -N.W. (5/01)

ONAMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, North County Fair, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese Fair. seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, sal-ads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. - E.W.

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All Califor-nia cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. - E.W.

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LA JOLLA

910 RESTAURANT Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400, www.thegrandecolonial.com/nine-ten.html. In this lively, casual-chic dining room, Chef Michael Stebner shapes a constantly changing, luxurious menu based little on "luxury foods" and much more on inspired combinations of luxuriously perfect lo-cal, seasonal foodstuffs — clean, fine flavors that taste like themselves. Most items are available as either "small" or 'large" plates, so it's easy to create your

own tasting menu without breaking the bank. Pastry chef Jack Fisher creates the avant-garde desserts. Open daily, three meals; Monday (typically chef's night off) is a best bet, with Stebner usually on hand to cook for his peers. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, entrées. Lively atmosphere. Bib salad and Max's pizza outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate.
— E.W. (3/00)

CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scal-lops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DAILY'S Renaissance Towne Centre. 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. Very noisy room and distracted service tend to make the experience more stressful than relaxing. Average steaks and chops, though nothing memorable. Popular "in" spot. Closed Sunday. Dinner, Monday through Saturday. Expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

HOPS! BISTRO AND BREWERY 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy's, University Towne Centre), La Jolla, 858-587-6677. Hops! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego.





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MARRAKESH 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into

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PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning presentations carry the day here. The extensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and its 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp receive special treatment. Open daily, Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE PANNIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as beverages and sweets are served. It is a well-known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ROY'S 8670 Genesee (Costa Verde Center, across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Cool out, guys, it's

San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which make all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal:

1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant. (Try the "Loess is More" with seafood.) The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia, "Kahana" shutome (swordfish), or the chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Open nightly. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

SADAF 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!"

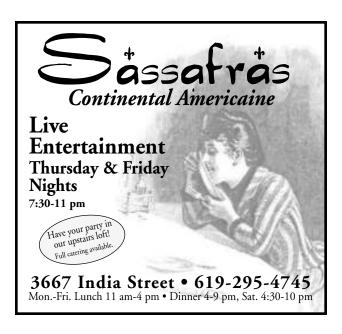
Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (10/00)

SKY ROOM Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (10/99)

TAPENADE 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork tenderloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs. Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W.* (7/98)

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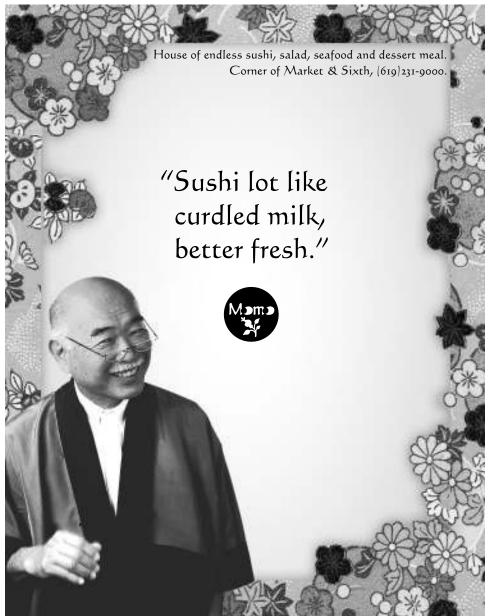
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HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAU-RANT Hazard Village, 9340-B Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastro-nomically a treat. Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional mandoo (beef) dumplings, gaejang backban, or raw crab, and yookhwe, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like gul bosam (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

NEW SHANGHAI 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele, because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99) PHUONG TRANG 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eat-ing hall with off-white walls, black and red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Michelob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and chao (porridge) is all here. The *Chao Long* (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hotpots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/02)

SHEILA'S CAFE & BAKERY 4577 Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant with a mission: Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes - and that everybody else wouldn't know was dif-ferent. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here. But it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has gotten extra-careful preparation. Closed Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

THAI HOUSE CUISINE 4225 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-1800. Not to be confused with Thai House in Point Loma, this attractive and well-decorated Thai restaurant serves fine gourmet Thai specialties. Do try the Thai Boat filled with seafood. The appetizer prepared from ground shrimp and chicken is a delight. Closed Sun day. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

TROPICAL STAR 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Closed Sunday. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

THE BEACHES

BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features

high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with bet-ter values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. - N.W. (12/00)

HUMPHREY'S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577, www.humphreysbythebay.com. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features topquality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie gar-nishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. – N.W. (11/01)

KONO'S 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scram-bled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB burger (chicken breast, green chili, pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Inexpensive, breakfast and lunch only. — *E.B.* (10/00)

QWIIGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good sushi bar, sprightly salads, and

fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service. Long flight of stairs to the dining room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAU-RANT 5049 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals. Particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other spe cials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables and a swag of rice. Open seven days. Inexpensive. -E.B. (9/01)

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Saska's is the perfect spot for insomniacs. Hearty breakfasts, which can include meat and eggs, are served Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m; the dinner hour extends to 2:00 a.m. as well. Saturday and Sunday brunches offer Mexican specialties. Beachcomber atmosphere. Open daily. Breakfast inexpensive; dinner moderate. — E.W.

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea-snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (uni, toro, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp-heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas,

when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar-seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the mas-ter is most likely to be present. Disabled-access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate.

— N.W. (11/00)

THE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Street. Loma Portal, 619-223-8197. For bargain hunters who like vast portions and home-style Italian cooking, try this family restaurant. The pizza is marvelous. For entrées, try shrimp scampi over linguine or eggplant parmigiana. One dining room is partially outdoors. Complete menu to go. Reservations taken for parties of six or more. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Inexpensive (pasta, pizza) to moderate. — E.W.

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large por-tions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar, Combination dinners with steak bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. —

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JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

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ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a beef lover, try the Texas burger served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Stay with beef here. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Early bird dinner Monday through Saturday for \$7.95. Call for hours. Open daily. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, Suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination plates which contain sesame chicken, tempura, and *gyoza* dumplings. The vegetable and shrimp tempura is outstanding. Closed Sunday. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ASWAN 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell Street), La Mesa, 619-697-0361. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant "where the Mississippi meets the Nile." Most dishes are made to order, so don't expect to eat and run. Start with a sampling of Maryam Suliman's Somalian sambussas (of chicken, beef, spinach, potato, lentils, shrimp, cheese, fruit) — each savory filling is differently seasoned. Then dive into a bowl of co-owner Vernon Sukumu's exemplary seafood gumbo. You can taste the Big Easy in every bit of NOLA-born chef Patrick Kavanaugh's Louisiana dishes, including an unbeatable jambalaya, or you can opt for African specialties such as tibsi, zigni, Somalian spaghetti, or a vegetarian sampler. "All you can eat" weekend brunches offer items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats hallal (Muslimbutchered). Lunch/dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch/dinner weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

BURNING TREENATIVE AMERICAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-3442, www.nativegrill.com. This place feels like someone's baronial country retreat. Since 1917, it has sat under a grove of California Live Oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows—you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create a pretty interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs' legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.B. (9/01)

D.Z. AKIN'S Alvarado Plaza, 6930 Alvarado Road. College Area.

619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

EFFIN'S PUB AND GRILL 6164 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-229-9800. Come here after a hard day's hittin' the books at nearby State. It's a brass-on-the-fan-blades, wild west-looking place where things can get pretty lively. The surprise is, they have some pretty good food, especially the pizzas. Check the house specials: Monday Madness (an "x-large pizza with domestic draft pitcher"), Taco Tuesday (tacos are bi-ig), and Wing Wednesday (hot & spicy wings go for a song). But, best of all, you can come up to the bar and say "Gimme an Effin beer" and not have to duck. Inexpensive to moderate. Closed Sundays. — E.B. (11/01)

THE LIVING ROOM COFFEE-HOUSE 5900 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-286-8434. With deepdraft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Later in the day, try their turkey lasagna with fruit and bread. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

LY'S GARDEN 6011 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-1885. Although the extensive menu offers Chinese as well as Cambodian specials, it's best to order the Cambodian food. Be sure to ask Mr. Ly for suggestions. Live crab and lobster as well as fresh oysters and shrimp available. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

OLD OAK INN 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of way-outhere downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. Makes a great Sunday drive destination. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. So naturally the food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, kitchen closed from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOOD JUNC-TION 9330 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-938-1511. Maybe it's the clean country air, but Rocky Mountain Junction's food tastes sharp and fresh in the mornings. Check out the "Macho Man" breakfast: three eggs, two bacon strips, two sausages, two pancakes, country potatoes or fries, and toast. Or the "Big Honkin' Omelet": six eggs, ham, turkey, bacon, sausage, bell pepper, mushroom, tomato, onion, country potatoes or French fries, and toast. On the lunch menu: the Junction Burger — with or without cheese — big and juicy. Also good: "old fashioned" BLT sandwich and chunky chicken breast salad. Early breakfast through lunch, Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109
Maine Avenue, Lakeside,
619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are
the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the
rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides
under the trees, and an old freezer door
is the main entrance to the restaurant,
which has decor straight out of Dodge
City. The menu has two sides: the Aside features big steaks, while the Bside offers bargain-priced sandwiches
like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarterpounder with steak fries, barbecue
beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights,
the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on
what the customers have asked for —
so get on down there and vote! Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

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CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Ca-Boulevard (at Fairmount), 619-563-3666, www.asmara-sd.com. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch tsebhi derho (known as ye-doro wat on thiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, gored-gored (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb al'cha, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider zilzil t'bsi, char-grilled meat in butter, and kulwa, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that "hot" means seriously spicy). Open daily; vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Inexpensive. - N.W. (11/00)

IMPERIAL HOUSE 505 Kalmia Street, North Park, 619-234-3525. If you are close to Balboa Park, this is an excellent place for lunch. The special, which costs \$8.95, includes soup or salad plus hot entrée. For dinner try steak, fresh fish, Anna potatoes. Tableside service and a charming view of the park. In a separate room is the Mystery Dinner Theatre which includes dinner plus theater on Friday and Saturday. (Call for prices.) Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Saturday; dinner theater, Friday and Saturday in separate room. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncompli-cated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pep-per, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), tom yum soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (2/99)

LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAU-RANT 3983 54th Street, corner of University in K-Mart Shopping Mall, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.* (9/99)

MAX DELI AND MARKET 734 12th Street, East Village, 619-239-9568. Architectural students, diesel mechanics, and guys off the street hang out at this restaurant-market in one of Center City's more knockabout neighborhoods. Don't worry. Max is South Korean, a lifelong sea captain. He can handle any little problems. Fact is, this is real neighborhood. Some customers have been coming in 10, 15 years for a sandwich and a beer. Best buys are Max's thick homemade soups and his sandwiches. And at least one regular swears Max serves up the "best hot dogs this side of Coney Island." Breakfast and lunch. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis), North Park, 619-291-4090. Is that Cher pulling up a chair? There's a def-inite *Moonstruck* atmosphere about this place. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced "daily specials" like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longestrunning eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree, an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the kafta kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the kibbeh neyeh, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, 619-285-1635. This storefront café with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well prepared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, banana squash with spicy yogurt sauce. Lunch and dinner buffet of basmati rice with six toppings for \$6.49. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featur-ing Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF IN-**DIA** 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest Cinemas complex, 619-298-3155. Don't miss the elegant food, the lovely set-ting, the loving service. Owned by the former proprietors of Monsoon. You will find the food subtle and sophisti-cated. This Indian restaurant is a blessing to our community. All-you-can-eat buffet lunch \$8.98 daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

COTTAGE CAFE 2321 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071, www.cottagecafesandiego.com. The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpable. But you can eat American if you want. The "Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sandwich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye But maybe the most Polish is the allyou-can-eat buffet. Expect items like stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful — it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dep serving Mexican with solid, home-made, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929

If you've been searching for a place to have dessert after a movie or other cul-tural event, keep this dessert café in mind. Baker-owner Karen Krasne pre-pares sensuous cakes, tarts, cookies, and all manner of chocolate goodies Teas and coffees are uniformly good. In summer, the patio is especially charming. Open for weekday breakfast, week-end lunch, and until late evening: Sunday through Thursday to 11:00 p.m and weekends until midnight. — E.W.

FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, uptown, 619-544-0940. Excellent, very fresh fish and seafood dinners are to be found here. The price of the entrée includes soup or salad. Best bet is the bargain-price per couple prix fixe dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. À la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add cachet to the evening. Open daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *E.W.*

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drink-ing green tea, not red wine. The best es are at lunch, with weekday spe cials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily io-dine fix. Number One — that's what ichi-ban" means. Inexpensive. -E.B. (11/00)

KAZUMI SUSHI 3975 Fifth Avenue, Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054; sandiego.citysearch.com/E/V/SANCA/00 04/13/05/1.html. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, vakitori, terivaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., satay, beef salad), featuring a very tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties, try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish, accompanied by jammy garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and the vegetarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based "secret sauce," nam pla. It doesn't help that the flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. N.W. (4/01)

MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A splendid place to or-der a feast for a large party (give at least four hours notice). Banquet dishes in-clude casserole soup, scallops in pepper, General Tso's chicken, and shrimp in Chinese sauce. New vegetarian menu with over twenty items. Imitation chicken, beef, and pork prepared from soy or wheat gluten. Entrées from the menu may be Americanized and are of average competence. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND **CITY BAKERY** 2801-2805 University Avenue, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10.00. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (7/98)

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open week-days, three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.W. (10/99)

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PICASSO SPANISH RESTAURANT

3923 Fourth Avenue (near University), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/01)

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town, named after the most revered writer you've never read. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spo ken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) - all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better, and faster, than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their farofa salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

A LA CARTE ON SIXTH AVENUE

921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches. soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open week-days 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive — E.W.

AUBERGINE 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-8100, www.aubergineon4th.com. You'll think you've stepped into a chic Manhattan supper club, but the gorgeous young staff — clad in Calvin Klein, no less are sweet and skillful. The fare is a puz-zling melange of Mediterranean roasting, American grilling, and pan-Asian wokking, aimed to satisfy all appetites. Preparations vary unpredictably; safest choices are grilled meats (especially the succulent pork slab) and wok dishes. Slightly dressy; noisy weekends with ud live music; long and busy bar Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

THE BLARNEY STONE 502 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8:00 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE

565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. A welcome addition to down town. Dinner only, from 5:00 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ **BAR** 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive.

DEMEDICI 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommenda ons for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with cala-mari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner nightly, moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler to very expensive. N.W. (8/01)

DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT 407 C Street, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and

chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

EL COMAL 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crepes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate.

GYROSCOPE GREEK CAFE 926 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District 619-235-4635. You want cheap *and* in District. teresting food in the Gaslamp? Gyroscope's one of the few that make that list. They have the usual mediumpriced beef kabob, moussaka, spanakopita, dolmades, tiger shrimps, and steak. But you can also get amply filling "sandwich" size plates for just a few bucks: beef kabob, lamb, chicken breast, and of course the gyro (marinated lamb and beef slices in pita bread). Get one of these, a glass of burgundy, and a table with a view of the passing parade, and you'll be feeling like a king. Even cheaper at lunchtime. Open seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue, downtown, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge

multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammed Ali are just two — and some not so fa-mous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread. Or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats in-clude the catfish sandwich and halfpound rib tips. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, to 3 a.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

LA GRAN TAPA 611 B Street, downtown, 619-234-8272. Here is a good spot for a light meal, especially before or after a cultural event. Tapas, Spanish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is always fine. Try tortilla española (cold potato and egg "pie") and paella. Lively, casual atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W. (1/99)

LA STRADA 702 Fifth Avenue (at Fifth and G), Gaslamp District, 619-239-3400. The setting is lovely, but the Northern Italian food preparation may be uneven. Stay with pasta dishes and low-priced items. Open daily for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Late hours weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

MORTON'S OF CHICAGO 285 J Street, Gaslamp District, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, us, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a oneand-a-half-or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

ROYALE BRASSERIE 224 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-237-4900. Like a theme park for nostalgics yearning for bygone Bohemian Paris, Royale's eye-popping Art Nouveau decor re-creates a fin de siècle brasserie — but "re-creation" or no, it makes dinner a recreational activity. You'll find competent reproductions of French bourgeois classics — escargots, frogs' legs, charcuterie, et al. — with an emphasis on impeccable seafood. The newfangled yellowfin tartare is to die for, the Belgian-style mussels with *frites* to dive into, and the huge cold shellfish platters are to share and to swoon over. To accompany the feast, the wine-by-the-glass choices are super-savvy. Often very noisy; heated patio; reservations necessary. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.* (11/00)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — E.W.

SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp District, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excel-lent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour fesenjan (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your fesenjan dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy - try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or







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amieh, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. N.W. (12/00)

TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beau-tiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. -

TOP OF THE MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

TURF SUPPER CLUB 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal firepit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in gar-lic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello m ers choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki

skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad - not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

VINCENZO RISTORANTE **ITALIANO** 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181, www.vincenzoristoranteitaliano.com. The specialty at this tourist favorite (Texans are rife) is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hardsurfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Easy parking a block east in lot on Columbia. Moderate. -N.W. (8/01)

THE WESTGATE GOURMET DELI-CATESSEN Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: 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. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND CREPES 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little roundthe-corner café has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

CAFE 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmos phere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus ex-tras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

DA KINE'S PLATE LUNCHES 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Pacific 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nec-tar, and island food. Although the Kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu — a hole in the ground — it sure tmu — a note in the ground — it such tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *Haupia* cake it may cause serious addiction. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/00)

HANAOKA 1528 C Sweetwater Road National City, 619-477-5173. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka's Japanese restaurant has the feel of those country inns you

read about in a James Michener novel. with a sushi counter, lots of paper lanterns, and sunken tables where you can sit lotus-fashion or drop your legs in the space below. The luncheon specials are a great buy. Try chicken teriyaki and gyoza, with rice, salad, and miso soup. "Hanaoka" means "honest," and portions are honestly generous. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

THE HUDDLE BY THE PARK 333 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-425-0335. Run by Janet, daughter of Ruth Henricks, famous for her community work, who started the original Huddle up in Mission Hills. Like mom's place, Janet's has good, robust, homey, easy-on-the-wallet food, and waitresses you can actually talk to Omelets, like the three-egg "truly vegetarian" omelet, come stuffed with everything from mushrooms to guacamole. Daily specials like the biscuits, sausage, and gravy are real deals. But don't leave without slopping some of their marmalade on your toast — mom makes it. Breakfast and lunch seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

MCDINI'S 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771, A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene—all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/01)

MCP'S IRISH PUB & GRILL 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-

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CHIKI JAI 1388 Avenida Revolución

(corner of 7th Street), Zona Centro, Ti-

juana, 685-4955. The new dining room, constructed from the ground up, is

lovely to behold and offers old favorites

as well as new Spanish dishes. Best bets are fresh cod, fresh nightly fish, paella.

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phere. Open seven days, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* (6/98)

EL RINCON DEL OSO Location 47,

Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an ac-quired taste. This little market restau-

rant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's sur-

prisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the

meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding

cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's

meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round

out that gamey aftertaste. Come early

morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inex-

EL RODEO 1647 Blvd. Salinas, Tijuana, 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts,

some cooked right at your table. The

accompaniments are wonderful: an appetizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid — even a dessert is included in the price

of the entrée. Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. *Vaquero*

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ción until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente; turn left just before the

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MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. (Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, 619-224-2401.) Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's sur-prisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. -N.W. (9/00)

THE OLD BONITA STORE 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537 The menu is strongly influenced by Baja Californian/Mexican cooking. The signature dish is the bucket of Baja-style lobster for two. The bucket includes slipper lobster tails, shrimp, grilled chicken, and carne asada, plus Caesar salad, rice and beans, and tortillas. Open daily. Moderate. - E.W.

VFW 557 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6917. You may have to get over the feeling you're intruding on a private club here, but boy, is it worth it! One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public is welcome" lunches are home-cooking at genuine Korean War prices. Mondays and Wednesdays it's burgers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Guess What?" days — typically, enchilada casserole, baked chicken or spaghetti, or a fried-rice dish that's full of good things. Two really tasty occasionals are liver with mashed potato and onions or chicken-fried steak with fried rice. First and third Friday nights of the month, outsiders are invited to join the weekly fish fry from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Check out the photos and memorabilia from wars fought from Siberia to Vietnam. Lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. -E.B. (10/00)

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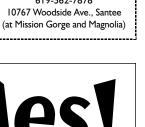
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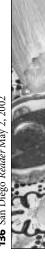
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Sandra Bullock represses most of her worst impulses.

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

ust got back from Italy. Looked around. Still didn't see *The Son's Room* anywhere. Big surprise. (I feel some sort of apology is owed for my premature review, but I can't quite

feel I'm the one to pay it.) Now they tell me it's definitely set to open on May 17. Sì, certo, as the Italians say when

they mean we'll see about that. In the meantime, there are plenty of other things to catch up on, not even counting what I have no intention of catching, Jason X, Life or Something Like It, The Sweetest Thing, Van Wilder, et al.

The Scorpion King. What ought, also, to have been on the list of things I had no intention of catching. A cheesy prequel — of Limburger smelliness — to The Mummy and more particularly The Mummy Returns. Or: How the Last of the Akkadians Got Scorpion Blood in His Veins and Became a King. It goes to show, if nothing else, that if you take the mummy out of the movie, you'll have a shorter one — a scant ninety minutes — but not a better one. (It might additionally go to show, though you can't be too sure, that Chuck Russell is an even worse director than Stephen Sommers.) The

antagonist in the mummy's absence, Steven Brand, is a sort of cut-rate Russell Crowe with a dormant muskrat on his head. The muscle-bound and saucer-eyed hero, Dwayne Johnson.

alias The Rock, delivers his lines with all the force of an exasperated driver's-ed instructor.

Changing Lanes. Samuel L. Jackson and Ben Affleck get into a fender-bender on the FDR on their separate ways to the courthouse, the one to divorce court, the other to probate court. The first, an operatically repentant alcoholic, unable to drive away from the scene of the accident, loses custody of his children by default. (Kim Staunton has some ferocious moments as the fed-up wife.) The second, a self-important Wall Street up-andcomer, drives off with an airy "Better luck next time," leaving behind a blank check and, inadvertently, the key document to his shady dealings in court. Thus begins a grim-faced game of Laurel-and-Hardy tit-for-tat, and a didactic lesson in the fragility of the social covenant and the constant nearness of chaos. (The casting of the leads, plus a gratuitous barroom altercation over Tiger Woods, tends



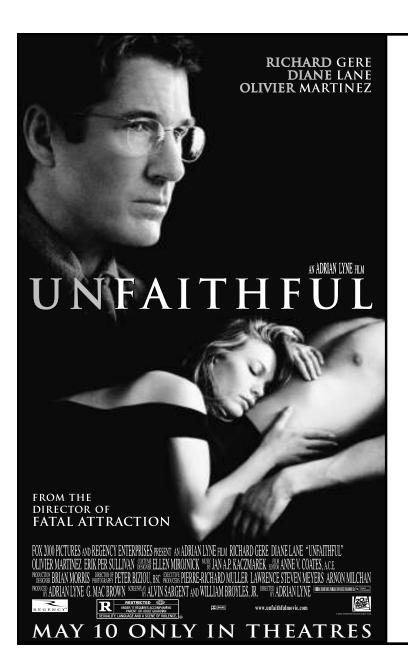
Murder by Numbers

inevitably to channel the allegory down restrictive racial straits.) No doubt it's something a little different, something a little serious and a little somber, but not enough so to justify the respectfulness of its reception from some critics. Both men behave badly — that's good. But the escalation of hostilities ends in a loss of artistic nerve and an eleventh-

hour parachute leap into a feather bed. Even Laurel and Hardy left a stronger aftertaste. And the sheer amount of hostilities, never mind the altitude of them, seems much too much to fit into a single day. British filmmaker Roger Michell's best evidence of his contemporary "relevance" consists of nothing more than his fitful jiggles of the

amera.

Murder by Numbers. Barbet Schroeder, coming off his engagé political thriller Our Lady of the Assassins, reverts to his Hollywood-hack mode, with an updated Loeb-Leopold case about a precocious, Nietzschean, absinthesipping high-school misfit who masterminds a "perfect crime" in col-



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laboration with a cocky BMOC. For hack work, however, it is a handsome job, and authentically cinematic. Very low-key, very attentive to detail, it moves along as smoothly, slowly, stealthily as a Cadillac on semi-inflated tires: no gunning of the engine, no squealing wheelies, no zigging and zagging, no stomach-in-the-mouth ski jumps. The ending perhaps goes over, or near, the top, but not as far over as that of Schroeder's $Single\ White\ Female$ or Desperate Measures, and the old-fashioned Hitchcockian "fakeyness" of the

outer ones, may be purely mechani-

rear-screen projection anchors it solidly to the Golden Age. There is, besides, an endless supply of delicate shadowing from the director's trusty cinematographer, Luciano Tovoli (whose absence on the digital-video Our Lady was sorely apparent), and the houseboat residence of the lead detective on the case affords great opportunity for those shadows to flutter and undulate. Sandra Bullock, in the part of the physically as well as psychologically scarred cop, lacks a certain ballast, though she represses most of her worst impulses: her champagne-bubble impulses, her goose-honk impulses, her America's Sweetheart impulses. The plotting, in particular the dovetailing of the heroine's inner demons and

cal, but the mechanism has been tuned to a fine steady purr. High Crimes. Ashley Judd, under a

blanket of makeup, stops making cute faces and starts making other kinds of faces after her picture-perfect husband (Jim Caviezel) is hauled before a courtmartial for the long-ago massacre of nine civilians in El Salvador. Seeing as she's a hot-shot Bay Area attorney, she elects to defend him herself, with a wily old former Marine and former drunk (Morgan Freeman, equal parts charm and gravity) to show her the ropes of military justice. But the case is nonsensical. Why would a corrupt and conspiratorial military, anxious to bury a stillborn scandal, dig up an innocent party to railroad for the crime? The alternative is still more illogical: why would it dig up the guilty party who could illuminate the corruption and conspiracy firsthand? There can be no question of its corruptness and conspiringness, as proven by the busy program of threats, intimidation, and outright assaults inflicted on the defense team. Final revelations only deepen the nonsense. And director Carl Franklin, belaboring the closeups in TV style, herewith goes to new lengths to renege on the early promise of his One False Move and Devil in a Blue Dress.

Frailty. Ambitious little chiller, related largely in flashback, concerning a working-class Texas widower (Bill Paxton, who also directed) who announces one night to his two young sons that an angel has visited him in his sleep and anointed him a slayer of demons. A hit-list of same will be forthcoming. "So we're like superheroes?" enthuses the younger of the sons. More like serial killers, in the eyes of the elder. It doesn't quite come off, and never escapes the danger of an unwanted laugh, but it does exercise a grip on our attention, and generates a mild case of the willies. The ambitiousness is rather undermined in the long run by the cheap switcheroo outcome, and by the inflationary rhetoric in the operative definition of "demon."

Don't we ask more of our demons than the everyday stains on the police blotter?

Human Nature. Highly unusual and no less highly unfunny comedy of Big Themes: animal vs. human, nature vs. civilization, id vs. superego. An ape woman (Patricia Arquette), hairy-chested at the age of twelve, a Queen Kong sideshow act at twenty, a reclusive nature writer as a young adult (best-seller: Fuck Humanity), seems the perfect match for a Kipling-esque wild child (Rhys Ifans) raised by chimps, but by then she's already matched up with, and molded to, a pencil-necked pointyheaded scientist (Tim Robbins) who uses words like "behoove" and "ergo" in conversational speech, and teaches table manners to lab rats: the film's funniest image, worthy of a wincing smile. Ho-hum encore for the writer of Being John Malkovich, Charlie Kaufman. The director of that overvalued item, Spike Jonze, takes refuge here in the producer credits, allowing Frenchman Michel Gondry to face the rotten tomatoes.

Old business:

E.M. Lake took seriously my question of whatever happened to Sally Cruikshank, and sent me the Web address that would answer it: awn.com/ cruikshank/film.html. The charming page that awaited me, however, echoed my concern. The animator is depicted "at the studio" in a confab with one of her cartoon characters, Anita. Sally is saying, "I've made six animated films and movie titles and songs for Sesame Street and — " Anita interrupts, "But what have you done lately?'

And Jonathan Takagi came through with a predominantly negative E-mail report on Millennium Mambo, in effect trying to quiet my curses against fate for putting me out of the country when the film was screening at the San Diego International Film Festival. (I just missed it in Rome, too.) I'm open to further reports, nonetheless.

The other shoe drops:

It took till the last week of April, but Sherry Stringfield's return this season to ER was finally followed, as I'd hoped, by Kathleen Wilhoite's return as her sister. I'd hoped for it not so much for my own sake — another table-scrap role from the ER smorgasbord — as for hers. I'd hoped they would pay her well. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Amadeus — Through the overlush production and the underlush direction (by Milos Forman), you can still see the makings of a potent historical fiction: potent enough, that is, to stir up curiosity about how much of it is true and to put down protests about how much of it isn't. The rivalry between the traditionalist court composer Antonio Salieri and the free-lance innovator Mozart — a one-sided rivalry, really, with Salieri driven by envy of talent, and revulsion at personal temperament, into the most melodramatic sort of chicanery — has almost as universal an application as author Peter Shaffer means it to have: mediocrity is everywhere, and its best hope to escape detection is to stamp out anything better. But the particulars of this case tend, as particulars will, to obscure the application; and though most people by definition should have an easier time identifying with Salieri, the dramatic sympathy piles up all the other way. "Chastity, industry, and humility" — the bartering items Salieri is ready to offer to God in exchange for musical immortality — do not sound anywhere near as much fun as the bouts of partygoing that seem to take up the bulk of Mozart's time, in between jotting down those masterpieces that come to his head fully formed. The notion of "genius" as some sort of genetic lottery prize (rather than as that no-fun definition of Carlyle's, the transcendent capacity for taking pains) will help to make Mozart a hero for our time, if only to provide a handy excuse for packing it up whenever work bogs down. (Nothing pushes the conflict further toward oversimplification than the portrayal of Mozart, by Tom Hulce, as a sort of Mickey Rooney circa 1939, complete with barnyard laugh.) And it will be easy to forget that Salieri, for all his obliging concessions of his own mediocrity and of the absolute genius of his rival, is at least as far above the general run as Mozart is above him. With F. Murray Abraham, Elizabeth Berridge, and Jeffrey Jones. 1984.

the world (at Paris, more precisely) through the primrose-colored glasses of Jean-Pierre Jeunet: a delayed-meeting romance à la And Now My Love, Sleepless in Seattle, et al., and a fashionable juggling act of fate, chance, coincidence, etc. The dementedly winsome heroine (Audrey Tatou), prone to conspiratorial glances at the camera, and egged on by a waggish narrator, is a selfdenying do-gooder whose secret mission seems to be the spiritual enlightenment of others, often by the most devious means: reprogramming a speed-dial button from

★ (GASLAMP 15)

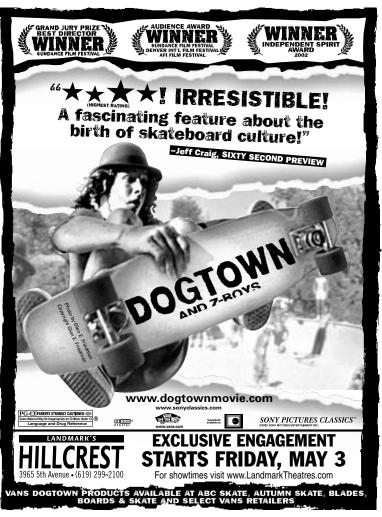
"Mother" to "Psychiatric Helpline." The boundless, bounding imagination tends to be grounded, however, by the air of effortfulness. The best of it - the broad omniscient view of humanity combined with an eye for random trivial detail — was done better, and funnier, in Jane Campion's apprentice work, Passionless Moments, and at about one-tenth the length. With Mathieu

— Cutesy art-house item looks at

Kassovitz. 2001. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

A Beautiful Mind — Laundered biography of the Nobel Prize-winning mathematician, and madman, John Forbes Nash, Jr. It's his madness, of course, and not his math, that makes him a viable screen







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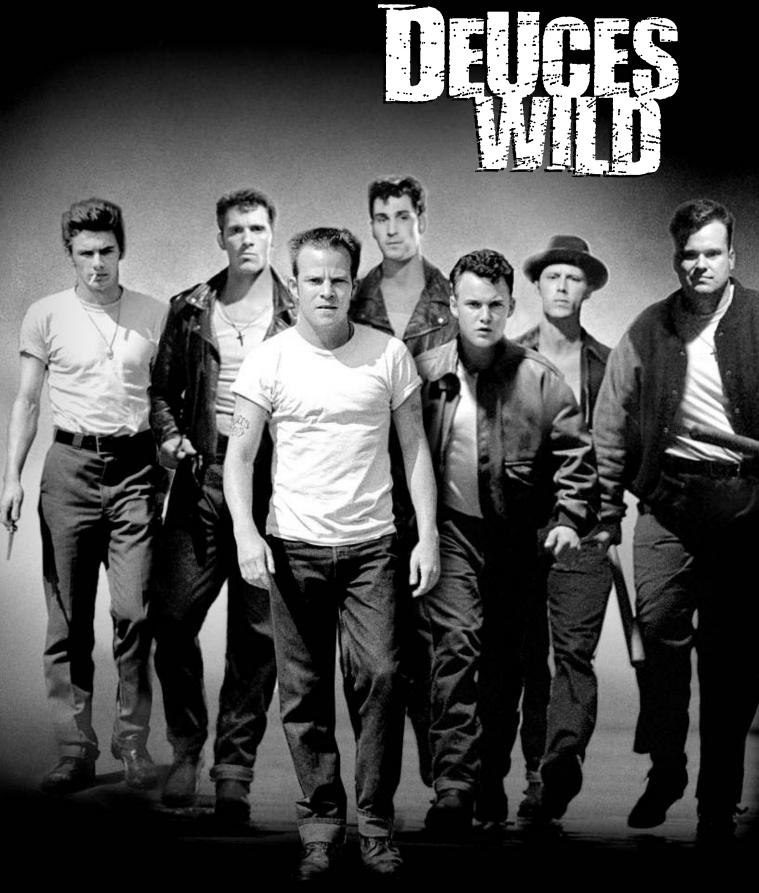
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subject, and director Ron Howard nurtures it with care. (And with more taste and restraint than are his custom.) But between the West Virginia accent and the nerdish introversion, much of what he says — or rather, what an emasculated Russell Crowe says — is lost in transmission. With Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris, Christopher Plummer, Paul Bettany. 2001.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA PALOMA, FROM 5/3; VOGUE)

Big Trouble — The all-purpose title tells little about a slender, strenuous comic caper adapted from a novel by Dave Barry: a lengthy eighty-odd minutes. (Its release was postponed after the attacks of September 11, 2001, owing to worries over the blackmarket nuclear bomb smuggled aboard a jetliner: heh-heh.) The opportunities are spread very thin among the large cast: Tim Allen, Rene Russo, Stanley Tucci, Jason Lee, Zooey Deschanel, Janeane Garofalo, Omar Epps, Tom Sizemore, Dennis Farina, Patrick Warburton. Sharpest gag: the off-screen voices in illustration of the inanities of sports-talk radio. Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld. 2002.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Black Hawk Down — Faithful reenactment of a 1993 incident in Somalia: the eighteen-hour urban firefight that ensues when an intended neat, clean, in-and-out raid into the heart of Mogadishu (colloquially called "the Mogue," or just "Mogue") goes bad. It delivers a mixed experience, even, you might say, a mixed message: harrowing yet spectacular action, unglamorous yet gorgeous, rugged yet slick. The director is Ridley Scott (Alien, Blade Runner, and on down through G.I. Jane and Gladiator), so the spectacular, the gorgeous, the slick are givens; the harrowing, the

unglamorous, and the rugged must be counted as bonuses, neither to be taken for granted nor taken lightly. (The damage done to the bodies of some of the soldiers goes well beyond indignity.) Though some of the faces — Josh Hartnett, William Fichtner, Ewan McGregor, Ron Eldard, and that latter-day Aldo Ray, Tom Sizemore — are more familiar than others, there has been a concerted effort to steer clear of big stars, and to spread the dramatic interest evenly among the sizable cast: no one-man-armies, no centers-of-the-universe, no empathymagnets, in this group. There is individual courage on display, and competence, and selflessness, but there is no villainy or cowardice deeper than the inevitable snafu. The soldiers are just that and no more: followers of orders. The virtual and inexplicable absence of blacks among them — the total absence among the principal ones — perhaps creates an unwanted and unfortunate Zulu-like image of a handful of civilized whites holding the line against hordes of savage blacks. But there appears to be no conscious point of view apart from the dizzying spectacle of it all, the sensory overload, the nonstop assault on eye and ear, the swirl of dust and bits of paper beneath the churning blades of the helicopters, the trails of smoke, the explosions, the spray of debris — in sum, the big wow. Yet there are moments of genuine power, not to mention genuine skill. So, yes — a mixed experience, but an intense one, an exhausting one, and, most importantly, a lingering one. 2001.

★★★ (VOGUE

Blade II — The opening re-cap — how we got to where we are — plays like the weekly opening of a vintage TV series (think of *The Fugitive*, for instance, or *The Incredible Hulk*), and the first dramatic sequence brings Kris Kristofferson back from the dead as the comic-book hero's sidekick and personal Vulcan (no, not a Mr. Spock, but the god of metalworking and weaponsmaking). The main plotline thereafter, about a new strain of bald-headed blue-



Frailty

silver, and about an unnatural alliance
between our half-human half-vampire hero
(Wesley Snipes, alias Wesley Smirks) and a
commando team of ordinary old vampires
known as the Blood Pack, is pretty much
incomprehensible, and is in any event only a
pretext to conscript all vampires
whatsoever — old, new, and half-breed
alike — into the martial arts. Director
Guillermo del Toro's earlier vampire film in
his native Mexico, Cronos, was a genuinely
original and thoughtful contribution to the
genre. Here the only newness is in the sense
that a late model automobile is new: new
gadgets and gizmos, new special effects, a

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veined vampires immune to garlic and

that a late model automobile is new: new gadgets and gizmos, new special effects, a new two-way mouth opening — vertical in addition to horizontal, for lustier bloodsucking — and new Cronenbergian degrees of ickiness. Granted, the film is handsomely shot in the anonymous cityscape of Prague, and some of the effects — principally the way a slain vampire turns instantaneously into a glowing ember and a shower of ash — might be termed "cool" by people who are free with that term. (The occasional use of fast-motion in the action scenes — not, of course, to the exclusion of slow-motion — might almost

be termed "retro," taking us back to the days

del Toro, who made something quite special

of Clyde Beatty and Buster Crabbe.) But

and personal in his first American effort,

Mimic, can make no such thing of this. A

some sort of patchwork parachute, to slow

hired hand, he can only hope, as if with

its descent into Low Camp, and not enough, even then, to prevent a splat. 2002.

(HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20;
 OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Cat's Meow — Peter Bogdanovich's re-creation of the mysterious death of silent-film pioneer Thomas Ince, starring Kirsten Dunst, Cary Elwes, and Edward Herrmann. (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Changing Lanes — Reviewed this issue. With Ben Affleck, Samuel L. Jackson, Toni Collette, and Amanda Peet; directed by Roger Michell.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;
CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION
VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD
CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6;
LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13;
MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM
PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10;
RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN
SQUARE 14)

Clockstoppers — Tom Swiftian science fiction about a clean teen who comes into possession of a wristwatch which essentially can freeze time, or more accurately can transport its wearer into "hypertime," so that everything around him seems to slow to a standstill. Apart from one escapade of youthful pranks, there's little imagination in the use of it, and less imagination in the

nefarious federal agents who want to get their hands on it. Jesse Bradford, Paula Garces, French Stewart, Julia Sweeney, Michael Biehn; directed by Jonathan Frakes 2002.

• (MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

The Dark Crystal — Tolkien-esque fantasy, designed by British illustrator Brian Froud, co-directed by Jim Henson (creator of the Muppets) and Frank Oz (voice of Miss Piggy, Yoda, et al.), and enacted by a new breed of puppet for which there is as yet no convenient label. The major designing effort has gone toward minor revisions of the known universe, creating creatures that look not quite like anything you have ever seen before, although somewhat like some things you have seen: vultures, lizards, beetles, troll dolls, Ollie the Dragon, Mia Farrow (as she would appear on a canvas by Walter Keane), and so on. The results are decidedly mixed. Broad, rounded features identify the forces of Good; narrow, pointy ones the forces of Evil; and our aesthetic sympathies go entirely to the latter. The effort to animate both these factions is a separate matter altogether, and the slow, bobbing movements of all the main characters prove deadly to the movie's pace. 1982.

★ (KEN, 5/2)

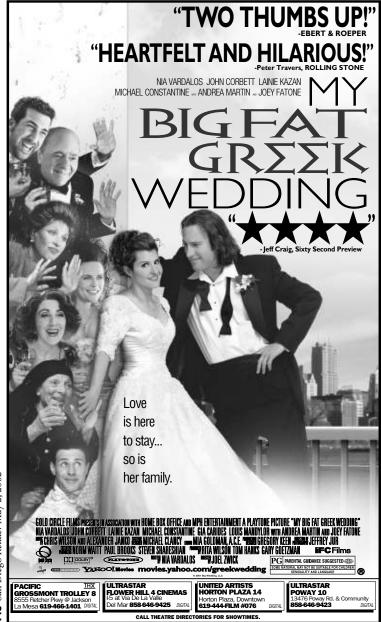
The Daytrippers — A pleasant outing in a Buick station wagon, comfortably seating five: Mom, Dad, Sis and her boyfriend, and the suspicious wife who, on the day after Thanksgiving, has discovered a cryptic note to her husband, quoting an Andrew Marvell love poem and signed "Sandy." What is the meaning of this? The complications, as the assembled posse attempts to track down the errant husband in Manhattan, are plausible enough to be entertaining rather than merely exasperating. The car heater breaks down; Mom collapses on the street after a block of high-speed pursuit on foot ("Don't go into the light, Mom!"), and is taken in by strangers to recuperate. And so forth. The maior weakness of writer-director Greg Mottola's first feature film — his scrambling, jockeying, pseudodocumentary camera is but a minor one - is the overshadowing of the heroine by any and every other character, however marginal and transient, who comes into view. The supposed central situation of the movie cannot hold its rightful place. These other characters, though, keep us from dwelling overmuch on the matter. Hope Davis, Anne Meara, Liev Schreiber, Parker Posey, Pat McNamara, Campbell Scott, Stanley Tucci, Marcia Gay Harden. 1997.

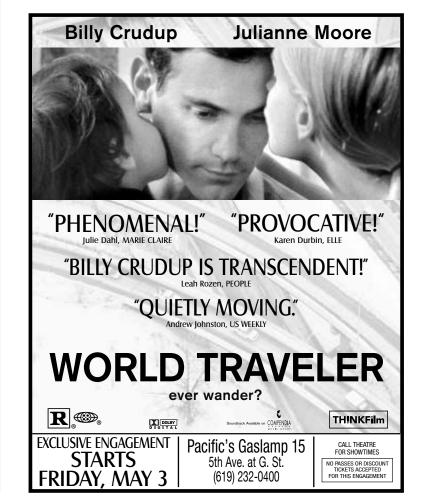
★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/8, 7 P.M.)

Deuces Wild — Fifties-era turf war between Brooklyn street gangs, with Stephen Dorff, Brad Renfro, Fairuza Balk, and Frankie Muniz, directed by Scott Kalvert. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/3)

Dogtown and Z-Boys — Stacy Peralta's documentary on the early days of skateboarding.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/3)

E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial — Nothing more ought to be required to dismiss Steven Spielberg's pretense of sweetness and innocence, or to dismiss the movie *in toto* from respectful consideration, than a glance at the death-scene of the monogrammatic spaceman. This sickroom spectacle is milked for all it is worth, with the normally cigarcolored creature having turned to the color of ash, his full-moon eyes narrowing to mere crescents, and the ten-year-old boy who has befriended him, and who is symbiotically wedded to him, at first wasting away in tandem, then regaining sufficient strength to wail in protest when the selfless little alien severs all ties. For cruelty to characters and audience alike, the expiration of E.T. bears comparison to Dickens's polishing-off of Little Nell. No one but a





card-carrying masochist would want actually to carry out such a comparison, and, in any event, the relevance of the comparison is very soon squelched. For sheer manipulativeness, for utter shamelessness in pursuit of popular approval, Spielberg leaves Dickens choking in his exhaust when, once having shut E.T. away in his coffin, he arbitrarily brings him back to life again. The threshold of shamelessness is crossed over at many other points as well, particularly in Spielberg's courtship of the under-twelve viewer, or of any other viewer willing to switch off his brain in an effort to feel that young again. With Henry Thomas and Dee Wallace. 1982. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY)

Frailty — Reviewed this issue. With Bill Paxton, Matthew McConaughey, Powers Boothe, and Matt O'Leary; directed by Paxton.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Goonies — "A Richard Donner Film," but "a Steven Spielberg Presentation." The second fellow wrote the original story and was one-third of the team of executive producers, and the finished product is chock-full of Spielbergian ingredients: skeletons, bugs, bats, boulders. There is even (in the duplicitous spirit of E.T.'s resurrection) a moment of sentimental self-sacrifice so that there can later be a moment of joyful reunion when the self-sacrificer is spared anyway. There are also lots of jokes - of the sort, for example, wherein the penis will be broken off Mom's miniature reproduction of Michelangelo's David, and will be glued back on upside-down. The story tells of a gang of seven kids (these are The Goonies $modern\ counterpart\ of\ The\ Little\ Rascals)\ in$ search of the legendary buried treasure of One-Eyed Willie, who has protected his riches with an elaborate complex of booby traps that would put the Egyptian pyramidbuilders to shame. All of the kids take turns getting hysterical, and the movie is consequently unpleasantly shrill. It would be a blessing if some of the kids could be killed off, but it isn't that kind of movie. It would not want to alienate anybody. And indeed its closest kinship to childhood is probably its desperate desire to be popular, though it ultimately takes this desire beyond desperation and into depravity. Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen, Kerri Green, Martha Plimpton. 1985.

Gosford Park — From Robert Altman, a pleasant if overlong $\it divertis sement$ that combines the British class-conscious social satire with the dark-and-stormy-night murder mystery: Evelyn Waugh meets Agatha Christie, In short, Altman hell: etiquette, decorum, hierarchy on the one side, and convention, formula, artifice on the other. However much the director might distance himself from the nitty-gritty of detective work (Stephen Fry's clueless inspector, more Clouseau than Poirot), the body in the study, much like the murdered screenwriter in The Player, gives the movie an impetus often missing in an Altman ensemble piece, and somewhat checks his tendency to run to flab. Every little push helps, because there is very little new (except to Altman) in the class portrait: the upper crusties talking in the presence of servants as if in the presence of furniture, etc. (Nice point of emphasis: the below-stairs people are addressed not by their own names but by the names of their employers.) The inclusion among the houseguests of a Jewish homosexual vegetarian Hollywood producer — researching his next Charlie Chan opus and observing the ways of the landed aristocracy — affords Altman an outsider with whom to identify. Or at least — in a pet expression of an Evelyn Waugh character — up to a point. (Bob Balaban, who plays the producer, also happens to share the story credit with Altman.) The director's democratic inclinations, sometimes indistinguishable from his misanthropic inclinations, come out clearly in the casting, seeing to it that the servants (Helen Mirren, Emily Watson, Kelly Macdonald, Eileen Atkins, Alan Bates, Derek Jacobi, Clive Owen, Rupert Grant) are as stellar as their masters (Kristin Scott

Thomas, Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Jeremy Northam, Charles Dance, James Wilby). The winsome Macdonald and stoical Owen best survive any misanthropic inclinations, 2001.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

High Crimes - Reviewed this issue. With Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman, Jim Caviezel, Adam Scott, and Amanda Peet; directed by Carl Franklin.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Hollywood Ending — Film-biz comedy starring as well as written and directed by Woody Allen, with Téa Leoni, George Hamilton, and Mark Rydell. (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/3)

Human Nature — Reviewed this issue. With Patricia Arquette, Tim Robbins, Rhys Ifans, and Miranda Otto; directed by Michel

• (HORTON PLAZA 14, THROUGH 5/2)

Ice Age — Three mammals and a baby. A computer-animated woolly mammoth, sloth, and saber-toothed tiger (your species needs to have an interdental sound in it

oth ... oth ... ooth — in order to join this fraternity) on a trek to restore a foundling to his migrating tribe. The wordless prologue — of a high-strung squirrel looking to bury an acorn in a winter landscape, wedging it forcefully into the ice, and creating a fast-growing fissure and a major avalanche - is practically a cartoon unto itself, and very funny. Then the talking starts (voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, and Denis Leary), and we revert to the stock-in-trade of contemporary animation: smart-ass repartee, hipness, hardness, abrasiveness, and anachronism: "Hey, does this look like a petting zoo to " and "I don't eat junk food" and so forth. (The intermittent reappearances of the nonverbal squirrel are always welcome.) The inescapable end-of-an-eon melancholia is restricted to one scene of animated cave paintings depicting the extinction of the mammoths, and is a soggy oasis. Codirected by Chris Wedge and Carlos Saldanha, 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SOUARE 14)

The Independent — Stephen Kessler's comedy about a prolific B-movie producer, played by Jerry Stiller.

Italian for Beginners — Danish romantic comedy made in strict adherence to the Dogma '95 guidelines for unwatchable cinematography. Pity, because the loose-knit cast of characters — a widowed pastor, a cranky restaurateur, a shy hotelier, a clumsy baker, a somber hairdresser, and a sunny Italian waitress is not without its charms and its chemistry. The newspaper ad and the promo trailer want you to believe the film takes place, rather than merely ends, in Venice. What with the indoor, up-close, hand-held camerawork, it doesn't give you a very clear sense of where it does take place. With Anders Berthelsen, Anette Stovelbaek, Ann Eleanora Jorgensen, Peter Gantzler, Lars Kaalund, Sara Indrio Jensen: written and directed by Lone Scherfig. 2001. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Jason X — Tenth installment in the Friday

the 13th series, set in the 25th Century, with Kane Hodder, directed by James Isaac. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Kissing Jessica Stein — An alternativelifestyle romantic comedy starring and cowritten by two unknowns, Jennifer Westfeldt (reminiscent of Lisa Kudrow around the mouth) and Heather Juergensen (reminiscent, for those with longer memories, of Suzanne Pleshette around the eyes). Their characters are, in their separate ways, thwarted heterosexuals — a routine dates-from-hell montage is entered in evidence — who are primed to switch teams. One of them, a SoHo art dealer, is







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gung-ho from the get-go. The other, a copy editor at the fictitious New York Tribune, and hence attracted by the first one's citation of Rilke in her women-seekingwomen ad and by her use of the word "marinate" in a fresh context, is more hesitant: indeed, "the Jewish Sandra Dee." The two writers and actresses, as distinct from the two characters, achieve a certain level of perception and personal chemistry, dragged down a bit by their proneness to preen and boast, but nudged up again by the seeming honesty of the ending. Scott Cohen, Tovah Feldshuh; directed by Charles Herman-Wurmfeld. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Life or Something Like It — Romantic comedy with Angelina Jolie, Edward Burns, and Tony Shalhoub, directed by Stephen

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The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring — Dr. Tolkien's home-cooked myth. First course only. All manner of visual invention, photographic trickery, computer magic, etc., cannot alter what is in essence an overblown bedtime story. They can only blow it up bigger. And the burden of it is more or less tripled by the knowledge that these three hours are just a third of it. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Ian Holm, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett; directed by Peter Jackson, 2001.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Love and Death on Long Island —

British literary light Giles De'Ath -"Dr. Death" to the chipper delivery boy at his front door, "Erstwhile fogey, now cult" to the BBC program guide in its write-up of his guest appearance on a radio chat

tures to the multiplex to have a look at the latest cinematic adaptation of an E.M. Forster novel. A wrong turn finds him in the adjacent auditorium having a look instead at Hotpants College 2. "Puerile romp without a single redeeming feature," he will afterwards read in the highbrow film journal, Sight and Sound. That's not quite how Giles De'Ath saw it. Puerile romp, no doubt, but with the single and very sizable redeeming feature of a Hollywood B-movie Adonis by the name of Ronnie Bostock — a living symbol of the unpredictable, unformulatable, unfathomable charms of the cinema, and a mute witness to the limits of rational criticism. The details of this ivorytower resident's descent into the garbage heap of popular culture — the furtive purchase of teen fanzines at the newsstand, the even more furtive disposal of them in a public trash bin, the schoolgirlish devotional scrapbook labelled "Bostockiana," the investigative forays to the video store to fill in the complete filmography with items like Skidmarks and Tex-Mex (he buys a VCR without understanding that he first needs a television), the discovery of such useful tools of study as the slow-motion and freeze-frame buttons — are believable as well as funny. Both of those qualities take a sharp dip during the voyage to the New World to track down the dreamboat in the flesh — especially sharply the quality of funniness — although the figurative death on Long Island, the literal De'Ath on Long Island, is still a long way short of Death in Venice. (The ultimate in May-December homoerotic frustration.) John Hurt is properly, drily, Englishly understated as the

takes an unaccustomed plunge

into the cultural mainstream when he ven-

Mr. Priss; and a self-parodying Jason Priestley, sensitive to the verge of tears, never tips you off that he's in on the joke. All in all, a promising first film from British director Richard Kwietniowski. Promising but not altogether assuring. His inability or unwillingness to cheapen his style for the excerpts from the oeuvre of Ronnie Bostock could be a sign either of excess principle or of insufficient skill. 1998.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/9, 7 P.M.)

Monsoon Wedding — A gathering of the clan for an arranged marriage in modern Delhi. You won't be alone if you have a hard time telling who's who and how they're related: even one of the invitees voices the complaint. It's a standard comic situation (Father of the Bride, etc.), almost a can'tmiss one, and the Punjabi exoticism goes far to compensate for all the conventionality. It may not, however, go so far as to compensate for the belated dark turn down the side street of molestation: a new comic convention, but no less a convention, now that every TV sitcom feels obligated to Address Important Issues. The conflict between the old ways and the new, too, is standard for Eastern cinema (Ozu, etc.), although Mira Nair's scrambling catch-ascatch-can camerawork — 16mm blown up to 35 — leaves no doubt, for even a moment, where her own sympathies lie. The movie comes to a somewhat premature climax, albeit a moving one, at the cathartic celebratory dance the night before the ceremony. It would all feel a lot more barren, though, without the delightful figure of the weaselly wedding planner ("Ten minutes," he promises, "exactly and

approximately"), with his polka-dot scarf, his leisure suits, his calculator wristwatch, his clip-on pager. By himself, this inch-byinch social climber embodies the strengths and weaknesses of the whole: complacently formulaic yet infused with a palpable humanity. However large a laughingstock, he is not denied his own romantic yearnings and his inhibiting self-awareness. Naseeruddin Shah, Lillete Dubey, Vasundhara Das, Parvin Dabas, Vijay Raaz. 2002.

★★ (COVE; FLOWER HILL 4)

Monster's Ball — Swiss-born filmmaker Marc Forster focuses on the middle man (Billy Bob Thornton) in three generations of Georgia corrections officers. The film starts right out throwing haymakers — first-thingin-the-morning vomit, wham-bam-thankyou-ma'am sodomy, good-ole-boy bigotry, Death Row, the Last Walk, more vomit, a suicide, and a hit-and-run fatality — before it settles down to a hesitant, awkward, muted interracial romance (with Halle Berry, a Death Row widow), and more vomit. By that time, it's all punched out. The electric-chair diaper is a new screen detail, if you're keeping track. With Peter Boyle, Heath Ledger, Sean Combs. 2001. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Mothman Prophecies - Sort of an elaborated segment of "The Unexplained" on TV's Unsolved Mysteries, minus Robert Stack and his trenchcoat. Purportedly based on a factual case circa 1967 (here updated), it details some strange doings in anticipation of a major calamity in the small town of Point Pleasant, W. Va. No more should be revealed of those doings other than to say they point to a grand design, however far beyond our comprehension, in the seemingly random tragedies that visit humanity. The design, to the degree that it can be glimpsed, gives a design to the movie as well, and gives to it a corresponding degree of elegance. The degree of factuality, meantime, scarcely matters except insofar as it encourages the filmmakers to keep a lid on, and to let the tension build, till the big finish. The belief of director Mark Pellington in the paranormal rises nowhere near to the level of seriousness of, say, a Carl Dreyer. But his belief — his conviction rises at least to that of a Terence Fisher or Freddie Francis in their Hammer Horror heyday. Quite sufficient, that is, for a work of imagination. (Of course the drawback to



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the factuality, or pretense thereof, is that the filmmakers' imagination cannot quite connect all the dots.) The acting tends to be a bit heavy, and the huge closeups make it seem even heavier: make it seem to belong more in a genre piece than in a journalistic or a propaganda one. But that's not altogether a bad thing. The cast of characters features a quorum of requisite figures: a rationalist reporter for the Washington Post (Richard Gere), a ploddingly ordinary and overmatched cop (Laura Linney), a Godfearing unimpeachable witness (Will Patton), a winged anthropomorphous creature that fits no known prototype, and an in-the-know occultist (Alan Bates) who can give a name to the thing: Mothman, as translated from the tongue of the Ukraine. When asked the common question of why, if this creature knows so much more than us mere mortals, it doesn't simply come out and share its secrets, the occultist has a good answer: "You're more advanced than a cockroach. Have you ever tried explaining yourself to one of them?" 2002.

*★★★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Murder by Numbers — Reviewed this issue. With Sandra Bullock, Ben Chaplin, Ryan Gosling, and Michael Pitt; directed by Barbet Schroeder.

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My Big Fat Greek Wedding - Cultureclash comedy with Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, and Lainie Kazan, directed by Joel Zwick.

(FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; POWAY 10)

Nine Queens — Emptily entertaining caper film, from Argentina, about two small-time scammers who join forces for a big score: a counterfeit sheet of postage stamps purportedly from the Weimar Republic. As tricky as Mamet, if not as sharply written or directed (by Fabián Bielinsky, in his feature debut). The final payoff — not the final mind-boggling plot twist, but the unearthing of the Rita Pavone golden oldie for which one of the scammers had been hunting the entire movie - is exhilarating. (Trivia question: what's the earlier movie in which the tune was used?) Gastón Pauls, Ricardo Darín, Leticia Bredice. 2001.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Panic Room — After his Fight Club, The Game, and Seven, David Fincher's next step is apt to seem a rather modest and oldfashioned thriller: a straightforward damselin-distress thing, two damsels to be exact, a well-compensated divorcée with mild claustrophobia and her diabetic daughter, holed up together in an impregnable secret chamber — a kind of "castle keep" — in their New York brownstone, besieged by three intruders whose objective happens to lie within the chamber. Weighing against the old-fashionedness are, among other things, the splatter measurements of the violence and the monochromatic artiness of the photography — all in mossy, moldy, scummy shades of green, as if the action were taking place after-hours in a public aquarium. However, the central situation, in constant danger of petrifaction, is efficiently set up (the arrival of the invaders outside the windows in the rain, in the dark of night, is creepy in the extreme), well sustained, credibly complicated — in spite of any unhappiness you might feel over the handling of the cops-at-the-front-door and ingeniously rearranged on the fly. (The script is by David Koepp, writer as well as director of the underrated *Stir of Echoes* and The Trigger Effect, and writer only on the exemplary Bad Influence.) Jodie Foster and the boyish Kristen Stewart are both excellent in their clenched and controlled manner: no time, under the circumstances, to explore "character" and "relationship." Forest

Whitaker, Jared Leto, Dwight Yoakam. 2002.

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Pauline and Paulette — Belgian film about two elderly sisters, one of them mentally retarded; directed by Lieven Debrauwer. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/3)

Resident Evil — Brand-new brainstorm from the maker of Mortal Kombat, Paul W.S. Anderson (not to be confused with the maker of Boogie Nights, Paul Thomas Anderson): back to the video-game shelf for an ugly, ultra-violent, live-action dramatization, set somewhere called the Hive, underground headquarters of something called the Umbrella Corporation, sometime in the far future. It keeps you in an extended state of not knowing what the hell is going on — extended, to be more exact, well past the point of caring.
Befuddlement tends to nullify suspense, no matter how many lethal laser beams and flesh-eating zombies are coming at you. Michelle Rodriguez, as a second-banana commando, again demonstrates her rightness and readiness for a tough-chick role ("Blow me"), if ever one should come along in a decent movie. Milla Jovovich, Eric Mabius, James Purefoy. 2002.

The Rookie - Off the Disney conveyor

(PALM PROMENADE 24)

real-life odyssey of Jim Morris, high-school science teacher and extracurricular baseball coach in Big Lake, Texas, whose own pitching career was cut short by shoulder surgery, then revived when he tried out, on a dare from his players, for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and made it to the "bigs" at the age of thirty-five. (The movie makes him out to be thirty-nine, maybe to conform closer to the actual age of forty-eight-yearold Dennis Quaid, or maybe out of concern that the average viewer would not be duly amazed at the younger age.) There's a certain family-film blandness to the thing, and yet there is also a fine feel for the Dust Bowl dreariness of the setting, and for the second-class status of the sport of baseball in the heart of football country. (While automatic sprinklers maintain the immaculate turf of the gridiron, a pack of deer gobble up the seeds on the dirt diamond.) And the entire last act of the drama — the hero's wide-eyed arrival at the palatial Ballpark at Arlington, the finding of his locker and uniform in the clubhouse, the limbering up in the bullpen in front of the Texas home folks, the entrance onto the playing field, the first batter faced — is a payoff tantamount to an escalator to heaven. This is not (what the hero had fantasized as a boy) the seventh game of the World Series; it is only a mop-up relief appearance in a blowout. But that's several miles beside the point. With Rachel Griffiths, Brian Cox, Beth Grant, Jay Hernandez, Russell Richardson; directed by John Lee Hancock 2002.

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The Scorpion King — Reviewed this issue. With The Rock, Kelly Hu, Steven Brand, and Michael Clarke Duncan; directed by Chuck Russell.

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A Shot at Glory — Rabid underdoggism on a tight leash. Plucky little second-division Kilnockie makes a run at the Scottish Cup through a gauntlet of Goliaths. (Real-life soccer star Ally McCoist, in his confident acting debut, leads the way.) Bright clean color from veteran cameraman Alex Thomson; irrepressibly prancing Celtic background music from Mark Knopfler; and an unexceptionable Scots accent (once you get over the shock) from Robert Duvall. With Michael Keaton and Brian Cox; directed by Michael Corrente, 2002. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18;

Showtime — Genial spoof, too innocuous and lazy-minded to be construed as satire, of

FROM 5/3)

"reality television." A no-nonsense LAPD detective, in the departmental doghouse after putting a bullet in a TV news camera ("He's Dirty Harry, he's real ... and we've got him by the balls"), is compelled to cooperate on a new *vérité* cop show, partnered with a camera-conscious uniformed patrolman and wannabe actor. In a just-forthe-money part, Robert De Niro, a cagy and energy-conserving counterpuncher, steals all the laughs from the aggressive, freeswinging Eddie Murphy: a classic case of the straight man who's funnier than the cut-up. But the movie, whatever it might say, sees things pretty much the same as the media types it ostensibly mocks (ostentatious action, formulaic buddy relationship, stereotyped ball-busting career woman), so that the laughs, such as they are, dwindle as the plot rolls along, in clear contradiction of De Niro, William Shatner and Johnnie Cochran show up in small parts as themselves, perfectly happy to enter into the spirit of avaricious cynicism. With Rene Russo; directed by Tom Dey. 2002. ★ (VOGUE)

Son of the Bride — Oscar-nominated Argentine comedy of midlife crisis, starring Ricardo Darín, directed by Juan José Campanella. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Spider-Man — Tobey Maguire stars as the Marvel Comics superhero, with Kirsten Dunst and Willem Dafoe, directed by Sam Raimi.

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The Sweetest Thing — Romantic comedy with Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate, and Thomas Jane, directed by Roger Kumble. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SOUARE 14)

The Time Machine — Remake of the H.G. Wells classic, directed by the novelist's great-grandson, Simon Wells, whose allegiance is plainly to his own time and not



High Crimes

to his illustrious ancestor. The special effects are perhaps not too excessive (nor too

special), as compared with the current norm rather than with the George Pal version of

1960. And although the machine itself — all flash and twirl — bears roughly the same relationship to the forty-years-old model as, say, the alien spacecraft in Close Encounters bears to those in War of the Worlds (another Wells adaptation on which Pal worked), the actual trip through time, from 1899 to 802701, is well handled. But the class-war angle of the novel — the widening divide between bourgeoisie and proletariat — has dated far less badly than might, in a bit more than a century, have been expected (except maybe by Wells himself), and certainly not so badly that it needed to be, as it was here, expurgated altogether. On the contrary, the only reason to avoid it is to avoid stepping on anyone's oversensitive toes. The revised conflict of the future is completely in accord with the PC sentimentalities of the present, whereby the effete Eloi have been converted into a hardy happy breed of noble savages (suntans included), with something of a Native American feel about them, something of a Rain Forest feel, something of a South Seas feel, underscored by the soaring tribal chant on the soundtrack. The predatory Morlocks, meanwhile, rising out of the ground looking like the Living Dead, have something of a *Planet of the Apes* feel (all the way to their spectacular leaping ability), something of a colonialistoppressor feel, something of a slave-trader

feel. And the Time Traveller (Guy Pearce, an Aussie like Rod Taylor last time out), thrust into the thick of it, transforms himself overnight from the Absent-Minded Professor into Mad Max. A superior intellect will take you only so far; eventually push must come to shove. Samantha Mumba, Orlando Jones, Jeremy Irons. 2002. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Welcome to the Dollhouse -

American independent film from writerdirector Todd Solondz. The subject matter alone — the daily diet of torture and torment endured by a junior-high-school pariah — hardly marks it as boldly independent in spirit: the underdog is as prized a figure in the mainstream as anywhere else. Other aspects of it seem a bit bolder: the unsentimentalizing of the victim (she passes along the received abuse to those younger and weaker than herself); the barnbroad streak of dark comedy (the abduction of the adored, pampered, tutu-wearing, Nutcracker-accompanied younger sister: although this could have turned much darker); the disallowance of any redemptive victory at the finish line. Still other aspects seem, albeit in a lighter weight division, to be typically Hollywood, or typically American, or typically Low Common

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475 Horton Plaza (619-234-8602) A Shot at Glory (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:30, 4:15) 7:20, 10:15; **Blade II** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:35, 10:15; Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:20; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:15, 4:50); **Frailty** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:25) 6:45, 9:20; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10) 7:10, 9:10; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 1:35, 4:20) 7:05, 9:50; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:50, 4:15) 7:15, 9:55; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:20, 1:20, 1:50, 2:10, 4:10, 4:40, 5:00, 12:45, 3:30) 6:15, 7:00, 7:30, 7:50, 9:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:30, 12:00; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:20, 1:20, 1:50, 2:10, 4:10, 4:40, 5:00, 12:45, 3:30) 6:15, 7:00, 7:30, 7:50, 9:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:30; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:40, 10:35; The Scorpion King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:40, 11:40, 1:00, 2:05, 3:20, 4:30, 5:40) 7:05, 8:00, 9:30, 10:25

LA JOLLA

Cove

7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404) **Monsoon Wedding** (R) Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu 4:20, 7:00, 9:35

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Spider-Man; Deuces Wild; Hollywood Ending; Life or Something Like It; Jason X; Murder by Numbers; The Scorpion King; Changing Lanes; The Sweetest Thing; High

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831) **Italian for Beginners** (R) Fri. (4:15) 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 4:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (4:15) 9:45; Son of the Bride (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:30) 7:00; The Cat's Meow (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Y** Tu Mama Tambien (Not Rated) Fri. (1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Pauline and Paulette

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Spider-Man; Deuces Wild; Hollywood Ending; Life or Something Like It; Jason X; The Cat's Meow; Murder by Numbers; The Scorpion King; Changing Lanes; The Sweetest Thing; Big Trouble; High Crimes; Van Wilder; Panic Room; Clockstoppers; The Rookie; Ice Age; A Beautiful Mind

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777) Changing Lanes (R) Fri. 11:20, 2:20 (4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15 9:45; Mon.-Thu, 11:20, 2:20 (4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Jason X (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 10:10; Life or Something Like It (PG-13) Fri. 11:10, 2:05 (4:35) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. 11:10, 2:05 (4:35) 7:10, 9:55; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri. 12:55 (4:10) 7:05, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 12:55, 4:10, 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 12:55 (4:10) 7:05, 10:05; Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00 (4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; Sat.-Sun 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00 (4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri. 11:30, 2:15 (4:40) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu, 11:30, 2:15 (4:40) 7:20, 9:50; The Sweetest Thing (R) Fri. 11:15, 2:10 (4:20); Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:10, 4:20; Mon.-Thu. 11:15, 2:10 (4:20)

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Spider-Man; Deuces Wild; Hollywood Ending; Life or Something Like It; Jason X; Clockstoppers; Murder by Numbers; The Scorpion King; Frailty; Changing Lanes; The Sweetest Thing; High Crimes; Van Wilder; Panic Room; The Rookie; Blade II; Ice Age

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:30, 7:45, 9:55; Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:45, 5:55) 8:15; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:35, 9:30; Sun. (1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:25) 7:20; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:55, 8:15, 10:20; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:55, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:45) 7:50; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:55) 7:30; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:30, 10:15; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:35) 8:05; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:30) 8:00

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909) The Goonies and The Dark Crystal, Thursday; The Independent (R) Fri. 3:20, 5:25 7:30, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)

Amelie (R) Fri. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; **Dogtown and Z-Boys** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; **Kissing Jessica Stein** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:50; **Nine** Queens (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:00: Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:00; **Y Tu** Mama Tambien (Not Rated) Fri. (1:40) 4:40, 7:40, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:40, 7:40, 10:05

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)

Welcome to the Dollhouse, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **The Daytrippers**, Wednesday, 7 p.m., and next Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Bears (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Tue. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Wed. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; The Human Body (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Tue. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Wed. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) A Shot at Glory (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:25, 1:20, 4:00) 7:05, 9:50; **Blade II** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:15; **Changing Lanes** (R) Fri.-Thu. (09:55, 12:15, 2:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (09:50, 12:05, 2:40, 5:15); Deuces Wild (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:20, 2:45, 5:20) 7:45, 10:20; High Crimes (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:10) 7:15; **Hollywood Ending** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 12:50, 4:25) 7:10, 10:00; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 12:10, 2:30, 4:45) 7:10; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05; Life or Something Like It (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (09:50, 12:10, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:25; Murder by Numbers (R) Fri.-Thu. (09:55, 12:45, 4:20) 7:20, 10:30; Van Wilder (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; Panic Room (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:40, 3:50) 7:15, 9:55; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri. (09:50, 10:20, 11:20, 1:00, 2:00, 4:10, 5:10, 10:50, 1:30, 4:40, 12:30, 3:40) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40, 11:00, 12:30; Sat (09:50, 10:20, 11:20, 1:00, 2:00, 4:10, 5:10, 10:50, 1:30, 4:40, 12:30, 3:40) 7:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40, 11:00, 12:30; Sun. (09:50, 10:20, 11:20, 1:00, 2:00, 4:10, 5:10, 10:50, 1:30, 4:40, 12:30, 3:40) 7:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40, 11:00; Mon.-Thu. (09:50, 10:20, 11:20, 1:00, 2:00, 4:10, 5:10, 10:50, 1:30, 4:40, 12:30, 3:40) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40, 11:00; The Rookie (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 1:10, 4:10) 7:20,

10:20; The Scorpion King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 10:30, 12:30, 1:00, 2:50, 3:20, 5:10, 5:40) 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:25; **The Sweetest** Thing (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 5:00) 10:05

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)

Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:55, 5:15) 7:35, 9:00, 9:55; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 4:30); **Deuces Wild** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:45; **High** Crimes (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 4:35) 9:15; lce Age (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 4:35) 5:15, 1ce Age (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; Jason X (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:15; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:20; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:45, 11:15, 1:30, 2:00, 4:20, 4:50, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:30, 12:15; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 10:45, 11:15, 1:30, 2:00, 4:20, 4:50, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:30; **The Other** Side of Heaven (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:55; The Rookie (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:00) 7:30, 10:15; The Scorpion King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 2:45, 3:15, 5:00) 5:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:30) 7:10

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100) Changing Lanes (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; **Deuces Wild** (R) Fri. (1:15) 4:45, 7:45, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 4:45) 7:45, 10:20; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:25, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:40, 10:25; **Holly**wood Ending (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:25, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:40, 7:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:25, 10:15; **Life or** Something Like It (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:05, 9:45; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 4:30, 7:35, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:30) 7:35, 10:25; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 2:00) 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50; Sat. (11:00, 1:00, 2:00) 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50; Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 2:00) 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:35; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:20, 10:10; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45) 4:05, 7:10, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:05) 7:10, 9:35

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 8:30; **A Shot at Glory** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:45) 8:20; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:50); **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 1:40, 3:35) 5:30, 7:25, 9:20, 11:10; Sun. (11:45, 1:40, 3:35) 5:30, 7:25, 9:20; Mon.-Thu

We Were Soldiers — The post-*Private Ryan* fashion in war films now reaches the treacherous terrain of the Vietnam War. Call it the all-guts-all-glory look: the stomachturning level of mayhem commonly associated with the anti-war film, and yet a

ARTS, 5/2, 7 P.M., AND 5/3, 1:30 AND 7 P.M.)



The Scorpion King

crispness of salute more typical of the wartime flag-waver. Writer-director Randall

Wallace, who wrote but did not direct *Pearl Harbor* and *Braveheart*, has plowed some

fertile new ground - what came to be known as the Valley of Death, site of the first major battle between U.S. troops and Vietnamese in November of 1965 — and he has harvested from that soil the provocative afterthought that the real tragedy of the event was not the number of Americans who lost their lives there (the maxim of the Viet Cong commander: "Kill all they send, and they will stop coming"), but rather the possibility that the outcome could be viewed as an American victory: i.e., encouragement to press on until 58,000 had lost their lives. Somehow, though, Wallace remains impervious to his own irony. Nothing will wilt the crispness of his salute. The big drawback, even for that purpose, is that the film enters the tribute mode so early, and with such unwavering resolve, that it leaves itself no room for emotional development. Everything is prefigured, predigested, telegraphed, heavy-handed. With Mel Gibson, Chris Klein, Greg Kinnear, Sam Elliott, Barry Pepper, Madeleine Stowe, Keri Russell, 2002.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Y Tu Mamá También — Mexican hornyteenager comedy tells of two buddies, one affluent and one not, who, to their astonishment and delight, are able to entice

the ripe Spanish wife of a bumptious philanderer to accompany them on a trek to an imaginary beach named Heaven's Mouth. En route, she offers a sexual tutorial that brings the know-it-all boys to such depths of self-revelation as to uncork a geyser of vomit. (The intrusive, thirdperson, know-it-all narrator heightens the feeling of patronization.) Filmmaker Alfonso Cuarón, unlike the makers of American horny-teen comedies, tries at all times to serve the characters and the story rather than simply to twist the arrow off the laugh meter. Or to put it another way, he tries at all times for realism, even when trying for raunch. And the two young actors — Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna - are revoltingly convincing. But the character of the woman — the starvedlooking Maribel Verdú, whose entire intake of calories appears to go straight to her bosom — is something of a contrivance, perhaps a more complex contrivance than some, but not a more believable one, for all that. There are numerous points of cultural interest along the road to the beach (which turns out to exist after all), though the pallid color and casual camerawork fail to make the most of them. 2001.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

(3:05, 5:20) 8:05; Jason X (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:35) 4:45, 7:05, 9:10, 11:15; Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 4:45, 7:05, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:55, 5:30) 8:15; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:00) 4:20, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:40) 7:55; Panic Room (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 7:00, 11:20; Sun. (2:30) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:55); Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:45) 5:35, 8:25, 11:20; Sun. (11:30, 2:45) 5:35, 8:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:35) 8:25; The Scorpion King (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:10) 4:15, 7:05, 9:10, 11:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:10) 4:15, 7:05, 9:10, Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:25) 8:10; The Sweetest Thing (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10) 5:00, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. 8:35

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Spider-Man; The Mothman Prophecies; Ice
Age; The Scorpion King

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

555 Broadway (619-338-4214)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Deuces Wild (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Jason X (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Life or Something Like It (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Murder by Numbers (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:15, 10:45; Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 10:00, 10:45; The Scorpion King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 9:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Spider-Man; Deuces Wild; A Shot at Glory;
Life or Something Like It; Jason X; Murder
by Numbers; The Scorpion King; Frailty;
Changing Lanes; The Sweetest Thing; High
Crimes; Van Wilder; Panic Room; Clockstoppers; The Rookie; Blade II; Ice Age;
Resident Evil; The Time Machine

Rancho Del Rey 16

Changing Lanes (R) Fri. Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:45) 7:45, 10:20; Clockstoppers (PG) Fri. Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 4:40); Deuces Wild (R) Fri. Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 4:40); Deuces Wild (R) Fri. Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 4:40); Deuces Wild (R) Fri. Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; High Crimes (PG-13) Fri. Thu. 9:40; Ice Age (PG) Fri. Thu. (12:15, 2:50, 4:50) 7:10; Jason X (R) Fri. Thu. (11:55, 2:15, 4:55) 7:15, 9:50; Life or Something Like It (PG-13) Fri. Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30; Murder by Numbers (R) Fri. Thu. (12:10, 3:05) 6:45, 9:45; Panic Room (R) Fri. Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 5:00) 7:35, 10:25; Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri. (09:15, 11:20, 11:40, 12:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:00, 3:30, 12:20, 4:30) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 7:50, 9:20, 9:45, 10:15, 10:35, 12:30, 13:00; Sat. (09:15, 11:20, 11:40, 11:40, 12:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:00, 3:30, 12:20, 4:30) 6:30, 7:00, 7:50, 9:20, 9:45, 10:15, 10:35, 12:30, 13:00; Sun. Thu. (09:15, 11:20, 11:40, 12:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:00, 3:00, 12:20, 4:30) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 7:50, 9:20, 9:45, 10:15, 10:35, 12:30, 13:00; Sun. Thu. (09:15, 11:20, 11:40, 12:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:00, 3:30, 12:20, 4:30) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 7:50, 9:20, 9:45, 10:15, 11:20, 11:40, 12:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:00, 3:00, 3:00, 3:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 7:50, 9:20, 9:45, 10:15, 11:20, 11:40, 12:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:00, 3:00, 3:00, 3:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30,

7:50, 9:20, 9:45, 10:15, 10:35; The Other Side of Heaven (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:55) 6:55, 9:35; The Rookie (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:05) 7:05, 9:55; The Scorpion King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:25, 2:05, 2:45, 4:25, 5:05) 6:50, 7:25, 9:30, 10:00; The Sweetest Thing (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 9:55

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)

A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 5:30;

Black Hawk Down (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 8:00;

Showtime (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:30, 10:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In

32nd and D (619-477-1392) Ice Age; The Rookie

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:35, 5:40) 7:45; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:50, 3:50) 5:50, 7:50, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:55, 5:55) 7:55; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2.10) 7.00; Mon -Thu (2.20) 7.30; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 3:25) 5:20, 7:10, 9:10; Mon.-Thu, (1:40, 3:30, 5:20) 7:10; Jason X (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 8:10, 10:20; Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:45, 5:45) 8:00; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 4:50, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:40; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (5:00); Spider-**Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 2:00, 3:55) 5:00, 7:20, 8:00, 10:10, 10:45; Sun. (1:00, 2:00, 3:55) 5:00, 7:20, 8:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 2:25, 4:25, 5:15) 7:20, 8:10; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 3:45) 5:55, 8:20, 10:30; Sun. (1:40, 3:45) 5:55, 8:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:50, 5:50) 8:05

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) Life or Something Like It (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; The Scorpion King (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:230, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 7:50, 10:10; Deuces Wild (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05; High Crimes (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:30, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:35, 10:00; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 4:45, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:15, 5:10) 7:10, 9:10; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:50) 8:05, 10:10; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (12:35, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:00) 7:20, 9:40; Murder by Numbers (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 5:10, 7:55, 10:40; Sun. (1:35) 4:35, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:35) 7:25, 10:05; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:15) 7:20; Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 2:00) 4:15, 5:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; Sun. (1:00, 2:00) 4:15, 5:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:00) 7:30, 8:00, 10:15; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:05, 9:45; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:45, 9:50; The Sweetest Thing (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:55) 9:55

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **Changing Lanes** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Hollywood Ending** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu, 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 6:00; Life or Something Like It (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Murder by Numbers (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 3:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 3:45, 8:15; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 10:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu, 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:45, 8:00

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Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 4:00,
7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 8:00; The Rookie
(G) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20; Mon.-Thu.
4:45, 7:40; The Scorpion King (PG-13)
Fri.-Sun. 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu.
5:10, 7:50

La Costa 6

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (760-599-8221)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Hollywood Ending (PG-13)
Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30;
Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Life or
Something Like It (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00; Spider-Man (PG-13)
Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; The
Scorpion King (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15, Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420) Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 3:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 3:30, 8:15; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:15, 6:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 6:15; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri -Sat 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00; Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 10:00, 10:45; Sun. 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30; The Rookie (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00

Flower Hill 4

2430 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425)

Hollywood Ending (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; Monsoon

Wedding (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; Murder by Numbers (R)

Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; Mon. 1:30, 4:15;

Tue.-Thu. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; My Big Fat Greek

Wedding (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00;

Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00;

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Deuces Wild (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. 2:20 (5:50) 8:20; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15; Sun. 7:35; Mon.-Thu. 7:50; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:30) 7:50; Life or Something Like It (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 5:15, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. 1:30, 5:15, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. 2:05 (5:15) 8:05; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40; Sun. 2:10, 5:00, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (5:40) 8:30; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; Sun. 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:45 (4:00, 4:45) 7:00, 7:45; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; Sun. 1:20, 4:15, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:50 (5:00) 8:00; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:05, 3:25, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. 1:05, 3:25, 5:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:15 (5:30) 8:15

La Paloma

A71 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469) A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri. 6:30, 9:15; Sat.-Sun. 3:30, 6:30, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. 7:00

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

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Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:25, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Deuces Wild (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 10:00; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; Jason X (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; Life or Something Like It (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40; Murder by Numbers (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Panic Room (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, 11:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; The Rookie (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 3:15, 6:20, 9:20; The Scorpion King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:25, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:35

Oceanside 16

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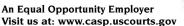
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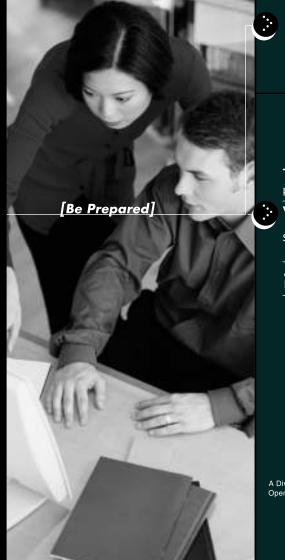
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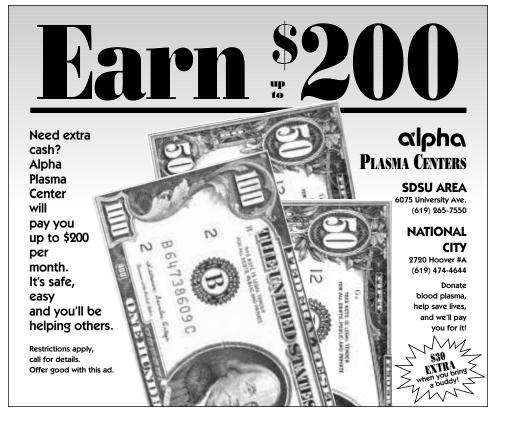
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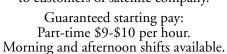
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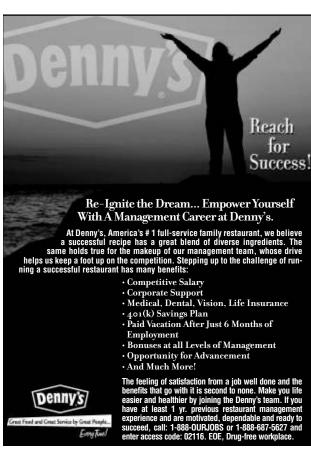
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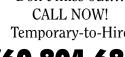
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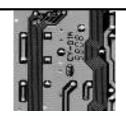
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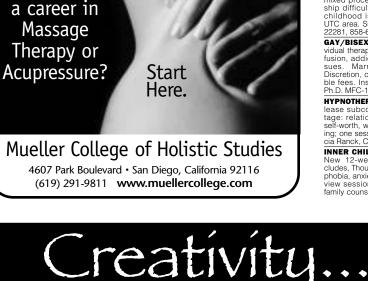
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- 16. Midterm, for one
- 17. Addis ____, Ethiopia
 18. Next-to-last fairy tale word
- 19. Choir voice
- 20. Show off a 1996 Republican candidate's female relation, or 51-Across
- 23. Abbr. after some military names
- 24. Wks. and wks.
- 25. Assignment for an asylum's public relations office, or 51-Across
- 34. My _____, Vietnam 35. The "E" in Q.E.D.
- 36. Explorer John, et al. 37. Part of "S.N.L."
- 39. Cruises the sea
- 40. Ram
- 41. "Roots" author ____ Haley
- "No contest," for one
- 43. "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- 44. Possible title for a biography of 43-Across, or 51-Across
- 49. "...__ quit!"
 50. Ex of Frank and Artie
- 51. 20-, 25- or 44-Across 59. Via Veneto car
- 60. "Star Trek" navigator 61. Branch of learning
- 62. Cutting tool

- 63. Leaves 15%, say 64. Hall-of-Fame pitcher Ryan
- 65. Turned blue, perhaps
- 66. Decay 67. Eat away at

Down

- 1. Book jacket part
- 2. 1988 platinum-selling country album
- 3. Five-star Bradley
- 4. Saab competitor
- 5. Stock exchange worker 6. ["Did you forget about me?"]
- 7. Guns, as an engine
- 8. Music symbol
- 9. Take in anew 10. Linchpin's place
- 11. College entrance exams
- 12. Aetna offering, for short

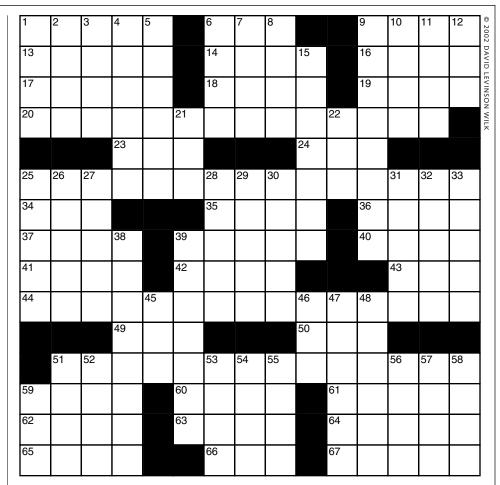
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- v. Wade
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- 28. Squares, gastronomically-
- speaking 29. Israeli hard-liner Sharon
- 30. Tibet's ____ Lama
 31. Russian czar who fought
- Napoleon's army
 32. Gershwin's "____ Eat C
 33. Lauder concerned with
- Eat Cake"
- beauty
- 38. Shipped overseas
- 39. Most nimble
- 45. Before, to bards
- 46. Org. that keeps an eye on
- 47. Greek army infantryman 48. One who'll give you fits
- 51. In apple-pie order
- 52. Confused state
- 53. National parks advocate John
- 54. "Generations of healthy, happy pets" brand
- 55. Rush of wind
- 56. ___ contendere 57. "Holy smokes!"
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WANTED: FRIEND/LOVER over 45, non-smoker/drugs; likes long weekends. Me: Long blonde hair, brown eyes, 50s, short, sassy. (5/8) ☎ 23524

ATTRACTIVE, CLASSY, adventurous world traveler,5'9", slim, secure, with sense of humor, in search of educated gentleman, 60-66, to share the good life. (5/8) ☎23566

EXTRAORDINARY CATCH: 36, 5'3" 105lbs. Us: Very attractive, hip, into rock music, not conservative, witty, financially sound, fit, unconventional, progressive, spiritual, creative. You: 5'7", 33-43. (5/15) \$\frac{1}{23584}\$

VOLUPTUOUS GREEK GAL, 35, great smile, heart of gold, a lot of fun, seeks emotionally available man for friendship, fun, long-term relationship. Be 35-45. (5/15) 223599

45. (5/15) ☎23599
TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. Sweet and sexy 33 years old, blonde/blue, 5'9", 145lbs. You're tall, handsome and financially secure. Smoker OK. (5/15) ☎23583

53, HISPANIC LADY WHO likes men who open doors, send flowers; like to make love not war. Candlelight dinners, movies, dancing. You will be rewarded. (5/8)

IICE GUY WANTED BY TALL, attractive nonsmoking, Jewish woman, 55, for companionship, fun times and laughs. I'm outgoing and down to earth. Let's get together. (5/8) 🕿 23527 EXTRAORDINARY FIND, attractive, Scottish redhead, 47, Capricorn, fit (mild Herpes), in search of attractive, tall, stylish, light-skinned black male for dating/possible romance. (5/8) \$\mathbf{2}23570\$

ATTRACTIVE, AFFECTIONATE lady loves outdoors, hiking, weekend trips, off-roading, zoos and animals, movies, computers, scenic photography. Seeking lasting relationship with attractive gentleman, 50+, nonsmoker. (5/15) 223601

is interested in me and my two children. Only respond if you are serious about a relationship. (5/8) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$ 23535

HONEST, FUN, WITH CHRISTIAN value system? A man that has old-fashion values; loves music, outdoor fun. A partner that can laugh with me. (5/15) \$\infty\$23597

ATTRACTIVE, WITTY, intelligent brunette, Jewish, 5'2", fit, balanced, animated, Jewish, 5'2", fit, balanced, animated, seeks honest, personable, fit man for friendship, dating and more. Enjoy animals, outdoors, movies, dining. 39-50. (5/15) ☎23576

ou. (5/15) \$\mathbb{T}\$23576 AFFECTIONATE, LOVING brunette, 40ish, looking for someone to laugh and love with. I'm 5'8", 123lbs. and full of life. You must be active and outgoing. (5/8) \$\mathbb{T}\$23552

I GUESS I'M TOO DESPERATE! Single, white, full-figured mom, 28, attractive search of white male, 28-40, seric minded, play no games and cing. (5/15) 223604

BLONDE, LUXURIOUS, CITY GAL, loves country/rock dancing, hiking, travelling, camping, fishing. Seeking city boy who'll make me laugh, and do all that and more. (5/8) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$23571

more. (5/8) 2723571

YOU'RE OUT THERE! Where are you?
Nice-looking blonde, blue, 50 years. Nice-looking blonde, blue, 50 years. Someone who's kind, intelligent, sensitive, sensuous; loves jazz, the outdoors, Dog Beach, theater and good wine. (5/8) \$\mathbb{T}23518\$

Tun-Loving, Sensual, IRISH brunette (40-something) seeking tall Type A with more brains than brawn. I love golf, boating, camping, children and good times. (5/15) \$\frac{\text{\chi}}{2}\$3586

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

42, 5'10", 160lbs. I have many allergies that compromise my lifestyle. Looking for a woman who has the same or similar lifestyle. Lakeside. (5/8) **3**30947

SUPER NICE GUY, tall, handsome, professional, mid-50s, beach person, seeking slim, tall, outdoorsy, honest person to enjoy an active life. Nonsmoker, 45-55. (5/8) \$\alpha\$30963

55. (5/8) 33.9063

SURF'S UP! 35, North County Coastal.

We're mentally/physically fit, commitment
minded, family oriented. Movies, restau-

rants, music, theater, surf? Not looking for perfection, just happiness. (5/8) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$30977

HANDSOME, BLACK TEDDY BEAR, tall, very down to earth, very huggable and exceptionally lovable, seeking fluffy, cute rabbit for friendship, relationship. Race open. All answered. (5/15) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 33009

open. All answered. (5/15) \$\alpha\$ 33009

HARD BODY, INTERESTING, humorous, masculine, thoughtful, 49, 5'10", North Coastal. Love children, nature; nothing fanatical. Want feminity, approximately height/weight proportionate. Better half. (5/8) \$\alpha\$ 30932

ARTISTIC, VERBAL AND SILLY! Share passion for artsy flicks, blues and kissing? 41, bald, North County. Please be incredible, 30ish. Looking for commitment and fun! (5/15) \$\alpha\$33038

HANDSOME, LIGHT CREAM BLACK male, 5'10", 210lbs., muscular, enjoys beach walks, stimulating conversation; seeks dark chocolate female, 25-50, who's fit, outgoing, spontaneous, adventurous. Call me. (5/15) \$\textbf{3}\text{3}\text{3}\text{3}\text{3}\text{0}\text{4}

Warm, nice guy, employed, even tempered, 6'2", 2001bs., seeks 45+ lady, any height, for committed relationship and fun. (5/15) \$\array{3}3054\$

ATHLETIC, HANDSOME, GENTLE, zest for life, fit, healthy, listener, 43. Seeking exceptional, petite, alluring, adventurous lady, 35-40, tired of overgrown boys, knows better lifestyle exists. (5/8) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$30935

SOBER, SOLVENT, SINGLE white male, viue eyes, 6'. Bookish, dinners, movies, culture, but enjoys walks with friendly partner. (5/8) \$30,894

ELECTRIC WORLD, ROMANTIC sunsets. universal values, independent, intelligent, humorous, creative, adventurous, athetic. Seeking 36-45, petite brunette into the arts, classic rock, tennis, bikes, travel. Nonsmoker. (5/15) \$\mathbf{3}\$3051

HANDSOME, SLENDER BLACK MALE, Christian Scientist wants a white girl-friend, Christian Scientist, that's a musician, organist, soloist or First and Second Reader like me. Sincerel (5/8) \$\tilde{\tag{5}}\) 30921

HUSBAND QUALITY! You're pretty, 33-40, compassionate. Divorced, white, 43, handsome, youthful, fit, conservative/ambitious, career, home, goals, stocks, religion, happiness, laughter. Children welcome. Satisfaction guaranteed. (5/15) 733064

AUTHOR! AUTHOR! Tall, handsome, successful novelist seeks brainy beauty, 30-40. Literature, arts, films, brilliant conversation. Urbane, passionate. Yes, says Molly Bloom. Yes, I will. Yes! (5/15)

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN and still have tun. 26, 6'2", 220lbs. Looking for a woman to go out, have fun, and maybe have something special. (5/15) \$\infty\$33014

51, TALL, SLENDER, semikosher, semivegetarian, semisane, once Chassidic, now metaphysical, seeking non-heavy woman for semirelationship, pumpernickel bagels and Trader Joe's Coffee Soy Um. (5/15) \$\infty\$30992

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BEAUTIFUL, IRISH, wild woman, nature lover, witty, intelligent, nonsmoking, seeking fun loving, low-maintenance, sexy man, 45-65. (5/8) ☎23555

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, ambitious professional, 36, 6', dark blond, seeks warm, attractive, fit female, 25-40, into having fun and feeling connected without smothering each other. (5/15) \$\mathbf{3}\$3022

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HELLO. HI. THIS FUNNY, romantic guy is seeking California female, 27-50. I'm 45, seeking California female, 27-50. I'm 45, 6'4". That likes movies, beaches, kids. Let's talk and get together soon. (5/8)

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50, 5'9", fit, handsome, humorous, home-owner; sports, outdoors, dirt biking, Poway. Seeking Christian counterpart, 39-50, fit, cute, outgoing, passion-ate. (5/8) \$\mathbf{\alpha}\$30971

Commitment

Tall and get together seen (e, e, e) and 30948

SPIRITUAL, ATTRACTIVE, blue-eyed philosophy and a start poet phil computer scientist, artist, poet, philos pher, 52, 5'10", 170lbs., loves sci-fi, rochiking, sports; seeks slender, pretty kidred spirit for bonding. (5/8) \$\frac{1}{2}\$30950

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 46. Sincere

honest, healthy, reliable, attractive. 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoy music, beach, dining, coffee. Seeking attractive, marriage-minded, blonde female, 33-41. (5/8) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 30958

MOVIES, DINNERS, RELAXING. Easygoing male, 54, financially secure, would like to meet a single, average female who enjoys life. (5/15) \$\infty\$ 30991

Handsome, fit business owner, 5'8", 160lbs., intelligent, intuitive, complex, gut-level, seeks mindful professional, 4048. Ski, backpack, tennis, meditate. Intense, sensual, eclectic, funny. Secular, liberal, real jazz, intimacy/growth, differences too! (5/15) \$\tilde{\Pi}33050\$

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NEED TO SUCCEED. LOURING TO affectionate, stable, sincere, nature-loving, family-oriented woman to experience life's adventures with. Me: 38, genuine, coan honest, loving! (5/8) \$30956

itary. 52, 6'1", blond, 185lbs. Prefer North County, Carlsbad, Oceanside. (5/8)

NO PLAYERS ALLOWED. I am sick of

them. I am sick of little children. I am sick of immature, little girls who play mind games. (5/15) \$\alpha\$30998

NATURAL MAN SEEKS NATURAL woman. Your being intelligent, educated, eclectic, creative, realistic, unencumbered, health conscious, tall, slim, attractive and at least 45 would help. (5/15)

ARE YOU A KAYAKER? Want to learn? How about sailing? I'm active, trim, mature. Seeking friend, partner, mate. Let's bond through sport, nature. Age open. (5/15) \$\mathbf{T}\$3027

open. (6/15) \$\frac{1}{2}\$3027

BUSY MAN NEEDS A NOT-SO- busy woman. I'm black, husky, good looking. Need lady with sense of humor, any race, with muscular legs. (6/15) \$\frac{1}{2}\$3059

with sense of humor, and structure attractive. 38.

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who has gotten everything out of the first half of life she wanted. A metaphysical woman eager to experience life's adventures. 44, 5'8", 150lbs., blunt, straight-shooting professional. No patience with children. (5/8) \$\frac{1}{2}\$30900

ATTORNEY, 50, nonconservative, non-

smoker, seeks single white female, 40-46, slender, playful; kids OK. Music, movies, bikes, hikes, walks, talks, road trips, someone who completes me. (5/15)

LEUCADIA SURFER/SKIER, teacher

Master's degree, traveler, reader, seeks slim, educated Caucasian, Christian/Hindu/Buddhist, who's not religious, does more than go for walks/talks. (5/8)

TOO TALL FOR YOU? 6'7" tall, easygoing, nice guy (44), fit, active, happy, seeking intelligent, active, upbeat, good-hearted gal with a zest for living. (5/8) \$\frac{1}{2}\$30908

Yorker, animal lover, looking for romantic lady, 28-42, for dancing, laughing and sharing the world. (5/8) \$\frac{1}{2}\$30903

OUTDOOR LOVER, HEALTHY gentleman 43, 5'7", 170lbs., financially secure. Boat owner enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one

special woman. (5/8) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$30934\$

ATHLETIC UCSD DOCTORATE, 29, blond, blue-eyed Renaissance man with no baggage, multidegreed professional, into art, music, science, law, travel, seeks adventurous Caucasian lady. (5/8) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$30969

open, honest, loving! (5/8) \$\tilde{5}\)30956

SPECIAL ASIAN CHEMISTRY. You:
Healthy Asian, 30-39, for golf, tennis,
travel, workouts, long-term relationship.
Me: 5'10", attractive, fit, fun, well-educated, successful, Asian-American. (5/8)
\$\tilde{5}\)30973 PLUS SIZE, SHAPELY, open minded, ro-

mantic, good kisser sought by mature male. Love music, movies, walks, quiet/romantic evenings, relaxed relation-ship. Age 55-70. (5/8) \$\mathbf{3}\$30954

YOU: FEMALE, CHRISTIAN who loves God, funny, creative, great sense of humor, physically/emotionally healthy, happy, never married, no children, non-drinker, nonsmoker, career professional. (5/8) \$\mathbf{T}\$30914 Successful, Sensitive, intelligent, good natured, affectionate. Light brown, blue, 5'9", nice appearance, trim and youthful at 54. Relationship minded, financially secure, childless, North County homeowner. (5/15) \$\mathbf{2}\$ 30987

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GOT SURF? NORTH COASTAL, part-time I seeks hottie for part-time fun in the . Must love hanging out at the beach s go! (5/8) \$\alpha\$30904

white, 52, 5'9", short gray hair, hazel eyes, clean shaven, 180lbs., romantic, loving gentleman, no baggage, great job. Indoor/outdoor activities. (5/15) \$23026

COLLEGE PROFESSOR, 64, very fit, adventurous, educated traveller, eclectic venturous, educated traveller, eclectic tastes in film, music, art, theater and food, sober but fun loving, stable, searching for counterpart. (5/15) \$\mathbf{3}\$3335

WHITE MALE, 44, seeking Hispanic lady. I'm a hopeless romantic looking for my love. My heart is yours. I hope you're in North County, please. (5/8) \$\frac{1}{2}30959\$

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guy. (5/8) \$\infty\$30949

MEXICAN GIRLFRIEND WANTED. Pretty, fit, employed. No drugs or smoking. Me: 48 years old, white professional male. Family oriented, fit, no emotional baggage. Call me. (5/15) \$\infty\$33007

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NICE GUY, 49 YEARS, 5'8", 175lbs. seeking female companion, 35 to 45 seeking female companion, 35 to 45. Friendship, dinners, movies, Julian, mo-torcycle rides. Friends first, maybe more? (5/15) 🕿 33008

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SEEKING ATTRACTIVE ASIAN woman

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44, 6'4", 220lbs., desires romai morous, positive, spiritual, loving, heart. White, Asian, Hispanic lad ous minded. (5/15) 233033

HERPES. 40ish, attractive, fit, great sense of humor. Love to laugh and have fun. Seeking attractive woman to create memories and snuggle. Honesty required. (5/8) \$\alpha\$30942

financially and emotionally stable, and trim lady, 38-47, good sense comor; not a pet lover. (5/8) 🕿 30946

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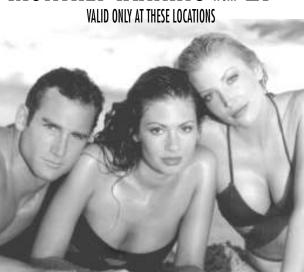
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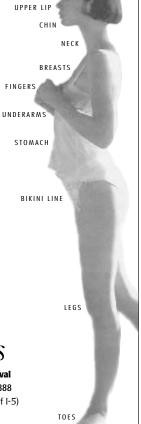
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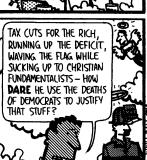
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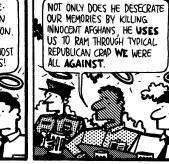
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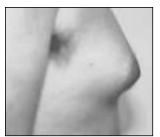
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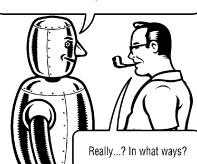
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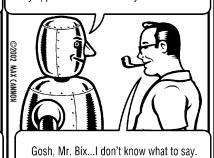


Diego Reader May 2, 2002

Good news, Ted. Your friend Milkman Dan has been kind enough to take some time this week to teach me ways to act more human.



Primarily in relation to my inability to feel emotion. I have a hard time communicating my appreciation for all that you do for me.



You don't have to say anything, Ted. Just revel in the "friendship mound" I made in your living room out of raw sewage.



Thanks, I will. Say...don't forget to thank Milkman Dan properly by clamping down on his windpipe very tightly in what we humans like to call a "buddy squeeze."

SERRA MESA, \$425 includes utilities, Cable and phone hookup in room. Kitchen privileges. Room in private home. Washer/dryer, garage. Male preferred.

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Own bedroom, detached bath. Furnish your own bedroom, telephone line, kitchen dishes and cookware. Fireplace, washer/dryer in unit. 619-235-2415,

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or La Jolla. 858-793-7799.

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WANTED: Room up to \$500/month. Please help. Kimberlee, anytime, 619-737-0017; between noon-5pm, 619-388-3764

WANTED: Roommate or vacant room rental from 6/24-7/24 in Del Mar, Solana Beach or Cardiff area. Willing to rent for a few weeks. Mark, 800-839-0772.

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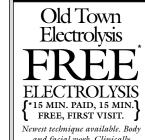
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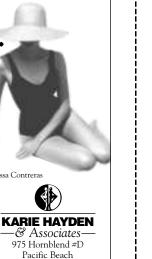
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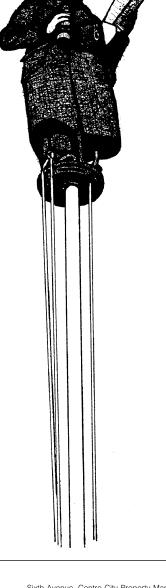
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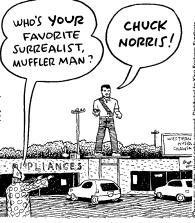
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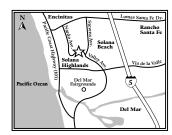
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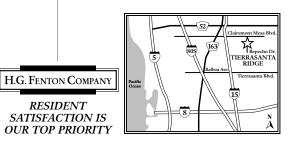
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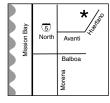




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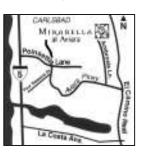
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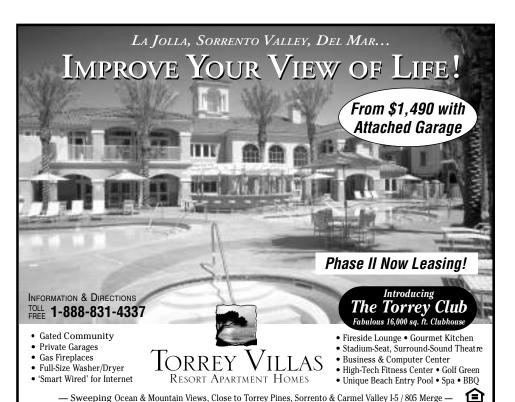
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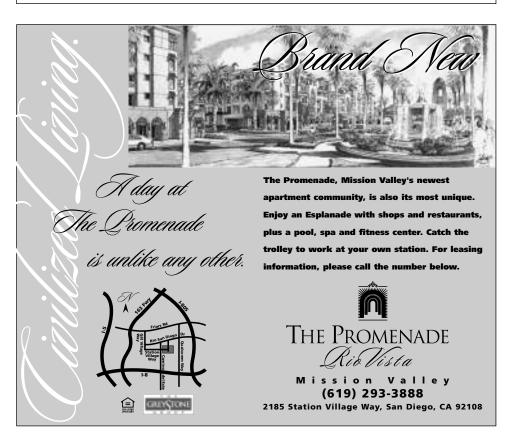
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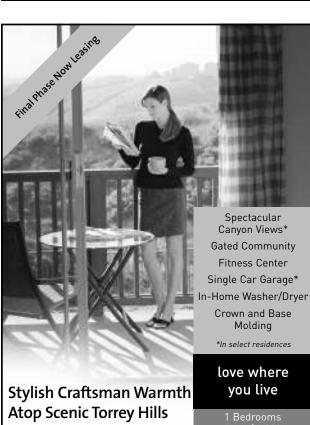
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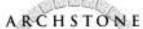
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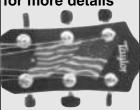
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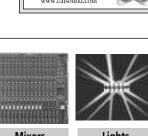


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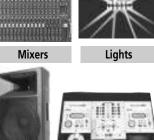


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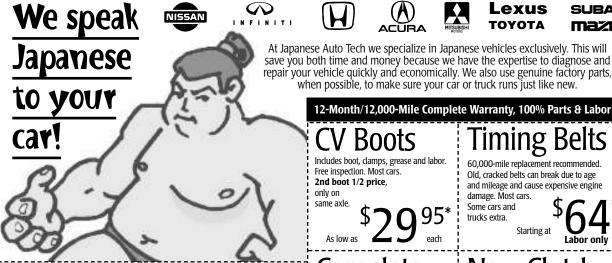
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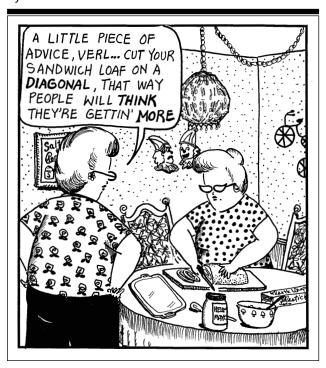
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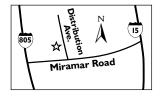
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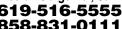
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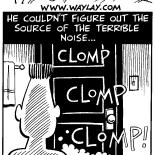
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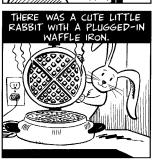
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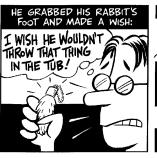
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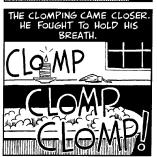
















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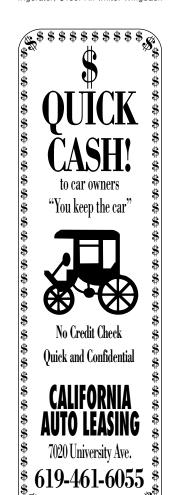
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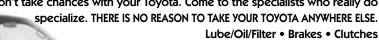
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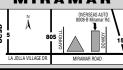
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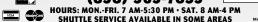
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'You called the right person, because I am probably the only one in San Diego that does truly emergency dentistry," answered Dr. Taylor of After Hours Emergency Dental Services in Pacific Beach, "I am available 24 hours a day, seven days a week,

including holidays. "I was going to be a physician," Dr. Taylor continued. "I was 20 years old and had come home from college for Thanksgiving and I had a wisdom tooth abscess. It was Thanksgiving Day and I could not find a dentist anywhere. I was in Birmingham,

Alabama, which was a fairly large town and I called every dentist in the phone book and I couldn't get any dentist to return my call or to see me or anything. So I went through terrible pain all through Thanksgiving and the next day, because most dentists take off the Friday after Thanksgiving so that they can have a long weekend. So I called a friend from school whose father was an orthodon-

"Getting people out of pain is the fun part about being a dentist."

tist in another town about 100 miles away. His father said, 'Well I am an orthodontist, but if you are willing to travel 100 miles to come see me, I will see what I can do for you.' So I did, and he became my hero. When I got back to school the following week, I saw my advisor and told him, 'I've decided I don't want to

be a physician. I want to be a dentist because I've had an experience that has convinced me that I need to be a dentist. This guy saved me and that is the kind of doctor I want to be.' So I went to dental school for that reason and for 25 years I have been doing emergency dentistry. Getting people out of pain is the fun part about being a dentist.'

How quickly can someone come in and see you?

"It is immediate. When they call, the number is call forwarded to my receptionist's cell phone. She takes the call and talks with them a little bit about it, explaining our service and the cost and whether they have insurance and those sorts of questions. And then she refers them to me. I tell them to meet me at the office in 30 minutes or as fast as they can get there and then take care of the problem.

What are the emergency situations that you see?

"Most of them are abscessing teeth," continued Taylor. "Very large cavities where the nerve is dying and the patient needs to either have he tooth pulled or to have a root canal done. That is the majority. Some people consider it an emergency if they lose a crown in the front. They can't smile and to them that is an emergency. It is emotional pain. So we get some of those cases. And we also get a few trauma cases: kids on roller blades, or bicycles or skateboards, and they'll crash and knock out a tooth and we'll see those emergencies also."

Dr. Taylor also gets referrals from the hospital emergency rooms.

Is there an added charge for your emergency services?

"For an emergency visit," Dr. Taylor answered, "to ask a dentist to go into the office and open it up just for one patient, we

do charge \$250. So it is an office visit of \$250, plus whatever treatment is necessary. But we don't

charge more for the regular treatment. Pulling a tooth costs \$150. A root canal, depending on which tooth, costs from \$600 to \$700. A chipped tooth, we don't see that much. If it is not down to the nerve, we rarely see people for that, because they don't want to pay \$250 to come in for a filling that is going to cost \$80. If it is just a little chip,

they can usually wait till Monday and go see their regular dentist. But if it is a crown that knocks off and they have some appointments. that is something different. (Crowns cost \$785.) We mostly see people that are in dire straights, they can't sleep, they are in terrible pain or trauma. Most of the emergencies are Friday afternoons after all the dentists have closed, like today I had several, and then Saturdays and Sundays and holidays.

Do you accept Medicaid patients?

"No, I'm a private practice, fee for service. If a patient is on welfare or Medicaid I tell them that they have to find a Medicaid dentist. I have to make a living; I can't save the world for nothing."

Do you have a tip on choosing a dentist to avoid the dental horror story? "I don't hear horror stories about bad

dentists. I think American dentists are all pretty good. Now I do see a lot of dentistry from other countries, because all the hotels know about our service. A lot of people staying over in hotels end up seeing me. I can tell you American dentistry is far above everybody else in the whole world. I have never seen any dentistry that compares with American dentistry. We have got it. We are 50 years ahead of everybody else. A lot of the dentistry done in third world countries is very very poor. Mexican dentistry varies, some of it looks good, some of it doesn't look so good. But I rarely see American dentistry that is not pretty good. American dentists, if they are bad, they get run out pretty quick. They go find another profession." Before hanging up, Dr. Taylor added, "I just enjoy doing this. Most dentists don't want to come out at night, or don't want to come out on the weekend. They work five days a

week, they don't want to work more. But I basically work Friday, Saturday, Sunday

and take the rest of the week off. I enjoy it."

I found a few other dentists that offered varying emergency services. Dr. Levine on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard offers after-hours emergency Services for a fee of \$250.

And he can often prescribe medicine over the phone or offer advice, and there is no charge for that.

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Dr. Stragier at Balboa Dental Care is always on call and often can provide same-day service, depending on the treatment and how booked their schedule is. There is an extra charge of \$200 for after-hours emergencies. The receptionist informed me that they have even had a patient with a surfboard lodged in his face. Now there

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Last Thursday, my nest was almost empty. I have five children. Rebecca, the oldest, is nine. Benjamin, the youngest, is 19 months. On any given day, at any given time, I have at least two or three children with me. At home, at the grocery store, putting gas in the car, or picking up the dry cleaning, little voices ask me questions. "Mommy, when will Daddy be home?" "Mommy, what are we having for dinner?" "Mommy, may I please have a snack?" Last Thursday morning, for about two hours, I answered no questions.

The day began like all our weekday mornings. I woke up around 7:00. While the family slept, my husband Iack had left the house before dawn to drive to his office in Santee. I crawled over almost-four-year-old Johnny, who had stumbled into our bed about the time Jack left for work. "Time to wake up, buddy," I whispered in Johnny's ear.

Johnny's eyes opened. "Do I get to go to school today?" he asked. Johnny started preschool two weeks ago.

"Yup," I told him. "Go pick out some clothes, and I'll help you get dressed."

Seven-year-old Angela and five-year-old Lucy wandered into the room. I wrapped my arms around Angela, still warm from her bed. "Good morning, sweetie girl," I said. "Time to get dressed."

Lucy crawled under the covers. "Don't get comfortable, Lucy," I told her. "You need to get dressed."

"I'm so tired," Lucy moaned.

"You get to go to Vincent's house today," I reminded her.

Lucy leapt out of my bed and ran down the hall. Angela followed Lucy. "Benjamin's awake," Angela called to me.

I walked down the hall to the bovs' room and lifted Ben out of his crib. He wrapped his fat arms around my neck, then leaned back and pointed to my nose. "Yes," I told him. "That's Mommy's nose. Where's Benjamin's nose?

Ben pointed to his own nose and smiled. Twenty minutes later, we walked downstairs. I fixed breakfast, finished packing Rebecca's and Angela's lunches, and straightened up the kitchen. At 8:20, I glanced at the clock. "Time to put on shoes and brush hair," I announced.

The girls put on their shoes and socks and brushed their hair. I plucked a pair of Johnny's and Ben's socks from the sock drawer in our downstairs closet and chased Ben around the kitchen. "Time to put your shoes on," I told him. He struggled when I caught him but settled in my lap while I pulled white socks up over his chubby feet. "Johnny, do you need some help?" I asked as I tied Ben's shoes.

"Yes, please, Mom," Johnny answered.

Five minutes later, the kids piled into our van out in the garage. Rebecca strapped Ben into his car seat. I buckled Johnny into his booster. As we drove toward the small Catholic academy where Jack and I send Rebecca and Angela, the kids sang along with a country song on the radio. I steered the van into the school's upper parking lot. "Turn down the radio," Rebecca hissed as we passed a group of older girls.

"Why?" I asked.

Rebecca threw me an "oh, Mom" look. I turned the radio down. "Have a good day," I said as she stepped from the van.

In the lower parking lot, I stopped the van and got out. "I'm going to walk Angie to the gate," I told Lucy, Johnny, and Ben. "Stay in your seats.'

I gave Angela a kiss at the gate. "I love you, sweetie," I said.

Bye, Mom," Angela answered.

Ten minutes later, the three younger kids ran down the long hall at Johnny's preschool. When we walked into the classroom, teacher Lita sat in the corner surrounded by a group of three-year-olds. She looked up and smiled.

"Look, Johnny," she said. "We've got a new hamster. Would you like to see?"

Johnny joined the group surrounding Lita. I leaned down and told him, "I'm going to leave now. I'll be back to get you before

lunch. Have a good day."
"Okay, Mommy," Johnny said without looking away from the hamster.

On our way to Vincent's house, I called to Lucy in the far backseat. "It's going to be funny with just Ben at home this morning."

Lucy smiled. "Maybe you'll be able to get some work done," she said.

After we dropped Lucy at Vincent's, I looked at Ben in the rear view mirror. "It's just you and me, buddy."

Ben pointed to a construction site we were driving past. "Da-a-a-a," he said.

At home, the house seemed quiet. I emptied the dishwasher, swept the kitchen floor, then went upstairs to make the beds and put away some clean clothes. Ben followed me around the house or sat and played with his Bob the Builder Duplos. As I set the last pair of underwear in Rebecca's drawer, Ben toddled toward me carrying his Bob the Builder flap book. I put the laundry basket aside and sat down on the bedroom floor. I read each page to Ben while he lifted the flaps and pointed to the surprise behind each one.

At 11:15, I buckled Ben back into his car seat and headed toward Johnny's school. "Are you ready to go get the guys?" I asked Ben.

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