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### Unacceptable Commutes

Thank you for the enlightening article on the adverse effect of developers' ties to politics in Chula Vista ("Octopus Devours Chula Vista," "City Lights," October 10). As a longtime resident, I can attest to the fact that the only improvement in the quality of life here is experienced by developers and politicians. One important aspect of the problem was not addressed in the article, and that is the excessive residential development and the complete failure to encourage sufficient business development to provide adequate employment for the increasing number of residents. Many like myself find it unacceptable to deal with hour-long commutes in heavy traffic to work in Sorrento Valley or Mira Mesa, but jobs in the South Bay are increasingly difficult to find. Only low-paying retail and service jobs have increased with the resident population. Our politicians and developers have completely lost sight of the ideal community: one that provides for all the needs of its residents and protects the environment. In this reader's opinion, there should be no further residential development until there is enough business growth to provide employment for our residents. Lynne Kieper Chula Vista

### **Premature Death**

In the October 10 "City Lights" section ("Burn Him Alive"), Robert Kumpel writes that Richard Ramirez died last week. I have been unable to find any news related to this. Is it true?

Tina Stobaugh

The statement was an editor's error. It was Angelo Buono Jr., the Hillside Strangler, not Richard Ramirez, who recently died. — Editor

### **Fearless De Groot**

Mr. Aaron De Groot (Letters, October 10) objects to anonymous letters because he claims that each writer should risk his life, liberty, career, and family on an opinion. If this were the case, three-fourths of all criminals would never be caught. Unfortunately, freedom of expression is not allowed. A medical man, lawyer, or other professional would lose his career if he gave his opinions publicly. Various ethnic, political, sexual, and other interest groups practice violence to forward their ideologies. Assassination of opponents occurs randomly. One's children or mate could be savaged. Mr. De Groot, of course, is totally fearless, the mark of a fool or madman. Opinions, controversies, ideas should be judged by their intrinsic value, not by the name appended. I've written letters published in national newspapers under a false name, with a made-up address and a phone number from a drugstore. The letters, since they were rational, attracted the attention of the editors. Anonymity is a good thing. It deflates egoism and forces the consideration of the ideas themselves. Therefore, one hopes for more anonymous letters from intelligent people and even from cretins. More ideas and less identification is okay. However, the Reader may go along with De Groot and lose many of its readers and ideas.

Name Withheld

### **Bloodless Wicca**

I have a comment to make about something said in an article about "gothic" culture and such ("God's Misfits," "Pop Music," October 3). A reference was made to a wiccan handfasting. I would like to kindly correct you on one particular point that apparently someone felt they had to make.

In wicca, there is no belief whatsoever in bloodshed. No blood is mixed during a handfasting. I don't know what kind of vampire-obsessed coven you dealt with --if in fact you even witnessed a handfasting - but that isn't how it goes at all.

You really should research stuff before you put it in an article and offend people...

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Political funding As election time nears, campaign contributions continue to pour in from the rich and locally famous. In the race for district attorney, Joseph Wambaugh — the excop and crime novelist from Point Loma who, along with Union-Tribune publisher David Copley was once reported to have been a potential target of gay serial killer Andrew Cunanan before Cunanan gunned down Gianni Versace — has given \$500 to Bonnie Dumanis. Ex-port commissioner Peter Janopaul, who made history when he was named San Diego's first avowedly gay port commissioner by Mayor Dick Murphy, kicked in \$1000 to the same campaign. Lobbyist Nicole Clay of the firm Carpi & Clay has given \$500 to District 2 San Diego city council candidate Michael Zucchet, as has Nancy Chase, the Republican campaign fundraiser who has worked closely with campaign consultant Tom Shepard. Other Zucchet money includes \$500 from Robert Lawrence, son of the late Hotel del Coronado owner Larry

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Lawrence. Octogenarian merchandising magnate Sol Price also gave \$500. San Diego writer Anna Curren, a Nova Scotia native and onetime nursing instructor at Long Beach City College, who made a small fortune with her best-selling technical man-

Anna Curren

uals about clinical medication, including Math for Meds and Dimensional Analysis for Meds, has been especially generous this campaign season. Curren, now 67 and an author of lesbian novels, told her hometown St. John's Telegram last year that she has been openly gay since she was 35. This year her contributions include \$10,000 to the Democratic National Committee and \$5000 to Emily's List.

More and Moores Is the Peregrine Systems bankruptcy scandal enough to get Padres owner John Moores out of baseball once and for all? So speculates Ken Rosenthal of the Sporting News, whose "Baseball Inside Dish" column reports that Moores "could lose the team because of



legal difficulties" which would then clear the way for manager Kevin Towers to move to the Boston Red Sox, now run by erstwhile Moores partner Larry Lucchino. Notes Rosenthal: "The resolution of Moores's problems, how-Kevin Towers ever, isn't imminent, and it's

doubtful the team would grant permission for Towers to reunite Lucchino, a former Padres president who departed over philosophical differences with Moores." Meanwhile, Moores picked up another round of bad national press in Business Week. "So what did Moores know? So far, the evidence is only circumstantial. Former employees say it was impossible to miss disturbing signs right under Moores's nose," reports the magazine, which quotes San Diego attorney Mike Aguirre as say-

ing it would be virtually impossible for Moores not to have known about the evil-doing going on inside the firm. "Critics complain that Peregrine's board has been dominated by insiders who didn't question the company's methods." Over in New Mexico, where Democrat and ex-Peregrine board member **Bill Richardson** is running for governor, Republicans continue to run TV spots pummeling Moores's and Richardson's alleged role in Peregrine's collapse. "Richardson claimed he didn't own any stock, but now we learn Richardson's relative made millions. A Richardson contributor pocketed a half-billion dollars, while 1400 people lost their jobs. Now, a Justice Department probe. Bill Richardson, an insider who got paid, while honest people got hurt."

Borderline What's up between South Bay congressman Bob Filner and San Diego city councilman Ralph Inzunza? In recent weeks, city hall watchers say, Inzunza has been going out of his way to bash Filner during public meetings and in closed-door sessions. The latest dustup between the two is a fight over a new San Ysidro library, to be leased in a shopping mall developed by Inzunza backer Sam Marasco. But the enmity goes far deeper, say insiders, center-

ing around the fight between Filner and Assemblyman Juan Vargas, who is reportedly angling for a way to oust Filner and get

his job. Inzunza's fellow Democratic councilmembers are aiding and abetting his anti-Filner crusade by going out of their way not Juan Vargas

to defend the longtime congressman ... Oceanside Republican state sen-

ator Bill Morrow is biding his time as one of only three members of a state commission that has gone through more than \$331,000 in taxpayer money but has never met, reports the San Francisco Chronicle. The California Commission for Economic Development was created more than a year ago to help revive a sputtering state economy and is supposed to have 17 members: three state senators, three assembly members, and ten business types to be appointed by Governor Gray Davis. But neither Davis nor the assembly have bothered to fill their allotted seats. "It's a commission that is spending money but appears not to exist." Common Cause's Jim Knox told the paper ... The Dallas Morning News is reporting that Rosarito's Oasis beach resort "represents one of the cracks that have emerged on the unified front against traffickers recently erected by the United States and Mexico." The Oasis, says the paper, is suspected of being a money-laundering front for what remains of the Arellano Felix drug organization, yet remains in business, catering to American tourists.

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The Keenans' pond, which firefighters used to fight the blaze

# **How Do You Like Our Moonscape?**

By Jeanne Schinto

s we drove through the San Felipe A Valley, Ann and Tom Keenan pointed out a lone house ringed with greenery on

the blackened hillside. A small circle, saved. It's one of several hundred homes that the Pines fire didn't touch. "The firefighters told me that if they have enough time they can save every structure," said Ann. "That's assuming people don't have trash all around their property. But some people keep tons of trash and they haven't cleared their brush, so those places are really hard to

defend."

The Keenans, who own 700 acres and a one-room stone cabin off San Felipe Road, have acquired new terminology since the secondworst fire in county history burned more than 61,000 acres, including theirs. "Defensible" is one of those terms. "Indefensible" is another, which Ann used as we passed a burned-down building in Ranchita. (Whether it had been a home or another kind of structure was impossible to tell.) Three charred cars were parked alongside it.

Water from the Keenans' property helped save scores of defensible houses during the fire. The firefighters used the Keenans' pond to fight the flames. Helicopters flew back and forth, dipping 500-gallon buckets into it at two-minute intervals. Ann was told by "a guy named John," a navigator out of El Cajon's Gillespie Field, that he and his small crew alone took 200,000 gallons from the pond during the fire and have been back many times since, using the water to douse hot spots. At ten feet deep, the pond usually contains two million gallons, Tom estimates. The

### **Neal Obermeyer**



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depth had dropped to six feet by the time officials finally declared the fire to be contained. That was on August 13, two weeks and two days after a helicopter on another sort of mission had started the blaze in the first place.

My visit was on the last day of September; by then, the area no longer looked disastrous. Tom noted that obliterated highway signs, like one for Teofulio Summit, had been replaced. Ann sounded apologetic when she said, "Since some leaves have fallen, it doesn't look that bad. The hills are less black." But the crisis continues. The techniques of the firefighters, who used bulldozers to create miles of firebreaks 100 to 500 feet wide, disrupted the landscape, and the current fear is a Biblical reverse: not fire next time but floods.

"This is one of the main watersheds in the county," said Ann. "The San Felipe Creek runs through it. And when the rain falls, the water's going to come pouring down from the hills and wreak havoc. When the wind blows, the dirt just swirls, because there's nothing to hold it down. You can just imagine the Dust Bowl."

We reached the ranch's gate at 10:00 in the morning. It was the same hour at which they had arrived seven weeks earlier, as the fire moved to-



Sally Snipes and Clint Powell



Burnt plants in dry river bed on the Keenans' property

ward their property. Their main residence is in La Mesa, and they had heard on the radio that San Felipe Road was about to be closed. "Tom and I called the sheriff," said Ann, "and asked if we could come out. He said we could have one hour. When we got here, we saw 30 bulldozers and hundreds of firefighters. They were trying to keep the fire away from the sheriff's substation next door, where there's a big fuel tank. The fire was slow-moving, but you could see it coming."

They used the hour to bring their RV and tractor to a firebreak zone.

As we drove in, I saw that the substation looked pristine, like the saved house on the hillside. "There was not a bit of damage done to the sheriff's place," said Ann. "Look! Every blade of grass is green. It's like nothing ever happened."

You could say the same about the Keenans' cabin, but not for the rest of the property.

I had been here before, last December, on a birding expedition with the Keenans, who were volunteers for the recently completed San Diego County Bird Atlas Project. Nearly everything looked different on this second visit. Where before the place had resembled an image of old

Tom and Ann Keenan

California, with narrow paths leading into groves of ancient trees, blackberries, persimmons, pomegranates, and wild grapes, now huge areas were cleared, as if for a giant parking lot or a development. "We think it looks like Otay Lakes," said Tom, referring to development going on there. "I thanked one of the fire crew for putting in the new roads. He told me, 'Hell, we put in a freeway."

Ann said, "All the mystery of the property is gone. It used to be that you really didn't know how the separate pieces hooked up. Now it's just wide open."

We parked beside the cabin, and the Keenans got out. But they wanted me to wait a moment. "We'll have a little walk-around for rattlesnakes," said Ann. "We've seen two big, fat ones since the fire."

"It's interesting about the snakes," said Tom. "The firefighters told us there were a lot of them, even in their camps. They saw them on the road, too. It was unusual, especially since the pavement was so hot."

No rattlers were in evidence, so we walked up the hill toward the pond, following a bulldozer's trail. The road was soft; spots off the trail were even softer. They felt like talcum powder. In some areas there were ten-foot pools of gray-white ash, where giant oaks once stood. Tom said, "People talk about oaks being tough, but I think sycamores are tougher." Some oaks were two-toned: only half-burned. The Keenans had trouble naming another tree that was in the same condition. Lemonadeberry? Laurel sumac? "It's hard to identify trees without their leaves," said Ann, displeased with herself. "In a way, it's like



Old Indian cemetery near the Keenans' cabin



having a brand-new piece of property."

On the ridge above us, the "T bulldozers' trails looked like sa ski runs. The driver must have ac been perpendicular to the Na ground as he reached the top. th "They coursed over the hills," ha said Ann. "They're cowboys, bu those bulldozer guys. They're en told to do a job and do it." sh

The Keenans have learned other facts about firefighters. "There's a whole subculture," said Ann. "They come from across the country. Many are Native American. They bring their music and arts. They have big camps together. They buy and sell and trade different articles. They wear the Tshirts that are sold as souBurnt tree on the Keenans' property

venirs at every fire. It's like a reunion."

An old Indian cemetery is situated near the Keenans' cabin. Twice a year, on Memorial Day and All Souls' Day, members of the Santa Ysabel band of the Kumeyaay tribe visit their dead and decorate the graves. The cemetery isn't *continued on page 6* 



Closed San Felipe general store 🛛

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large, perhaps 500 square feet, and is enclosed by a wroughtiron fence. "They saved the cemetery, too," said Tom, "because it's a historical site." Recurring names on the head-

stones are Maxcy, Hyde, and Grand. "A firefighter named Grand was glad to pay a visit to his relatives while he was here"

The pond came into view long before we reached it; it looked like an oasis, outlined

in velvety green. White blooming lily pads floated in it. Firefighters had felled the willows and cottonwoods on one side to give the helicopters room to swing in and dip their buckets.

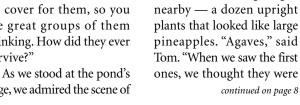
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"Usually quail are so se-

cretive," said Ann, "it's hard to see them. But now there's no cover for them, so you see great groups of them drinking. How did they ever survive?'

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edge, we admired the scene of



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tranquility. But my eye was

drawn to a strange sight

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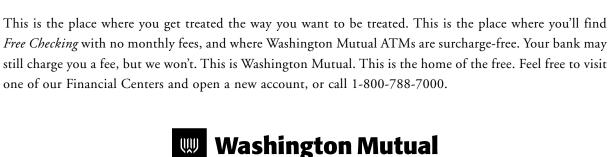
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### Moonscape

continued from page 6 pineapples too. 'Where did they come from?' They looked like they had been placed there by somebody." The Keenans have since learned from Philip Unitt, collection manager for the San Diego Natural History Museum, that agaves are traditionally good survivors of massive fires like this one, becoming prominent when everything else around them has burned away. Unitt came out to the Keenans' ranch two weeks after the fire. He wanted to see how San Felipe's birds had fared. He and the Keenans identified 36 species. On the phone Unitt told me that some "small, weak-flying

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birds," like bushtits and wrentits, were populating burned areas. He suspects they survived the fire elsewhere, in less intensely burned areas. He noted the oak trees that were leafless but still alive, along with some big-cone Douglas firs that were burned at the base but not at the crown.

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Ann, Tom, and I watched a Nashville warbler perched on a low bush. A stubby green-and-yellow migrant, on its way to Central America, it let us get within three



feet. "It's probably shocked," said Ann. "It doesn't know what to do. The last time it came through, the landscape looked very different."

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Starting in December, after the winter birds have arrived, Unitt wants to deploy volunteers like the Keenans to resurvey some fire areas for the Bird Atlas. But he needs funds to do the analysis correctly. He's trying to find a source as well as someone with ample experience in fire ecology to give input on the study design — "or at least point out other studies that can be adapted as a model."

As we left the pond and headed downhill, I became aware of the sound of running water. I realized I had been hearing it all along. "All the streams are running much faster than they ever did before," said Ann. "We have more water on our property now than we ever have, because so many trees, which used to soak it up, are dead. So you can only imagine what it's going to do when it rains." Most of the surrounding land is federal property, and the government will make arrangements for flood control in those areas. In addition, the California Fish and Game Commission just bought 5000 acres. "So all these public places will get fixed. But there's nobody to help us."

"Us" includes the Keenans' neighbors — Clint Powell and Sally Snipes. "They're going to be inundated, so they're getting sand bags ready," said Ann.

New Mexican sunflowers, five feet tall, lined the roadway to the Powell-Snipes ranch house that sits low in the valley on 69 acres. It's almost certainly one of the houses that the Keenans' pond water helped save.

"How do you like our moonscape?" Snipes asked, gesturing to areas leveled by bulldozers. She had just returned from a hike. Her route: a bulldozer's trail. "It's funny what you ask for. I have tried to climb that ridge eight different times in the six years since we've lived here. I would get half or a quarter of the way up, and the brush always stopped me, until now."

Chickens clucked in the henhouse. "The SPCA took them during the fire," said Powell. "They were off their egg-laying for a few days, but *continued on page 13* 



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they got back to it."

At our feet, two kittens tumbled. Born the day after the fire, they were named Smokey and Cinder.

But Snipes and Powell were not so carefree. "There's a massive soil movement coming our way," said Powell, a naturalist. "Ten days ago, a road crew came out to drain the road because of mud, and that was after only 15/100 of an inch of rain."

He showed me the rain notation on a page of his Sierra Club engagement calendar. He has been tracking local weather conditions since 1974, he said. "When we were evacuated, the only things I took were my computer and my piles of weather records."

Snipes is an artist as well as a gardener. Known as the "Daffodil Lady," she's the one who started planting daffodils in Julian 12 years ago, to honor her late father. She estimates there to be three to four million of them today.

She turned off a garden sprinkler. "We're trying to resuscitate," she said. "Last week, the well blew up. Actually, not the whole well — just the pump in the engine. That's probably because we've overused it since the fire."

It's ironic that, as a gardener, she hopes now not to see thunderclouds overhead.

"Sally was told by a National Guard officer not to sleep for three to ten years during heavy rains," said Powell. "I would like to have that officer's name."

And after three to ten years, what then?

"Hopefully, there will have been some revegetation," said Snipes.

But that won't happen, or at least not quickly, unless there's rain, and therefore, it's really

"Catch-22."

Snipes went into the house and returned with a report generated by the National Resources Conservation Service, part of the United States Department of Agriculture. The report is the Burned Area Emergency Stabilization & Rehabilitation Plan — or BAER report, for short (pronounced "Bayer," like the aspirin). "These are the [government's] suggestions for what should happen to help us," she said, handing me the

report. "We're not just being fanatical females out here. You know? This is a legitimate, legal government document. Anybody who asks me what I'm talking about, I give them a copy, because it shows I'm not making this up."

I skimmed the pages. They were stocked with disconcerting terms like "mudflows" and "rolling rocks." It mentioned "floatable debris"—"downed trees, picnic tables, machinery, and abandoned vehicles." I started to imagine those

three burned vehicles in Ranchita, floating.

One recommendation was the installation of sirens - in lieu of rainy-night vigils, I presumed. The sirens would "provide direct warning to local residents in the event of an

anticipated flood event." The report gave costs of the recommended items. The

sirens were \$5000 each. The computerized "rain station" (i.e., rain gauges) to which the sirens would be attached were \$3500 each. The software was separate: \$5000 per system.

"The early warning system," the report went on, "will potentially save lives by providing communities downstream of burned areas with continued on page 14



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greater lead time than would otherwise be available for evacuation in the event of an extreme flood event."

The report also recommended the installation of Krails (also known as Jersey barriers). These would channel the flood waters away from various buildings at risk. The Powell home was among those listed. Total cost for 75 K-rails: \$26,250.

The advice was free; the report didn't say who was supposed to pay to implement it. Snipes hoped the government would. "I have spent the last month on the phone," she said, "with Dianne Jacob's of-

fice, Bill Horn's, Assemblyman [Dennis] Hollingsworth's. Everybody says, 'It's not my department. We don't have funds. Talk to somebody else. We're not responsible.' Everybody's doing this." She made a buck-passing motion. "I'm not supposed to sleep for the next three to ten years? That's not casual! Even in Ranchita, it won't be so had We're in a valley. And as far as Julian knows, the fire's over. Yes, wonderful Julian, where we lived for 30 years, is in denial. It didn't happen to them." Nor will a flood, if it comes? "No. They're uphill."

Somebody wondered aloud if it would ever rain again. Powell cited statistics. "After years of drought, there were floods in 1916," he said. "They had 36 inches of rain that winter. Things had gotten so bad before that, San Diego hired a rainmaker, Charles Mallory Hatfield. But he did such a good job that the whole town of Banner was washed out."

"Or was it just coincidence?" said Snipes. "Hatfield built towers 30 feet high, put platforms on top of those, then burned or exploded something up there. They almost tarred and feathered him. They ran him out of town, and they never did pay him. It was too much, too fast."

We drove along the Banner Grade, past more scenes of aftermath. At a bend, we

stopped and looked into a gully, at a house and pool in gray ruins. On many hillsides, we saw red fire retardant on rocks. "That's going to be there for a long, long time," said Ann. At what's called the Banner store (officially, the Banner Recreation Ranch), Tom went in for a soda; when he emerged, he said, "The man lost his apple crop. Entire crop." He didn't want to speak to a reporter. We all fell mostly silent then. As the hillsides slowly got greener, Ann said, "We're out of it now."

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When I got home, I read the report by the National Resources Conservation Service more carefully. It mentioned property owned by other neighbors of the Keenans.

Michael and Susan Pinto own 566 acres along a tributary of the San Felipe Creek. The Keenans had taken me there, but the Pintos hadn't been home. They have another residence in Laguna Beach. The report mentioned the two structures we had seen on the Pintos' property, an elegant stone main house and a clapboard guest house. Their housekeeper, Sandy Garner, had shown us how close the fire had come to these structures and told how she had been advised by the firefighters to strip the curtains from the windows. "Because the fire gets so hot, windows burst; then the flames want the oxygen. So they suck the curtains and things out of the house.

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That's when the inside of the house gets going." Garner had made those emergency preparations five days before the fire arrived. At the moment, she said, yes, she had heard talk of floods, and preparations for them were apparently being made by the Pintos. "I only hear bits and pieces." She was aware that the property was a flood zone. "You can see where it all funnels down." She gestured toward crevices in the hills above the property. "This is the main wash right here." It ended in a pond by the stone house. About half the size of the Keenans' pond, it, too, had been used by the firefighters, its depth lowered by several feet. "They had continued on page 18

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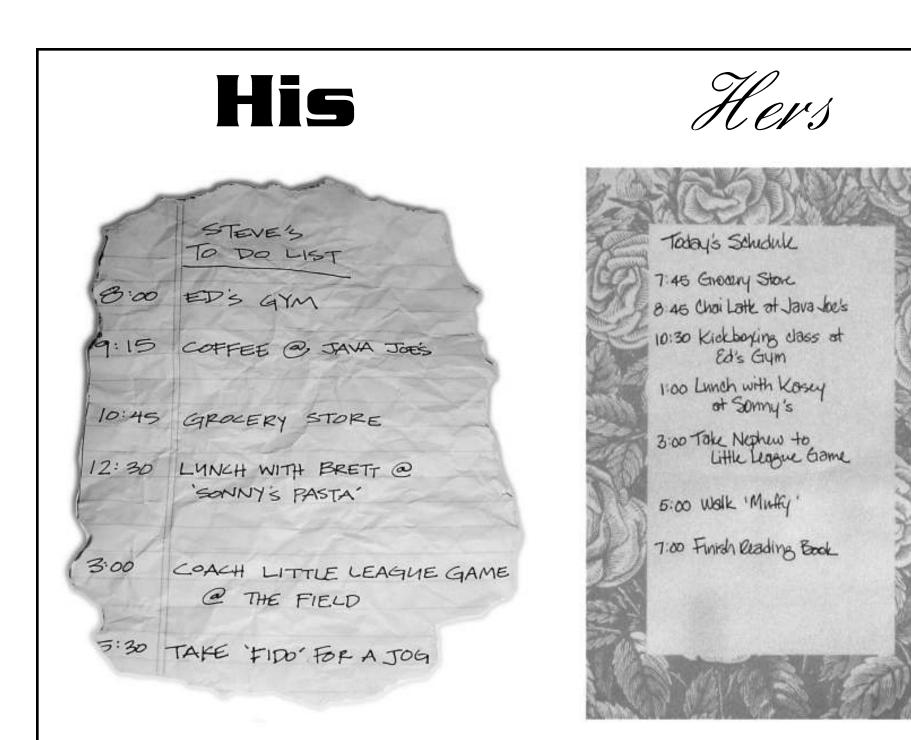
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never been able to find the bottom before, free-diving, and now they can," said Garner of her employers.

I called Michael Pinto in

Laguna Beach to ask him about his reaction to the report. Was he hopeful that the government would pay for its recommendations? "To me, hope has nothing to do with it," he said. "You have to go ahead and protect your property, then send your bills to the appropriate people, who will or will not pay them. The National Guard is number one, which probably won't [pay]. And it would be just like the government to say, 'Oh, if you'd only waited for

us, then we could have paid for it, but you've already done it, so it's too late.' But we can't wait.

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"The team came in — the hydrologist, geologist, and so on — and they said, 'Here's where the flow of water is going to go. This is where it's going to hit your house.' So their recommendation was hay bales or those concrete dividers you see on freeways. But the trouble with them is, they're not very elegant, and they're difficult to work with,

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### because they're big, heavy concrete things. A good friend of mine has been through three floods in Laguna Canyon, and I'm following his advice. Instead of using Krails, we'll use I-beams for the water to 'glance off' and go back into its channel. We're putting in a series of those along both sides of the streambed. When I showed it to Jason, he liked it so much, he said he was going to share it with others."

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"Jason" is Jason Jackson, district conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. It's his name that's on the report. I called Jackson at his office in Escondido. "The federal people take care of their land," he said. "But federal land doesn't have anything to do with my agency, even though it's federal too. We work only with private land and private land owners, providing natural-resource services. A lot of people from farming communities know us as a soil-conservation service. We're the ones that do all the wind breaks in the Midwest and the fancy strip cropping that you see pictures of, with all the different strips, going with the contour of the land. We've been around since 1935 doing this type of work."

Jackson emphasized that most of what his agency does is give technical support. It comes in the form of suggestions, like those in the report, tailored to each particular property. "The Powells need some Cat work," said Jackson. That's "Cat" as in Caterpillar — yes, bulldozers once again. "This would remove materials that have accumulated over the years. They could push the materials up on the bank."

I noted that the report states the cost of bulldozer crews to be thousands of dollars a day.

"A lot of the time, cost is one thing; permits is another," said Jackson ominously.

As he explained it, the Powells would need permits for the work that the report recommends.

Who issues the permits? "Different agencies, and that's a bureaucratic nightmare. Permits from Fish and Game, Corps of Engineers, the county — although the county can exempt itself."

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Pinto property. "I've been out there several times. Mr. Pinto is going do things on his own. He is installing things that are a little more progressive."

He doesn't need permits? "No, because he's staying outside the stream channel. Anytime you get into the stream channel, then you're getting into lots of agencies. And even though it's an emergency, you still need to go through them and get permits — or waivers."

And if you can't afford to do the work yourself? "There is a program from our agency, if you have a local sponsor. The sponsor provides a 25 percent match [in funding] and also has other duties, like getting the permits."

Who is a potential sponsor? "The sponsor could be any special district. It could be a community services district, if there is one. In this case, there isn't. Basically, for that area, you're probably looking at the county to be the sponsor."

I told Jackson I called the same county supervisors that Snipes has called and gotten no further than she has. Bill Horn's website named policy advisor Trudy Thomas as the contact for the Pines fire. But Thomas would not be quoted for publication about Jackson's report. Dianne Jacob's office said only Jacob herself could be quoted on the subject, but she was not available to speak about it.

I asked Jackson what he thought the chances were that a sponsor would come forward. "Probably remote, but I'm not sure. We've had disasters before and nobody has come forward, so..." He didn't complete the sentence. "We've been to most of the properties and made our suggestions. That's all I can do.

"But, you know, those lands burn every so often. In this case, the fire was accidentally started, but it would have burned eventually. This type of habitat burns on a cyclical basis. It's nature's way of replenishing itself. It's that fire-flood cycle that just happens. It's only when we build homes next to the drainages that we start running into problems."

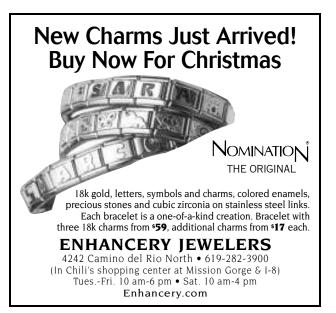
Not exactly. Fires are fewer and larger these days than in the past, according to the United States Forest Service. The number of acres burned per fire has also increased. It's due to human activity of various sorts.

Nor did nature intend to add bulldozers to the fireflood mix. Tom Keenan showed me the difference between ground that has been burned and rained upon again and again over the years — it has a hard crust and ground that bulldozers have turned to dust.

Finally, as Ann Keenan said, nobody really can predict where the stream channels will go next. They may find entirely new routes downhill, and they won't bother seeking permits.

The Pines fire is fraught with ironies, starting with the fire's cause. But the final irony would come if what the firefighters saved — like that lone house I saw on the hillside floods then carried away.

A week or so after my visit, I called Snipes to ask if they'd had any rain out there yet. "We've had a little tiny bit of...moisture, I'd call it. But otherwise, mostly only low clouds."



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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

### Matt:

*I have a question for you — do ants ever sleep?* 

— Bill Goehring, San Diego

Rust never sleeps, but ants do. At least that's what bug researchers say, and we'll have to take their word for it since ants don't have eyelids, they don't snore, and I've never seen one sprawled out, drooling on the couch in front of the TV. "Sleep" may be stretching a point, actually. In the bug lab, a dozing ant is one that slows down, doesn't wave its antennae very much, and sort of hangs out staring vacantly into space for a while. Two researchers actually managed to fit some tiny electrodes onto tiny ants' even tinier heads to detect much, much tinier electrical activity from their very, very extremely tiny brains. The Ph.D.s swear they observed slowed brain activity during these resting periods, though they admit ants don't have much in the gray-matter department. Who said science isn't fun? Anyway, these "sleeping" periods lasted for about eight minutes out of each 12-hour period — every other one of these interludes is more like a nap than actual sleep. Groups of ants seemed to coordinate these rests so the whole colony doesn't flake out at the same time.

### Hey, Matthew:

*My* friend swears that he heard that all goldfish are born female but some of them eventually turn into males. Could this possibly be true?

— Ron, Santee

I hope your pal's quit school and his job and is now just hanging around the tank so he doesn't miss the big moment. Sexual assignment can be a changeable thing in the lower orders of animals, including some fish. If the pond gets too crowded or there's some other stress on the population, they can do a male-female swap to save the group. Gender swapping in fish amounts to rerouting some minor internal plumbing, nothing very dramatic. Some lower animals dispense with gender altogether and are both male and female, saving themselves a lot of dreary evenings in singles' bars. Your friend's latched on to a factlike story but applied it to the wrong species. His goldfish aren't going to do anything except swim, eat, and die.

#### Matthew Alice:

As a member of the San Diego press, I hope you will be able to answer this. Why can't the Union-Tribune obtain the correct starting times for many cable channels? All of their listings for A&E, Bravo, and many others are either off by three hours, which must mean they are using Eastern time or are completely off. Maybe you can inspire them to check it out.

— TLE, La Jolla

Inspired by your letter, we dug out the old fedora with the press pass in the hatband and went over to see Pat McGrath and kick his editorial butt around the parking lot on your behalf. Pat's in charge of "TV Week," the petite magazine insert in the Sunday paper. He didn't have a clue who we were, so he called security. After that things get a little vague, but I remember a mess of flying elves, and I lost my fedora in the hubbub. But before we were escorted out, I do recall hearing how it's not the TV listings, it's your satellite company that's causing the confusion.

The *U*-*T* and probably 90 percent of all publications nationwide get their TV listings from an old building in rural Upstate New York. It's the Glens Falls office of Tribune Media, the source of lots of columns, reviews, schedules, and just about any type of TV blather a person could want. They even send out those little blurbs that tell what the show is about ("Eddie causes trouble for Beaver" or "Fatal car crash videos"). The 300+ TV networks send their schedules to the office, and Tribune Media prepares it and sends it digitally to all their customers, based on the customer's time zone. "TV Week" is formatted with schedules, ads, and editorial in the *U*-*T* offices late Monday, and it's printed and bound by Wednesday for insertion into the following Sunday's paper. According to Tribune Media, they also send out 120,000 changes and updates to program schedules every week to be included in the weekday papers.

So anyway, it's the networks that supply the scheduling info. But it's the service that delivers the signal to your home that determines when you will see a particular program. According to Pat McGrath, most of the schedule snafus come from satellite delivery systems, which can broadcast East Coast feeds on the West Coast and appear on your screen three hours early. Most cable and satellite systems include on-screen schedules, which should be much more reliable, timewise, than anything in print. But as Trib Media is happy to report, 45% of all cable and satellite TV homes never use the on-screen schedules and still rely on the printed page. As delivery systems and networks proliferate, the problem is only likely to get worse. I recommend that you sit down in front of the TV first thing in the morning and don't move again until you go to bed, flipping channels madly in between to make sure you're not missing something good. It's about our only reliable defense.

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



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# SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

# **Shooting Crippled Ducks**

As a public service, the Box occasionally Aupdates readers with sporting news not found in the captive press. Therefore, let us consider the oldest sporting event in San Diego, one that's played in every neighborhood, namely, Cops and Robbers.

You would think this must be a fabulous time to be a cop. Money is gushing, authority is expanding...now add a pliable judicial system and public support. It doesn't get much better. And yet, if you'll look over here, you'll see one wall in law enforcement's citadel that's on the edge of collapse.

San Diego's Medical Cannabis Task Force has recommended that very ill people may possess up to three pounds of pot, and people who grow pot for their use may possess as much as 12 pounds. There would be licensing, verification, and the usual blah-blah.

This is a result of the 1996 passage of Proposition 214, allowing the legal (as far as the State of California is concerned) medical use of marijuana. The fact that it took San Diego six years to come up with a recommendation of how to implement Prop 214 is a surprise, but a surprise only to the extent that it ever happened at all.

When the cops — in this instance, DEA lose a conservative breadbasket like San Diego, then you can safely bet the game is over. The game, in this case, being the complete legalization of medical marijuana.

In a very short period of time — five, ten years at most — people are going to look back and wonder what the fuss was about. Currently, doctors prescribe all sorts of otherwise illegal drugs. What in the world is it about marijuana that makes it worse than morphine or heroin?

Well, nothing. There is no reason terminally sick people should not be allowed to use any drug that helps them deal with their agony. If you don't agree with that, then you need to be strapped into a hospital cancer ward for a month.

Yet, the DEA has been raiding California medical marijuana clubs, from San Diego to Eureka, with increasing frequency. Regard last month's DEA bust in Santa Cruz, Twenty-plus DEA agents, decked in riot gear and carrying assault rifles, heroically charged into the garden of Valerie and Michael Corral and hours later emerged victorious, having uprooted 150 cannabis plants. The Corrals were arrested for suspicion of conspiracy and possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

DEA spokesman Special Agent Richard Meyer explained, "We received information from confidential sources that these people were involved in marijuana trafficking." And, "There is no medical marijuana. We make no distinctions, because there are none. People who grow marijuana are marijuana traffickers.

The Corrals, by the way, helped write the California medical marijuana law. They've been growing medical marijuana for six years and have, from the beginning, worked with the Santa Cruz county and city cops. All hands got together and agreed on a procedure to define who may be a medical marijuana user. All medical users are screened by physicians and issued identification. The Corrals, cofounders of Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana, grow and provide marijuana free of charge to club members.

You have got to be some kind of a sick punk to dispatch federal crime fighters to arrest the Corrals, destroy their crop, and add a heavy burden to 250 people who need every possible break they can get.

Think about it for a minute. This intrepid assault on the Corral's garden was a product of the Northern California High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force. You got DEA, you got the Immigration and Naturalization Service, you got the FBI, San Jose police department, the Santa Clara, San Mateo, Contra Costa, and Marin County sheriffs offices, the U.S. Customs Service, IRS, and many more.

How many hours were wasted planning this daring raid? How many people were involved? Can you imagine the paperwork, the back-andforth from a dozen different headquarters to the Northern California High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force brain center? Now comes

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the invasion and now the real paperwork begins. How many clerks, how many prosecutors, how much time is spent processing the "crime scene"? Then, how many court proceedings will this police action give birth to? How many clerks and judges and prosecutors will work on those proceedings? And then the trials. How many civilians will be taken from their jobs and lives to serve on juries. How much space in jail will this take up? And so on and so on and so on.

This is so utterly crazy you can understand why I'm starting to believe that we're not dealing with marijuana; we're dealing with full employment at the DEA. But, as they say, before the fall comes arresting people who are terminally ill. Happily, as things stand now, California juries are refusing to convict. Indeed, the DEA has gotten so out of hand that federal prosecutors won't bring charges in these sorts of cases. The Corrals wound up not being charged.

When that happens — and it's happening — the contest is over.

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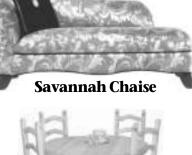
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Year founded: 1952 Senior pastor: Reverend Wayne Eurich Congregation: 100 Staff: 1 full-time, 2 part-time **Annual budget:** \$187,000 Weekly giving: \$3600 Singles program: no Diversity: white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian Dress: dressy-casual to dressy

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On September 3, the United Methodist Church issued a formal statement opposing military action against Iraq. Bush and Cheney are United Methodists. On October 3, the Southern Baptist Convention announced that it supported military action for disarming Saddam Hussein.

I had difficulty finding clergy willing to talk publicly about opposing the war. One rabbi

told me he thought a war with Iraq would lead to only greater Mideast difficulties. He asked that I give neither his name, nor that of his congregation. A United Methodist pastor claimed he hadn't heard of Jim Winkler's statement. I decided to visit Tierrasanta Baptist Church, which is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

"There was some unpleasantness several years ago," Reverend Wayne Eurich, Tierrasanta's interim pastor last week told me. 'The senior pastor who'd been here for a very long time left the church. They'd been getting about 200 people on Sundays. After he left, attendance dropped way down. Now we're starting to rebound; we're getting around 100 on Sunday mornings."

The church's handsome ten-yearold mission-style build-

ing sits on a bluff not far from Interstate 15. When I walked through the door last Sunday morning, I found whites, African-Americans, Asians, and Hispanics mingling in the narthex. Many of the men wore suit and tie; many of the women, long dresses. I asked a pretty young woman in a long blue dress about Tierrasanta's diversity.

'Most of our families are in the military," she said. "The American military, you know, has been integrated for quite some time.'

An usher handed me a "We're Happy You're Here!" brochure for newcomers. On the brochure's cover, the former senior pastor's name, John R. Carter, had been crossed out with black pen. Inside the sanctuary, the pews were half-empty — another symptom of the church's transition.

Eighty-two-year-old Reverend Eurich is courtly and he oversees an old-fashioned Southern Baptist liturgy. Reverend Eurich's one concession to contemporary tastes, a 1984

arrangement of the hymn "Shine Jesus Shine," ran into trouble. The pianist, an elderly gentleman who served in the Salvation Army for 60 years, muffed the first few bars. "I have to admit I don't know this piece," he said. "It's a young person's hymn," someone shouted out. And the young people sang "Shine Jesus Shine" a cappella.

Reverend Ray Register, a Southern Baptist missionary to Israeli Arab Muslims, was the morning's guest speaker. He told us that God sometimes uses "dramatic events" to wake us up, and that September 11 was one such dramatic event.

'As a Southern Baptist from South Carolina, the Deep South, I'd always thought of myself as a spiritual person. But on the first day I attended the University of Virginia I met a young Muslim named Mahoud. He took me to his room and showed me the prayer rug on which he prayed five times a day. Now, before I met Mahoud, I had no idea of what Islam was or who Arabs were. Before this, as a Christian, I didn't give any thought to a con-

sistent prayer life. Because of this Muslim, I started to develop a true prayer life.

Today we face a radical reorientation to missionary activity. God has been trying to get our attention since the Six Day War in 1967. He tried again in 1973 with the Yom Kippur War. Again in 1983 with the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut. In 1991, we had the Gulf War. Last year, the terrorist attacks. We haven't had our last shock. The current conflict dates to the 11th Century and the Cult of the Assassins, when a man named the Old Man of the Mountains threatened the life of the great sultan Saladin. This movement came out of the Muslim idea that the only one sure way for a Muslim to get to heaven is to give himself to the Holy War."

Reverend Register told us that thousands of Arab Muslims,

despite great danger, were converting to Christianity. He said that America's current troubles with the Muslim world were a direct result of Christianity's failure to bring the Gospel to the Muslim world.

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"If you don't go first with Christ," he said. "You'll go later with a gun."

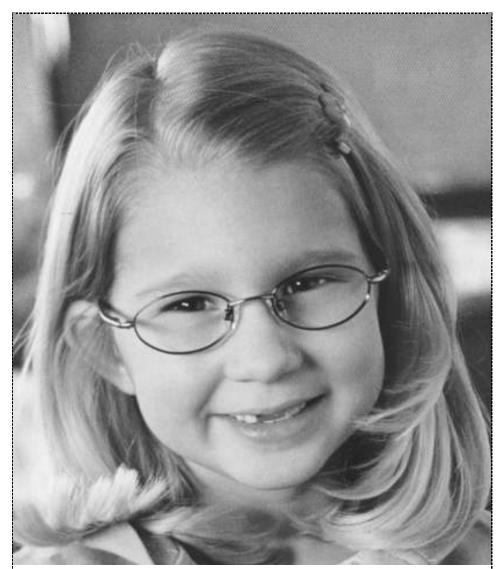
After the service I asked Reverend Eurich why Southern Baptists had no qualms about supporting a war with Iraq.

"Most of us have a lot of confidence in the spiritual life of our president," he said. "And I think he surrounds himself with people who have a great deal of wisdom. As for the war, the country has a duty to protect itself. Saddam Hussein is a threat. I think it's a matter of either going to war now, or going to war later.

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### Dear Aunt Trudy,

My sister is married with three kids and lives in a suburb that homogenizes individuality into a Stepford Wives lifestyle. Every six weeks I'm invited over to her house for some holiday or birthday. The weird thing is that no one ever talks to me once I'm there, and it's not because I'm boring or smell bad. Her husband is usually off fixing something or working on his computer. Once he even brought the computer to the dinner table. If he does put in an appearance, it's to thrust a drink into my hand and then run away, no conversation. My sister might make an initial greeting, but she too quickly disappears into her cavernous house soon after I arrive, and I'm left to fend for myself with the other guests, if there are any, and wonder about the hostess's whereabouts. I play with my nephews and niece until they're bored with me, which happens pretty fast. I kind of can't stand these visits, but feel obligated to go. My sister is constantly going on about how important *family* is, but I feel like there's no true substance to these family interactions. They're empty. There's no talking to my sister about this. I've tried. It just leads to fights. What's your advice?

DISGRUNTLED PALOMAR SIBLING

### Dear Disgruntled,

Next time your sister invites people over and stages her disappearing act, you could hunt her down and invite her back to her own party. "We miss you!" you could say. "Please come back! Everybody's asking for you!" Additionally, you could try to improve your relations with your sister by seeing her one-onone, without kids, recessive spouse, or other guests to complicate the picture. You two could work on - if you're both interested and willing — constructing a relationship that includes real communication. It sounds like you'll be starting almost from scratch, so give it some time. Begin simply. Maybe go to lunch or a movie once a month. If you two actually start building some bridges, you could ask Sis why she makes herself so scarce when guests are present. I hate advising people to throw in the towel on relationships, family or otherwise, but I do believe that at times it's appropriate. Give this as much of the old college try as you feel you have in you, and then, if things don't improve, you can consider yourself excused from these absentee host gatherings, at least until you get your second wind. Or you can limit your attendance to the minimum your conscience will allow: say, just an annual Christmas visit.

### Dear Aunt Trudy,

You said not long ago in your column that you have never been married and never had children.

Do you think you would be happier if vou'd gotten married? I am considering staying single, and I'd like to hear you talk about the single life and its pros and cons. Like, what happens when you get sick? Or what if you lost your job? Or what if your back needs scratching? Seriously, what's good about being alone?

POWAY SINGLETON

### Dear Singleton,

I am indeed childless, but for better or worse I have several marriages and divorces under my belt. I've lived alone (with my faithful dog pack) for many years now. For me the virtues of not being part of a couple include things like complete freedom to eat whatever weird things catch my fancy, to sleep whenever or not, talk to myself, keep or not keep house, come and go at odd hours, and in general be as sloppy, independent, and idiosyncratic as I like (at least at home) without worrying about offending anyone. I've been extremely lucky in life to have made a handful of friends who are dear as family to me. Some of them have been more helpful in times of crisis than one or two of my spouses were able to be. (I haven't ever asked my friends to scratch any part of my anatomy, though.) I am also an elderly woman who doesn't mind solitude and quiet at this stage of my life, having tasted lots of other arrangements. Being single is great if you enjoy it, if it's voluntary, if you have an appetite for its pleasures and don't feel cheated, lonely, or forlorn over what it doesn't offer. Companionship, sex, love, give-and-take, the astonishments of being intimate with another human being are experiences I wouldn't have missed for the world. So I think this is really about figuring out what will make you happy and how to get it — no small matter. Any readers have grumblings or songs of joy to contribute on the subject of being coupled or single?

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# **BestBuys**

"Some people just love dressing their dogs, and they've done it

-EVE KELLY

My Halloween memories are filled with ensemble productions. My sister's college friends would ride into town and join in the masquerade. One year it was *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* with Dad heading up the group as Snow White in a long black wig. *Fiddler on the Roof* music rang through the neighborhood the following holiday. Our

last year we did the *Lawrence Welk Show*, complete with the dancing couple, Bobby and Sissy, a costume bottle of Geritol, and champagne bubbles floating above our heads.

My friend Bernice has a more canine conception of Halloween.

When she was a girl, she always dressed up her dachshund Achilles and took him trick-ortreating. Now, her pug Ulysses goes trick-ortreating. Each year, she crafts a new design: King Henry VIII, Winston Churchill, Abraham Lincoln. Historical figures seem to be her favorites, and she spends days constructing the surprise.

This October, however, a dastardly flu bug has descended upon Bernice's household. To lighten her load, I decided to find Ulysses a suitable Halloween costume for the big day.

At the Daily Pet, in the Del Mar Highlands Town Center, I spoke with owner Beth Gardner. "Some people just love dressing their dogs, and they've done it for years," explained Gardner. "Other people, it is just their first time. The dogs really like it. They see their humans dressing, and they want to dress up also. However, there are some dogs who don't like to dress up. It depends on the personality of the dog. Some cats also like to dress up."

As I listen to Gardner, she is dressing two of the handful of cats that are up for adoption in the store. The cats are from the Rescue House. Cat Starla dons the Merlin costume (**\$19.99**), a blue cape with yellow moons and stars along with a wizard hat and gray fuzzy beard. Starla sits peacefully on the counter modeling the look.

Gardner continued, "The costumes start at about **\$19.99** and go up to about **\$39.99**. The general price is around

**\$20**. I have a Cleopatra small dog or cat costume. It has a gold dress and a black wig and a snake. It is very exotic." The Cleopa-

tra is handmade. Also handmade is the green Peter Pan outfit, complete with a green hat and feather, as is the

Indian Maiden costume with a tan dress and black braided wig. All three go for **\$39.99**.

Sunshine, another cat up for adoption, models the King outfit (**\$19.99**), a red cape with black-and-white faux fur trim with a gold jeweled crown.

"I carry costumes for little itty bitty dogs," said Gardner, "like three to five pounds, all the way up to a lab. It is hard to find something for a Mastiff. But the big dogs like to dress up too." Gardner points out the doctor costume as one that could fit a Labrador-sized dog. The outfit has stuffed arms hanging down in front and a for years."

### hat. (**\$24.99**)

Other costumes at that price (with the stuffed-arm feature) are a pink poodle-skirted girl, a black-jacketed biker with chains, and a cheerleader with pom-poms.

Gardner sells a stuffed jester hat with bells (\$36.99), a straw hat with a collar (\$19.99), a bridal veil (\$15.99), and my personal favorite, boas. These "Pet Feathers" (by High Maintenance Bitch) run from \$17.99 to \$24.99 and come in pink, midnight blue, and red with black-and-white feathers. These boas could be used year-round — just the touch to

dress pooch up for a Sunday stroll (though I don't think the very masculine Ulysses would much like taking his walk in a hot pink boa.)

boa.) "We are having a Halloween parade on Sunday, October 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., that we sponsor at our mall here," said Gardner. "It is for pets and kids, and there will be a silent auction, door prizes, a professional photographer, and an animal communicator giving pet readings. We will give away **\$25** gift certificates for Ugliest Pet Costume, Best Pet Cos-

tume, Pet with Biggest Attitude, Most Creative Pet Costume, and Best Child and Pet Costume Combo. We also are raising money for the Rescue House cats that I am an adoption center for."

Gardner adds that pet dressing happens throughout the year. At Christmas time, there will be some holiday outfits. "If people like to dress

2 their dogs and their dogs like it, they dress them all year long. It is hilarious. But they especially seem to like the Halloween costumes."

Some of my other favorite costumes around town: Target's black spider cap with yellow and black legs and bulbous eyes on a purple hat (**\$4.99**).

Spirit offers a Superman costume (**\$14.99**) with a red cape, Superman insignia shirt, and belt. For added fun, they carry a Dog Dirt (**\$1.99**), a brown pretzel-shaped fake turd, to leave behind at your neighbor's doorstep.

My pick at Petsmart was a Bat ensemble (**\$14.99**), black with purple wings and a hat with ears. A second possibility was the black velvet with orange ribbon witch's hat (**\$4.99**).

Pets Uptown sells a number of Halloween outfits for pets. The Top Dog costume (**\$21.99**) caught my eye and took my top honors. It had a black top hat, tails, and a bow tie. A close second went to the Doggie Bones (**\$21.99**), a black one-piece fabric covering most of the dog with skeleton bones in white.

My choice at Petco was the Giddy-Up costume (**\$15.99**), a three-piece cowboy outfit with a brown vest and cowboy hat, blue jeans, with Dalmatian print front, sewn in front arms, a bandanna, and a lasso rope.

Select Petco stores are also hosting costume contests. The La Mesa store is having a "Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest" on Saturday, October 26, at noon. The winner will receive a **\$25** Petco gift card, and all contestants will receive a goody bag.

- Target clown costume
   Starla in a Merlin costume
- 3. Beth Gardner

Beth Gardner

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# Real Bardcore Fue

COVER PHOTOGRAPH OF PEARL JAM AT WINTER'S, 1991, BY RANDY HOFFMAN



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he roots of the San Diego music scene run deep. Musicians who began gigging around town in the mid- to late 1980s later became the bedrock of the diverse early '90s scene, which included bands like Rocket From the Crypt, Drive Like Jehu, Inch, and Three Mile Pilot. The musicians of this generation emerged from a rough punk and hardcore climate to form more melodic, lyrically based bands that caught the attention of major labels when the frenzied buzz of grunge broke in Seattle. But the sounds of San Diego's early '90s bands were unique and could hardly be termed grunge. Today the local scene is thriving again, unwilling to compromise itself for commercial play and continuing to define itself from the inside out, with new bands starting up, more venues opening, and more people going out to shows.

By the 1980s, punk rock had been established in the United States, with New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco producing, respectively, the Ramones, Black Flag, and the Dead Kennedys. The rejection of institutionalized authority and a policy of self-destruction through violence, drugs, and hard living were the staples of the punk-rock philosophy. As the scene began to change, hardcore was



Jane's Addiction audience at Golden Hall, 1991

spawned, which was often more violent and aggressive than its predecessor. This harder form of punk has always been big in San Diego, with the local band Battalion of Saints leading the pack in the early 1980s.

Formed originally under the name the Nutrons, in 1978 by George Anthony and guitarist Dave Astor (R.I.P.; father of former Locust/present Cattle Decapitation drum wizard Dave Astor Jr.), the Battalion of Saints were influential not only in San Diego and on America's West Coast, but internationally as well, collaborating and touring with well-known British punk acts Discharge, Broken Bones, the U.K. Subs, and the Exploited. Battalion of Saints were real punks, playing true hardcore punk music: violent, loud, fast, and political, at a time when hardcore was still fresh and not a commercial product. Punk in the early '80s was an ideology, not just a fashion statement; individuals expressed themselves radically through their atti-



### Battalion's songs railed against the government, big corporations, televangelism, and police brutality.

tudes, their clothing, and their music. Battalion's songs railed against the government, big corporations, televangelism, and police brutality. On a song titled "E/B," singer George Anthony screams, "The government controls all our lives / When they pump us full of lies / Large corporations are all the same / What do they think — we have no brains?" Nearly every song has a political or social message commentary rarely, if ever, heard in commercial "punk" bands these days.

The punk-rock lifestyle was unforgiving for Battalion. Before the band's breakup in 1985, several of the many early members had died. Guitarist Chris Smith overdosed in a bathtub, Dave Astor committed suicide, another member died of drug-related health problems, and a fourth died from AIDS. Though destruction was the banner of many early punk bands, Battalion set a precedent and laid the foundation of what was to come in San Diego for the rest of the decade, which included other hardcore bands and various incarnations of punk.

One incarnation was straight edge, a form of music and a scene that remained politically and socially motivated. Straight edge proposes abstinence from alcohol,

Stone Temple Pilots at Bodie's, 1993

tobacco, drugs, and oftentimes meat. It demands clean living and decries racial and social inequality. Though straight edge is a national scene, beginning largely in Washington, D.C., by bands like Minor Threat, its roots run deep in San Diego, with bands coming mainly out of Chula Vista. Amenity and Unbroken were two of the better-known bands that played at house parties, such as Del Mar's and Mitch's in Chula Vista, but who also crossed over to hall shows and backyard parties throughout San Diego.

At 180 degrees, another offshoot of San Diego's hardcore scene was the skinheads and other hostile groups who emerged in the '80s. At shows, violent groups became a big problem for bands, audiences, and the venues themselves. They came to start fights and act up, without caring about the music or much of anything else. Between 1981 and 1986, Casbah owner Tim Mays held punk shows at venues across town, in halls or theaters such as the North Park Lion's Club and Adams Avenue Theatre. The prevalence of skinheads created a troublesome and often violent climate. San Diego had a reputation for beating up bands and stealing their equipment. Though vandals

weren't always skinheads, this group was outspoken and visible. Their antics also reflected the fast and aggressive music that Mays hosted. He threw shows with the Dead Kennedys, the Circle Jerks, and Black Flag. But for Mays, the continual violence became tiresome and the shows harder to put on. Because he had no core staff, a strict policy for dealing with problems was difficult to maintain. "You hired security, hired people to do a show at a hall, but they weren't really into getting with these skinheads. No one wanted to get beat up; they were really gnarly," Mays comments. By 1986, Mays had burnt out on the scene. He went in with some friends and opened a traditional bar called the Pink Panther that did not host any bands.

Going to punk shows in San Diego in the late '80s was fun; the edge of danger added excitement, if not anxiety. While bands wailed, audiences moshed: people threw their bodies against one another; they dove from the stage and swam through the crowd. You had to keep your head down and be careful of what you wore; new shoes and clean clothes were easy targets. Traci Weddle, a regular show-

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DUFF BRENNA SAYS IN HIS DEEP AND SOMEWHAT sorrowful voice that he often thinks about Emily Dickinson. "A line of hers, 'Tell all the Truth but tell it slant,' that line hit me. You're not supposed to be able to bear to see the face of God. I don't think you can stand to see truth straight on either. It would blow you away. I think

[I] AM SMALL, LIKE THE WREN, AND MY HAIR IS BOLD, LIKE THE CHEST-NUT BUR - AND MY EYES, LIKE THE SHERRY IN THE GLASS, THAT THE GUEST LEAVES

that might be what she's getting at. You come at truth in a slant-wise way. That's one of her poems I have hanging in my office. 'Tell all the Truth but tell it slant.' " Mr. Brenna says that when he imagines Dickinson, this is what he sees: "This wisp of a figure, dressed all in white, with this head of bright auburn hair and these great huge hazel eyes. Almost like a bright bird she is, flitting about. Mostly all head, though,

is what I see when I

envision her. She *is* all head in a way. You can't get a good take on what her body must have been, other than to think of her as flat-chested and thin-armed and thin-



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#### HOW EMILY DICKINSON HAUNTS SAN DIEGO

legged. So that all the power that she had was locked in her head, and that's what made her so unique." "And scary too," I suggested.

"Yes, scary too. She wrote some 500 poems focused on death. Some are almost terrifying. Others are accepting of death. There's a calmness in them, about what it would be like to die."

"And at times a longing for death."

"Yes, a certain death wish. A fear of death at times, and at other times a longing for it."

Mr. Brenna teaches English at California State University San Marcos. He has written novels whose principal characters, like Emily Dickinson, might be described as having something of a death wish — *The Holy Book of the Beard, Too Cool, The Altar of the Body.* And although Mr. Brenna now teaches college and leads a fairly quiet life out in Poway, going to bed early and getting up early and watching what he eats, he didn't always live quietly. He's been on his own since he was 15. He was a bad boy, something of a juvenile delinquent. He was a high school dropout and a hobo. He was in jail.

A bad boy who read books was what Mr. Brenna was. He first read Dickinson when he started college in 1975. "It takes a while to become insightful enough, or to have the ability to focus well enough, to get Dickinson. She isn't a poet who just anybody can pick up and get right away. You've got to know the various ways that words can be used. A comparison I once made, strangely enough, was between her and Byron: they both felt the same about words. She wrote that words on a page may stimulate an eye after the 'Wrinkled Maker' is dead."

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A Word dropped careless on a Page May stimulate an eye



When folded in perpetual seam The Wrinkled Maker lie Infection in the sentence breeds We may inhale Despair At distances of Centuries From the Malaria —

"And Byron said, 'words are things...falling like dew...that makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.' And he compared the idea of the fragility of the page and the ink outlasting things like pyramids."

But words are things, and a small drop of ink, Falling like dew, upon a thought, produces That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think; 'Tis strange, the shortest letter which man uses Instead of speech, may form a lasting link Of ages; to what straits old Time reduces Frail man, when paper — even a rag like this — , Survives himself, his tomb, and all that's his. — from Don Juan

"When I read Dickinson's poem," Mr. Brenna said, "it recalled Byron's. She believed in the raw power, and the timelessness, and the deathlessness of those words."

I don't know about you, but I never cease to be amazed at what Mr. Brenna calls the "deathlessness" of words. I never cease to be amazed that in 2002 we may repeat what Plato in 400 BC wrote on strips of papyrus: "Poets utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand." We may gaze into the computer screen at what Wordsworth wrote in 1807 in his long poem, "Resolution and Independence":

We Poets in our youth begin in gladness; But thereof come in the end despondency and madness.

We say these words from the past as if they were our words, as if they belong to us. They do. Most of these words were written by men, many of whom led busy public lives. Emily Dickinson, once she turned 25, rarely left home. She wasn't at any moment in her 55 years, famous. Only 10 of the approximately 1775 poems that she wrote were published in her lifetime. "Publication — is the auction of the mind..." she wrote, and in secret she copied out her poems onto sheets of clean paper and sewed those sheets into booklets, which, variously, she



Duff Brenna

called "my books," "a little manuscript volume," "portfolios of verses," and "the little pamphlet." She hid these pamphlets in her cherrywood chest of drawers and in a small black lacquer trunk. After Emily died, her sister Vinnie found the pamphlets and reported herself shocked and amazed at how much Emily had written. Here, thousands of miles from where Dickinson was born in Massachusetts, and almost two centuries since she was born in 1830, at least some people walk around with a grain or two of beach sand stuck between their bare toes and Dickinson words ready to roll across their tongues. They know that " 'Hope' is the thing with feathers — / That perches in the soul —" or "My Life had stood — a Loaded Gun."

I wish that more people knew more Dickinson poems. I asked Mary E. Montgomery, a Point Loma High School senior, to query classmates about Dickinson. She telephoned fellow students. She reported back, saying, "Unfortunately, the extent of their knowledge is that she was 'some kind of a poet.' "

The textbook *Elements of Literature*, used in many San Diego high schools, has in it these Dickinson poems:

- Heart! We will forget him!
- Success is counted sweetest
- A Bird came down the Walk
- I died for Beauty but was scarce
- If you were coming in the Fall
- I never saw a Moor —
- Tell all the Truth
- Apparently with no surprise
- To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee

Ms. Montgomery's Honors American Literature class used *Elements of Literature*. However, she said, "We never got to the unit on poetry." Ms. Montgomery, right off the top of her head, had quite a bit to say about the poet, but that, she said, was because in an American history class she gave a report on Dickinson.

Emily Elisabeth Dickinson, as I mentioned earlier, was born in Amherst, Massachusetts, on December 10, 1830. Her father, Edward, a lawyer, and her mother, the hardworking homemaker Emily Norcross, had been married one year when their first child, Austin, was born in 1829. Emily Elisabeth — a redhead like her father — was the couple's second child. The third and last of the Dickinson progeny, Lavinia — "Vinnie" — was born in 1833.

When Emily Norcross Dickinson was delivered of Emily Elisabeth Dickinson, Amherst still was not much more than a few acres carved out of what one resident described as "primal forest." Amherst College, central to the town of Amherst, had as one of its founders Emily's paternal grandfather. The college laid its cornerstone in 1821. Established for "the education of indigent young men of piety and talents," the college would be important to the Dickinsons. They regularly entertained visitors to the school, including Ralph Waldo Emerson and the Reverend Lyman Beecher, father to Harriet Beecher Stowe, who was author of the antislavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

To stretch the income from Edward's law practice, the Dickinsons took in boarders, mostly young men from the college. So thrifty and industrious was Mrs. Dickinson that even during the late stages of her pregnancies she sheltered boarders and often did without household help. The picture left us of the Dickinson home often is one of gloom and sepulchral quiet. But in the early years, while the children were in school and after, through Emily's mid-20s, the house was busy with family and friends and Amherst students.

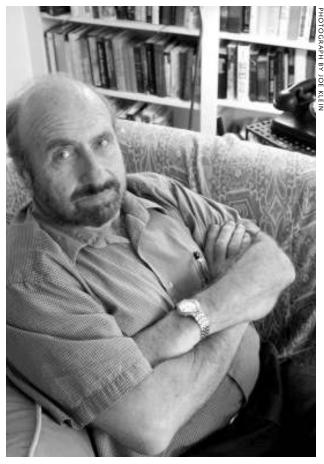
Fred Moramarco for 33 years has taught in San Diego State University's English department. Like Duff Brenna, Professor Moramarco was something of a tough guy as a young man. "I was a Brooklyn kid," he told me on the day he and I talked (and when Professor Moramarco talks, you can hear the Brooklyn).

"Emily Dickinson," he said, "would be the last sort of model for me coming from that environment. She took me a while. There are writers like that, that you need to grow into, that you appreciate more as you get older."

I asked, "Do you think about her sometimes when, say, you're peeling tomatoes from your garden or driving east on I-8 from home to school?"

"I do. She's a strong presence in our culture and language. She's given us memorable phrases and become part of our psyches. There are times when I'm doing something and, boom, an Emily Dickinson line pops into my head. A Dickinson moment. These moments happen in many different contexts. When my mother died after a long illness, all I could think was 'After great pain, a formal feeling comes...,' which was read at my mother's funeral. When I connect with people and don't know why, I think, 'The Soul selects her own Society — / Then — shuts the Door —.' When I'm depressed, what comes to mind but 'I felt a Funeral, in my brain,' and when I feel elated I could shout out,

Inebriate of Air — am I — And Debauchee of Dew — Reeling — thro endless summer days —



Fred Moramarco

From inns of Molten Blue.

"After you've read Dickinson a long while, she becomes part of your way of seeing the world. In some ways, I'm more attuned to Whitman. But we all have a little Whitman and a little Dickinson in us. Depending on mood and situation, one or the other dominates. "Emily Dickinson I teach in contrast to Walt Whitman. I talk about Whitman's 'Song of Myself,' which begins, 'I celebrate myself and sing myself.' I put that next to Dickinson's 'I'm nobody! Who are you?' Those two are contrasting narrative personae. In some ways, they represent the poles of American literature. Whitman is the great, outgoing, social and cosmic poet. Dickinson is the poet of the inner life. She is the mother of our interior voices, just as Whitman is the father of our cosmic embrace.

"You can see the road coming from each poet, from Dickinson and Whitman. Over a half-century ago, Philip Rahv wrote in the *Partisan Review*, of which he was editor, about 'palefaces and redskins.' He divided American literature into these two aspects. Rahv described certain poets as being intellectual and inward and other poets as being wild and open and free; Whitman obviously is the redskin here, and Dickinson the paleface.

"Those two threads — paleface and redskin — run through American literature, right to the present. Allen Ginsberg certainly saw himself in the Whitman tradition. Sylvia Plath was more inward and more focused on her inner life, and more like Dickinson, although in many ways, quite different.

"One of the best definitions of poetry that I've come across is Phil Levine's — 'a poem is the inside of one person talking to the inside of another person.' That's what a Dickinson poem does. In some ways, she is more contemporary than Whitman, in that much of our poetry has moved in that direction — 'the inside of one person talking to the inside of another person.' "

Rae Armantrout is a poet and a UCSD professor. Recently, a book dedicated to Ms. Armantrout was published — *A Wild Salience: The Writing of Rae Armantrout*, which includes essays and poems dedicated to Armantrout and a selection of Armantrout's own poems. She is author

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of six books, including Veil: New and Selected Poems.

I asked Ms. Armantrout, who grew up in San Diego, when she first became interested in Dickinson.

She said, "I lived in San Francisco in the 1970s. But even then, it seems like I didn't hear that much about Dickinson. Then at a certain point, I don't know when, and maybe this is just parochial, or maybe it depends on who you're talking to, but it seems like her presence became larger and larger among us. It is as if we're just coming around to understanding once again how great she was. More poets talk about her more seriously, more enthusiastically, than ever. I think at her best that she is the greatest poet I've ever read. That's saying a lot. And it's saying as much as can be said."

Ms. Armantrout teaches a survey class — Craft of Poetry — where she assigns Dickinson. "One thing I say to my students that always gets a laugh is that her poems are 'like Norman Rockwell meets the Marquis de Sade.'"

When Ms. Armantrout talks with her class about metaphor, she's likely to introduce Dickinson's 1863 "Loaded Gun":

My Life had stood — a Loaded Gun — In Corners — till a Day The Owner passed — identified — And carried Me away —

And now We roam in Sovereign Woods — And now We hunt the Doe — And every time I speak for Him — The Mountains straight reply —

And do I smile, such cordial light Upon the Valley glow — It is as a Vesuvian face



Rae Armantrout

Had let its pleasure through —

And when at Night — Our good Day done — I guard My Master's Head — 'Tis better than the Eider-Duck's Deep Pillow — to have shared —

To foe of His — I'm deadly foe — None stir the second time — On whom I lay a Yellow Eye — Or an emphatic Thumb —

Though I than He — may longer live

He longer must — than I — For I have but the power to kill, Without — the power to die —

I asked, "How do you explain metaphor to your students?"

"There are so many reductive, formulaic ways to explain it. I start by telling them the basic definitions that it's talking about one thing in terms usually associated with another thing. That's what it comes down to. Metaphor is at the heart of poetry. Some people say that all language is metaphorical. I like metaphors that are unstable. I get tired of extended metaphors that are laboriously worked out over the course of a whole poem. I like metaphors that are instantaneous. That's why I love the loaded gun that then turns into a volcano, that then turns maybe into an image of an orgasm. It's come and gone at the speed of light: one thing is another, is another, and then you're out."

Ms. Armantrout, like Duff Brenna and Fred Moramarco, finds Dickinson, as a poet, "scary." About this, she said, "I think that she identifies as much with the dangerous thing as with the person that sees the dangerous thing and gets scared by it. I like that about her. I like, too, the way she tries on power. You see that in 'My Life had stood — a Loaded Gun —.' She appropriates, almost playfully, powerful roles and dangerous roles. Society won't let her play those roles. But she makes free with them in her poems."

Emily Dickinson began primary school in 1835. From her earliest school years, her written compositions won praise. When she was ten she entered Amherst Academy. She studied Latin, German, botany, grammar, the Bible. She was an eager botanizer. Like other girls of her age and class, she filled her herbarium — a book that held pressed flowers — with Latin-labeled flower spec-



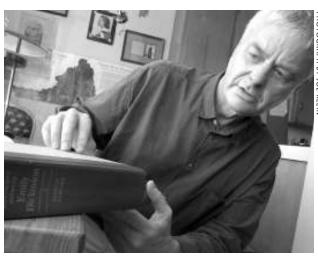


imens, most collected in fields and forests around Amherst.

She was an enthusiastic letter writer. Alfred Habegger writes in *My Wars Are Laid Away in Books* that these letters were spurred by unwelcome absences. "The basic pattern was already present: as she took up her pen she was flooded by memories of severed intimacy." In 1842, when the poet was 11, her brother Austin went to Williston Academy in nearby Easthampton. A letter that Emily wrote Austin is the first Dickinson letter left to us. The letter ends with this — "There was always such a hurrah wherever you was."

Emily Dickinson and her sister Vinnie, from birth to death, lived in two houses - the Homestead, a brick house on Main Street that originally belonged to the Dickinson family and was lost by Emily Dickinson's paternal grandfather when he went bankrupt, and the white clapboard house on South Pleasant Street that Emily's father, Edward Dickinson, purchased in 1840. From 1830 to 1840 the Dickinsons lived in half of the Homestead, renting from its owner. In 1840, Edward Dickinson purchased the clapboard house. In 1855, Edward Dickinson was able to acquire and renovate the Homestead and to move his family back into the entire house. Emily Dickinson and her sister Lavinia would live in the Homestead for the rest of their lives, Emily taking as her bedroom a second-floor corner room. She would be carried in her coffin out the back door of the Homestead to the graveyard.

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John Granger

Professor Moramarco visited the Homestead. "I have a picture of it here — a huge house with a big fence around it. A lane that leads to the town graveyard goes by the house. You can see the graveyard from her window. So in poems where she's talking about 'Because I could not stop for Death — / He kindly stopped for me — 'you can't help but think about her view of the funeral corteges.

"In her bedroom, you can see hanging in the closet her famous white dress. Many people have thought that her wearing white had an association with virginity. But a scholar found that Dickinson had a skin ailment that caused her to be allergic to dye. She wore white because white didn't give her a rash. This scholar found prescriptions in the town records for the medicine she took for the allergy."

"How big a person was Dickinson?"

"Quite small. The dress was very small."

John Granger teaches writing and literature classes at UCSD and SDSU. He came from Canada to San Diego in 1985. Dickinson was the subject of his doctoral dissertation.

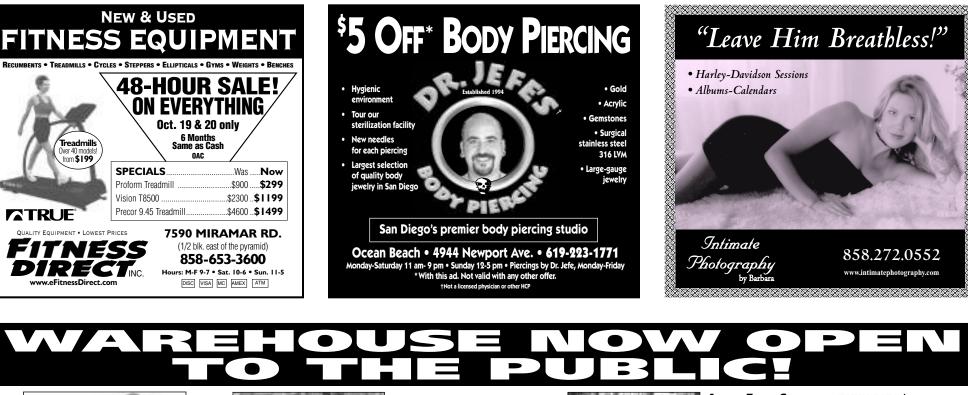
Mr. Granger is more than a bit enamored of Dickinson, and he speaks fondly of her. "I was compelled by her, spellbound. I decided to do the dissertation because the problems of knowledge and reasoning and knowing in her work were philosophically interesting to me."

"How old were you?"

"I was 24 or 25. I was really moved by the poet Robin Blaser on Dickinson. It was a seminar. For me it was a life-changing seminar. It made me want to be in poetry and art, and not in school. So I left school. But when I came back, I was still interested in Dickinson's work. I came back late. I don't know how old I was. I have no idea — I don't know if it's Tuesday or Wednesday, and I don't know how old I am. I think I would have been 36 or 37. I went back to get my Ph.D. because I was tired of being a clerk."

"Do you know lots of her poems by heart?"

"No, I don't know any. Well, I know a few by heart, by accident. But I'm not that kind of rememberer. I could probably get through 'I heard a Fly buzz — when I died — ,'





or 'My Life had stood — a Loaded Gun —,' or a number of well-known others. I'm glad I don't know her poems by heart. They're making themselves up as they go along. So to remember them would be wrong, because that somehow would have already happened." Mr. Granger sighed, then said, "Actually, I have a poor memory."

I asked what he imagined Amherst was like when Dickinson was a girl growing up.

"Well, I don't think it's wise what I imagine it as, not being there, and so I see present-day Amherst and think back in some sort of idealized way. The truth is that it doesn't matter to me, to whom it should matter more. But it didn't matter to me enough to imagine it properly. So it's dim. I imagine it dim.

"I feel nervous about knowing history. I want to know history, and I want to know what Amherst was like then, very much. I've got Amherst town records that go back to those years, records where they're talking about pet laws and holes in roads. I have looked through these to get a sense of town squabbling. I became increasingly bewildered and realized it was a complicated place like every complicated place. So I gave up, essentially. I gave up on knowing it. My favorite source is a weather report for the dates for her active life. I know if it was raining, or if it wasn't raining. It's interesting to see what bad winters did in her work."

"What did bad winters do?"

"That's conjectural. But there were sudden springs, and some sudden springs in years that seem to be the springs that brought about amazing poems. Or days of big winds. You can't line up the poems to particular days. But still, when you read about a windstorm, you wonder what went on in her work that day. That wind would have sounded great. There were trees on her property, large trees."

"What kind of trees?"



Michael Davidson

"I know one is a spruce tree because I have a cone from it. The spruce tree must have been there because it's certainly a couple of hundred years old. It's tall. It's got a good thick trunk. It would be about three foot in diameter. It's a beautiful tree."

"Have you considered trying to grow it?"

"No. I'm ashamed that I haven't thought about that. We should grow an Emily Dickinson spruce in California. These cones last for thousands of years. That's the great thing about plant seeds. And nowadays, they could take this cone and scrape out its DNA and maybe reproduce Emily Dickinson, if she touched it. I'm going to try to plant some seeds from the cone. I never had the bravery to think about planting one."

I asked Mr. Granger, who is an enthusiastic cook, if he ever made any Dickinson recipes.

"I did. She was a good cook. I made a sort of pudding, and it was wonderful. Also, they used to sell at Williams-Sonoma a little cake of hers for \$9, all wrapped up in plastic, with her picture on it."

In 1847 Emily Dickinson entered South Hadley Female Seminary (now Mount Holyoke College), in nearby South Hadley, Massachusetts. She stayed for one term — seven months — studying botany, Latin, history, chemistry, and natural philosophy. During her term there, religious enthusiasms overtook the student body. Prayer circles and chapel services and tête-à-têtes between saved and unsaved crowded out the academic schedule. Several pious zealots, both adult and adolescent, pursued Emily, urging her to "give over" and join the church.

Alfred Habegger writes in *My Wars Are Laid Away in Books* that the seminary's school year traditionally opened with a ceremony in which students rose from seats and confessed the condition of their souls. Three options existed. There were those girls who were saved. Next to those girls' names was written "professor." Those who believed that grace soon would visit them had written by their names "a hope." Girls like Emily Dickinson, who were neither saved nor felt stirrings of salvation, had written by their names — "no hope."

Dickinson did not return to school after the first term, nor did she ever join the Congregationalist church. She would be the only member of her family who remained outside the church.



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Not quite 19, Emily Dickinson began the life that essentially would be hers until she died. She read, she wrote letters and poems and poems-as-letters, she took long walks, she botanized, she grew flowers outside and in a heated glass conservatory, she helped with housework, she baked, she sent food and flowers to the sick and bereaved, she visited lady friends and was visited by them. She entertained young men. Certainly from her 19th to her 25th year, she maintained an eligibility for marriage. She was courted, although not assiduously. Life was a bit more wild than we might have guessed. Lavinia was wooed by a young fellow who wrote, about an evening with Vinnie:

"She sat in my lap and pulled the pins from her long soft chestnut hair and tied the long silken mass around my neck and kissed me again & again. She was always at my side clinging to my arm and used to have a little red ottoman that she brought & placed close by my chair and laid her book across my lap when she read. Her skin was very soft. Her arms were fat & white and I was very, very happy with her."

"Dickinson," I said to Professor Moramarco, "wasn't the busy house drab, was she?" "I hardly think so. When Julie Harris did the play *The Belle of Amherst*, she created with that an image of Dickinson that became popular. She's running around making tea and gingerbread and taking care of the closed domestic sphere. *The Belle of Amherst*'s portrayal of Dickinson perhaps makes for lively theater, but I don't think that's an accurate picture of Dickinson's life, not at all. Her life is much more intellectual and literary than you would think from seeing the play. She read a great deal. And they had servants."

Michael Davidson, who came to San Diego in 1973, is a UCSD professor. He teaches courses in modern poetry, gender studies, and cultural studies. He is a poet and is considered an authority on poets of the San Francisco Renaissance. For many years he supervised the Mandeville Special Collections Library's Archive for New Poetry.

"Edward Dickinson," Professor Davidson told me, "had this incredible library. But, as Emily Dickinson said, 'My father buys me books and forbids me to read them.' So he was encouraging to an extent. We know that she read voraciously. We rather famously know that she didn't read Whitman and said that she'd heard his poems were 'disgraceful.' Everyone talks about how oppressed Emily Dickinson was. My feeling is that she made decisions about her boundaries. She didn't get married, and she didn't court the local men who came courting her. For a Victorian woman, that's quite a radical decision."

No one knows when — in earnest — Emily Dickinson began to write poems. Like many children of her era she concocted rhymed Valentines and other seasonal greetings. A young man who for a short time was her father's law partner — Benjamin Newton — encouraged her writing, as did an Amherst College student who in 1849 gave her as a gift a copy of Emerson's poems. Between 1850 and 1860, she was writing poems, many of which were sent in letters.

At some point in the mid-1850s, Emily Dickinson formed an attachment not so much with another person as *to* another person. Some feminist scholars suggest that the object of that attachment was her sister-in-law, Sue Dickinson. Some scholars suggest that the relationship was frankly homoerotic, that perhaps the two women *touched* one another in private places. Others have sug-



gested that Emily Dickinson formed a relationship with the *Springfield Republican*'s editor Charles Bowles, a married man who had an intimate friendship with Austin and Sue Dickinson and who visited the couple often at the Evergreens. The most likely candidate for the object of Emily Dickinson's affections is, I think, the Reverend Charles Wadsworth.

In 1855 she and Vinnie visited Washington, D.C., where their father, elected by the Whig party, represented their Massachusetts district. After three weeks in Washington, Vinnie and Emily in March spent two weeks in Philadelphia. According to Alfred Habegger, Dickinson was taken to the Arch Street Presbyterian Church to hear Wadsworth. The Presbyterian minister at this time was 41, apparently happily married, and the father of three children. His pulpit oratory had made him famous. As a youngster, Wadsworth was something of a poetic prodigy and wrote poems that were published. He gave up poetry and turned to the church. But he filled sermons with references from secular literature. Habegger writes that Wadsworth was reclusive. "He avoided the members of his congregation and even fellow pastors, letting himself be known only through his preaching, which seemed to

emerge from dark internal sources he simultaneously protected and pointed to."

After Emily and Vinnie returned to Amherst, Emily opened a correspondence with Wadsworth. He visited her in Amherst twice — in 1860 and in 1880. In 1862, Wadsworth and his family moved to San Francisco, where he became pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church. In 1869, he returned to Philadelphia, where, until his death in 1882, he continued in the ministry.

Duff Brenna tends to think that Wadsworth was Dickinson's great passion and that it was he that she addressed in her more passionate poems like

Wild Nights — Wild Nights! Were I with thee Wild Nights should be Our luxury!

"But I don't think anything like that happened between them. It's fantasy," Mr. Brenna said. "Imagination."

Professor Moramarco wasn't much interested in Dickinson's romances or lack of same. "There's so much speculation about her love life, but very little can be documented. Some poems hint at a love affair. 'My life closed twice before its close —,' for instance. I think it's all literary gossip. It's high-class *People* magazine stuff."

During late 1860 and all of 1861 and early 1862, Dickinson biographers agree, she underwent some emotional crisis. Dickinson's seclusion of herself was, Michael Davidson said, "a gradual thing. After this crisis period in the 1860s, she became more reclusive. We know that she wrote poems. We know that she did housework and that she cooked — there are poems on pages that have recipes on them. She wrote a zillion letters. But who knows what she did the rest of the time. I don't."

"Who got in the mail?"

"Vinnie apparently was the liaison. Vinnie picked things up from her sister's room and took them downstairs."

"Would Emily Dickinson have used a chamber pot?" I asked, "Or did the Homestead have bathrooms or outhouses?"

"I wonder," said Professor Davidson. "But I don't know. Somebody must know these things."

I said that I was curious as to what effect menopause had on Emily Dickinson.

"You get very little sense of her body. You get a lot of



sense of her mind's power. But do you get a sense of her physical body and her cycles and ups and downs? You don't."

I said that it might be interesting to know when she had her menstrual periods. To which Professor Davidson replied that he was sure somebody out there was charting that. "She's been subjected," he said, "to some remarkable readings, some more interesting than others. But she is somebody for whom the issue of the body is powerful. It's interesting what the body of an 1860s or 1870s spinster would have meant culturally. What did it mean to refuse marriage? What did it mean to be that odd person, up there in Edward Dickinson's house? Being that myth might have been a very powerful experience. It's sort of like being one of the odd women of New England who was considered a witch. You could be thrashed and dunked in the pond, but you could also have a kind of power by being different. So that's interesting to think about, what it meant to make those decisions."

"I wonder how much she made decisions and how much events simply occurred."

"That's right. And 'made it' does imply a kind of choice, doesn't it?"

"Yes," I said, "but so much of what we come to believe about the subjects of biography is almost random material that becomes overdetermined by the needs of biography."

"But so many poems are of the 'The Soul selects her own Society — / Then — shuts the Door —' type, and that implies that, in a way, she chooses the election she wants. These poems about choice imply that she enjoyed making those choices."

"I would think that she found a lot of what she had to do was boring." "Yes, and she talks about that. She talks about these frivolous gentlewomen, or people who go to church and raise their hands and mumble things. She really had some sort of contempt for most of the gossip and stuff that went on. Although she was capable of tremendous gossip, the letters were full of it."

"What did the Civil War mean to her?"

"People assume that it passed by her. But 1863 is full of poems like 'My Life had stood — a Loaded Gun.' A lot of men in the neighborhood did go off to war. But she dealt with it indirectly; it's not thematicized directly in the poems."

Professor Moramarco, asked about the Civil War's effect on Emily Dickinson's poems, said, "Whitman's poems are filled with details from the Civil War and from his being a nurse during that war and with the death of Lincoln. In Dickinson you get virtually none of that."

I said to Professor Moramarco that when I was in college, Dickinson's poems were described as borrowing, for their form, from Isaac Watts's hymns with their tidy quatrains of three iambic feet. Professor Moramarco said that was true of most of the poems written before 1861. "However," he said, "what I like to focus on is not so much the hymn, but the sort of off-centeredness of her poetry, as opposed to English poetry, which emphasized the regularity of rhythm and meter. Emily Dickinson was a master of slant rhymes and off-rhymes and a stopping-andstarting rhythm. It's not poetry that people who like metrically balanced, rhymed sonnets are attracted to, because it's too off-center. Dickinson created poetry that gets at the rhythms of the mind. There are leaps and bounces in it. Much contemporary poetry is like this." I asked Michael Davidson how he thought Emily Dickinson taught herself to write poetry.

"Well, she had as a model the hymn meters. I think that she felt that this was her milieu. This was the metric that she could work with best. It's kind of like Robert Creeley, who writes in quatrains. It's as if he needs to live inside very narrow boundaries in order to be expansive. For Dickinson too, those lines are measuring her sense of the world and of its narrow compass. So she said, 'I'll accept these limits, but I'll expand them.' Martha Nell Smith — *Rowing in Eden: Rereading Emily Dickinson* —makes interesting observations about how Dickinson uses spacing and lineation. For example, the dashes weren't just straight dashes, they would curve up or curve down and inflect the statements.

"I think that the letters, too, are poems, especially the letters to her sister-in-law Susan and Thomas Wentworth Higginson — these letters have the qualities of prose poems. So there was an epistolary tradition that she worked to her own end. And there is the matter of her material page, which is constant, where she experimented with spacing and lineation and publishing. She didn't presume to publish, but then in fact she had sewn those books together, which is kind of publishing."

In April 1862, after reading an article by Thomas Wentworth Higginson in the *Atlantic Monthly*, Emily Dickinson wrote to him. She sent him four of her poems, one of which was

Safe in their Alabaster Chambers — Untouched by Morning — And untouched by noon —





Sleep the meek members of the Resurrection, Rafter of Satin and Roof of Stone —

Grand go the Years, In the Crescent above them — Worlds scoop their Arcs — And Firmaments — row — Diadems — drop — And Doges — surrender — Soundless as Dots, On a Disc of Snow.

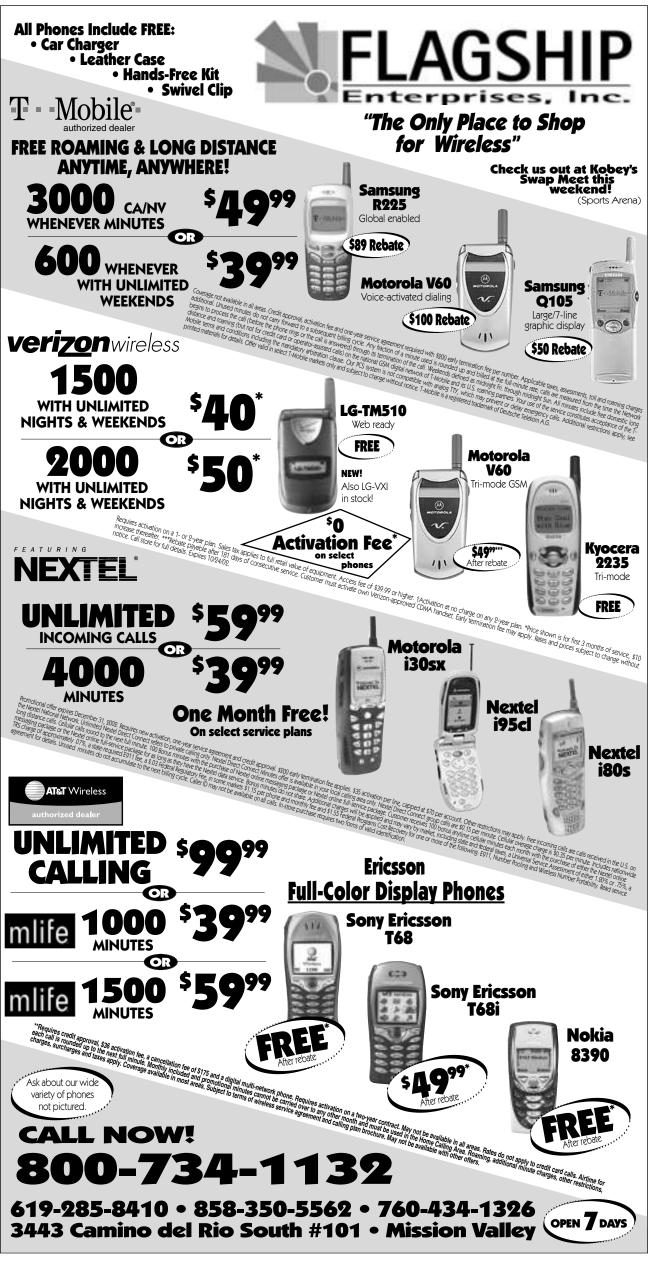
In the note that accompanied her poems, Dickinson wrote, "Are you too deeply occupied to say if my Verse is alive?" This letter began a correspondence that lasted for the rest of Dickinson's life. Eight years after she first wrote to him, Higginson visited her in Amherst. After that meeting, Higginson told his wife, about Dickinson, "I was never with anyone who drained my nerve power so much. I am glad not to live near her." Higginson discouraged Dickinson from publishing.

Duff Brenna, talking about Higginson, said, "She wrote in a letter to Higginson, 'All men say "What" to me.' Can't you just imagine her? She and Higginson are talking away, and he is going, 'What, what?' He's going, 'I've got to think harder to understand what this woman is talking about.'

"Higginson wanted to punctuate her poetry. He was telling her how to do it — 'Put your commas here,' so on and so forth — and he was taking out her dashes. She called all this Higginson's 'surgery.' She went back and put her dashes in. She knew what she was doing. She went her own way, with this internal voice speaking."

Michael Davidson and I talked about Dickinson's letters to Higginson.





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I said, referring to the tone of those letters, "She could be a terrible flirt."

Professor Davidson agreed. "She *was* a flirt. Many of her letters are quite flirtatious. She was a very seductive writer."

John Granger talked about the poems, saying, "Knowing is important to her. There is a concordance to the poems of Emily Dickinson, a thrilling book that tells how many times she uses the word 'go' or 'is' or that sort of thing. Very high on the list is the verb 'know,' and unusually high are words like 'knowledge,' or 'knowing.' The poems are records of certain kinds of knowledge, certain attempts at knowing, or certain failures to know. They dramatize those attempts. Knowing leads to some kind of danger, just because of what's finally known, or what finally is projected as knowable, or *un*-knowable — bewildering, consciousness-stopping places that are like death or like nothingness, or total bliss or just some giant thing. So she approaches those carefully. And because she has involved you as the reader in making those same kinds of knowings, you're now at that place of what's knowable or what's about to be known or what is going to be failed to be known. And if it's something very large, something like bliss or nothing at all, you want to pull back from that. You get that feeling at the end of many poems — of pulling back from something, or losing something that would have been destructive to know. I mean, destructive is a very good thing, and destructive is a very unfortunate thing, both."

"Do you think that she was engaging in a conscious strategy to create that sense in a poem?"

"Sure. I think she was very hip to what she was doing."

"I have thought," I said, "that poems sometimes served as schools for her, a place in which she taught herself something."

Mr. Granger did not agree. "The word 'school' doesn't quite work for me there because there's something socialized in school. Also, there's in her work a wonderfully, beautifully fake noviceness in her voice, which does sound like schooling, or does sound like a school-state, where she is not strong, not knowing, and somewhat fragile, or not yet an authority or a master in relation to what she's saying. In her voice, that's present all the time. But I think it's a stage thing."

#### "An ingénue?"

"Ingénue, yes, as a persona, and it's wonderfully effective and funny. But I think it's a stage thing that has partly to do with being a woman, being not able to be serious in the view of the male philosopher. So she plays ingénue. Of course, she is nothing like an ingénue. Unless you've got this really Gnostic sense of what an ingénue is."

#### "Which is?"

"As she says. Here's one, 'Incredible the lodging but limited the guest.' So she knows she's limited and she knows the lodging is incredible. But because she knows she's limited, what better way to play limited than to play really limited, like the ingénue, so she dramatizes that in order to dramatize the other side of it. The other side is how incredible the lodging, or what can be known about





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that. See what I mean? So I think that's what the ingénue is about. But this goes back to your question about the school, because I think that she does, in her work, create a being in school, and it's about learning, in the poem, the thing that's going on that is being learned. But I think that is staged. I think it is a device. It's a *topos*, a place where she goes all the time. Because it's really valuable. It happens to be the best vantage point for her particular mood. It's a great voice. But it is a voice. It's a strange phrase for it. She says something like, 'The I in the poem is not me, but the representative of the verse.' So that's a representation in the verse, and the person being represented in the verse, or something like that. So that gives us an idea, a fictional character."

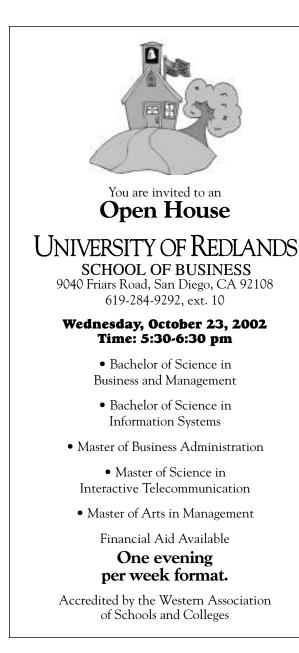
"Who do you think she's talking to when she writes poems?"

"It seems to me as if she's often talking to a projected male authority, or religious authority, or the literary authority that ignored her, some authority she imagines as male.

"But I get the sense, though, that there's a lot of it that's a challenge, a covert challenge, to the projected male authority that she might have seen in her father, or in the ministers around her, or in the biblical God, or in editors who wouldn't publish her work. I think you can see that in a lot of the poems. When she does what I was talking about and takes on the vestments of power, I think she's almost flaunting that and taking a revenge on that male authority that won't acknowledge her."

I asked Duff Brenna, "When you read Dickinson, to whom do you think of her as addressing the poems?"

"Me. I take it very personally. If you read Emily deeply, I don't think you can miss that. There's a certain personal voice that comes through directly to you. I





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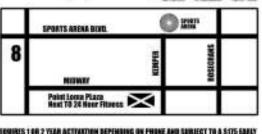
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"If you're interested in immortality."

"I'm not. I feel like Byron, once is enough. I wouldn't want to put up with this shit again. One time is fine. I wonder if she was that way too. She'd write on just about anything. They found scraps of poems on grocery bags and stuff like that, pieces of newspaper, and later on, she would very neatly write these things out on pieces of paper. I'm sure her writing was a means of sanity, of therapy. But at the same time, I have the feeling that she did want those poems to go out to the world. Maybe there's not a consciousness about that, but an unconscious understanding that one of these days they'll see what I'm doing. And the world that I've written to will be writing to me at last. We're still teaching her now. Isn't that amazing? This person who lived in obscurity."

Like John Granger, Rae Armantrout reads many Dickinson poems as in various ways addressing male authority. "Look," she said, "at the poem that starts, 'My Life had stood — a Loaded Gun.' She's comparing herself, throughout, to a gun. This is one of the poems where I think she's dealing with male authority and her relationship to male authority. At first, she is sort of the tool, the gun that the owner identifies and carries away. And



then she speaks for him, at first, but she speaks for him very efficiently. 'Every time I speak for him, the mountains straight reply,' and then in that third stanza, she almost leaves the whole metaphor of being the tool, the gun, behind, and she 'erupts like a volcano,' or like an orgasm lets her pleasure through, or its pleasure through."

"I wonder if she ever held a gun."

"I can't imagine she ever held a gun. But, again, she's imagining such power there, she's trying it on. It reminds me of — to go to a male poet — Yeats's 'Leda and the Swan.' '

Leda and the Swan

A sudden blow: the great wings beating still Above the staggering girl, her thighs caressed By the dark webs, her nape caught in his bill, He holds her helpless breast upon his breast.

How can those terrified vague fingers push The feathered glory from her loosening thighs? And how can body, laid in that white rush, But feel the strange heart beating where it lies?

A shudder in the loins engenders there The broken wall, the burning roof and tower And Agamemnon dead.

Being so caught up,



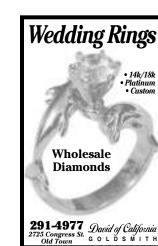
So mastered by the brute blood of the air, Did she put on his knowledge with his power Before the indifferent beak could let her drop?

"That's a very male take, in which the female is passive, and the female may, just in the experience of being taken by the male, put on his attributes, and his knowledge, and his power for a moment before she's dropped. But it seems that Dickinson is playing with taking on the power associated with a male, whether it be the power of war, or the warrior, or the power even of sexuality. There's an almost masculine, orgasmic image there.

"The line — 'Did she put on his knowledge with his power' — in a way this seems like what Dickinson is doing here. She tries on the role here of having this tremendous power that in a way she might associate with men and with war and with male authority. But in another way she does have that power, because she has the power of being this great poet, and she's showing them. That's why I said I think it's addressed to this audience of male authority that ignores her, because she's saying, 'Here, here's a picture of me with this power.' She demonstrates it as well as talking about it, and she does that where she talks about being the gun, and being the volcano. But as you say, in the end it's sad. It's like she's tried on this power, and then what does that give her? It leaves her alone. '...For I have but the power to kill, / Without — the power to die —.' "

"This," I said, "is also one of those 'I love him but he doesn't love me' poems. In a way, to me, many of the poems seem like that."

"Certainly there's been a lot of speculation about



who she loved. Because there are a lot of love poems. I think now a lot of people think that she loved her sister-in-law, Sue. There are also people who think that she had this love at a distance for Higginson."

"I think," I said, "that she came to love the sound of her own voice."

Ms. Armantrout disagreed. "I think," she said, "that the other is hypothetical here."

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I suggested, "I think that the other, once she gets past her late 20s, is almost always hypothetical, because I think that by that time she has given up on flesh-andblood love and entered into some sort of solitary life."

"But," Ms. Armantrout noted, "she has a very passionate relationship with this hypothetical other. That's what's so interesting about it."

"But doesn't every writer," I asked, "have a passionate relationship with this hypothetical other?"

"I guess so, but Dickinson is still the most extreme example of it. That's what's so great about her. She's so wild. You just can't imagine a 19th-century woman, or even anyone now, who would write this poem, a poem that is so transgressive. To enjoy imagining being a gun is a disturbing idea. Even now."

"The stance is very like that in a Sylvia Plath poem."

"That is true. But she's better than Plath. I think she's better than Williams, better than Yeats, better than anyone. Not that Plath is bad. The reason I like Dickinson so much more than I like Plath — not that I dislike Plath — is that Dickinson's mind travels at the speed of light. She is always putting so many factors into play — God and death and love and the definition of the self or soul. Almost every poem puts huge issues into play, and you never know how it's going to come out."

When John Granger teaches Dickinson, he tries to change his students' perceptions about poetry. He tries, he said, to talk them out of the notion that poetry is "self-expressive and primarily 'beautiful.' I try to talk to them in a hardball way. I make them worry about Dickinson. I try to make them wary. She's a dangerous writer, dangerous about language and mortality and existence. And that's nice, because young people like danger."

"Do you teach her as a very American poet?"

"I do. There are things about her syntax, her dic-





tion, her punctuation, her brevity, her failure. I'm talking about her willful failure to not know something. It seems to be very much in American speech patterns, and American forms, like hymns. Also the kind of simple, unlearned sound. Of course, she's willing these off-rhymes and nonrhymes. But it's also like amateur poetry. This is a hard point to make. She is using a kind of unsophisticated, which is to say non-European, poem-construction model that willfully wants to appear to be the work of not an expert like Dryden, but, rather, like a person with limited resources and with American, barely developed culture, in European terms of having long histories of institutional patronage. All that. None of that. Sort of a clean slate."

"And no gods and goddesses."

"No goddesses. Or very few. There's a kind of iconography of the West that's not there. It doesn't have to do with the Greeks and Romans and Renaissance Christianity. None of that. It doesn't try to seem to give itself the stamp of approval of being poetry by reaching back to classical models and references. It's not any less ambitious for that. It's more ambitious. Every single poem is written with a kind of attitude about that tradition you're talking about. And the attitude is total resistance and self-reliance in relation to that, and it's great that she's free of it."

I asked John Granger if he had his students read Dickinson's poems out loud in class.

"Never."

#### "Why not?"

"Because of the great error about poetry that's in the culture, that causes poetry to be read with preciousness or songfulness or emotiveness. It won't be read as writing or language or thinking or knowing. Also, I think it's hard to read as well as those poems are written. I read them myself, at the start of the class, because I think that it's good to have them happen experientially all at once, for all of us, just for a moment. I rate myself as a reader of Dickinson as about C+, or B–."

"Do you read the poems in a noninflected way?"

"Not completely, but I read them more flatly than they are. About the sounds, let me say that for me, the life of these poems is a printed text on the page. I know that sounds sacrilegious to a lot of people in terms of poetry. But the mind's reading of the poem is the one that I prefer. That's a personal thing. I like to read her better than to listen to her. Julie Harris's Dickinson recordings, for example, I find histrionic or melodramatic. It's an idiosyncrasy of teaching perhaps. But I guess I'm not wanting to think about them as spoken."

"Perhaps you feel this way in part because she's writing these poems in secret, perhaps not expecting them to be read aloud?"

"Right, and just like she's being ingénueish, she's also in some ways being extremely nonvocal. There's a way in which it's silent. I mean, because it's not published. And there's a way in which it's silent because it's not read out loud. It's kind of a silent witnessing."

> "It's also a secret too, in a way."

"Yes. It's a secret, it sort of has to be. But I don't think she's happy about that. I think it's alarmingly public poetry. What it's about and what matters in it to the person on the street, all of that, is huge. I think it's very public. I don't know how this works, though I think she's remarkably surprised by the way that it's technically secret because nobody knows it. But I think that she thinks that she's speaking in the largest terms, to the largest many, absolutely adequately, and, as much as anybody has. And it's totally open. The poems are totally open for viewing and for knowing. There's nothing in them that's occulted or in any way obscure. They are as clear and as open as can be. So I think of them as really not secrets. I don't think of them that way.

"So to write about that, it seems as if you're writing about yourself alone. But there's no other way to do it. I do have a strong feeling about her, her basic publicness, which is the opposite of what she seems to be. Of course, she's no ingénue. Also, she's not like all these things you could say about her. She's not eccentric. She's centered. She's right in the center of the tradition. She's essentially doing what people like Plato were doing, she's discoursing on great things."

"What is the Good?"

"No," Mr. Granger said. "No. I don't get too much of the Good in her."

"Truth and Beauty?"

"Not too much Beauty, either," Mr. Granger said. "She's not a beautician. I can abstract out of her 'knowing,' and I can abstract out of her this and that, but I can't abstract out of her 'Beauty' as something that she's interested in."

"Perhaps that's why, in part, you don't like to read her aloud, but want to read her alone to yourself off the page."

"I don't want to read it alone to myself, but I do want to read it. Yeats, I love to read out loud. There's something that usually goes on in sound that's not going on in sound in Dickinson; it's going on in something else, some kind of logical relation to the poem. That's what is amazing, rather than these stunning sound pictures that as compositions would be musically thrilling. I think she's great for the ear. But for some reason, the attention goes to the thinking in the poem and also to language, without thinking about language in terms of sound, but thinking about its meaning. The way that syntax works, or the way that you know a word choice can be wrong, but right because it's off the anticipated mark. This is my take on her. I really do read her, I guess, abstractly."

Mr. Granger mentioned that he wished that I could talk with an old friend of his about Dickinson. This friend, he said, "Lynn Luria-Sukenick, died in 1995. She loved Dickinson and published on Dickinson. [Luria-Sukenick, 57 when she died, was a poet, writer, and associate professor of English and comparative literature at



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wish you could have talked to Lynn about Dickinson;

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everything that will come

your way. She was great to

talk about Dickinson with.

She refused to teach Dick-

inson because of the hor-

rible things that students

say. And she wasn't in any

way an arrogant teacher. So

it wasn't like a student-bash-

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ple said about Dickinson's

poems. The way they would

simplify them. The way that,

in order to protect yourself

from a Dickinson poem,

one thing you didn't do is

to push one of those clichés

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forting clichés. That's easy

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talize the poems is what a

lot of people would want

think, have the spirit of

wanting to stop the poems

from being as rough as they

are and as unmanageable.

My experience is that Emily

Dickinson papers are weak.

I never encourage students

to write them. I used to feel

bad about teaching her.

Lately, I found it easier or

found some better way to

do it. But for the longest

time, my worst teaching

experiences have been try-

ing to teach Dickinson.

ing the same way about

Dickinson, so it was easy to

talk. I remember once we

had out Dickinson's book,

and Lynn kept noticing

things she'd never seen

before. This still happens

to me. There are 1789 poems

by Dickinson. I've read them

all, but I've read them with

a very small portion of con-

sciousness. Because every

now and then, one will come

forward in some wonder-

ful way and I'll see it for the

first time. And see it's a great

thing. And see what's care-

fully hidden in it that I

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had those experiences all

the time. She'd get thrilled

by a poem that she hadn't

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excitement. Lynn was a Dickinson-like person. Going directly to the thing. To the poem in this case."

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I asked Michael Davidson, "Do you remember when you first read Dickinson?"

"I grew up in the early 1950s, and so the Johnson edi-

tion hadn't come out yet. The lines were stretched out and all the rhymes made neat. So you didn't get much of a sense of what her writing was like."

Mr. Davidson was in graduate school at the University of Buffalo. "Charles Olson was there and Robert Creeley was there. It was kind of the Black Mountain weirdo poetic community. Emily Dickinson started to be read again after the Johnson edition. I read her then. When I moved back to the West Coast, living in San Francisco and Berkeley, writing my dissertation on Robert Duncan, that's when I really got into Dickinson. Robert Duncan encouraged me along those lines. The early 1970s would be the time when I got into Dickinson seriously."

"Do you teach her as mother of what I think of as the interior lyric voice?"

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"Well, she certainly is that. I think she was central for some later poets. But we don't really have Emily Dickinson until 1955. You have an Emily Dickinson, but you don't really have her until 1955. So that she couldn't exert the kind of influence on someone like William Carlos Williams. I don't think Pound or Eliot would have found anything in Dickinson that would have spoken to a kind of 19th-century Victorian sensibility that they were trying to get rid of. So to that extent, I suppose she still did retain the focus on the meditative poem. Edna St. Vincent Millay and Sara Teasdale and many other poets we think of as being sentimental writers got a lot out of Dickinson."

"I would think," I said, "that Dickinson would have been a helpful example to Roethke."

"I think a lot of the poets that extend out of the Roethke,



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Professor Davidson went on to say that he had wondered about Emily Dickinson's influence on Elizabeth Bishop. "I can't see any attention on Bishop's part to Dickinson. I think there may be reasons for that. But what are the reasons?"

One reason, I suggested, was that Dickinson's voice, as a feminine voice, was one from which Elizabeth Bishop would have shied away.

Professor Davidson agreed. "I think you're right. There's something about Dickinson's rather high-toned and assertive

voice — 'I am witnessing God now,' 'I heard a Fly buzz when I died.' I think Bishop would have liked lines like that. But 'Rearrange a "Wife's" affection!' wouldn't have appealed to her."

"Bishop," I said, "would not have liked Dickinson's coyness or flirtatiousness."

"She wouldn't have liked those," Professor Davidson said. "Too, I think for someone like Bishop, who sought not to be identified as a woman poet but just as a poet, that Dickinson's posturing in various feminine roles, even taking on subservient roles, for various reasons, would not have appealed. Bishop was too much in the Eliotic tradition of creating a kind of modern voice. And to some extent, I think, Eliot had much more in common with Dickinson than Elizabeth Bishop did. But the voice would have been a problem for her, it's true. The flatness of Bishop's poetry doesn't pick up on Dickinson's qualities."

I said, "Plath, for other reasons, I think would have shied away from Dickinson, at least in her pre-1955 dress." "Yes, but don't you think that they have many simi-

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larities? The sense of rage, and the sense of anger and aggressiveness are common to them."

"Plath," I said, "is so much more studied at this than Dickinson is."

"That may be true. I was just thinking about the way in which the metaphors become so extreme, and to go back to our poem that we were talking about before, 'My Life had stood — a Loaded Gun,' the language of that this kind of violent sense that if I accept patriarchy at its terms, I must become this violent attacker of nature my own nature, perhaps. Well, that's a scenario that you get happening all the time in Plath's 'Lady Lazarus' and the poem 'Cut,' and the Bee poems."

"I think of Plath always as doing more posturing than Dickinson did."

"But Dickinson," Professor Davidson said, "does posture." "But Sylvia Plath knew that people were watching."

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"I like the Puritans a lot. I find them rigorous and complicated. So we talk quite a bit about the difficulties of assuming that you're an elect race, while at the same time

having no assurance of that election. That sense of insecurity is powerful in Emily Dickinson. And when we get to a poet like H.D., or a poet like Robert Creeley, the same insecurity is there. So there's a continuity of thinking that runs from the Puritans to Hawthorne, to Dickinson, right to the present."

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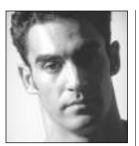
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What did you do this summer? "I just tried to hang out with my family a whole bunch. My older brother goes to UC Irvine, so I don't get to see him usually, but we went to Six Flags and our cousins' house and stuff."

Did you meet a "special someone"? "I didn't really meet anyone over summer, but there were girls that I started liking from the regular school year.... They

were just my friends and I got to know them better in summer school, and now I see them all the time."

Ready for school? "Yeah, I was ready, but I didn't want to [go]."

Attitude this year vs. last year "Better, because last year I was just coming into high school, and I was shy and stuff. But this year, I have a set plan about what I'm going to do."

Big spending on school supplies? "No, not this year. Usually we buy everything before the school year, but this year my mom waited to make sure we'd buy what we actually needed.... For a lot of classes we needed a special notebook for that class and a three-ring binder, the usual stuff."

What's new at school? "We don't really

have that much new stuff. The only thing we got is some new literature books." Any favorite teachers? "Mr. Baum, for drama and Japanese. He's cool because he involves everybody in everything he does, and if you try in drama he commends you. In Japanese, if you get a question, he'll give you a piece of candy, and that's what kids want is candy. As long

as you try, he's not going to put you down or lower your grade if you get a question wrong. And Coach Ungricht for geometry he's cool because he has a kid going to school right now, and he used to be a

P.E. teacher. He always relates what's happening to us through his kid, and he always tells jokes to keep us from being bored in geometry."

Jordan Arnold

Any teachers you don't like? "My English class, I'm trying to get out of it. Her name is -----, and she's so serious about education that she's not helping us have

fun. It's getting better, but it's still not helping.

Esteemed colleague "His name is Chris...I've known him since 6th grade. He came from Germany because there's continuous war, so he kept on moving places until he came to America, and now we're best friends."

Hot fashions "For guys, it's still baggy jeans, but the shiny style is in right now. They're black or blue, but in between the trim it's silver, so it's shiny. Shoes that are big right now, and have been for a while, are Air Force Ones. Shoes that I like are Hyper Flights -I don't know if you've ever heard of them. They're shiny all over, and it seems like it's rubber but it's not. Of course FUBU's still a big thing and seeing as my graduation year is '05, everybody wears it also because the FUBU number is 05."

Lame duds "I don't like how people automatically think one certain race has to dress a certain way. My little brother wears skate clothes all the time, but I still wear hip-hop, so people compare us and will be, like, 'What are you wearing?' to my brother."

Is school more or less crowded this year? "More, because we got some people from Lincoln High School, I don't know why. I think Lincoln is shutting

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down a little bit. I think they're remodeling or something. So there are 200 more people in our hallways."

More or less school traffic this year? "It doesn't seem like there's more or less, but there's this stoplight in front of the school you have to go through to get dropped off, and it's really slow."

Long-term plans? "I really want to go to college for sure. I'm going to have to take up jobs this year to add to my résumé.... I wanted to go to UCI like my brother, and he might stay there for another year before he graduates. We're

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eventeen-year-old Monica Baez swivels around in an office chair and recounts her Michael Jackson sighting in Las Vegas during the summer. ("I reached my hand over the security guards and held his hand for, like, ten seconds.") The Mira Mesa High School senior's wavy brown hair is pulled halfway back and hoop earrings dangle from her ears. Her manicured hands rest on the desk in front of her.

What did you do this summer? "I did home studies.... Last year I was a sophomore. Through home studies I did a year and a half of work in five months."

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Attitude this year vs. last year It hasn't changed; it's still the same. But since I'm a senior this year, it's



Monica Baez

going to be more stressful with colleges and scholarships and deadlines." **Big spending on school supplies?** "No."

What's new at school? "There's a lot. We have a new building."

Any favorite teachers? My English teacher, Ms. Parkinson.... She says she's going to help us a lot with colleges and scholarships, and because most teachers don't do that, that's why she's special." Any teachers you don't like? "No, I don't have any teachers I don't like." Esteemed colleague "Patty Kelly, because she's real hyper and she makes me laugh. I have her in two classes.'

Hot fashions "Those Coach purses. I see a lot of girls wearing them, but they're not real. And the Louis Vuitton ones too. And for tennis shoes, Adidas and KSwiss. For girls, platform shoes are big, which you're not allowed to wear at school...because you have to have a strap behind your ankle."

Lame duds "I would say ripped-up clothes, like they rip their clothes and they have holes in them. And girls who wear too much makeup; like, their lipstick is almost black. It looks like they have chocolate all over their lips."

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Long-term plans? "I want to be an attorney or a psychologist. A psychologist, because I want to help people with their problems; and an attorney...I don't know what kind it is, but I want to be an attorney for foster kids. I want to help them be wherever they want to be. Mainly, I just want to help the kids out." **Do you work?** "Yes. At State Compensation Insurance Fund as a youth aide."

armel Mountain Ranch buzzes with the chattering and jokes of high school friends finished with a day of classes. David Finlay, a 17-year-old senior at Rancho Bernardo High School, sits on one end of a food-speckled white table at In-N-Out with his friend Amanda. Between bites and answering questions, he teases her about her boyfriend. What did you do this



David Finlay

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summer? "I worked, went to some parties, and went to a wedding. My cousin got married.... I went to Cabo San Lucas. I found a bar with 50-cent shots, and I got in a fight with a local gringo girl's dad she was white, because that's what gringo means in Mexico."

Did you meet a "special someone"? "I met a drunk girl in Mexico outside of a nightclub. Her name is Savannah; she's from Texas."

Ready for school? "No, because I don't want to do any work and because summer is really fun." Attitude this year vs. last year "Last summer was interesting, but my attitude is definitely worse because it's a less-interesting school since I've definitely developed severe senioritis."

Big spending on school

supplies? "Not really. I stole all my school supplies from Staples, and I didn't get any new clothes." What's new at school? "We have a plainclothes security officer, and we have a new box for our stadium."

Any favorite teachers? "I like my Animation teacher, Mr. Mez, but I don't know his last name, because he has quite the sense of humor."

Any teachers you don't like? "Ms. ——, because she doesn't have any sense of humor at all and is quite dull. Intro to Computers is rather boring." Esteemed colleague "Amanda is in my AP English class, and she contributes her witty comments and clairvoyant views on life."

Hot fashions "Well, I like platinum chains, beanies, and tight pants...and jazz shoes and white gloves. Basically, anything Michael Jackson wears, I like."

Lame duds "I don't like hosiery or long skirts, and I don't like the color pink either. I don't know if it's popular or not. I like red and orange and yellow." Is school more or less crowded this year? "It's about the same."

More or less school traffic this year? "It's basically an anthill, like when you blow on it, and all

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**Long-term plans?** "I'd like to go to UC Santa Cruz, but due to fascist grading systems, totalitarian homework, and slave-driving teachers, I can't succeed in a society dominated by capitalist swine."

**Do you work?** "I hold a job at Wendy's."

dministrative documents in hand, 15-year-old tenthgrader Jessica Aguilar takes a seat inside the sunny front-



Jessica Aguilar

office conference room at Westview High School in Rancho Peñasquitos. As an office aide, she enjoys the perks of having connections with the faculty and leaves three to four minutes early each day to beat the rush of students exiting school. She wears a maroon tank top and jeans, and her barely visible eye shadow sparkles in the sunlight when she smiles.

What did you do this summer? "I played on a club water-polo team and a swim team."

Did you meet anyone special? "I had a friend and I knew her before, but we weren't really friends; we'd just say hi to each other in the halls, but I got to know her over summer, and now we're really good friends."

**Ready for school?** "Yes. I was excited to start at a new school, and summer was getting really boring because practice ended in August."

Attitude this year vs. last year "Better. I was excited to see how the new system would work. We only have four classes a day...and they're 88 minutes long. There are no bells, so it's a more relaxed atmosphere" Big spending on school supplies? "Yeah. A lot of clothes, shoes, and some school supplies." What's new at school? "Well, Westview is a new school this year. We have a gym, a pool, an Astro-Turf football field, and

an all-weather track."

"All of them. I like all my teachers. They're really down to earth, and you feel like you could talk to them about anything."
Any teachers you don't like? "Not right now, but maybe there will be."

Any favorite teachers?

Esteemed colleague "In geometry, her name is Lindsay Warner. She is friendly and funny. She always makes us laugh, even when it's a boring topic."

Hot fashions "I like the whole vintage/peasant-

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top kind of look." Lame duds "They haven't really changed for a while, so no."

Is school more or less crowded this year? "It's less crowded; there are only two grades here." More or less school traffic this year? "There's no traffic here because no one is old enough to drive. One guy was trying to get his license, I think, but I'm not sure if he passed."

Long-term plans? "I want to go to UCSB and become

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a forensic scientist." Do you work? "No...well, just babysitting .... Next summer I'll be a lifeguard here at this pool."

n a T-shirt and shorts, 13-year-old Mt. Carmel ninth-grader Drew Goin leans back on his hands while sitting on a Rancho Peñasquitos driveway. He dusts gravel off

his palms and waits for the interview to begin. Goin's on a break from homework, which he started immediately after returning home from football practice. What did you do this

summer? "Well, I went to senior-high camp for church.... We just did religious stuff. We had fun and played games and

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stuff. I did that for one week.... Pretty much for the rest of summer I went to football practice every day." Did you meet a "special

someone"?" I saw my girlfriend who lives in Las Vegas."

Ready for school? "Yes, I was excited because there's nothing to do over summer, so all you want to do is go back and see your friends."

Attitude this year vs. last year "It's worse, because last year I got bad grades and I don't want that same thing to happen again. I'll have to work harder, plus I have to juggle football and trackand-field — I do discus and shot-put."

**Big spending on school** supplies? "Yes .... Clothes, the backpack that got stolen, a binder, pens, pencils, and football fees." What's new at school? "Some of the [temporary] buildings in the parking lot are gone, and some vandals defaced our school. They were really good artists though." Any favorite teachers? "Mr. Boyer, my English teacher, is really energetic. My math teacher, Joe, is cool too; and so is Javier, my Spanish teacher." Any teachers you don't like? "The teacher I don't like is Mr. ——. He's mean because he has to have everything just right." Esteemed colleague "Corey Kenyon. He's a freshman too. He's really

cool and he stalks people

Hot fashions "Baggy jeans

with me, so it's fun."



Drew Goir

for guys, and really, really, really short skirts for girls." Lame duds "Gothic clothing... It's black, dark, scary, and unordinary." Is school more or less crowded this year? "More, compared to my middle school."

How's school traffic this year? "Terrible."

Long-term plans? "Go to college.... Point Loma Nazarene University, because I've learned stuff about it and it sounds like a good academic school. And two of my four cousins go there."

— Smitha Prabhuswamy, Mt. Carmel High School graduate, 2001

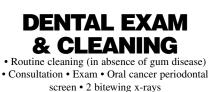


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continued from page 37 goer in the late '80s, comments that even girls were not immune to the violence. "I was standing there with my sister and there were a bunch of skinheads in the room going crazy, and it was such a small room and this guy's fist came out of nowhere and hit me on the side of the head and I got a complete concussion, got knocked out, had to be taken to the hospital...explain that to vour mother!" Kids often came home bruised and battered, sometimes with bloodied feet from the stomping crowd. While fast, loud

punk ground away

through the '80s, a

steady resistance against the skinhead groups formed toward the end of the decade. Pall Jenkins of Three Mile Pilot and the **Black Heart Procession** remembers encountering a hostile group in 1988 at the Emerald Ballroom downtown. A Washington, D.C., band called Scream was performing for a packed audience. Jenkins says, "And that was at a time when everyone was sick of getting pushed around by old punks and skinheads alike. Every show had to have violence. The kids were just getting old enough to fight back and we were starting a little bit to outnumber them." That



night at the Emerald Ballroom, however, it was the band who fought back. Scream's bassist was a black man who throughout the show had been antagonized by audience members in the back. After a time, he jumped off the stage and attacked one of Battalion of Saints, 1985

them, and the rest of the band followed. "I remember it was this interesting moment," Jenkins says. "All of us kids standing were watching this go on, thinking, finally someone's taking on the bullies — we would have gotten killed because we had to see them at every show." After the fight, the antagonists were thrown out and the band got back up to play. Particularly poignant was the next song Scream played, which followed the theme of hate and resistance.

Within this hostile climate a new sound began emerging at the end of the '80s, a sound later termed post-hardcore. John Reis of Rocket From the Crypt formed a band around 1985 called Conservative Itch, which was pretty

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rocking though still punk-influenced. When Conservative Itch broke up, Reis formed Pitchfork, which played with local bands Sub-Society, Funeral March, PG-13, and Socially Insecure. These bands were all hard and fast in the tradition of earlier hardcore punk, but as Matt Reese of Funeral March recalls, "When Pitchfork hit, everything broke open." It was the beginning of the musicianship that would form the basis of the early '90s scene. The songs were more emotional and melodic, just "a little nicer," Reese remarks. However, there was a backlash from the



Rocket From the Crypt (John Reis, center; Pete Reichert, third from right), 1996

older, traditional punks. John Reis, using a pseudonym, wrote an article for the Daily Impulse, a local anarchist magazine, talking about what jerks there were in the scene and condemning the violence. The article was a

sort of declaration ushering in a new generation of artists.

From about 1986/1987 on, the San Diego music scene diversified, branching off from punk. At a time when pop music ruled the airwaves and MTV broadcast Duran Duran and the Thompson Twins, those into the alternative scene had to seek it out — it wasn't spoonfed to them as "alternative" music is these days. Also around this time, a lot of hall

shows were put on across town: at the Palisade Gardens roller rink and Wabash Hall in North Park, at the Ché Café at UCSD, at the Jackie Robinson YMCA, and at coffee shops like Chabalaba. The shows were organized by collectives or by the bands themselves and were promoted through flyers and word of mouth. National bands that later became big names — Bad Religion, Dag Nasty, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers passed through San Diego's halls and theaters. Musicians in bands that would take hold in the early '90s were busy learning their instruments. SubSociety, PG-13, and Socially Insecure shared rhythm sections: Didier Suarez (Sub-Society, PG-13; later, the Furious IV), Sean Flynn (Socially Insecure, PG-13; later, Rocket From the Crypt), and Pete Reichert (Sub-Society, Socially Insecure, PG-13; later, Rocket From the Crypt). Also, Stimy of Sub-Society later formed Inch, and then Congress of the Cow; and Mitch Wilson of Socially Insecure, Sub-Society, and Funeral March heads up No Knife now. These musicians who began performing together in the late '80s still perform in various groups today, continuing to





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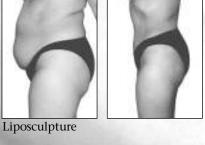
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impact and influence the scene.

One of the wilder bands to emerge in the late 1980s was Fishwife, headed by Ryan Foxe. Foxe was a great performer who electrified his audiences with crazy stage antics. Matt Reese remembers one particular performance by the band. Fishwife was opening for the Pixies at a large, administration-run venue at UCSD, a campus known for its rigid, conservative policies. That night the usual uptight crowd was in attendance when Foxe came out in a girl's cheerleader outfit. The show began with the singer running back and forth on the stage singing, shouting, cheering. After a short time he broke into cartwheels, though under his short skirt he wasn't wearing any



underwear. Across the stage, Reese remarks, "Face, nuts, face, nuts — before you knew it he's playing nude," which was a fairly regular occurrence at Fishwife shows. After Foxe left the band in 1993, the remaining members — Gar Wood, Matt Ohlin,

and Chris Prescott formed the critically acclaimed Tanner. Prescott now plays drums in No Knife, while Wood pulls dou-

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ble duty as the bassist of the Hot Snakes and the guitarist in the buzz-group Beehive & the Barracudas.

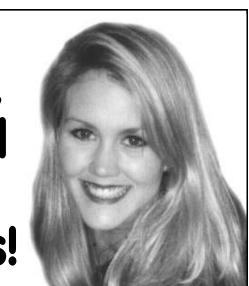
Not a far departure from such antics were the things Crash Worship got up to at their shows. Crash Worship formed in 1987, the same time as Fishwife, but their music can't be considered punk or post-hardcore. It's more experimental and organic, featuring various instruments and, most predominantly, lots of drums. Their stage performances were a communal theatrical experience, often incorporating burning effigies, smoke, explosives, milk, and even naked women. Crash Worship was avant-garde, but it meshed well with other bands in the scene.

Once a year, beginning in the late '80s and running for several years after, was the Anarchy/Hardcore Picnic held in Balboa Park. The collectively organized event involved George from the Daily Impulse and brought together an eclectic assortment of punk rockers and activists, including members of Pitchfork and Crash Worship. As the event was free, it was about sharing ideas, not marketing or selling them. Another annual event that ran through the '90s was the May Day picnic, held in various San Diego parks and featuring Creedle, Lucy's Fur Coat, and fluf, a well-known North County band.

Such events illustrate the collectivity of the local music scene. San Diego bands maintain a tight relationship with one another,



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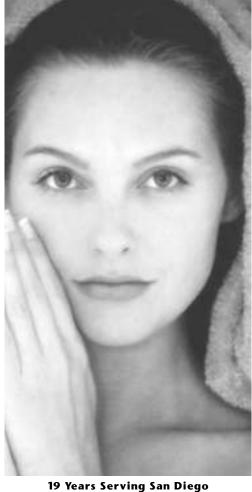


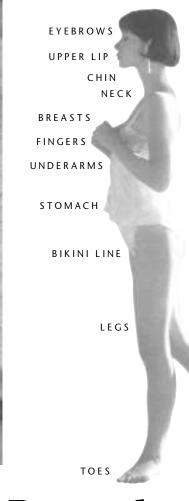
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whether playing together, living together, or swapping drummers or guitar licks. Bands were and still are out to support each other, not compete or sell each other out. Many people comment about a San Diego sound taking form in the late '80s and early '90s, but because of the diversity of groups, a common sound is difficult to pinpoint. Perhaps there is something to it in that many of these musicians were playing together and developing musically while they were young and before their more mature works took form. Also, a lot of these bands — and I'm speaking of groups like Sub-Society, Socially Insecure, Funeral March, and Pitchfork, who later became Rocket From the Crypt, Drive Like Jehu, Inch, and No Knife had grown up sharing equipment and rhythm sections and listening to each others' record collections. If any one guitar player can be credited with creating a San Diego "sound," it would be John Reis, as many guitar players



who evolved from this scene logged hours in Reis's bedroom watching the man throw down his unique, wild style of guitar playing.

This collective attitude can also be seen in the record labels that put out local bands. Not only has Cargo Records/Headhunter been a strong local supporter, but so has Vinyl Communications. Bob Bereley created Vinyl Communi-

cations in 1986 when he pressed his own band's first album. He thought it unlikely that his band, Neighborhood Watch, could sell all of the 500 records the label pressed, but the demand was great enough to warrant six more pressings. Over the past decade and a half, the label has released more than 170 records, and though the company is on hiatus, it will most likely

be putting more bands and albums out in the future. At his home in Chula Vista, Bereley built a recording studio as well as a stage for bands to play on, and his backyard parties were a staple of the late-'80s music scene. Not only did local bands — including the straight-edge group Amenity — play in his backyard, but also the occasional touring band, the biggest of

which was Operation Ivy, whose members later formed Rancid. Bereley describes his studio: "It was like our own little field of dreams. We built it and they came." Vinyl Communications has always been wary of hype and has never been out to exploit a band or pressure one into recording anything they wouldn't want to. From 1988 to 1989, Bereley had a Vinyl Communications store in Chula Vista, where patrons could buy independent music and hear local bands perform. "My main focus," Bereley remarks, "has always been keeping the control within the community that was creating the art."

In 1989, Tim Mays returned to the local music scene and opened the first Casbah, located on Kettner Boulevard where the Pirate's Den is now. It was a small club with a legal capacity of 75 people, although that number often stretched above 100 when more popular bands, both local and national, played. Many years before, Mays had

opened an all-age venue, the Skeleton Club, but it was shortlived, lasting only four or five months. It was shut down due to dance-licensing problems and its proximity to the police station. When he opened the Casbah, Mays had intended to host bands only a few nights a week, but he soon opened his doors every night. There were a few other venues in the city, including the Spirit Club, located where Brick by Brick is now, as well as SOMA, the Bacchanal, and Iguanas in Tijuana, but bands were more comfortable with a friendly show manager like Mays, a man known for his integrity and local support.

By 1992, a strong core of local bands had formed. John Reis of Pitchfork started Rocket From the Crypt in 1990. Originally Rocket swore it would play only backyard parties, such as those at Bob Bereley's home studio, but after they released their first album, Paint as a Fragrance, the band's popularity was enough to bend their credo, and

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so they began playing larger hall shows and venues like the Casbah. In 1991, John Reis joined up with former Pitchfork bandmate Rick Froberg to form another pivotal San Diego band called Drive Like Jehu. Jehu produced a melodic, pounding rock with angst-laden, rounded vocals that sounded a bit like Pitchfork but with a manic edge. The band toured in the early '90s, which was great, because Jehu was a band that loved to perform, who knew that if they weren't having fun, then the audience wasn't either. Rick Froberg told *Fiz* magazine in 1994, "All the music is designed for maximum physical gratification. When we started the band, and we were in Pitchfork this is just my point of view — but we'd just play the song, and it would be a good song or whatever, but in Jehu, I think it's aimed at a lot more enjoyment — we're definitely more interested in getting our rocks off." In terms of style,

Drive Like Jehu was often considered an emotionally themed band. This is worth mentioning given that in the early 1990s, punk-based music had fully branched into several subgenres, including Goth, industrial, and even grunge. In the 1994 interview with Fiz, Froberg comments on the band's "emotional" tagging. "That's the one thing that everyone says -'emotional,' and that's not necessarily the case. It's just loud or screaming or whatever. It's just a necessary thing with this band." It could be said that San Diego's 1980s punk and hardcore roots were emotional, but only in terms of cultural or social anger

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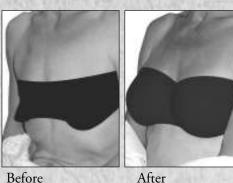
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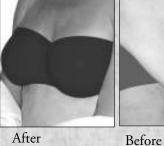


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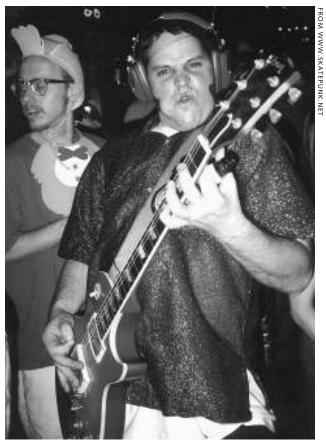
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and outrage. In the early '90s, bands began venting feelings that didn't necessarily have to do with society.

A point worth discussing here is the word "emo," a catchword that within the past year has gone from being an underground term to a mainstream label. Deriving from the word "emotional," "emo" is a problematic term that irritates most people in the scene, especially musicians, and bands rarely appropriate it. In the early 1990s, "emo" was often used to describe certain bands out of Washington, D.C.: Rites of Spring, Embrace, Gray Matter, and Dag Nasty. These bands had punk-rock roots, but they tended to sing about deeper personal issues, like loneliness, relation-



Devon Goldberg of Creedle dressed as John Reis, Rocket From the Crypt party, Halloween, Spirit Club, 1994

ships, and even death. The music is anguished, fragile, and slow. By the mid-'90s, the term had come to represent popular indie bands like Sunny Day Real Estate, Strictly Ballroom, and Bedhead — three



bands who sound nothing alike but are categorized similarly because of similar themes. Even Jawbreaker is considered

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bit emotionally driven that the word really has lost a lot of its original meaning. Occasionally on the radio or on MTV you'll hear DJs discussing emo as a new genre of music. In July, a New York Times music reviewer called the Get Up Kids "one of the most popular emo bands." The Get Up Kids, as well as Dashboard Confessional and Jimmy Eat World, may more appropriately fall into the pop-punk category — but then again, aren't all categories problematic? And don't all artists hate labels? Anyway, labels seem more useful to the media than to the musicians themselves.

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However, if any early 1990s San Diego band falls under the label "emo," it's Three

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1030 Pearl St. #4 ■ La Jolla ■ 858.456.5852 www.rejuvaspa.com ■ Amir Moradi, M.D. Pall Jenkins, like many of his late-'80s contemporaries, began in a sort of hardcore band — a cross between Bad Brains and Slayer — called Dark Sarcasm, a pretty hard band whose audiences often violently slammed each other at shows. In 1989, Jenkins formed his second band, Plum Daisy, with Lane Miller — later of Corrugated and the and/ors - and former Neighborhood Watch/future Pinback members Armistead "Zach" Smith, and Tom Zinser, who, incidentally, is the nephew of Bob Bereley. Plum Daisy was a major departure from hardcore; it was more melodic and a little funky. After three years, Lane Miller left the band, and in 1992 the remaining members formed Three Mile Pilot. Three Mile's first album, Ná Vuccá Dó Lupá, featured only a bass, drums, and vocals, giving the band a deep, serious, and slow sound, a texture apart from other bands. Jenkins comments, "We threw people for a bit of a loop — there was a lot of grunge music back then." During the '90s, the band released five albums, as well as an EP, the most recent album coming out in 1999. With the late addition of Tobias Nathaniel on organ and piano, the band's later albums are spacious and resonate a deeper tone. Jenkins's poetic lyrics often follow symbolic themes relating to water, horses, devils, ghosts, and things lost or forgotten. Jenkins says of his writing, "I always wanted to paint pictures in people's minds, and the music was just melodic enough to go along with that."

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In 1991, Nirvana broke commercially with "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and "alternative" music was born. But in the 1980s, not only in San Diego but nationally, a huge indie underground scene in the vein of punk rock had already been established. Seminal bands Black Flag, fIREHOSE, Sonic Youth, Dinosaur Jr, Hüsker Dü, Fugazi, and the Butthole Surfers had been playing to packed concert halls across the country for years. Such bands had enormous followings, and many had played in San Diego's rented halls and theaters before any of it was termed "alternative." "Alternative to what?" Matt Reese of Funeral March and the U.K. Wongs snaps. For musicians and showgoers thick in the scene, the sentiment truly was

this, because this music had always been their primary source, alternative to nothing. Simply, this music was their lifestyle. But in commercial terms, it was alternative. It seemed as if MTV and the big record labels were shocked to learn that such a scene existed. They quickly swooped in to sign bands out of the hot Seattle music scene, bands like Pearl Jam and Soundgarden. To make things worse, in 1992 Cameron Crowe made the movie Singles about twentysomethings living in Seattle. Then came the term "Generation X" and the movie Reality Bites in 1994. Pretty soon, there was an alternative section in every Sam Goody in every mall across America, and kids were wearing flannels and goatees just



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music scene had begun to settle a bit, and with the Casbah's opening in 1989, the new venue marked a turn away from the violence of the 1980s hall shows. Tim Mays remarked that the Casbah was a "whole different set of people. Different bands and people were more into it for the music and music's sake. There weren't a bunch of people, you know, coming to the show to be punk rockers, plus the old Casbah held 75 people, so the people who came there were interested to see the bands. All of the people in the bands were all friends. It was pretty tight-knit; it was a real music-community type thing — '90, '91, '92, you would see all the same people out, and it didn't matter who was playing — when good bands would come to town, the same people would come out to see them." The scene was supportive of new local music, and the question of commercial success didn't exist. Three Mile Pilot, Rocket From the Crypt, and Drive Like Jehu never even considered trying to sign with a major record label, and for a few years, San Diego remained an unknown hotbed for good, diverse local music.

Toward the end of 1993, the Los Angeles Times published an article touting San Diego as "the next capital of alternative rock" and "the Next Big Thing." Headhunters for record labels began cruising San Diego's nightlife for the next Nirvana and snapped up local bands, many of whom probably weren't ready for commercial recording. Most of the bands were fairly young and inexperienced and had done limited touring.

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Also, a lot of bands signed deals they may not have understood, expensive deals that could end up costing them money. By 1994, Rocket From the Crypt and Drive Like Jehu had signed a package deal with Interscope; Three Mile Pilot had signed with Geffen; Lucy's Fur Coat had signed with Relativity Records; and Inch had signed with a subsidiary of Atlantic. Record labels were at first eager to promote the bands, dropping as much as \$2500 at a CD-release party, but when the records failed to sell like those of other top "alternative" bands, the labels lost interest and did little to promote their new talent. Some people call this the major-label blues. It's a vicious cycle in which labels demand a lot but do little to help out the musicians.

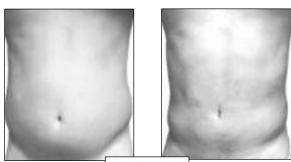
Matt Reese of Funeral March and the U.K. Wongs remarks about the buzz, "I didn't care one way or the other. I was just glad to see my friends' bands in magazines, but at the same time I didn't understand it too much. It was like, well, why? Because so many of us are friends with so many people in Seattle — why do we have to be compared to another city? It was like San Diego might be the next big Seattle — well, what about everything that happened before in San Diego? No one seemed to give a crap about that." This is when the feel of the San Diego music scene really began to change. Mitch Wilson of No Knife, which formed in 1994, comments, "Everybody started getting this weird head thing. Everybody started thinking they were cool. It turned into a really big 'who you know,' cliquey sort

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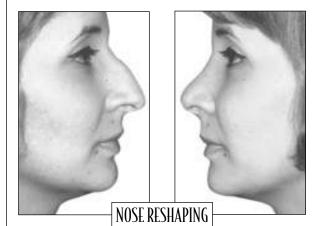
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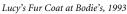
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of thing." The closeknit, hometown feel of the scene became strained, and the influx of new bands who were out to get signed added more pressure and competition.

A lot more people began going to shows at the Casbah and Bodie's, people who probably wouldn't have been there if they hadn't heard the hype on the radio or TV or

read it in the press. The buzz was big enough, and the reputation positive enough, that outside bands wanted to be included in it. This is where the controversy over Stone



Temple Pilots arises. Local musicians knew what bands had firm roots in San Diego, and Stone Temple Pilots weren't one of these bands, though their record label proposed

that they got their start here, "away from the glitz of the Sunset Strip." This irritated the local musicians, who didn't want outsiders jumping their bandwagon, and an

unrelenting smear campaign began that reached its climax when STP performed at Bodie's downtown. The following story, whether true or not, reflects the attitude of

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It's hard to say if the frenzied buzz ever reached a peak, but it certainly reached a saturation point. There were too many bands for the size of the city, with musicians often playing in two or three bands at the same time, hoping that one of them might be picked up. And as with all things, quantity doesn't always equal quality. The good musicians and bands are the ones that endure. Tessa Rondell, a longtime employee of Off the

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Three Mile Pilot (Pall Jenkins, left, and Armistead "Zach" Smith)

Record in Hillcrest, comments, "I think people got a little disillusioned when they realized that they couldn't play two or three shows and then immediately get picked up, sometimes not even by a local label." It was as if a certain expectation had come from the outside, and when this expectation wasn't fulfilled, the more peripheral people in the scene dropped out.

The bands who signed with the major labels ended up the most disillusioned. Geffen still owns one of Three Mile Pilot's



albums, *The Chief Assassin to the Sinister*, which it put out in limited release. And when Three Mile turned in another album to Geffen, the label rejected it because they didn't

hear a radio hit. The band then released *Another Desert Another Sea* on Cargo/Headhunter Records. Pall Jenkins comments, "We never really accepted the fact that we were on a major label and potentially moving toward the direction of mainstream. We didn't look at our music like that. We were hoping we could just do what we do and sell some

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Please call for reservations: 858.350.1301 or e-mail: lpollack@earthlink.net Scripps Medical Building, 12395 El Camino Real, Suite 204, Del Mar records. And I think that's what a lot of bands do. They just want to do their thing and not have somebody contemplate what they're doing and telling them what to do." This attitude is similar to that of other bands who signed at the time. Big-name acts Drive Like Jehu, Inch, and Lucy's Fur Coat ended up separating, partially due to their big-label affiliations. As the hype died

down, the music picked up. From the mid-'90s to the present, with bands like the Locust and Tourette's Lautrec, punk rock has mutated and grown into different forms of hardcore and math rock. Here again, we have another category, but certain themes are prevalent that back up this term. Erratic and unpredictable, math rock is aggressive while at other times dropping a key to become more melodic and sometimes jazzy. Creedle, Thingy, the Drop Science, Tristeza, and Clikatat Ikatowi are a few of San Diego's best math rock bands. Though not all of these bands are currently active, their albums are available online or at stores like Off the Record in Hillcrest. And when these guys play live, it's the kind of music that confounds, amuses, and moves one on a visceral level. Speaking of visceral levels, few bands these days have the ability to get their audiences throwing themselves against each other like the Locust. Their hardcore music grinds like a swarm of insects, piercing hard and demanding a cult following. They were featured on a couple of tracks in the John Waters film Cecil B. Demented, which shows that this music still holds the

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Though it began in the early '80s, hardcore still pulses through the veins of the city's underground. Groups like the Locust and other San Diego bands of recent years, like Run for Your Fucking Life, the Crimson Curse, and even more rock 'n' roll-oriented bands like the Tori Cobras, continue to wave the banner. While those bands are the harder-punk side of the current scene, other groups such as the and/ors; Counterfit; Vena Cava; Maquiladora; Ilya; Via Satellite; Rochelle, Rochelle; Champagne Kiss; Like Millions; Buckfast Superbee; fluf; and Gogogo Airheart exemplify the complex and diverse talent of the various artists pro-



Ryan Foxe of Fishwife, San Diego Women's Club, 1994

ducing music in our hometown. Many of these bands sound nothing alike — some emotionally themed, others dreamy and spacey or hard rockin' — but they often share the same bill. And, of course,



Tim Mays, mid-1990s

Reis of Rocket From the Crypt, Congress of the Cow with Stimy of Inch, the Black Heart Procession with Pall Jenkins, the 21st Century Lepers with Ryan Foxe of Fishwife, and Beehive & the Barracudas with Gar Wood of Tanner are a few of the many who are staples of the San Diego scene. It would be difficult to outline in detail the incestuous and mutable relationships between all these bands, especially as the crossovers have been going on for a few decades now, but it is important to know that the scene here is tight, supportive, and always welcome to those with a love of music.

And the best part is that the music is accessible, and not only to those over 21. Xanth in North Park, the Epicentre in Mira Mesa, the Scene in Clairemont, and the Ché Café at UCSD are underage clubs that feature many of these

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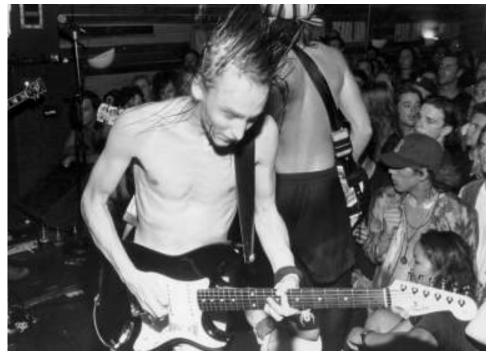
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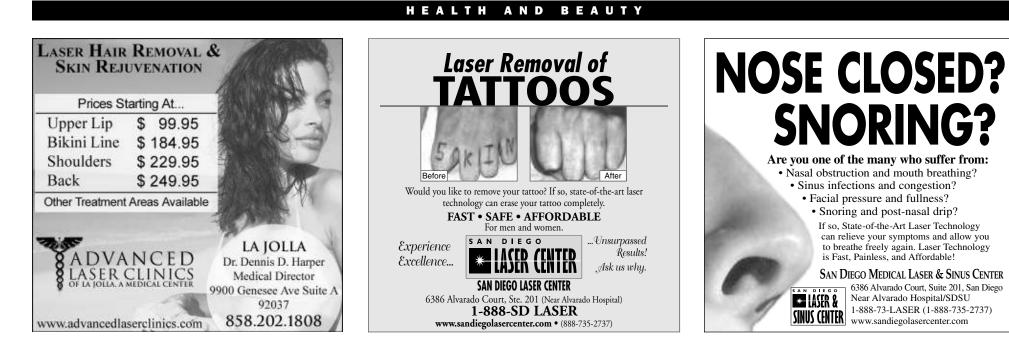




Mike McCready of Pearl Jam, at Winter's, 1991

bands. As the city grows, so does the number of people going out to shows, and a new wave of nightlife is washing over the city. One has only to check out the Casbah on a Friday night or drop by Scolari's Office or Buster Daly's in North Park or Brett Bodie's Ken Club in Kensington. All this may sound like I'm just name-dropping, but as you flip through the pages of the *Reader*'s music section, these bands and venues should shine like diamonds in the blackand-white print, reminding you that there is something a little more real out there, an alternative to corporate labels and MTV pop. ■ — Daniel Ridge

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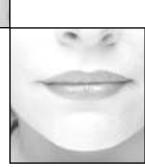


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Kori

### LETTERS

### continued from page 1 Duncan/Kleinzahler Fan

Thank you for your recent addition of August Kleinzahler's music column, which is now on my "must read" list of the Reader's weekly columns, along with those of Duncan Shepherd, Jonathan Saville, and Matt Lickona. I say "recent" because it is now 20-plus years since I first picked up the Reader (hard to believe). After having read Mr. Kleinzahler's October 3 article on Brahms and his Clarinet Quintet, I felt compelled to add my two cents' worth (first-time letter writer). Although I do not share his opinion about Brahms's merit as a composer (no doubt his music, even at its most tender, does have a tremendous amount of stress to it, which can tire the listener), I do share his appreciation of the B-minor Clarinet Quintet. Mr. Kleinzahler likens the opening descending phrase of the adagio to Debussy's "Clair de Lune," the similarity of which I had not previously noticed. I would like to add that the Brahms phrase seems more to me like an open homage to Mozart, whose own Clarinet Quintet (Allegro) opens with a four-note descending theme of classical poise and symmetry. Brahms uses the same intervals in his descending phrase but cuts the pattern short by one note, not allowing the theme to come to a resolved rest (the offbalance three-quarter time helps out in this regard). I am sure that this was Brahms's way of showing his own personal longing for the unattainable perfection of the Mozartean inspiration. Food for thought. On a different topic, I should like to throw my hat in the ring regarding the continued debate over the

should like to throw my hat in the ring regarding the continued debate over the reviews of Mr. Shepherd by saying that his columns should be required reading for anyone seriously interested in movies. How poorer would my understanding of film be without those 20 years behind me. Thanks, Duncan, and thank you to the *Reader* for providing such excellent columnists to the readers of San Diego. Jeffrey Genzlinger







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### **Professors Exploited**

First, I just want to offer my heartfelt kudos for the *Reader*'s exposé of at least a few of the shady dealings going on in Superintendent Bersin's regime. I used to teach for the school district (my wife still does), and I can tell you there's a lot more scandalous material on the Bersin/Alvarado administration that could and should be published. Still, for now I'm just thrilled to see one member of the media give an objective account of the kind of corruption that

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has soured our city's teachers (driven many of them to other districts, in fact) and stymied the education of our children.

By the same token, as overdue as that exposé was, there is an issue affecting higher education in San Diego that is in even greater need of coverage. Education at the collegiate level has been absolutely hamstrung by the ubiquitous abuse of part-time/adjunct instructors. In short, colleges and universities have resorted to hiring instructors predom-

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inately on a part-time basis in order to avoid paying fair salaries and health benefits. This puts the majority of college professors in San Diego in the position of having to work on more than one campus and teach an inordinate number of courses in order to make a living. In addition to being unfair to instructors, this system has been detrimental to the quality of education received by students in this area in a number of ways. At the moment, the school district that best exemplifies this ongoing exploitation of students and instructors is the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (though all districts in the area use the same money-saving scheme). The "freeway flyers," as we part-timers are known, at Grossmont College

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### **Mixed-Blood Arena**

Polo Cup Match & Festival

teve Lewandowski, polo-match announcer, is asked if Ralph Lauren has been good for polo. He doesn't like the question. "I don't think there's any relationship between the two." But in the popular mind there is, wouldn't he agree? "In the popular mind there is a relationship between polo and the perceived surreal world that Ralph's trying to create, the one which you theoretically become a part of when you buy something of his. But wouldn't you agree that the majority of people who wear polo shirts don't know what polo's all about?"

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Flores has 22 horses. They will

come in handy this weekend, because he

will provide them for both teams. "It is

difficult to cross the border with horses;

it is particularly difficult to get them out

of here. So we have solved the problem.

exclusively. But have they done so from

birth? "No, we buy horses wherever we

doesn't matter what kind of blood they

horses; we have Mexican criollos, which

have mixed blood. And the criollos may

What's the story on polo in

associated with south of the border. In

Olympics, a Mexican won the bronze

medal for polo. Even before that, the

Gracida family was a famous Mexican

name in international polo; both male

compete at top levels. But there aren't

many Mexican polo clubs. "In the state

of Baja, California, this is the only one,"

Players have only to bring themselves

Flores's horses play polo

find them with good bodies, good

have. We have racehorses, quarter

be the best polo ponies around."

Mexico? The sport isn't usually

1936, says Flores, at the Munich

and female Gracidas continue to

height, and especially good power. It

and personal equipment.

minutes, but that's the biggest singular reference that people have these days to polo. Julia Roberts and Richard Gere are at a match. It's extremely Rolls Royce and champagne and formal clothes. And although there's some of that in reality — because the people who play polo, by and large, have a good bit of money — it's a lot more down to earth and a lot more friendly.'

LOCAL

EVENTS

Lewandowski is asked about the match that he'll be announcing this weekend. Who is favored to win? The U.S.A. or Mexico? He avoids answering directly; instead, he says, "The U.S.A. does have a legitimate star playing, and that's Billy Sheldon. He'll be the highestrated player on the field, I'm sure. He'll lean so far out of the saddle, it'll look like it's not humanly possible, and yet he does it, with ease. Billy's someone who dispels polo's Grey Poupon image. He's a full-on cowboy. His father helped found the Poway rodeo 30 years ago, and Billy's been a part of that rodeo since he was a kid. Billy's just as comfortable in a cowboy hat as he is in a polo helmet.'

Horses are a major expense for polo players, and each player needs more than one. But how much of a match's outcome depends on the player's skill and how much on the horse's? "They say the horse is responsible for 80 to 85 percent," says Lewandowski.

Saul Flores, captain of Mexico's team, offers the same percentage. "The horse is the main part of the whole show, no?" he says, speaking by phone from Tijuana.

says Flores, referring to his own Tijuana-based club, which he founded and sponsors.

Flores is also responsible for creating the indoor arena, at the former racetrack, where the upcoming match will be played. "It's a huge arena, which I designed." Usually, arena polo is played in an indoor space smaller than the fields on which outdoor polo is played. "But I decided to change that, because top players don't want to play in the smaller space.'

For spectators, the arena's advantage is proximity. "You can see the players' faces; hear all their communication. Outdoors, you are too far away.'

What he describes sounds like a hockey rink. "¡Exacta!" says Flores. "In fact, I took the idea from there."

Now, hockey players get rowdy. They have fights. Has there ever been a brawl at a polo match? "Polo is rough, tough," says Flores. "But the horses are going 35 miles an hour. You are not allowed to do anything that will threaten someone's life." Momentarily forgetting that women — and children play polo, he says, "It is a sport of

Last year's Polo Cup, Caliente Racetrack, Tijuana

hockey, too, but submits that polo is harder. "Hockey players have to master two skills: stick handling and skating. For polo players, it's stick handling and riding. But the horse has a mind of its own; hockey skates don't." - Jeanne Schinto

### 2nd Annual Polo Cup

Match & Festival Mexico vs. U.S.A. Saturday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Caliente Polo Club Caliente Racetrack, Tijuana **Buses leave from** San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real (corner of Via de la Valle and El Camino Real), **Rancho Santa Fe** Cost: \$79 (includes bus, VIP seating at match, private-party admission, post-match dinner, unlimited wine/beer at club) Info and reservations: 858-794-8804

gentlemen." Lewandowski compares polo to

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### BAJA

**"The Lost Music from Amazon Jesuit Missions"** may be heard when Ars Antiqua, the San Luis Potosí Symphonic Orchestra Camerata, and the Tijuana Choral Canticum perform in concert on Thursday, October 17, at 8 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Tickets are \$25 U.S. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For reservations, call 011-52-664-687-9637. (TIJUANA)

Art and Handcrafted Mexican Furniture are on offer when the Rosarito Beach Hotel hosts the first Rosarito Art and Furniture Expo. More than 30 vendors "from the finest Mexican furniture shops, local artists, and art galleries" will offer their wares. Live entertainment will be part of the event, and food will be for sale.

Expo hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, October 17-19, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 20. Admission is free. 800-962-2252. (ROSARITO BEACH)

**Autentica Banda Limón** performs on Thursday, October 17, at 11 p.m., at Rodeo Santa Fe, located in the Pueblo Amigo Mall. Admission is \$12 U.S. Call 011-52-664-682-4967 for more information. (TIJUANA)

How About a Little Friendly Cross-Border Competition? The second annual polo cup takes place October 17-20 at the Caliente Polo Club, located in Tijuana's Caliente racetrack. Experienced amateur teams from both sides of the border will compete. In the featured match (on Saturday, October 19), Mexico's team will feature founders of Tijuana's four-year-old polo club, while the U.S. team will be led by Billy Sheldon, who serves as captain of the United States' Federation of International Polo's national team.

Demonstrations before each match will educate the uninitiated, with explanation of the sport featured during the calling of matches. The event also promises equestrianrelated art, dancing, and music in a variety of styles. Travel packages are available. For reservations and information, call 858-794-8804. (TIJUANA)

**"Volando Como Juan,"** this painting exhibition by Tania Franco is on view at the Campus Cetys Tijuana beginning with a reception on Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m. There's a concert by alternative rockers Wonze prior to the reception, at 6 p.m. View the art through Friday, November 1. Admission is free. For information, call 011-52-664-625-3942. (TJUANA)

**Enjoy Some Son** when Artesa, Los Camperos de Valles, and Chuchumbé

perform traditional son and fandango music on Friday, October 18, at 7 p.m., in the Jardín Caracol at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Tickets: \$10 U.S. Questions? Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for answers. (TJUANA)

A Concert featuring Marco Antonio Muñiz is slated for Friday, October 18, at 9 p.m., at Mezzanine (on Boulevard Insurgentes). Tickets range from \$40 to \$60 U.S. For reservations and information, call 011-52-664-688-1080. (TIJUANA)

**Celso Piña** presents a concert at the Tijuana Cultural Center on Saturday, October 19, at 8 p.m. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for information. Admission is free. (TIJUANA)

**Run, Swim, Bike,** there's a biathlon and triathlon planned on Sunday, October 20, starting at 9 a.m., at Malecón. For race details, dial 011-52-664-598-6027. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

**Mexican-Style Horse Racing** runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 20, beginning at Rancho Agua Fria (at km 10 on the Tecate-Mexicali Highway). There's Mexican food, live music, and more. Admission is \$3 for spectators. Dial 011-52-665-654-1095 for information. (TECATE)

Blues and More Blues may be heard when Betsy Pecanins and the Orchestra of Baja California perform on Wednesday, October 23, at 8 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Admission is \$20 U.S. For information, dial 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Venture Into Amazing Caves when the film screens at the Omnimax Tijuana Cultural Center Monday through Friday at 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m., with an additional screening at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

### OUTDOORS

The Floss Silk Tree, a conspicuous "autumn bloomer" here and there around San Diego, has been showing off its pinkish or purplish, hibiscus-like flowers for at least a month now. The broad, heavy trunks of this South American import (studded with fat, cone-shaped spines) make it easy to identify.

**Saturn** is beginning to visit the evening sky again, rising in the east at approximately 8 p.m. during the last half of October. Focus a telescope on Saturn — which appears to be a moderately bright, cream-colored star to the unaided eye — and enjoy the sight of its currently "open" (as opposed to edge-on) ring system, which is inclined to our line of sight at nearly the maximum possible angle.

Wear Tough Old Clothes and get dirty during the Black Mountain Open Space Park volunteer work project along the Minter's Loop trail on Saturday, October 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other items to bring: plenty of drinking water, a snack, hat, sunscreen, and sturdy shoes and boots. For information and directions to the staging area, call 858-538-8082. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

**Over 350 Recorded Archaeological Sites** are known to be contained in the Lake Hodges Valley, representing 9000 years of Native American occupation. Join the Canyoneers on Saturday, October 19, for a hike along Lake Hodges on the Highland Valley Trail, exploring coastal sage, lichen-covered boulders, and Native American medicinal plants.

To reach the trailhead, take I-15 to the Pomerado Road/West Bernardo Drive exit. Take Pomerado Road to the first traffic light, and turn east on Highland Valley Road; the signed entrance for the trail parking lot is almost immediately on the right. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Sky Hunters,** Nancy Conney brings live birds of prey to Felicita Park at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 19. She'll address their methods of nesting, hunting, and eating. Meet in the meadow; the park is located at 742 Clarence Lane. Free. 858-694-3049. (ESCONDIDO)

Scary Stories and pumpkin carving are planned in Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve on Saturday, October 19. Bring a pumpkin and carving tools for this program beginning at 5 p.m. Linda Whiteside will tell her favorite creepy stories. Bring lawn chairs and blankets; light refreshments will be served. Find the canyon at 19324 Santee Lane. To RSVP, call 619-956-4707. The requested donation is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. (VALLEY CENTER)

**Take a Walk under the Bright Light** of the full moon in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, October 19. Participants may even see nocturnal animals on this hike led by naturalist Lee Kirchhevel. The walk starts at 6 p.m. in the day-use parking lot (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

**Bird Walk,** David Kisner, Kerry Kenwood, and Jay Rourke lead a bird walk in search of fall migrants on the

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Flora, Fauna, and the Kumeyaay, enjoy the natural wonders of the Piedras Pintadas trail in San Dieguito River Park during a three-mile "beauty hike to the waterfall" with Ron on Saturday, October 19, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. For reservations and directions to the trailhead, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

They Only Come Out at Night, ranger Patty Heyden leads a night hike in search of nighthawks, owls, whippoorwills, tarantulas, scorpions, bats, and other creatures that "go bump in the night" on Saturday, October 19, at 6:30 p.m., at Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open Space.

Free. Attendees should park at the staging area and walk a mile down to the ranger station found in the grove of trees; the staging area is found at the end of Sycamore Canyon Road. Call 858-668-1850 for information. (POWAY)

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Sea infougriseveral plant communities, with chances to spot some of the 370 species of birds that use the coastal wetland, when a docent-led nature walk is offered at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve on Saturday, October 19. The free outing starts at 5th and Iris at 10:30 a.m. Bring binoculars if you have them. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**Tree Time**, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees on Saturday, October 19, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. Dial 619-235-1121 for additional details. (BALBOA PARK)

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**Learn to Track Coyote, Bobcat,** mountain lion, and other native species with experienced trackers from the San Diego Tracking Team during a beginners' tracking walk on Saturday, October 19, at 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

The team also hosts a wildlife survey training from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 19th. To reach the Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road and follow the signs to the ranch house. For registration and information, call 858-458-1481. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

**Calavera Cleanup,** bring gloves, hat, and water to help with trail maintenance, seed collection, and revegetation during the event planned on Sunday, October 20, 9 to 11 a.m. Find the Calavera Nature Preserve south of Tamarack Avenue, east of College Avenue; park at Strata Drive and walk to the gate off Tamarack near the dam to Calavera Lake. To reserve a spot, call 760-720-2003. (CARLSBAD)

**Cardiff Parks and Canyons** are the destination for Walkabout adventurers on Sunday, October 20. The two-hour walk at a moderate-plus pace starts at 8:30 a.m. at the park and ride found at the Birmingham Avenue off I-5. The scenic jaunt includes back roads, canyon trails, views, a cactus, and a good workout. Free. 619-231-7463. (CARDIFF)

The Full Moon rises majestically (weather permitting) over the eastern horizon about 15 minutes after sunset on Sunday, October 20. It's a perfect time to take a twilight walk and enjoy some of the last "Indian summer" weather we'll have during the year 2002.

The Orionid Meteor Shower, one of the year's five or six best annual showers, peaks on the mornings of Monday and Tuesday, October 21 and 22. The full moon will substantially interfere with the Orionid display this year. For best results, look during the hour or two before dawn, roughly 4 to 6 a.m. With the conditions less than ideal due to moonlight, expect to see no more than ten meteors per hour. The Orionids "radiate" from the constellation of Orion, and many leave long-lasting trains, or glowing trails. Comet Halley is believed responsible for this shower. Every year at this time, the Earth plows through a stream of icv particles presumably shed by that comet in the past.

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### DANCE

"Apologies from the Lower Deck" are offered when Malashock Dance presents evenings of favorites at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. The program includes *Midnight in Paradise, Window Dressers, and Together in the Fires of Delight.*  Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, October 17-20. There's a postshow discussion planned on October 17. Tickets are \$20 general, \$17 for seniors, \$12 for students. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (DOWNTOWN)

**Zydeco!** The Bon Temps Social Club hosts a dance party at the Balboa Park Club (take Presidents Way off Park Boulevard) on Thursday, October 17. Dance workshops (beginning and intermediate/advanced) run 7:30 to 8 p.m., followed by a CD mix of zydeco, Cajun, and waltzes for dancing from 8 to 10 p.m. The requested donation is \$3; kids are free and welcome. Partners are not required. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

West Coast Swing Dance classes taught by Ken Boozer begin on Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m., at the Coral Point Lounge in the Quality Inn, Airport (2901 Nimitz Boulevard). Dancing to deejayed music follows at 8 p.m. Partners rotate during the class. The fee is \$7. To register, call 619-957-1090. (POINT LOMA)

**Au Contraire, My Contradancer!** Graham Hempel calls and Au Contraire makes the music for the contradance planned on Friday, October 18, at the Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

**Ballet in the Galleries**, the San Diego Ballet performs in the "Axis Mexico" galleries at the San Diego Museum of Art on Saturday, October 19. Performances begin at 12:30, 2:30, and 4:30 p.m. and are included in regular museum admission. Call 619-232-7931 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

**Fumbling Towards Ecstasy,** head to the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts for this "exploration of movement and dance, sensing, and surrender" on Saturday, October 19. The event is led by Gabrielle Roth's 5 Rhythms. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue; 619-298-2687. Admission is \$15. Doors open at 7 p.m. (HILLCREST)



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Scottish Country Dancing lessons are offered by the San Diego Royal Scottish Country Dance Association. A mixed-level class takes place each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Twin Oaks High School (158 Cassou Road). Beginners may join up on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at Pomerado Elementary School (12321 Ninth Street). Fees are \$3 or \$4. For information, call 858-549-8879. (SAN MARCOS, POWAY)

Get "Inside the Music" when swing dance instructors lead a dance workshop on "secrets of hearing and dancing to the music" on Tuesday, October 22, 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal, just off Rosecrans). The workshop is followed by open dance from 9 to 11 p.m. Beginners' lessons start at 9:30 p.m. The fee for lessons is \$12 in advance (call to reserve),

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\$15 at the door: admission to the dance only is \$5. 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

**Beginning Square-Dance Classes** are being offered by the Single Spinners Square Dance Club on Tuesday, October 24, at 7 p.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (4011 Ohio Street). Singles, couples, and youths (13+) are welcome. The fee is \$3 per person per week. For information, call 619-465-9205. (NORTH PARK)

"It's Getting Hot in Here," says dance instructor Prince, who teaches the latest dance moves "to the hottest music" for beginning-intermediate dancers every Thursday, 7:54 to 9 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (4569 30th Street). Learn a new style, lose stress, and work it out. The fee is \$10 per class. For information, call 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

### FILM

"Only a Game," directors have al ways been fascinated by sports and the athletes who play them. See some of the classics during this season's "Film for Thought" series co-hosted by CSU San Marcos and the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The series concludes with Spike Lee's He Got Game on Thursday, Octo-

Screenings begin at 6:30 p.m.

### GETAWAYS

Discussions are led by history professor Patricia Seleski. For more information, call 760-750-4366. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Free. (ESCONDIDO)

"Pensavo Fosse Amore Invece Era un Calesse" by Massimo Troisi screens for the Italian film series on Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Call 619-237-0601 for information. Admission is \$2 for nonmembers. In Italian without English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

Animated Shorts created by Chula Vista students will be shown on the "big screen" in the auditorium at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street) on Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m. Admission is free. 619-691-5163. The event is presented as part of Teen Read Week 2002. (CHULA VISTA)

The 1995 German Film The Promise. the saga of two lovers trapped on opposite sides of the Berlin Wall, screens for the International Film Series at Mira Costa College on Friday, October 18, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 on campus, at One Barnard Drive. Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free. In German with English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

The Horror, the Horror! Gather your newspapers, toast, and squirt guns for The Rocky Horror Picture Show, screening every Friday at midnight at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets

are \$7. For information, call 760-436-5774. (ENCINITAS)

Not for Those with Refined Artistic Palates, Spike and Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation resurfaces at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street) with screenings on various dates through November 3. This year's titles include Cubism, The Inbreds, Teach Me, Happy Tree Friends, Gack Gack, The Doll, and many others.

This week, see the 29 short animated films at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19Admission to screenings is \$9; tickets are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For information, call 858-454-0267. Viewers must be at least 18 years old. (LA JOLLA)

"Silent Screams at the Whaley House," this classic silent horror film series continues with the 1925 flick The Phantom of the Opera on Friday, October 18. The Cat and the Canary (1927) closes the series on Saturday, October 19. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. Tickets for nonmembers are \$12. Find the Whaley House - a.k.a. San Diego's first commercial theater — at 2482 San Diego Avenue. For reservations, call 619-297-7511. (OLD TOWN)

"Teen Producers Project" Participants screen their films on October 20 for the Sunday matinee on October 20, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). The countywide program is spon-

sored by the Media Arts Center and the Migrant Education Program, targeting kids from diverse economic and cultural backgrounds living in the San Diego and Tijuana border region. Discussion follows. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

### Two Guatemalan Teenagers nar-

rowly escape a massacre in their village and then venture north to attempt lives for themselves in the United States in El Norte, Gregory Nava's heartbreaking 1983 film. See the film — in Spanish with English subtitles - when it screens for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. The library is found at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Adventure Sports, portraits of remarkable people, glimpses of other cultures, and animated flicks are among the winners from this year's Mountainfilm Festival, screening at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 21, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Tickets are \$8 in advance, or \$10 at the door. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

American Movie Classics are being screened at the San Diego Museum of Art. Each evening includes a classic film, an actual newsreel, and cartoon from the same time period as the featured film. The series gets underway with Orson Welles' 1942 film The Magnificent Ambersons on Wednesday, October 23, at 7 p.m.

This adaptation of Booth Tark-

ington's novel about a wealthy family collapsing under the currents of progress stars Joseph Cotton, Dolores Costello, Anne Baxter, Agnes Moorehead, and others. This week's newsreel is Lowell Thomas Remembers (1941); meet The Wabbit Who Came to Supper (1942) when the cartoon rolls. 619-232-7931. Tickets are \$7. (BALBOA PARK)

"Vincent Price: The King of Hor-

ror" is showcased in this month's selections for the Carlsbad Library's film series. Take in The Pit and the Pendulum on Wednesday, October 23, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

The Film Uneasy Neighbors screens on Wednesday, October 23, at 7 p.m., at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5289. (CHULA VISTA)

The New Cartoon The Groovenians. conceived by contemporary artist Kenny Scharf, premieres on Thursday, October 24, in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). The cartoon features computer-animated figures and voices of 'contemporary art-loving celebrities" including Ann Magnuson, Debi Mazar, Vincent Gallo, Dennis Hopper, RuPaul, and Paul Reubens. The screening begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 general. Call 858-454-3541 for information. (LA JOLLA)

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Lewis and Clark. Great Journey West dramatizes the first perilous threeyear, 8000-mile expedition into the unknown west of America 200 years ago, from the Missouri River overland to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. The film reveals how the success of the trek was dependent upon the generosity of Native American tribes. Make the trek through Friday, February 14, 2003.

Spend "Fridays at the Fleet" and take in Ultimate X: The Movie, bringing audiences "up close" to the action and excitement of ESPN's Summer X Games. The film features competitors in skateboarding, street luge, wakeboarding, downhill BMX, aggressive in-line skating, and more, sharing their experiences as they prepare for and compete in their sports. "Fridays at the Fleet" includes a double bill of Ultimate X and Wild California, along with refreshments, through November 29; the film also screens on Saturday afternoons through December.

The in-orbit construction of the International Space Station is chronicled in *Space Station*. The IMAX cameras filmed seven shuttle crews and two resident station crews as they transformed the station from a tiny outpost to a permanently inhabited scientific research station. Take this trip to outer space through December

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

Educator, Social Activist, and Au thor Jonathan Kozol has been a

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champion for quality public education for America's poorest children since the mid-1960s. Kozol will speak about his decades of work with the disadvantaged for the CSU San Marcos Intercultural Speakers Series on Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Among Kozol's books: Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation and Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools. General admission is \$10; for reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

'Symbol and Meaning in Chinese Art and Archaeology" is the subject when Lydia Thompson speaks for the Archaeological Institute of America on Friday, October 18. Thompson is guest curator at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana for the eponymous exhibit; her slides are from the Nanjing Museum.

The talk begins at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, October 18, in room H-117/118 of the cafeteria building at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). The lecture is free. For more information, call 619-669-0238, (KEARNY MESA)

Come on People, Now, Everybody Get Together...Jungian analyst Elizabeth Strahan speaks on "Living

Alone" and the importance of connection when the Friends of Jung gather on Friday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., at Alliant University (6160 Cornerstone Court East). Admission is \$15 for nonmembers. Dial 858-587-4651 for information. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

'Snow Camping in Yellowstone — Amidst Sensational Wildlife" is the subject for the slide-illustrated lecture planned by Alvin Walter and Ellen Feeney for the Sierra Club on Friday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). Call 619-299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Shorebirds of Our Region" provide the focus when U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Brian Collins presents a slide-illustrated lecture on Friday, October 18, at noon, at the Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Yum! Roberta's menu includes fritatta di salsicce e spinaci (egg fritatta with sausages and spinach) and pasta fresca al ragù di verdure (fresh pasta with vegetarian ragout) when she conducts a cooking class on Friday, October 18, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). The fee is \$20. To make the required reservations, dial 858-488-9315. (LITTLE ITALY)

Dead Bread, make the special bread dough to honor the deceased when

Mary Lou Valencia leads this pan de muertos workshop on Friday, October 18, 6:30 p.m., at Paradise Senior Center (1880 Logan Avenue). The \$20 fee includes materials and refreshments. Register by calling 619-264-4083. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"An Island of Nonviolence 2002," the keynote speaker is Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, when the Tariq Khamisa Foundation presents this event on Saturday, October 19, noon to 2:30 p.m., at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel (2270 Hotel Circle North). Organizers plan a poolside buffet lunch, games, art projects, and activities for children. The Ghandhi Nonviolence Awards will be presented. Tickets are \$60 for adults, \$15 for children (5 to 12). For reservations, call 619-525-0062. (MISSION VALLEY)

Where Imagination Comes Alive," the Romance Writers of America convene on Saturday, October 19, at the Quality Resort (875 Hotel Circle South). The featured speaker will be Susan Wiggs, author of Enchanted Afternoon. The \$25 fee includes lunch. To reserve a spot, call 619-444-5960. (MISSION VALLEY)

It Was a Low-Key Time, learn all about "The Beach in the 1980s" when the Pacific Beach Historical Society meets for a slide presentation on Saturday, October 19, at 1 p.m., at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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when urban planner Gail Goldberg presents a slide-illustrated lecture for the Friends of San Diego Architec-ture on Saturday, October 19. The talk begins at 9:30 a.m. at the New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street. For information, call 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. A \$3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

Use Reeds to make a Cherokee double-walled basket during a program planned on Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The fee is \$30 for nonmembers, and prior basket weaving experience is required. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Let It Rot, master composters will be on hand for the composting workshop planned on Saturday, October 19, at 8 a.m., at the Escondido Community Garden. The program includes instruction and demonstrations in the building and maintenance of a backyard compost pile

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and worm bin. Free. The garden is found just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park in the park-and-ride lot. Free. 760-839-4818. Workshop is canceled for steady rain (we should be so lucky). (ESCONDIDO)

Ready for Dia de los Muertos? Voz Alta has workshops planned in conjunction with the day on October 19 and 20. Learn to make paper ofrendas when artisan Mary Lou Valencia is joined by Kumeyaay artisans Julia Mesa Thing and her daughter Thelma to lead this corona-making workshop on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children.

Valencia returns to lead a box altar workshop from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Mixed-media materials provided; bring a small paper box plus photographs and mementos to commemorate passed loved ones. The fee is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children

Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). To reserve a spot, call 619-264-4083. (DOWNTOWN)

Dear Diary, Susan Luzzaro leads a journal-writing workshop — dealing with labor issues, immigration, and other topics relevant to John Steinbeck's novel The Grapes of Wrath on Saturday, October 19, 1 to 3 p.m., in the third-floor Wangenheim Room of the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. To make the required reservations, call 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

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The next sugar skull workshops are set for Saturday, October 19, at 3 p.m., and at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 20. Mask making is taught on the 19th at 10 a.m. These workshops run on various dates through October 30. Find the shop at 3564 Adams Avenue. The fee is \$15 per person, and the minimum age is eight years old. For information and registration, call 619-282-8708. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Shiva: Destroyer of Time" is the subject when curator Caron Smith leads a tour of the current installation of Indian miniatures from the museum's collection on Sunday, October 20, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The talk is included in regular museum admission. 619-232-7931, (BALBOA PARK)

"Demystifying Hostels" is the mission when American Youth Hostels presents this workshop on Sunday, October 20, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Mission Valley Public Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. To make the reauested reservations. call 619-236-0828. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Magee Park Poets plan a po etry-writing workshop with Gabriela Anaya Valdepena on Sunday, October 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Call 760-434-2881 for information. (CARLSBAD)

"Witches, Women, and the Day of the Dead: The Historical Reasons for Tricking, Treating, and Celebrating' is the subject for a presentation planned by Susan Gonda on Sunday, October 20, at 3 p.m., at the Women's History Reclamation Project. Learn why witchcraft accusa tions focused on women in Europe and in the American Puritan colonies and led to the eradication of the woman-based power of midwives, female elders, and healers. The event includes a screening of the film The Burning Times, offering an analysis of the European witch hunts from the 15th through the 17th Centuries.

The program will be repeated on Wednesday, October 30, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for nonmembers. Find the project at 2323 Broadway, suite 107. Call 619-233-7963 for details. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Almost Everything You Need to Know About the Music Business' will be divulged when Bollotta Entertainment presents a seminar on Sunday, October 20, from noon to 6 p.m., at the San Diego Radisson Mission Valley Hotel (1433 Camino del Rio South). Speakers include Jeff Weber, Derek Sivers, Anthony Bollotta, Michael Breen, and Ellen Johnson. The fee is \$75 in advance, \$100 at the door. To register, call 562-209-3855. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Wonderful World of Opera," the discussion series with Ridgely Allison Muller continues on Monday, October 21, at 2 p.m., at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2881 (LA COSTA)

Support Your Local (Bestselling) Author, Susan Vreeland - creator of The Girl in Hyacinth Blue and The Passion of Artemisia — is the next speaker when the San Diego Writ-

ers/Editors Guild convenes on Monday, October 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street); \$5. For information, call 858-576-3800. (HILLCREST)

Whaddaya Know About Sea Turtles? Increase your knowledge when Margie Stinson makes a presentation on Monday, October 21, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The \$7 fee includes lunch. For reservations, call 858-552-8097. (BALBOA PARK)

She's a Comic and an Attorney now there's a funny combination and on Tuesday, October 22, Anita Cheek Milner will discuss "Genealog ical Research in a Law Library" for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-723-1342. (CARLSBAD)

Where Is Lesotho? Fill this gap in your knowledge when Jean Meadowcraft presents "Lesotho — Dams, Schools, and Development" for the North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council of San Diego on Tuesday, October 22. The program begins at 10:05 a.m. in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

Art Biz, get the skinny on "The Business of Being an Artist" when Lauren Becker presents a workshop on Tuesday, October 22, 6 to 9 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). Subjects include organizing paperwork with regard to income, résumés, good portfolios, and more The fee is \$38. To register, call 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

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Writers, Start Your Engines! This writing workshop "where words flow effortlessly due to the magic of psychological tricks, inspiration caught off guard, and just plain fun" is slated for Tuesday, October 22, at 7 p.m., at the 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street). The instructor is Jill Badonsky, a self-described creativity coach/performance writer/improv comedian. The fee is \$18. To register, dial 760-414-1949. (ENCINITAS)

She Knows Her Material! Meet Diana Lindsay, author of Anza-Borrego A to Z, when she presents a slide-illustrated lecture on Wednesday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). She'll discuss the natural and cultural history of the region and share tips for desert safety and survival. Free. Call 619-283-2374 for information. (MISSION VALLEY)

Meet "The Woodpeckers of North America" when bird photographer Tony Merieca presents a slide-illustrated program for the Buena Vista Audubon Society on Wednesday, October 23. The free program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 South Coast High-

way. For information, call 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

"Have Observatory, Will Travel: The Quiet Revolution in Astron omy" will be discussed by Rhodes College physics professor James White on Wednesday, October 23, at 7 p.m., for the Eyes on the Universe lecture at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Admission is \$6.75 general. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Arrangements in the Ichivo-School Style will be demonstrated by sensei Haruko Crawford when Ikebana International meets on Wednesday, October 23, at 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-223-8879. Free (BALBOA PARK)

"Objectifying Difference: Archaeology and Identities in Contemporary Honduras" is the topic when Rosemary Joyce speaks on Wednesday, October 23, 3 p.m., in room 107 of the UCSD Social Sciences Building. How do monuments become powerful cultural symbols that shape national identity? Free. 858-534-3276. (LA JOLLA)

"Growing Up Jewish in Post-Holocaust German" is the subject when Lynn Rapaport from Pomona College speaks for the "New Perspectives in Judaic Studies" on Wednesday, October 23. The talk starts at 3 p.m. in 100 Nasatir Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-5338. (SDSU)

Stereo Glasses Are Provided when the San Diego Stereo Camera Club meets to share projected 3-D slides on Wednesday, October 23, at 7 p.m., in the Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent to and east of Spanish Village). This month, see the "Viewmaster Exhibition 2001-2002," a 3-D slide program. For information, call 619-595-7856. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

New Possibilities for Architecture and urbanism in the contemporary public realm are explored by Kennedy and Violich Architecture. Sheila Kennedy speaks for the lecture series hosted by the American Institute of Architects and the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street: 858-454-3541. Admission is \$7 general. (LA JOLLA)

Harvest plenty of "Edible Landscaping" tips when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this class on . Wednesday, October 23, at 7 p.m., followed by an all-day field trip on October 26. The fee for nonmembers is \$69. To reserve a spot, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

All About Pumpkin, this cooking class starts at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, at Terra Restaurant (found in the 3900 block of Vermont Street). Participants will learn techniques for roasting vegetables, braising meats, and the creation of pumpkin raviolis, pumpkin crème bruûlée, pumpkin tamales, and more. The fee is \$35. To reserve a spot, dial 619-293-7088. (HILLCREST)

What Does Giving Mean? Is it simply a private gesture of civility or an expression of moral generosity? Drawing from his recent book, Le prix de la vérité: Le don, l'argent, la philosophie, Professor Marcel Henaff from UCSD's literature department

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will argue that gift giving is indeed the fundamental act of social recognition when he speaks for the Hu manities Dialogues series.

The talk starts at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, in UCSD's Solis Hall room 104. Sociology professor Harvey Goldman will offer a critical response and engage in a dialogue on the main ideas of the book. Free, 858-534-0999, (LA JOLLA)

The Use of Altars and the history of this tradition is the subject when Iraís Piñon, director of Culturales Popu lares (Conaculta) of Tijuana, speaks on Thursday, October 24, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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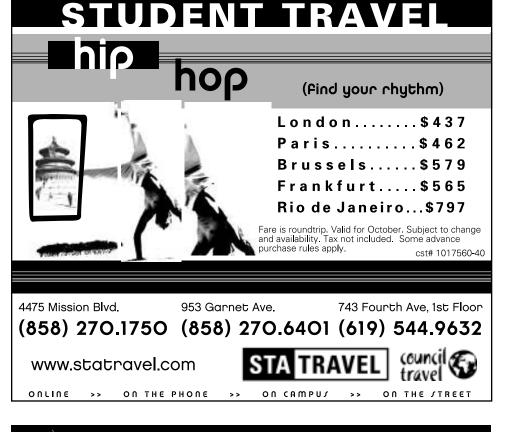
Head to the "Coffeehouse" when the Point Loma High School Thespian Society presents its 15th annual production - student written, directed, choreographed, and acted through October 19. Local bands Fresh Pepper, Cardboard Box, and Inner Limit will perform.

Find the school at 2335 Chatsworth Boulevard. Performances begin at 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, and at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19. Tickets are \$4. For information, call 619-223-3121 x245, (POINT LOMA)

The Story of a Marriage is told in I Do! I Do! It's the next production for

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the Broadway Bound Youth Theatre Foundation, with performances October 17-19. The musical follows the 50-year-marriage of Agnes and Michael.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on October 17 and at 8 p.m. on October 18 and 19, at the East County Ministry and Arts Center Theater (a.k.a. ECMAC, at 389 North Magnolia). Tickets are \$25 on Thursday and Friday and \$75 for the black-tie festivities on Saturday. For reservations, call 858-484-1692. (EL CAJON)

Based on a Haitian Folktale, Many Voices was created by the Icarus Puppet Company in response to the September 11 tragedies. Performances continue through October 20 at the Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive). Performances begin at 11 a.m. on weekdays, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, and at 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$6.

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Call 800-449-4479 or 619-563-5252 for reservations. (KENSINGTON)

"Food for the Soul: Embracing the Legacy of Langston Hughes" is being hosted by the UCSD Cross-Cultural Center in honor of the esteemed poet on Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m. Local poets from the Freedom Writers will perform, and there are openmike possibilities. For information, call 858-534-9689. Admission is free. (LA JOLLA)

A Poetry and Story Circle convenes on the first and third Thursday of each month, including October 17, at 6 to 8 p.m., at the Palomar Family YMCA Youth Center (1050 North Broadway), Free, For information, call 760-745-7490. (ESCONDIDO)

Celebrate Carlsbad's 50th Anniversary when the Carlsbad Community Youth Theatre presents the old-fashioned radio show with song and dance, Anyone Can Be a Hero. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 18, and at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, at the Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Free. For information, call 760-729-9582. (CARLSBAD)

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Gotta Love the Gershwins, the Oceanside Rotary Club hosts the first George and Ira Gershwin Festival through October 20. The highlight of the event is "A Gershwin Primer," presented by Gershwin piano specialist Kevin Cole on Friday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the Crest Theatre (on Seagaze Drive at Freeman Street). Expect a "musical chat" and discussion on the work of the Gershwins; vocalist Kitty Kelly and pianist Phil Burns open the program. Tickets are \$5.

Enjoy an "Evening with Kevin Cole" on Saturday, October 19. This dinner (6:30 p.m.) and concert (7:30 p.m.) also takes place at the Crest Theatre. Tickets range from \$25 to \$45.

Organizers plan a variety of other performances in conjunction with the festival. For reservations and more details, dial 800-350-7873. (OCEANSIDE)

Author Debra Ginsberg will sign Raising Blaze: Raising an Extraordinary Son in an Ordinary World on Friday, October 18, at noon, at the UCSD Bookstore. The bookstore is found in the Price Center on the

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UCSD campus. Call 858-534-7306 for more information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Hiss the Villain and Cheer the Hero when the annual Julian Melodrama and Olio is presented on weekends through October 27. This year's 90-minute comedy is Felony Most Fowl, or Frauds of a Feather Flock Together, written by Iola Barbee. The Floozies play songs between acts.

Performances begin at 7:15 p.m. on Fridays, at 1:15 and 7:15 p.m. on Saturdays, and at 1:15 p.m. on Sundays. Find the fun in the Julian Town Hall, at the corner of Washington and Main. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. For information, call 760-765-3911. (JULIAN)

"Noches Romantica," Voz Alta hosts a monthly series of evenings of canciones de amor, love songs in Spanish by local Latin musicians. The next performance, with bolero and trio songs in Spanish, is set for Friday, October 18, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta, 917 E Street. Admission: \$7 general; \$5 students, seniors. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Horror and Sci-Fi Author Whitley Streiber signs Lilith's Dream: A Tale of the Vampire Life on Friday, October 18, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Native American Ensemble Four Winds presents a Native American concert with traditional flutes and drumming on Friday, October 18, at 7 p.m., in Cuyamaca Col-

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lege's Water Conservation Garden. Find the garden at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West; 619-660-0614. Free. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. (EL CAJON)

"Americana in Song" may be heard when the Palomar Chorale presents concerts on October 19 and 20 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College. Composers represented include William Billings, Jeremiah Ingalls, Supply Belcher, Stephen Foster, Aaron Copland, Eric Whitacre, and Morten Lauridsen, and others. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 general. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; call 760-744-1150 x2453 for reservations (SAN MARCOS)

Big, Rich Music is promised when the Peter Pupping Quartet presents a concert for the Fallbrook Americana Music Series on Saturday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. For information, call 760-723-7255. (FALLBROOK)

"Beyond the BEATen Path: An Evening with raulsalinas" is promised on Saturday, October 19, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta. There will be discussion, question and answer pe riod, and poetry performance by this Xicanindio poet and activist. Journalist Victor Payan will lead the discussion. Admission is \$7 general. Find the Voz at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Best Known for His "Back in Black" spotlights on The Daily Show on Comedy Central, comedian Lewis Black performs on Saturday, October 19, at 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Black will be joined by Doug Stanhope. Tickets range from \$25.50 to \$35.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Both the First and the Oldest!

When Pat Henry anchored her 31-foot sailboat Southern Cross into Acapulco Harbor in 1997, she became both the first American woman to sail around the world alone and the oldest woman to do so. By the Grace of the Sea: A Woman's Solo Odyssey Around the World is a chronicle of Henry's eight-year voyage. Meet Henry when she signs and discusses her book on Saturday, October 19, at 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

### The Rich Folklore and Musical

Heritage of the Rose Valley in central Bulgaria is showcased when the Kolevi Family presents a Bulgarian concert and dance party on Saturday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, at the Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). Admission is \$10. Call 619-281-5656 for more information. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

North County Funnies, Steve Smith and Karen Rontowski appear along with the Pearl St. Players on Saturday, October 19, at 8:30 p.m., at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets are \$15 at the door. For information, call 760-729-0089 (CARLSBAD)

Fun with Literature, the Reduced Shakespeare Company plans performances at the Poway Center for Performing Arts on October 19 and 20. See The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged) on Saturday, at 8 p.m., in which three actors use minimal sets, props, and costumes to tackle theology's knottiest questions.

On Sunday, the group takes the stage at 7 p.m. to present The Reducers. Tickets for either performance are \$25 or \$30. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way); reach the box office by dialing 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

The Reduced Shakespeare Company will sign scripts and meet fans on Sunday, October 20, at 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755



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Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Rubble on Spruce, an ongoing collaboration focusing on electronics and new music hosted by the Trummerflora Collective and Spruce Street Forum gets underway with a concert by Nathan Hubbard and Las Cajas del Ritmo (featuring Ramon Amescua, Pepe Mogt, and Jorge Ruiz) on Saturday, October 19, at 8 p.m. Find the forum at 301 Spruce Street. Tickets are \$10. Call 619-295-0301 for reservations. (HILLOREST)

A Variety of African-American Spirituals may be heard when organist Robert Plimpton and vocalist Michael Morgan perform songs from their new CD *Songs of My Heart* on Sunday, October 20, at 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). Plimpton, San Diego's civic organist emeritus, will play several solo organ works. An offering will be received. Call 858-483-2300 for information. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**"Show Me the Music,"** this benefit concert by the 70 volunteer musicians of the Coastal Communities Concert Band is slated for Sunday, October 20, 4 p.m., at the Village Church (6225 Paseo Delicias). The Rancho Santa Fe School Honor Band will perform as well. Tickets at the door are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children, benefiting the Music in Our Schools organization. For information, call 760-436-4334. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**Folk Musician** Ken Graydon presents music from the Depression era in concert on Sunday, October 20, at 2 p.m., at the South Chula Vista Public Library (389 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-585-5755. (CHULA VISTA)

**"Playin' in the Park,"** the final concert of the season is slated for Sunday, October 20, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Adams Elementary Park (at 35th and Adams Avenue). The program boasts African drumming and dancing by Abaakoma, jazz guitarist Tony Taravella, rock by Point Blank, and "upbeat groove music" by the Green Flies. The Kings of the Streets open skateboard competition continues through the afternoon. Free. For information, call 619-283-8379. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**San Diego Playwright** David Hogan's play *Capital* is being presented by the Carlsbad Playreaders on Monday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Admission is a \$5 donation. Call 760-729-3383 for details. (LA COSTA)

**"Magic to the Outer Limits"** is offered when magician Michael Johnson appears — and disappears — every Monday night, 6 to 8 p.m., at Killer Pizza from Mars (3915 Mission Avenue). Johnson's props include a fossilized dinosaur fang, pieces of eight, and two types of meteorites. The magic is free, the food is not. 760-747-4627. (OCEANSIDE)

**Flatpicking Stylist** Dan Crary appears in conjunction with "California Stories: Reading *The Grapes of Wrath*" this week. He'll be joined by Pat Kirtley to present an acoustic guitar workshop on Tuesday, October 22, at 7 p.m., at the Guitar Trader (7120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. For information, call 858-565-8814. (CLAIREMONT MESA)

Crary performs Depression-era music in recital on Wednesday, October 23, at 7 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. Call 619-236-5821 for details. (DOWNTOWN)

**Mystery Author** Dana Cameron visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss *Grave Consequences* on Wednesday, October 23, at 6 p.m. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, and by dialing 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Schools Are More Segregated Today than the day when *Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka* was decided in 1954, according to UCSD political science professor Peter Irons. He'll visit the Book Works to sign and discuss *Jim Crow's Children: The Broken Promise of the Brown Decision* on Wednesday, October 23, at 7 p.m. The shop is located in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle; 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

**Create Meaningful Moments** throughout the day when Dianne Martin signs and discusses *The Book of Intentions* on Wednesday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. Call 858-684-3166 for details. (MIRA MESA)

Tumbling, Flying, Twisting, Gravity-Defying...it's time for the arrival of Cirque Eos, with 20 jugglers, acrobats, balancing artists, and highflyers from Quebec performing October 24-November 10 in the big top found at Presidents Way and Park Avenue.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Fridays, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1 and 5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets range from \$24.95 to \$34.95 for children, \$34.95 to \$44.95 for adults, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS) or by calling 800-361-4595. (BALBOA PARK)

Latin Jazz, this event hosted by trumpet player Bill Caballero and guest musicians takes place at Voz Alta on Thursday, October 24, from 8 to 11 p.m. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. Admission is \$7 general. \$3 for musicians. (DOWNTOWN)

"An Evening of Language and Laughter" is promised when wordsmith and punster Richard Lederer appears on Thursday, October 24, at 7 p.m., at the Mission Valley Public Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Lederer will answer questions and sign books. Admission is free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Art Defends"** — an exhibition promoting the idea "that art can play an integral role as a facilitator in a community's development" —continues through October in the Southwestern College Art Gallery. Cuban-American poet Aleida Rodriguez will read on Thursday, October 24, at 7 p.m. Free. Find the campus at 900 Otay Lakes Road). 619-216-6605. (CHULA VISTA)

### SPORTS

The End Is Here, Cajon Speedway hosts boat races and the 150-Lap Factory Stock Enduro for the final installment of racing on Saturday, October 19. The first race begins 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 (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)

Wynola Autumn Loop, take a tour with tons of colorful foliage and littletraveled roads with Knickerbikers bicyclists on Saturday, October 19. The 25-mile ride for intermediates starts at 10 a.m. at Dudley's Bakery (park in the back of the lot, found at the corner of Highways 78 and 79). Free. For information, call 619-659-1523. (SANTA YSABEL)

Light the Night Against Crime, now in its 16th year, this 5k starts

promptly at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, at Pacific Highway and Broadway. Bring a flashlight and wear a costume! 858-792-2900. (DOWNTOWN)

**Buddy Walk**, the Down Syndrome Association hosts this scenic onemile walk led by grand marshal Mark Grant on Saturday, October 19, beginning at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Registration (\$25) starts at 8:30 a.m., opening ceremonies commence at 9:30 a.m., and the walk steps off at 10 a.m. The walk is followed by a concert by Eve Selis and Berkley Hart. For information, call 619-276-4494. (BALBOA PARK)

**Hit the Waves** at the south side of the Oceanside Pier for the Red Bull Wave Bash, slated for Saturday, October 19, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 949-494-9840. (OCEANSIDE)

How About Those Chargers? The San Diego Chargers are in Oakland to play the Raiders on Sunday, October 20, at 1:05 p.m. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS.

**Champagne Express,** join the Sierra Club bicyclists for a 35-mile scenic loop over to Rainbow on Sunday, October 20. The ride boasts three long uphill climbs, followed by a "spectacular downhill cruise." The jaunt starts at 9 a.m. in front of the administration building at the Lawrence Welk Resort (exit I-15 at Deer Springs Road and head north on Champagne Boulevard). Bring money for food. For information, call 858-483-5877. (ESCONDIDO)

**Up for Water Skiing?** The Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 8 to 11 a.m. on Sundays yearround, with instruction on request. The group meets at the south end of Crown Point Beach, and guests of any



skill level are welcome. For nonmembers, the fee is \$8 per run (about 15 minutes). For information, call 760-602-0060. (MISSION BAY)

Testing Both Horse and Rider, the Sunnyside Saddle Club hosts horse shows throughout the year. The next event is set for Sunday, October 20, starting at 8:30 a.m. Find the arena in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road, at Central Avenue). Admission for spectators is free. For more information, call 619-479-1125. (BONITA)

Making Strides against Breast Cancer, the sixth annual walk to increase breast cancer awareness is slated for Sunday, October 20, at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Laurel. Registration starts at 7:15 a.m., with the walk starting at 8:30 a.m. There's no registration fee, but walkers are encouraged to collect pledges. For information, call 619-682-7445. (BALBOA PARK)

**Thwock,** the San Diego Polo Club hosts the amateur Autumn Classic on Sunday, October 20. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., the featured polo match at 3 p.m. The traditional half-time divot-stomp starts at 4 p.m., when guests are invited to take the field and replace the divots.

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

Full Moon Paddle, enjoy an introduction to kayaking and take a scenic nighttime tour of Mission Bay during an adventure planned by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Monday, October 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. Paddlers will bird watch and look for sea lions. The nonmember fee is \$50 per person in a single kayak, \$40 in a double. To reserve a spot, call 619-232-3821 x203. (MISSION BAY)

A Three-Island Loop Ride is planned by Joan and San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Tuesday, October 22. The 35-mile ride begins at 9:15 a.m. in the De Anza Cove parking lot. Bring money for lunch. 619-298-5506. (MISSION BAY)

**NBA Action**, the Los Angeles Lakers play the Cleveland Cavaliers in a preseason game on Tuesday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$12 to \$78, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

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**The Ghastly Family Returns** to populate the Monster Manor with its creaking floors, fog, and tombstones October 17-19 (and October 25-26, 30-31, and November 1), at the Target shopping center located at Mira Mesa Boulevard and Camino Ruiz. Admission is \$6 (proceeds benefit the Mira Mesa community Fourth of July festivities). Tours begin at 7 p.m. For more details, call 858-693-8536. (MIRA MESA)

**Sports Nut?** Head to the Del Mar Fairgrounds for the TRX Expo, running October 17-20. Organizers call it "the world's largest sports store...showcasing your favorite recreational items." Guests may shop,

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take part in sports clinics or fitness seminars, or take in a travel seminar. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults, free for kids under 12. For information, call 866-976-6468. (DEL MAR)

**Read Science Fiction?** Like to talk about it? Conjecture 2002 runs Friday through Sunday, October 18-20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the DoubleTree Mission Valley (7450 Hazard Center Drive). Sci-fi authors, fans, artists, and musicians will gather for discussions, readings, concerts, and more. Admission is \$20 per day, or \$40 for the weekend. Call 619-218-2214 for information. (MISSION VALLEY)

Tales of Mutiny and Mayhem may be heard during this year's Haunted *Star of India*, running from Friday, October 18, through Thursday, October 31 (dark October 21 and 22). Visitors will be led through the ship on lantern tours, meeting costumed characters portraying victims and shipmates of famous pirates.

Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. weeknights and until 11 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Halloween. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children. Find the spooky *Star* at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero. For reservations and information, call 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

Look Up in the Sky and down on the tarmac when the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show takes place October 18-20. There will be flying performances by lots of military and civilian performers (including the Blue Angels), along with static displays, food, and more.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, with a twilight show from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on October 19. Admission is free; preferred and grandstand seats are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For more information, call 858-577-1000 or 858-577-6289. (MIRAMAR)

**Cuisine of West Africa** and live music are featured at the "Taste of Africa" hosted by the San Diego Museum of African Art on Friday, October 18, at 5:30 p.m. Find the museum at 3739 Sixth Avenue; 619-543-5100. (HILLCREST)

**Six World-Premiere Drawings** from the "Real Love" series by John Lennon may be seen October 18-20 at the Pacific Edge Gallery (at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar). The exhibit features more than 120 serigraphs, signed lithographs, song lyrics, and original drawings. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Free. For information, call 800-477-5630 or 800-778-9988. (DEL MAR)

**Quilt-o-Rama**, the El Camino Quilters host a quilt show Friday through Sunday, October 18-20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Rancho Guajome Adobe (2210 North Santa Fe). Expect to see quilts, wearable art, musical entertainment, and fashion shows (on Saturday and Sunday). Admission is \$5, which includes selfguided tours of the adobe. Call 760-724-4082 for information. (VISTA)

Antiques on the Avenue, "genuine antique vendors" will be selling their wares during this event on Saturday, October 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the 4800 and 4900 blocks of Newport Avenue. Food vendors will be on hand, and there will be live antique auctions (noon to 1:30 p.m.) and live entertainment. Appraisers will offer opinions on family heirlooms. Admission is free. 619-224-4906. (OCEAN BEACH)

A "Celebration of Families" provides the theme for the eighth annual Little Italy Italian Festa, set for Sunday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on India and Date Streets. Organizers promise bocce ball and stickball tournaments, an Alfa-Romeo car show, Madonna del Lume processions, craft booths, and lotsa food (for sale). Admission is free. 619-233-3898. Visitors may also take part in Chalk La Strada, an Italian streetpainting festival, when artists use chalk as the medium to create colorful and detailed works of art right on the asphalt streets. The chalk art is on view from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20. Free. For more details, dial 877-DO-CHALK. (LITLE ITALY)

The Semi-Annual Threshing Bee and Antique Engine and Tractor Show returns to the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20. See blacksmith and wheelwright demos, grist and sawmill operations, and other vintage skills, along with food, gifts, music, train rides, and displays of antique cars and steam engines. Tractor games are followed by a parade of antique equipment at 1 p.m.

Find the fun at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Gates are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 general, \$3 for those 6 to 12, and kids under 6 free. For information, dial 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

**Hot Stuff!** The National City Public Library hosts its 17th Annual Chili and Salsa Cookoff and Literacy Celebration on Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 200 East 12th Street. Admission is free, and there will be ongoing entertainment, activities, and crafts for children. For information, call 619-366-4375 or 619-336-4463. (NATIONAL CITY)

Not a Globetrotting Shopper by Nature? The San Diego Museum of Man hosts its eighth annual Collectors Club auction with exotic art and textiles on Saturday, October 19. Events get underway with an auction preview at 1 p.m., with bidding commencing at 2 p.m. The \$5 donation includes a catalog and bidding number. For more information, call 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**Still Need a Costume?** The San Diego Junior Theatre hosts its 14th annual Halloween Costume Contest on Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in front of the Casa del Prado Theatre. Costumes on offer range from \$10 to \$25. For information, call 619-239-1311 x226. (BALBOA PARK)

A Fall Reunion Drum Circle is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, from noon to 3:30 p.m., at the Hilltop Center (331 East Elder Street). Musicians of all ages and skills are welcomed. Admission is free, although donations are appreciated. Dial 760-723-1899 for details. Bring your own ethnic flutes, drums, and other rhythm instruments. (FALLBROOK)

**'Tis the Season** to visit the Welburn Gourd Farm, hosting its October Gourd and Pumpkin Fest on Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pumpkins and gourds will be available for purchase, workshops and demonstrations, food and drink, and more. Admission is free. Find the farm at 40635 De Luz Road; 760-728-4271. (FALLBROOK)

Trance Channeling, Henna Tattoos, chakra analysis, reiki, numerology...all this and much more is on offer when the Psychic and Healing Arts Expo takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). There will be lectures and "mind/body martial arts-style dance performances" by Clay White at 4 p.m. both days. Tickets are \$5 general, \$8 for two, \$3 for seniors and teens, free for those 12 and under. Call 800-722-7330 for more details. (MISSION VALLEY)

Klobásy, Bábovka, and Koláce will be offered for sale when the House of Czech and Slovak Republics hosts the lawn program at the International Cottages beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 20. Music will be played by the Accordion Lover's Ensemble, with entertainment by the Devin Dancers and the Balboa Park Dancers. Free. For more details, call 619-236-9616. (BALBOA PARK)

**Commemorate the 1956 Hungar ian Revolution** by visiting the photographic exhibition of the "King Cities of Hungary" — Buda, Szekesfehervar, Viesgrad, Esztergom, and Veszprem — when it's on display from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays, October 20, 27, and November 3, at the House of Hungary (2159 Pan American Plaza). Admission is free. Questions? Call 858-457-3207 for answers. (BALBOA PARK)

**Second Sundays at Trios,** visit with local jewelry artist Lisa Slovis when she appears on October 20, 2 to 5 p.m., at the Trios Gallery (130 South Cedros Avenue). Free. For information, call 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

**The Annual Foreign Festival** — featuring Porsches, Jaguars, Volkswagens, BMWs, and many other vehicles — is set for Sunday, October 20, at the San Diego Stadium Auto Swap, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Qualcomm Stadium. View vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission is \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Here Comes the...**Bridal Bazaar, scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hundreds companies will offer their goods and services to make "weddings perfect." Tickets are \$10. For information, call 858-755-6601. (DEL MAR)

Honoring Survivors and Victims of domestic violence, the Flame of Life Street Fair is slated for Sunday, October 20, noon to 7 p.m., at the Community Resource Center (650 Second Street). There will be live entertainment (by Eve Selis, Tim Flannery, and others), speakers, children's activities, and more. Admission is free. For information, call 760-753-1156. (ENCINITAS)

Halloween Hijinks are promised from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 20, at Heritage Park Village (220 Peyri Road). There's a magic show (noon), the Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School orchestra performs at 12:45 p.m., activities, food, and a Halloween fashion show (at 1:30 p.m.) with models from toddlers to fourth graders. Admission is free. 760-433-8297. (OCEANSIDE)

Plein Air Brunch, 30 local contemporary artists have designed unique table settings for the brunch "in the styles of famous artists through the ages" during this event, slated for Sunday, October 20, at 10 a.m., in the courtyard at the Carlsbad City

Library (1775 Dove Lane). This year's tables include Van Gogh, Monet, Matisse, Frida Kahlo, Picasso, Georgia O'Keeffe, Nikki de Saint Phalle, and others. Music will be performed by the Forte Trio. Tickets are \$30. To reserve a spot, call 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

**Run to the 101,** the third annual installment of this car show is slated for Sunday, October 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the vicinity of the 101 Cafe (631 South Coast Highway). All kinds of vehicles will be on display, and there will be food, games, and a kids' area. Admission is free. 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

**Stamp Collectors Beckoned,** the monthly San Diego Stamp Fair takes place on Sunday, October 20, with many stamp and cover dealers offering their wares. Find it all at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

**Read and Critique**, join members of the Grand Avenue Writers' Collective of Escondido for a read and critique group for writers of fiction, memoir, and any form of prose. The group gathers on the second and fourth Wednesday each month, including October 23, at 7 p.m., at the Fountain Estates apartments clubhouse (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

Time to Read a Classic, have you heard about the statewide reading and story-sharing event taking place in October? "California Stories: Reading *The Grapes of Wrath*" has begun, a program designed to "get Californians talking — to each other." Libraries across the county are hosting book discussions, film screenings, musical performances, and lectures based on this John Steinbeck book. For specific information, call your local library. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

**"Fantastic Futures:** Celebrating 25 Years of the Elizabeth Chater Collection of Science Fiction and Fantasy" is an exhibit continuing through Friday, December 13, in the browsing and special collections areas of the San Diego State University Library. Significant items on display include a 1795 American printing of *Memoirs* of the Year Two Thousand Five Hundred and copies of short story publications. For information and viewing hours, call 619-594-4991 or 619-594-6791. (SDSU)



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Carol Muske-Dukes

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Poetry

and Hollywood seem like the ultimate odd couple, and once upon a time the accomplished poet, novelist, and critic Carol Muske-Dukes might have agreed. But no longer.

Random House, 2002; 207 pages;

This is a collection of real-life adventures and meditations on literature and landscape. In *Married* to the Icepick Killer, Muske-Dukes explores the uniquely Southern Californian approach to poetry, including the random appearance

of poems by Emily Dickinson and others on L.A. billboards; the hiring of poet-consultants to "top off" the final scene of a submarine action film; and the wonder of teaching a genius surfer poet. She also illuminates the pure poetry of falling in love with actor David Dukes, who introduced her to the City of Angels and its poetic paradoxes. Poets from Dickinson to Brecht, Robinson Jeffers, Arna Bontemps, and Randall Jarrell make appearances in these pages, and are seen in rapid close-up as the author reveals her talent as "camera," witness, and learned and intrepid adventurer and social critic.

In Married to the Icepick Killer Ms. Muske-Dukes provides

"Here Is New York: A Democracy of Photographs" was created in a SoHo, New York, storefront in response to the flood of images resulting from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The photographs were taken by professional photojournalists, firefighters, police officers, schoolchildren, and all manner of amateurs; the archive has grown to include 5000 images. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays through November 10. See the show at the Hilton San Diego, 232 Fifth Ava geographical (and commercial) context for cultural counterpoint and shows how it both complements and collides head-on with a poet's sensibility.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Carol Muske-Dukes was born in 1945 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She received her B.A. in English from Creighton University in Nebraska in 1967 and her M.A. in English from San Francisco State in 1970. Since 1983 she has taught in the English department at the University of Southern California, where she is founder and director of the graduate program in Literature and Creative Writing. The recipient of numerous grants and awards, a Guggenheim Fellowship among them, Ms. Muske-Dukes has published six collections of poetry. She has written three novels, most recently *Life After Death*. Her column, "Poets' Corner," appears in the *Los Angeles Times Book Review*.

Ms. Muske-Dukes and the actor David Dukes were married in 1983. Mr. Dukes died unexpectedly in late 2000 after a massive heart attack he suffered while playing tennis. Ms. Muske-Dukes lives in Los Angeles with the couple's daughter.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the day that we talked, Carol Muske-Dukes was at home in the Hancock Park section of Los Angeles, a neighborhood that she describes in her newest book as "Hancock Park, Windsor Square, which looks like a cross between Old Lyme, Connecticut, and the south of France but is really Hollywood South."

Did Ms. Muske-Dukes read a lot as a child?

"Oh, yes, I think every writer reads as a child. I read all the time." Ms. Muske-Dukes's mother also was a great reader and a memorizer of poems. I asked about her mother's interest in poetry.

"Importantly, at least to me, she recited those poems so that her reading of poetry, and then the actual recitation of them, was very important. I think I became a writer because one of my first memories is hearing her voice reciting poems. I recall so clearly being on a swing and her pushing me and her reciting Robert Louis Stevenson's poem 'The Swing.'"

enue (between K Street and Harbor Drive). Free. For information, call 619-232-5133. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**Frightening Fun** is promised when the Del Mar "Scaregrounds" hosts the Scream Zone. The entire 25-room zone has been crafted using 3-D effects, each using a "gothic Frankensteinish" theme, designed and handpainted by former Disney artist R.J. Ogren. Hours are 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday

Hours are / to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday. Visit the Scream Zone (designed for teens How do you like to go up in a swing, Up in the air so blue? Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing Ever a child can do! Up in the air and over the wall, Till I can see so wide, River and trees and cattle and all Over the countryside — Till I look down on the garden green, Down on the roof so brown — Up in the air I go flying again, Up in the air and down!

"I felt," Ms. Muske-Dukes said, "as if I were swinging within that poem." She paused, going on then to say, about her mother, "She had wanted to be a writer, and the circumstances of her life were such that she ended up being married and having children.

"But she was wanting still to impart this sense of the beauty of the language. Her generation was probably the last generation to read poetry like that and to learn poems by heart. People, you know, used to quote. Everybody knew a little Shakespeare or a little Milton. There was a kind of general knowledge of the great writers. In school they had to learn poems by heart. So that when you quoted from something, people would get your point because there was this common knowledge of the great literature. That's all gone."

I asked if Ms. Muske-Dukes remembered from the days in which her mother recited poems to her Robert Louis Stevenson's poem "The Friendly Cow." She said she did, and I quoted from it a quatrain that I particularly liked —

She wanders lowing here and there, And yet she cannot stray, All in the pleasant open air, The pleasant light of day;

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and older) through November 2. Admission is \$10.95. For information, call 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

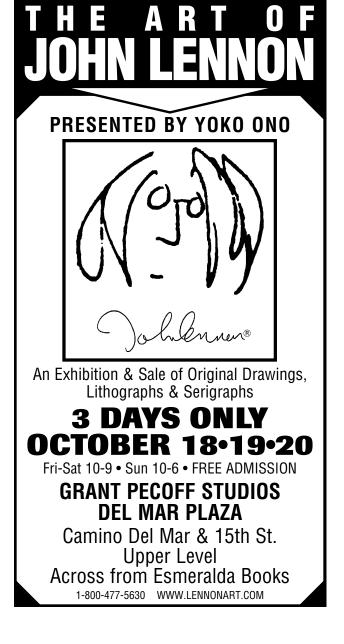
**Look It Up**, the sixth annual San Diego Book Arts fall exhibition continues through Wednesday, October 30, in the donor corridor of

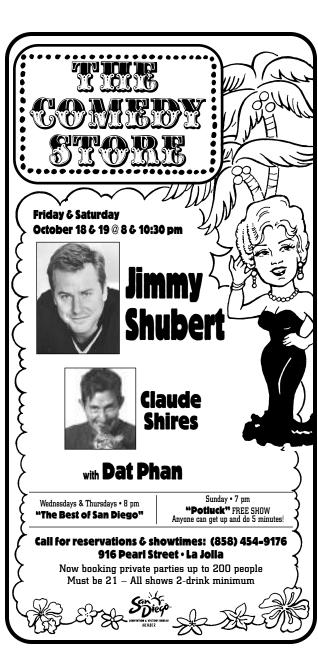
SDSU's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The exhibit features work by 30 book artists, including limited edition books and one-of-akind handmade books; there are hand drawn, linocuts, sculptural, letterpress, photography, and mono-

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I said how much I liked that sort of elevated language and how wonderful language like that was for children.

Ms. Muske-Dukes agreed. "I think it's such a mistake that we think that we always have to keep things accessible. Our word hoard is shrinking because we only speak in the most obvious ways. We've lost that sense of beauty along with our sense of the imagination."

Ms. Muske-Dukes talked about the importance, for families, of reading with their children. "My daughter attended what was considered a good private school, and when she was in fourth grade, my husband and I were reading Great Expectations at home, and of course David was so great because he could play all the parts. It was really fun. We edited it a little bit, but we only edited for brevity, long descriptions that we shortened. But basically we read the whole thing. And I remember saying to my daughter's fourth-grade teacher, 'We did this at home and it was so much fun. You should think about reading Great Expectations at school.' And she said, 'Please, I want them to like reading.' That was her response. And this was the teacher. I'll never forget that."

One of Ms. Muske-Dukes's teachers at San Francisco State was Kay Boyle. I asked about Boyle as a teacher.

"She was one of the great fiction writers of the 20th Century. And she was a great lady. She was, however, extremely strong-willed and passionate and a little bit intemperate. I went through the San Francisco State graduate writing program when she was there. The big student strike was in 1969. I was there in 1970. The strike had kind of wound down, but there was still a lot of disruption on campus. Classes had not really come back to normal. Kay Boyle never actually wanted to go back to class. She was deeply committed, politically. When she had lived in Europe she had been involved in the Communist Party. At San Francisco State, she would get on the front line of the strike, and she would ride the sound trucks. She went to jail with the students for demonstrating. She would wear these long earrings and this long Joan of Arc scarf; she looked like this figure out of the tapestry. She was amazing.

"I had her for directed reading for my master's thesis. I'd go

types pieces. Viewing is free. 619-583-6080. (SDSU)

Trick or Treat? The 14th Annual Hallo-Wiener Dog Picnic is slated for Sunday, October 27, from noon to 3:30 p.m., at the corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Bring your costumed dachshund, a picnic lunch, and snacks to share. Free. For information, call 858-755-9270. (BALBOA PARK)

Get a Jump on Fright, start your Halloween celebrations at the Haunted Hotel (424 Market Street; 619-231-0131) and Frightmare on Market Street (530 Market Street; 619-231-3611). The rooms promise "terrifying special effects and illusions" created by "some of the top artists and technicians in the business." Hours are 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday (closed on Mondays except for October 28); and 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Or take a stroll along the

Haunted Trail, an "all-outdoor haunted attraction." Find the trail at Marston Point (just east of Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street). Admission to each of these attractions is \$11.95. None are recommended for those under ten years old, and all are open through November 2. (BALBOA PARK)

### FOR KIDS

Disney Classics Come to Ice, iceskating champions from around the world perform in "Disney on Ice." continuing through October 20 at the San Diego Sports Arena. Characters include Snow White and her seven pals, a Little Mermaid, many Dalmatians, and many others.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, at 11 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday (the 1:30 performance on

over to her house in the Haight-Ashbury with other students. Instead of talking about our theses, she'd talk about the Panthers and the Revolution. It was fine, but we weren't getting to consider the material at hand. Finally one day I got her to reminisce about her days in Paris in the 1920s and knowing Stein and Joyce. She closed her eves and talked about that time. This was such a gift. She said at the end of our two hours, 'What was I doing talking about all that? I felt I had put that behind me.' I thought at that moment, 'This is so important.

<sup>4</sup>I think her sense of writing was dictated very much by the events around her. However, she never let the immediate circumstances around her change her great style. In other words, she was able to preserve her voice through everything."

The title of Ms. Muske-Dukes's new essay collection is taken from Liz Smith's mention in her column of the couple's wedding. Ms. Muske-Dukes later used this title in writing, for The New York Times Magazine, an essay, reprinted in this newest book, that she describes as "a gentle send-up of life with a performer."

She begins the essay with this:

TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

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Shows begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m.

27 and October 30 and 31.

Arriving late to a dinner party a while back, my husband and I approached the dining room, where people were already seated. A woman rose from her chair, pointed a finger at David, and cried, "My God, you're the one who raped Edith Bunker!" I glanced at him. He'd already been established as a cross-dresser, and he'd confessed to Frank Sinatra, of all people, that he was the Icepick Killer. My husband smiled calmly. "I didn't rape her," he explained. "I tried, but she hit me in the face with a hot cake from the oven.'

I asked Ms. Muske-Dukes what it had been like living with an actor. "Well," she said, "he wasn't so many different people around the house, obviously. It's a very hard question to answer, because I think that most artists are a lot of different people. I don't mean to sound melodramatic, but I think writers are also many different people when they're in their heads and creating characters or voices for poems. The difference, of course, with actors is that they are proac-

the 20th is in Spanish). Tickets range (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. from \$11.50 to \$33.50, available 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN) through Ticketmaster (619-220-Yellow! It's the proper way to answer

a bananaphone, as anybody who's ever listened to Raffi can tell you. The well-loved children's troubadour presents a concert on Friday, October 18, at 7 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets to Raffi are \$22, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

> Make a String of Fall Leaves to decorate your room and enjoy the counting rhyme Over the Rainbow by Olive A. Wadsworth on Saturday, October 19, 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Wear Special Sunglasses and bring your jingly coins to Barnes and Noble Bookstore when Lily ("I am the queen of everything") brings her purple plastic purse to the story time starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 19. Find the shop at 1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Buovancy is the subject when the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts a family science day on Saturday, October 19, from noon to 3 p.m. Participants will "make a free science extive, and they actually go out in public and re-create these personae." "And." I said. "actors wear costumes."

"Right, and they actually have to make their person, what they're creating, believable in the world. And then there's, of course, the energy that falls into that. It's a disorienting thing to do, a kind of possession. David was a very normal-seeming person. He was very modest, and he did not call attention to himself as an actor. which is in itself amazing, considering that he was a very good actor. He was not at all vain. So we did not see, around the house, much of the kind of emoting or possession stuff. But, in fact, a couple of

*"I think writers are also"* many different people when they're in their heads and creating characters or voices for poems. The difference is, actors go out in public and re-create [them]."

times I remember him coming back from a job on location or even just coming home from a play performance when he seemed to still be a little bit in character. He would talk about that sometimes. It's a very strange life, living with an actor."

I said that a writer's creation of fictional characters seems to have much in common with what an actor does in creating characters for stage or screen. 'The writer or actor," I said, "inhabits the character, and he

or she then almost 'throws' the voice, as in ventriloquism."

"Yes. Almost a kind of ventriloquism. In general, the whole creative process, the use of the imagination itself, is a very disorienting process, where, again, one is taken away from oneself. We live in a time that is so determined to make the self the final validating process. We have Oprah and we have reality TV and we have people not interested in fiction but rather memoir. But the thing about real art, about the real artistic process, is that it moves away from itself to locate the stranger within us. We seem not to be comfortable talking about that, but that is what happens. Through that process we are allowed to see the world in a different way, and the

periment" to take home. The event is included in regular center admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Be Fire Safe! Smokey the Bear presents a program on the five rules of fire safety on Saturday, October 19, at 6 p.m., at William Heise County Park. The day-use fee is \$2 per car. Find the park at 4945 Heise Park Road. For more information, dial 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

Make a Bird Feeder with recycled two-liter bottles, peanut butter, and birdseed when volunteer Pauline Melling leads a workshop on Saturday, October 19, at 10 a.m., at Lake Jennings Park (10108 Bass Road). Call 858-694-3049 for details. (LAKESIDE)

Put on a Scary Mask and growl your scariest growl for Monster Bashes planned at Borders Books and Music stores. The first event takes place on Saturday, October 19, at 11 a.m., at the Borders found at 159 Fletcher Parkway (619-593-5119). The party starts at 1 p.m. at the Borders located at 668 Sixth Avenue (619-702-7420). Free. (EL CAJON, GASLAMP QUARTER)

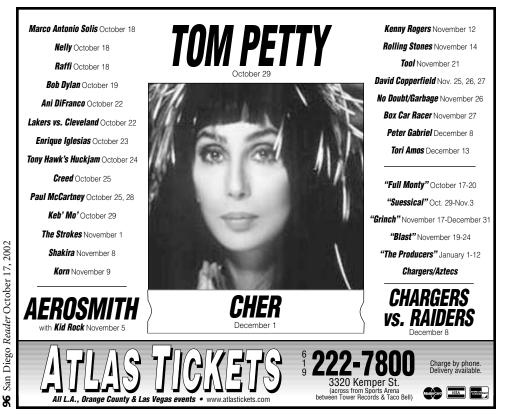
The Monster Bash party starts again on Wednesday, October 23, at 10:30 a.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Go Batty With Ms. Frizzle when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this event for kids four to six (with an adult) on Saturday, October 19, at 10 a.m. The Frizz will introduce participants to the world of these airborne mammals through activities and a craft. The fee is \$20 for nonmembers. To reserve a spot, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

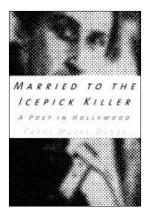
Learn About Botany and plant propagation when Coastal Sage offers a "Botany for Kids" on Saturday, October 19, at 10 a.m. John Noble presents the class. Find Coastal Sage at 3685 Voltaire Street; call 619-223-5229 to register. The fee is \$7. (OCEAN BEACH

Flying Mammals, learn about echolocation and play games to test your own echolocation skills during this class for kids planned on Sunday, October 20, at 1 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The fee is \$20 for nonmembers. To reserve a spot, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Trick or Treat at the Ranch House, celebrate Halloween at the Adobe Ranch House on Saturday, October 26, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. The party includes presentations by Sky







familiar becomes strange."

Along with Ms. Muske-Dukes's new collection, I'd been reading her most recent poetry, collected in *An Octave Above Thunder*. I said to her that I had enjoyed reading the long title poem "An Octave Above Thunder" (see page 98 for section nine of this poem) together with an essay from her new book. This essay, titled "Frenzied Nirvana: Behind the Scenes of a Poem," is in part about teaching poetry to her students. Ms. Muske-Dukes writes:

In the heightened dimension of lan-

guage, we visualize the power of metaphor. The imagination even visualizes abstractions; for example, the word *justice* will call up an image — the woman with the scales, a gavel, et cetera — just as do the abstractions "Death," "Love," or "Harmony." This "translation" process does not exist just to "see" what is hard to see, or to tell a story on a screen, but to *think* what is hard to see, or to tell a story on a screen, but to *think* what is seen — in the most individual way. Thus, the word *justice* could call up spinach for a poor soul who felt coerced (unjustly) to eat it as a child, or a detailed and terrifying picture of a murderer's face, or the window of a candy shop. This is the great mining ground of the imagination — this seeming subjectivity, this seeming randomness, these connections waiting to be made into form, into art — and at the same time reflect unique vision and voice, individual perception.

Ms. Muske-Dukes said, about the poem and the essay, "They're both about teaching and about the impossibility, but at the same time, the excitement of it. I used to do an exercise in class with abstractions. I realized that anyone could benefit from this, just to demonstrate how the mind works. There's always a connection. So if you

Hunters, Ranger Paul on creepy crawlies, spooky storytelling, costume contests for all ages, crafts, a night hike, pin-the-stem on the pumpkin, and much more.

The fee is \$7.50 per person, free for those under 5. The adobe is found in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Reservations must be made by calling 858-484-7504 before Tuesday, October 22. (MIRA MESA)

In the Vein of Lemony Snickett's Series, Philip Ardagh's latest book is entitled *The House Called Awful End: Book One in the Eddie Dickens Trilogy.* This 6-foot, 7-inch English ausay 'justice' and somebody, for example, sees spinach, there's a connection. That's where poetry comes from, those associations in the imagination that seem unlike and yet are so connected. Art makes those connections."

"I am so prosaic a person," I said, "that when I think 'spinach,' I see Popeye."

"Most people would, but that's what poetry can do from the other direction, from 'justice,' for instance."

I said that I liked the way this poem from "An Octave Above Thunder" ended.

She knows there is no way
back. A door closes. She
says kidnapper and suddenly
everyone sees his face.
She says Love and they see
nothing, they are blind.

I suggested, "Once you get to that last line, the line simply takes you away. You ride on the tailwind of the poem."

Ms. Muske-Dukes responded, saying, "That's what a poem is supposed to do. Provide a tailwind. A jet stream."

I asked Ms. Muske-Dukes about the graduate program that she directs.

"We've always had a huge number of undergraduates in creative writing. But in terms of the graduate students, they are pretty well read because they have to be. These are students who are not only writers but also literature scholars, because our Ph.D. is in both literature and creative writing. Compared to the way graduate students read before, I'm not sure where they stand. I think it's harder for them because of the primacy of the screen, the tyranny of the visual, certainly in this town. But, nevertheless, they're well read within their context. With the undergrads, I have seen a falling off; they're every bit as smart as they always were, and they're supremely sophisticated in terms of the technical and the visual. But — and it's not their fault — they have not been taught literature; they haven't

thor visits White Rabbit Children's Books to talk about his work and sign books on Thursday, October 24, at 10:30 a.m. Find the Rabbit at 7755 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-3518. Free. (LA JOLLA) **Involving Invertebrates,** learn

how important these creatures are

as the base of the salt marsh food web with the Junior Rangers on Thursday, October 24. The program starts at 3:15 p.m. at the Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) for kids 7 to 11 years old. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH) really been taught poetry. We have to kind of start all over with them.

"I used to do a funny experiment with my undergraduates. I'd say, 'How many of you can recite a poem?' And inevitably there would be, out of a class of 20-something, somebody who could recite Robert Frost or a little bit of Dickinson. But when I would say, 'How many of you can recite a stanza of the theme songs from *The Brady Bunch* or *Gilligan's Island*?' And they could go on and on and on. I'd say, 'Now isn't this interesting that you say you can't memorize because it is too hard, but you know all these TV songs by heart?' "

I said that it was interesting to me the way in which the figure of the poet once again was being romanticized.

"The graduate students and I were just talking yesterday about this. We were talking about the wonderful critic Randall Jarrell, who wrote about the way people don't read poetry or that they read it with great difficulty, because they don't know how to read it. He wrote that they are not willing to create the act of attention necessary to really enter poetry. He was investigating the sources of this obscurity. I think that when people romanticize poets, that unfortunately they don't really want to read poetry. It's a new commodification. I think it's great that people do performance poetry, or performance whatever, and stand-up and stuff, but it's more often a kind of poetry karaoke. It doesn't send people back to read. If it does, great. But what you want is poetry that is connected to reading, and you want to get people back not so much to this concern with community and expressing themselves, but to — to enter into a new world. And to do that you have to read, and you have to be capable of the act of attention."

"Also," I said, "they have to have solitude or be able to be alone and quiet."

"Yes. Wordsworth defined poetry as emotion recollected in tranquility. And we need that. I don't think we need community so much as we need to return to reflective time, each of us, to think in solitude, and then return to the community. Spend time reading and thinking. And then return to all of the other problems of the world."

—Judith Moore

### MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.) Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum's activities include locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agriculture, but to the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and con-

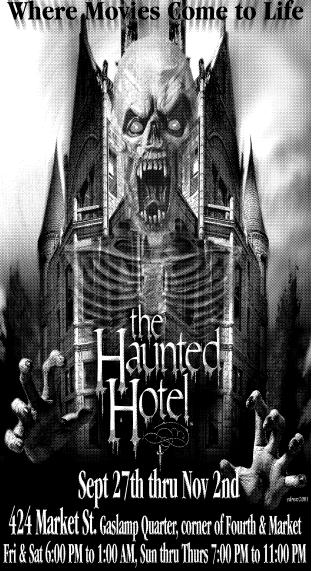
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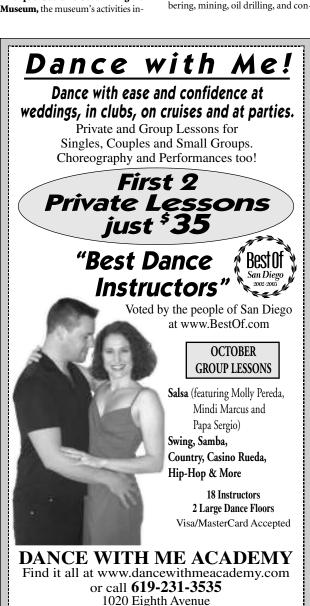
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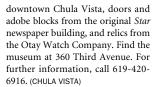
struction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelvright shop, a country kitchen and parlor, a steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. For further details, call 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, documents and photographs of American and Chinese-American aid to China during the Sino-Japanese War are gathered in "Supporting the Motherland," on exhibit through October.

The museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

**Chula Vista Heritage Museum** the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of



**Creation Museum**, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, this historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

**J.A. Cooley Museum,** an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum.

### FROM "AN OCTAVE ABOVE THUNDER"

9 She says Death and her students scream tombstone, skeleton, Grim Reaper, hangman. She says Justice and they cry gavel, courtroom, blind woman with scales, jury. Then one murmurs: backyard, dirty snowdrifts, empty coke bottle, blind girl's plaid wool

The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. For more information, call 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, the "Navajo Code Talker" exhibit features photographs, World War II-era uniforms, traditional Navajo items, and a Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to Johnny R. Manuelito, one of the original 29 code talkers. See this exhibit through the December.

Housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The translate to images, she tells them. Then how does the broken bottle under the snow retrace its strange single path of derivation? Or this scarf, lost till the thaw? She knows there is no way back. A door closes. She says *kidnapper* and suddenly everyone sees his face. She says *Love* and they see nothing, they are blind. —Carol Muske-Dukes

scarf. All abstractions

museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, vintage photographs, books, desks, cafeteria menus, and other school paraphernalia are on display in "From Barn to Cyberspace: Lemon Grove Schools Evolve." The current Lemon Grove School District has its roots in the town's once-thriving orchards. William Hurst, an early pioneer in the local fruit-growing industry, offered his barn in 1893 as a schoolroom, and a district was born.

"Our Agriculture Roots" provides a look at the "sea of lemon trees" that once dominated the town's landscape. The display features stacks of lemon crates adorned with fruit labels. "The Parson's Study" is a decorated late-Victorian room with original furnishings, including a piped "Chorister" organ, evoking the museum's origins as the town's first church.

Find the museum at 7715 Church Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display through June 2003. The exhibit revolves around themes of wind, weather and turbulence, mathematics, and motion and illusion.

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Human Body," "Technovation," "About Faces," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Automotive Museum,** over a dozen one-of-a-kind automobiles including hot rods, lowriders, and art cars are included in "Customize! Making It Your Own," on display through Sunday, January 26, 2003. The exhibition evolved out of the idea that cars are more than just transportation to many people; they may be self-expression, fantasy, or family projects.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK) San Diego Hall of Champions, the museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, the business of fashion in the movie industry provides the focus for "Popcorn Venus," on exhibit through Monday, April 21, 2003. Hollywood served up glamour to the style-hungry masses, who, with the onset of the Depression, were looking for an escape from their everyday lives. Through designer drawings, photographs, costumes, and artifacts, the exhibition demonstrates how Hollywood could turn the average woman into a "popcorn Venus."

A history of the motion picture industry in San Diego and the evolution of the city's image during a century of movie making is charted in "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot," From the earliest silent films through the recent movies Traffic and Almost Famous, directors and producers have long been attracted to the county's diverse topography and conducive climate. The exhibit includes a video history of the silent film industry, trivia, and costumes worn by James Cagney, Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, and others This show closes on Monday, June 9, 2003.

How the Pacific Coast Highway (a.k.a. Highway 101) opened scenic and recreational opportunities and created a spine of development and urbanization is revealed in "Coast Road: 1900-1950," on display through Sunday, March 16, 2003. The exhibit features hundreds of



photographic images, as well as artwork, artifacts, and ephemera paying tribute to Highway 101 and providing insight into the route's impact on development.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, almost every year for 250 years, a ship loaded with silver from Spain's New World colonies crossed from Acapulco to Manila, then made the hazardous return trip laden with trea-sures from Asia. "Treasures of the Manila Galleons" focuses on the Manila galleon trade, the original commercial link across the Pacific. The exhibit includes recently discovered pieces from the cargo of a ship that wrecked on the shores of Baja California about 1575, the earliestknown Manila galleon shipwreck; Spanish silver and pieces of eight; and artifacts, documents, and handson activities. View the exhibit through November.

Paintings created for the "Portrait of the Big Bay: The Second Maurice Braun Memorial Plein Air Painting Festival" are on exhibit through January 6, 2003, on the museum's 1898 ferryboat Berkeley.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

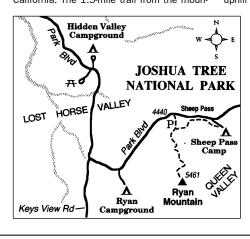
The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, Ecuadorian cultures were among the



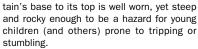
### A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

Elongated Rvan Mountain rises above the boulder-studded plains of Lost Horse and Queen Valleys in Joshua Tree National Monument. The view from the top is arguably the best in the national park. encompassing the blocky summits of San Jacinto and San Gorgonio, the intricately dissected Wonderland of Rocks, and a succession of shimmering basins and skeletal mountain ranges stretching east toward the Colorado River and south toward Baia California. The 1.5-mile trail from the moun-



first in the Americas to discover the mixture of clay, water, and fire that led to the invention of ceramics. Take a closer look at "Ecuadorian Pottery Traditions" in the exhibit, featuring more than 100 pieces, plus photography of the potters of the process. Both decorative and utilitarian pottery are highlighted in this show closing on Sunday, May 4, 2003.

Working in conjunction with Amnesty International, the Survivors of Torture, and the International and San Diego Friends of Tibet, the museum has re-opened and expanded



Your hike begins at the Ryan Mountain parking area, on Park Boulevard one mile west of the entrance to Sheep Pass Group Camp. Starting from the town of Joshua Tree, you can drive 17 miles southeast on Park Boulevard to reach this point.

The trail takes you straightforwardly uphill along the north and west flanks of the mountain, amid scattered juniper and pinyon pine. Very soon, the geo logic character of the rock underfoot changes. You cross the boundary between the White Tank monzogran ite, the same rock you see exposed in boulder piles in the valleys below, and the Pinto gneiss, a much older rock into which the monzogranite rock was intruded some 130 million years ago. The Pinto gneiss, which is foliated with lavers of dark minerals, was metamorphosed (changed by heat and pressure) around 1.5 billion years ago, during an era when life on Earth consisted of nothing more than one-celled organisms. If you can swing it, try a morning-

"Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance." The new component focuses on the reality of torture in the world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. The collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some of them extremely rare, primarily used from the 1400s up to the early 1800s. All of the pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Ongoing.

Hand-carved animals, vibrant ce-

ramics and textiles, masks, and imaginative human images are showcased in the "Hecho en México," continuing through February 2003. The exhibition boasts more than 900 pieces of handcrafted Mexican folk art from the museum's permanent collection, described as "the largest of its kind outside of Mexico." In fact, the Mexican government donated over 500 pieces of folk art to the museum in 1952, and many of these pieces have not been on display since the 1960s. The permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time:



twilight ascent of Ryan Mountain in the late fall or early winter. As the sun rises, look down and watch the interplay of light and shadow across the Joshua-tree dotted plains and on the monzogranite boulder piles, which rise like battlements out of the alluvium.

> Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features five galleries filled with "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

> San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equipment are collected here. Among the pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric loco-

motives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and cabooses, a U.S. Army kitchen car used on troop trains during World War II and Korea, and a variety of passenger cars.

The museum also offers train adventures through San Diego's backcountry. Miller Creek trains depart every Saturday and Sunday from the Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find the Campo Depot off Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. For information, call 619-595-3030 or 619-478-9937. (CAMPO)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour re-counts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road, Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

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

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a preframed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Ouarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP OUARTER)

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he San Diego Symphony, looking toward the future but also giving due attention to the present, began its 2002-'03 season with an admirable concert conducted by Miguel Harth-Bedoya and with pianist Hélène Grimaud as soloist.

The young, beautiful, and supremely talented Grimaud has appeared in San Diego before, notably in a 1998 recital at Sherwood Auditorium in the La Jolla Cham-

ber Music Society's piano series. At that time, she played the Bach-Busoni Chaconne, Beethoven's Opus 110 Sonata, and the Brahms Second Sonata, all with the power, fire, and grandeur that are the defining characteristics of her artistry. The broad Romantic expression of passion and drive has rarely found a more eloquent exponent. Grimaud's impressive concerto recordings include the Schumann Concerto, the Rachmaninoff Second (twice), the Ravel G Major (twice), the Beethoven Fourth, the Gershwin, and the Strauss Burleske. There are also exceptional CDs of the solo repertoire, with works by many of the same composers; I might single out her stunning performances of the Rachmaninoff Opus 33 Études-Tableaux, the Liszt "Dante" Sonata, and the late piano pieces of Brahms.

Brahms, in fact, is the composer she seems to empathize with most profoundly: the impassioned momentum, the sturdy nobility, the tender inwardness, the lyrical charm, the majesty. It was therefore a gift worthy of gratitude that Grimaud chose the Brahms D Minor Piano Concerto for her appearance at Symphony Hall two weeks ago. She recorded this work in 1997 with Kurt Sanderling and the Berlin Staatskapelle (Erato 21633), in a performance that holds its own with those of Rubinstein, Gilels, Fleisher, and Solomon. Her interpretation, and her deep affinity with the composer, seem not to have changed in the interval, so that the local audience heard both Grimaud and Brahms at their best.

The pianist's collaborator, this time, was Miguel Ĥarth-Bedoya, a young man interest in whom was enhanced by the well-known fact that

the San Diego Symphony is looking for a music director and that virtually everyone who will be on the podium this season can be considered as a potential candidate for that post. Harth-Bedoya, born in Peru and trained at the Curtis Institute

and Juilliard, is currently music director of the Fort Worth Symphony and the Auckland Philharmonia (New Zealand), as well as associate conductor of the

Los Angeles Philharmonic. He is an elegant conductor, with an acute sense of lyrical phrasing: he made the orchestra sing. He also has a strong dramatic impulse, which is always held within the bounds of seemliness and shapeliness. I have to say that this dramatic impulse struck me as being somewhat in abeyance during parts of the first movement of the Brahms Concerto. Things began and ended brilliantly, and whenever the music called for heroism or tragedy the conductor was as vigor-

ous as the soloist. But in the reflective orchestral passages between the outbursts there were moments when all motion seemed to have ceased and the inner tension that pervades the whole movement seemed to have evaporated.

Perhaps this perception was some aberration of my own psyche on a Sunday afternoon after an athletic morning. In any case, by the second movement, which is grave and reflective throughout, either I or Harth-Bedoya had completely woken up, and the orchestra sounded compellingly dynamic, however slow the music got. The *finale* was altogether exciting — and so was the performance of Dvořák's "New World" Symphony that followed the intermission. Here, Harth-Bedova showed himself an authoritative master of the score, and each of the movements was gripping, as well as beautifully proportioned.

The only thing out of proportion — and that was scarcely Harth-Bedoya's fault - was the lack of balance between the brass section and the rest of the orchestra. This issue has been ignored for years, and I suppose a series of guest conductors cannot be expected to deal with it. The acoustics

of the hall are such that the brass are always too loud. The horns are fairly normal in their relationship to the rest of the orchestral sound; but when the trumpets and trombones are blasting away, the entire body of strings, from top to bottom, is literally inaudible. Decorative figures and punctuations in the brass, when the center of musical discourse is in another section of the orchestra, take over and present themselves as the main idea.

Even under the direction of as suave a conductor as Harth-Bedoya, parts of the Dvořák score came off as garish and crass. Has no official of the San Diego Symphony ever gone out into the auditorium — up into the mezzanine, for example, where the sound is most vivid and listened to how those brasses distort things? Apparently not, for if they had they would certainly not have tolerated the ridiculous notion of putting the trumpets and trombones at the highest level of the stage risers, as though there were some danger of their not being heard keenly enough.

The only unfamiliar work on Harth-Bedoya's program, John Corigliano's Promenade Overture, also suffered from these acoustical problems. There was less damage to the quality of the music, however, since the work itself is not much to begin with. The composer's idea was to reverse the visual effects of the last movement of Haydn's "Farewell" Symphony, in which the players leave the stage, one by one, in the course of the movement. Here, the stage started out virtually empty, and the musicians came in in groups, playing as they progressed toward their seats.

I like John Corigliano, and I particularly like him when he is silly, as in his delectable opera, The Ghosts of Versailles. But in the case of the Promenade Overture, the joke seemed to have no point (quite the contrary of the Havdn composition it was modeled on). The real analogy was with Benjamin Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, in which the orchestral sections and their instruments are introduced in sequence, finally coming together in a composition (a fugue, in Britten's case) that involves them all. The trouble was that Corigliano seemed to have exhausted his inventiveness with the comic idea of the physical entrances (the tuba player arrived just an instant before the work ended — ha ha!). In contrast, the musical content of the scenario

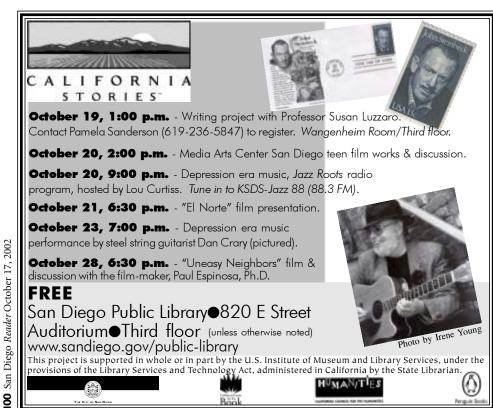


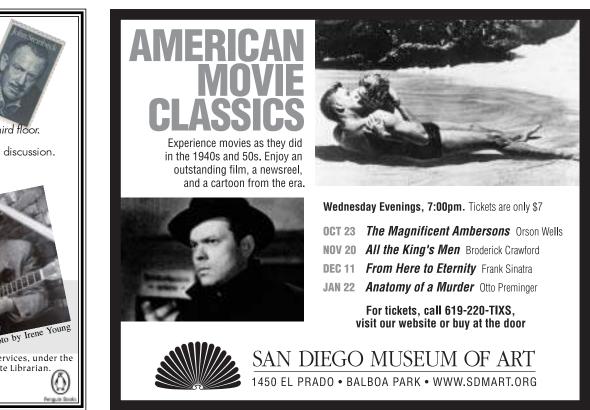
### San Diego Symphony (Symphony Hall) Miguel Harth-Bedoya, conductor; Hélène Grimaud, piano

Corigliano, Promenade Overture; Brahms, Piano Concerto No. 1 in D Minor, Opus 15; Dvořák, Symphony No. 9 in E Minor "From the New World"

was of hardly any interest at all - unlike the Britten piece, which is a wonderful set of variations on a magnificent theme by Purcell.

By the way, does anyone down at the Symphony proofread the printed programs? Who is "Hèléne Grimaud"? And what is Brahms's "Piano Concerto No. 1 for Piano and Orchestra"?





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The Search Continues for a new music director for the San Diego Symphony; each of the concerts in the Jacobs' Masterworks Series is being conducted by a different maestro. Concerts October 18-20 promise conductor Andrey Boreyko and violinist Pinchas Zukerman and a program boasting Stravinsky's "Pul-cinella Suite," "Musica Dolorosa" by Vasks, and Mozart's "Rondo for Violin in C Major" and "Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major (Turkish)."

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. (DOWNTOWN)

Recorder Players are invited to join the San Diego County Recorder Society for instruction and playing on Friday, October 18, at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. Recorder basics begin at 6:30 p.m., with a guest conductor leading the group from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Find the center at 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles

east of I-15). For information, call 760-726-8699. The first visit is free. (TIERRASANTA)

A Soirée for Music Lovers is promised when violinist János Négyesy and friends perform chamber works by Mozart, J.C. Bach, and Delibes on Friday, October 18. The friends in question include UCSD faculty members Charles Curtis (violoncello) and Aleck Karis (piano). The music begins at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-5404. General admission is \$8. (LA JOLLA)

The Pipe Organ Concert Series at the First Church of Christ Scientist commences with a recital by Alison Luedecke and Susan Barrett (on oboe and English horn) on Friday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. Find the church at 8262 Allison Avenue (at Palm). Free. Call 619-442-8201 for information. (LA MESA)

"Autumn Fantasy," the 80-voice North Coast Chorale, the MiraCosta College Chamber Chorale, and Camerata MiraCosta will present selections ranging from classical to contemporary in concerts slated for October 19 and 20 in the MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). These concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$8 general; for reservations, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Currently on the University of Notre Dame piano faculty, John Blacklow makes his home in Los Angeles, where he frequently performs with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. Blacklow heads south to present works by Bach, Chopin, Mendelssohn, and Liszt for the fall series at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m. Find the church

at 4190 Front Street, Admission is a suggested \$10 donation. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," complete with timpani and cannon fire, may be heard when the University of San Diego Symphony performs with the Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band at the 2002 Miramar Airshow Twilight performance on Saturday, October 19. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at MCAS Miramar. Admission and parking are free; reserved seating is available. For information, call 858-577-1016. (MIRAMAR)

A Variety of African-American Spirituals may be heard when organist Robert Plimpton and vocalist Michael Morgan perform songs from their new CD Songs of My Heart on Sunday, October 20, at 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). Plimpton, San Diego's civic organist emeritus, will play several solo organ works. An offering will be received. Call 858-483-2300 for information. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Selections by Saint-Saëns, Liszt, and J.S. Bach may be heard when violinist Bruce Dukov and pianist John Blacklow perform for the Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society on Sunday, October 20. The program also includes pieces by Massenet, Brahms, Bloch, John Williams, and Alan Ridout. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are \$20 general. For reservations, call 760-945-3446 or 760-630-4360. (ENCINITAS)

Winners' Concert, the finalists of this year's Metropolitan Opera auditions perform on Sunday, October 20, at 3 p.m., at the La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). A \$5 donation is requested. For information, call 619-479-8184. (LA JOLLA)

Noise at the Library, the series highlighting 20th-Century classical music - commences for the season with a concert by Felix Fan (cello), Joscha Oetz (bass), and Christopher Adler (piano) on Sunday, October 20. The program includes the premiere of "Asleep in Thorns" for flute and guitar by Stuart Saunders Smith; a premiere by local composer Chris Williams: Ned Rorem's "Trio' for flute, cello, and piano; a piece for flute and cello by David Ward-Steinman; "Terms of Temporal Detailing" by Joji Yuasa; "Lamento" by Mario Lavista; and ragtime xylophone music.

A pre-concert talk begins at p.m., with music starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. For reservations, dial 858-454-5872. Tickets are \$15 for nonmembers. (LA JOLLA)

"The Pleasure of Your Company," a Celtic harp recital of Renaissance gems, baroque and classical favorites, international melodies, and original compositions, is promised when Amy Lynn Kanner, M.D. and harpist, performs on Sunday, October 20. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m., at the Scripps Ranch Pub-lic Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Free. For more information, call 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

The Season Begins for the San Diego State University Symphony Orchestra and conductor Donald Barra with a concert on Sunday, October 20. Concertmaster Jorge Soto will perform Beethoven's "Romance for Violin" and the "Serenata Amdaluza" by Pablo Sarasate; the program also features Respighi's "Pines of Rome," "Academic Festival Overture" by Brahms, and Borodin's "Polovtsian Dances" from Prince Igor.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall on the San Diego

State University campus. Tickets are \$10 general. Call 619-594-1696 for reservations; dial 619-594-6042 for information. (SDSU)

What's the Sound when the SDSU Wind Symphony performs? Find out when the group presents concerts on October 20, at 2 p.m. and again at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on October 21, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Admission is free on Sunday; tickets are \$10 general on Monday. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

Choristers Evensong, the men's and boys' Choristers will sing evensong using the Richard Ayleward service music and singing the anthem "O Thou the Central Orb" by Charles Wood on Sunday, October 20, at 5 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). 619-298-7261. An offering will be received. (MIDTOWN)

The Combined Choirs of Pioneer United Church of Christ, St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, and St. Mark's United Methodist Church plan a concert on Sunday, October 20. The choirs perform Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer," Schubert's "Mass in G," and other selections; organist Carlene Befort and James Hansen will perform Mendelssohn's "Sonata No. 3 in A Major" and "Prelude and Fugue in C Minor."

The concert starts at 4 p.m. at St. Andrew's (1050 Thomas Avenue). An offering will be received. For more information, call 858-273Chamber Music at Its Best is promised when the Gennaro Trio presents a mini-concert at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, October 21, at noon. The trio includes pianist Ilana Mysior, violinist Ronald Goldman, and cellist Mary Lindblom. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Presented by the Spanish Consulate of L.A., the Jones and Maruri Violoncello-Guitar Duo plans a concert on Tuesday, October 22, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$18 for nonmembers. For information, call 696-1966. (BAL-BOA PARK)

Brador Brass presents a concert at noon in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University on Wednesday, October 23. For information, call 619-594-6060. Free. (SDSU)

An Abridged Version of Così fan Tutti may be enjoyed when the San Diego Opera Ensemble performs for the Concert Hour at Palomar College on Thursday, October 24, at 12:30 p.m., in the Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Richard Wagner's Piano Transcription of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with soloists and chorus has its North American premiere when Gustavo Romero joins the Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music (PACEM) in concert on Friday, October 25, at 8 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral. In this transcription, "The pianist is the orchestra, accompanied by soloists and chorus."

Tickets range from \$15 to \$100. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). For reservations and information, call 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

3022. The concert will be repeated on October 27 at the Pioneer Church of Christ. (PACIFIC BEACH) Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, October 20, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)







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### GALLERIES

A Variety of Photographs by Alex Webb, including many from his new book about the U.S.-Mexico border crossings, may be seen at the Joseph Bellows Gallery through Friday, November 29. Meet Webb during the opening reception planned on Friday, October 18, at 6 p.m.

Color landscape work by Elliot Porter, Christopher Burkett, and William Rastetter is concurrently on exhibit in the upper gallery. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The gallery is located at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

"Terra Incognita," featuring new abstract and nonrepresentational paintings and assemblages by Chris Martino, opens with a reception on Friday, October 18, at 6 p.m., at the Plava Gallery. Find the gallery at 2940 Adams Avenue. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 619-339-1136. See the show through Friday, November 15. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"If You Study This Work You Will Benefit," Kim MacConnel's fifth solo exhibition at Quint Contemporary Art features scenes photographed during his trip to China, furthering his interest in the visual fabric of other cultures. MacConnel took as his muse a poem from 14th-Century Chinese scholar Liu Ji, which imparts small pieces of wisdom by which one can live his/her life. Each scene is paired with a couplet from Liu Ji's poem that is written in calligraphy on the image in both Chinese and English.

Meet MacConnel at the opening reception slated for Friday, October 18, at 6 p.m. Quint is located at 7661 Girard Avenue. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and by appointment. 858-454-3409. The show closes on Saturday, November 23. (LA JOLLA)

Recent Landscape Paintings by John McCormick and new photographs by Jan Gauthier go on exhibit at Scott White Contemporary Art with an opening reception on Friday, October 18, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue. Call 858-551-5821 for further information. Regular viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The show closes on Saturday, November 23. (LA JOLLA)

**Professional Tennis Player and** Artist Walter Redondo has an exhibit of abstract artworks opening on Friday, October 18, at 5:30 p.m., at the Gallery on Broadway (625 Broadway). Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, and by appointment. 619-239-5222. (DOWNTOWN)

Taiwanese Painter Chen Yang Chun has strong foundations rooted in traditional Chinese ink painting and "expresses himself in the western modality of watercolors." See "The Art of Chen Yang Chun," opening with a reception on Saturday, October 19, at 2 p.m., at the Taiwanese American Community Center Gallery (7170 Convoy Court). See the show through Wednesday, October 30. For viewing hours and information, call 858-560 8884. (LINDA VISTA)

New Works by San Diego plein air artist Tom Zephyrs are on exhibit through Wednesday, January 15, 2003, at the Artists' Forum (4072 Adams Avenue). Meet Zephyrs during an opening reception planned on Sunday, October 20, at 1 p.m. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. 619-641-5855. (KENSINGTON)

Friends of the Chinese Brush pre sent an exhibit featuring traditional and contemporary subjects through Tuesday, October 29, in Gallery 21. You're invited to a reception planned on Sunday, October 20, at 4 p.m. For

more information, call 619-557-0517. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. (BALBOA PARK)

"Tight Teeth and a Marvelous Cake" — this installation by artist and educator Anna O'Cain was inspired by a box of letters written by her mother in the 1970s and 1980s The show opens with a reception for the artist on Wednesday, October 23, at 3 p.m., at the CSU San Marcos library, and continues through November. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. For viewing hours and other information, call 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

### ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Everything Can Be Different" presents a new trend in contemporary art practice that features optimism and experimentation. The artists included in the exhibition are said to use personal relationships as a means of addressing art, society, and how we organize our lives within both. The show — a traveling exhibition organized by Independent Curators International - demonstrates art being used to create something new out of the plasticity and malleability of social situations and settings. This exhibit closes on Sunday, December 8.

"Public Projects" is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center's 12-acre campus. Through Monday, June 30, 2003, see the work of San Diego public artist db smith. The show was curated by Sally Yard, professor of art history at the University of San Diego.

In "the playground," the artist explores themes of childhood and childhood memories from the perspective of an adult. "the instruments," on display in the museum's Tower Gallery, is a swing and a seesaw designed specifically for adults. The remaining six works are rendered as two-dimensional shadows that could be cast by some of the objects and activities associated with youth: jacks, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope, also on adult scale.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, "Fantasy and Play: Dolls, Toys, and Objects of Amusement" is a new show continuing through the end of the year. Featured are examples of the fine carousel animals carved by the Dentzel family of Pennsylvania, considered classics of their kind. Also on view are an oversized American toy train, Japanese toys, international dolls, and a five-foot-tall Italian Pinocchio.

"Jack Lenor Larsen — The Company and the Cloth" is on exhibit through Sunday, January 12, 2003. The included items are from the renowned textile designer's company archives, made up of more than 100 textiles, including some samples meant to be touched. Larsen is described as a gardener, designer, colorist, author, and the "consummate collector of decorative, primitive, design, and folk arts."

Few Westerners have explored Guizhou, the last province opened to tourism by the People's Republic of China, Guest curator Phila McDaniel was the first American to escort a group from America to this "myste rious and terraced land": she's made 49 visits to China. "Silver and Silk — Textiles and Jewelry of Guizhou, China" is an exhibition of intricately embroidered, handwoven textiles, and silver headresses, necklaces, and bracelets opening on Sunday, October 20. View these artifacts through spring 2003.

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, "Language: Form and Function" explores the use of written language as a fundamental component of visual art. "For many artists, working with text is simply another way to conjure images in the mind of the viewer." Work featured in the exhibition — by artists including Lorna Simpson, John Baldessari, and Edward Ruscha uses text as a central element. See the show through Sunday, November 17.

"Cerca" is a Spanish word referring to things nearby, or the process of bringing things closer. It's also the title for a new year-long series of exhibitions at the museum, presenting works created by regional artists specifically from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Baja, California - and to create a forum in which artists will explore common cultural issues. Los Angeles artist Jeremy Blake's Winchester project "exploits the history and architecture of the house constructed by rifle-heiress Sara Winchester." In his piece, Blake embarks upon an abstract, emotional tour of her insanity, executed through a "frame-by-frame digital painting" created from old photographs, ink drawings, and vector graphics. Blake's paintings are said to "provoke debate about the persistence and mutability of painting as a contemporary art form." Join the debate through Wednesday, November 27.

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, some of the most visually breathtaking works of art in the 20th Century are on exhibit in "Christo and Jeanne-Claude in the Vogel Collection from the National Gallery of Art." The artists have used fabric to transcend the traditional bounds of painting, drawing, sculpture, and architecture. Spanning 40 years in the artists' joint career, the exhibition features 61 objects, including several early wrapped packages, models for large-scale public works, preparatory drawings and collages for projects in urban and rural sites, and photographs of completed projects. This show closes on Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, a major exhibition of the work of Louis Faurer is on view through Sunday, October 20. The photographer lived from 1917 until 2001 and was known for his street photographs of New York said to "capture both documentary style and an impulse of fine art." Taken between the 1930s and 1960s, 137 photographs are featured in this exhibit, along with a dozen color photographs and 15 of "his best works for magazines, both fashion and editorial."

Yosuke Yamahata was sent by the Japanese army to document the effects of the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. The 28-year-old began to photograph the aftermath of the bombings as the sun rose and had taken more than 100 photographs by nightfall. "Nagasaki Journey: The Photographs of Yosuke

Yamahata, August 10, 1945" runs through Sunday, October 20. The exhibit is described as "an essential historic record of the nuclear age."

Several large- and medium-format photographs by contemporary South Korean photographer Bohnchang Koo go on exhibit on Thursday, October 17, and remain on view through Sunday, January 12, 2003. Taken from two of his most inspired and minimalist photographic sequences, the "Pencil of Nature" and "White" series, Koo is said to draw heavily from the natural world.

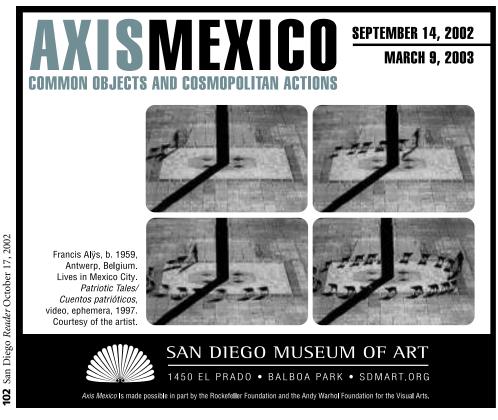
Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, significant works by the current generation of Mexican artists are included in "Axis Mexico: Common Objects and Cosmopolitan Actions," on view through Sunday, March 9, 2003. Nineteen artists are included in the show, including Francis Alÿs, Sylvia Gruner, Monica Castillo, Rubén Ortiz Torres, Eduardo Aboroa, and Daniela Rossell, working in a variety of media. "Axis Mexico" is said to reveal the impact of Mexican art on the evolving global art scene while highlighting Mexico as an axis for the circulation and exchange of art and ideas.

The diversity of print techniques practiced by artists working in San Diego over the past 100 years is revealed in "A Good Impression: A Century of Printmaking in San Diego." The show boasts approximately 60 prints, 30 of which are rarely seen works from the museum's collection; artists represented include Harry Sternberg, Italo Scanga, and Françoise Gilot. The show concludes on Sunday, October 27.

At once erotic and ascetic, both supreme god and intoxicated recluse, the figure of Shiva is one of the most compelling and contrary in Indian mythology. Images of Shiva and his family exploring Shiva's many forms and manifestations are included in "Shiva: Destrover of Time," concluding on Sunday, January 12, 2003. The images are from the museum's Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings.

For additional information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)







### Democracy Twiddle

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He refers to his son, the Royal Governor of New Jersey, as "the little bastard."

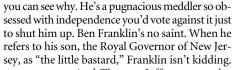
n John Trumbull's famous painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the signers, like Egyptian pharaohs, all look the same: same wigs, tricornered hats, brassknobbed walking canes — a host of

stiff-backed, intrepid men, queuing up to put their John Hancocks on the document. The Founding Fathers have become such icons it's almost un-American to ask, "Who were these guys?"

Trumbull's painting doesn't show the miserable heat and humidity in Philadelphia during the early summer of 1776, where "talk was the only breeze." If they opened the windows to ventilate the room, flies would invade with the ferocity of British redcoats attacking George Washington's ragtag army. It also conceals the dissension among the congressmen and the astonishing compromises necessary for the 13 colonies to declare independence.

Were the subject made a musical in the 1950s, the flies wouldn't exist, nor the humidity - nor flagons of rum, passed around to "get the heart started in the morning." The musical would have been as iconic, and as rigid, as paintings of the event. Sherman Edwards and Peter Stone's surprising, delightful musical, 1776, however, opened in 1969, the end of a decade that gave sacred cows the twice-over. It takes a balanced, human look at how our country almost didn't come about.

John Adams is "obnoxious and disliked," and



And Thomas Jefferson - who early in the proceedings sits silently, off to the side, like Hamlet — hasn't been home in six months and would much rather see his wife than write an inflammatory document.

Nobody's immortal. Plus, liberation from England's no done deal. 1776 reveals a fetid menagerie of egos and agendas and surrounds it with a fact we often forget: should England's army defeat Washington, each of these cane-thumping rebels will "invite the hangman."

1776 is a rich history lesson but never feels like one. It's also a Broadway musical but never plays like one: no chorus lines, showstoppers, or even unmarried women. You could almost say 1776 declares its independence from musical form. Long sections have no music at all — though the debates, like songs without notes, unfold with an orchestrated precision. As much as anything, the story resembles a mystery, which deepens as we come to know the principals. Franklin complains that they must "get a nation started against greater odds than a more generous god would have allowed." Even though we know the outcome, the question persists: How'd they ever pull it off?

The answer includes a nation-sized irony: the



Doren Elias, Tom Stephenson in 1776

1776, music and lyrics by Sherman Edwards, book by Peter Stone

Lamb's Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado Directed by Deborah Gilmour Smyth; cast, Robert Smyth, Tom Stephenson, Paul Eggington, David Heath, J. Michael Ross, Rick D. Meads, Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Doren Elias, Nick Cordileone, James Pascarella, David S. Cohen, Jim Chovick, John Polhamus, Chris Reber, Ed Hollingsworth, Walter Ritter, Ralph Johnson, Moriah Algeline, Greg Thompson, Scott Kunkel, Robert Stark, Jesse MacKinnon, John Nutten, Andrew Fullerton, Matt Davis; scenic design, Mike Buckley; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Nathan Peirson; audio design, Greg Campbell; musical direction, Vanda Eggington Playing through November 10; Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m.

Matinee Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For information call 619-437-0600.

gent who casts the deciding vote does it not for God and country but to remain anonymous. The Lamb's Players Theatre has put its largest

cast ever — 25, by my count — on the resident

stage. Mike Buckley's set, a wall of flag panels, a circle of 13 stars on the floor, combines the abstract and the specific. Costume designer Jeanne Reith, one of San Diego's best, outdoes herself



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### Calendar Theater

with 18th-century apparel, from knee breeches to rollercurled silver wigs, so accurate you'd swear that the event itself was taking place. Nathan Peirson's excellent lighting adds the summer heat. And when assembled, the large cast creates a sense of almost oppressive confinement. These men debated — "piddled, twiddled, and resolved" — in very close quarters.

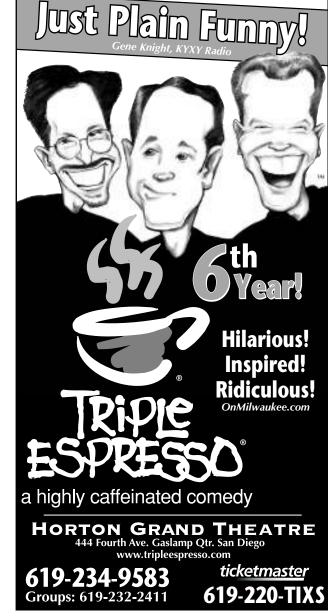
In one sense they were a restricted group: white males, most landowners, many aristocrats. But at the same time, they were diverse. Songs reflect the latter (the show, in fact, is literally "democratic"). Strongvoiced Paul Eggington, as Pennsylvania's John Dickinson, leads his conservative bloc in the song "Cool, Cool, Considerate Men," who lean "ever to the right." John Polhamus, as Edward Rutledge of South Carolina, sings the evening's most disturbing song, "Molasses to Rum," with operatic intensity. The ghoulish number depicts the triangle created by slavery. At first it sounds like a paean to its subject, but Rutledge shows that the hypocritical North benefits as much from slavery as the South.

The musical says the Continental Congress was "half improvised, half compromised" and shows the paradox of the signing: the colonies joined by omitting the "slavery clause" from Jefferson's original text. To create a "democracy" the Founding Fathers looked away from their inhumanity, a compromise that would almost shred the country years later.

The night I saw it, the production was a tale of two acts. The first was powerhouse, punctuated by the strong choral voices of the Congressmen. The debates ping-ponged around the stage, crisp and accurate. The familiar and unfamiliar figures came to vivid life (another of the book's achievements: it keeps a dozen characters alive at any one point; it's easy to see why 1776 took seven years to write).

Then Act Two sagged. Scenes became looser, dialogue less exact. It could have been the 20-minute intermission after a 90-minute first act, or high pressure outside, or the phase of the moon, or greenroom confinement. Whoever can figure out the theatrical and nontheatrical factors that influence a show could become the Bill Gates of live performance. In effect, the energy dropped, and what was a very good show became a fairly good one.

The sag was probably a one-night microevent. And the Lamb's production has enough fixings to merit a recommendation. Deborah Gilmour Smyth gives her splendid voice

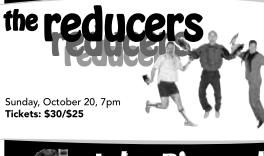




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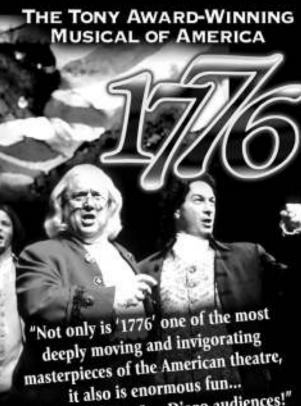




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to Abigail Adams, present at the congress in spirit, if not in fact. Were he not forging a nation, Robert Smyth's John Adams would be examining his obsessive-compulsiveness on a therapist's couch. When he worries about what people will think of their efforts, Ben Franklin replies, "Don't worry, John; the history books will clean it up." As Franklin, Tom Stephenson not only looks like the man, but, as 1776 does throughout, he looks under the legend to reveal a most untidy creature.

### THEATER LISTINGS

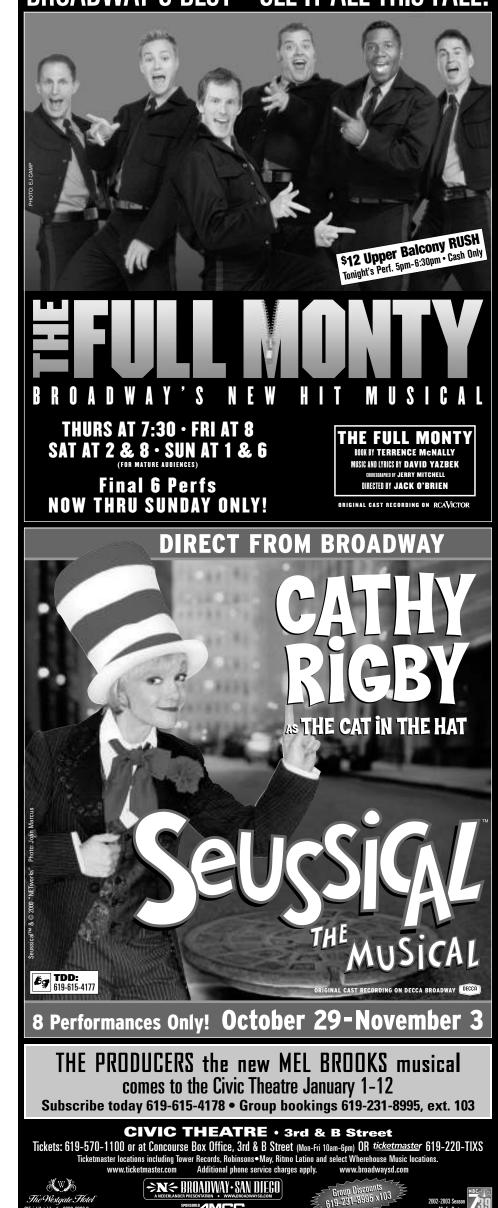
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### Adoration of the Old Woman

In Spanish, belen can mean birth, bedlam, or Bethlehem. It's also the perfect name for the old woman in Jose Rivera's enchanting new drama. Born in 1898, she's the "First Lady of Puerto Rico." She's haunted by the ghost of her husband's mistress, and by what's become of her homeland, which, in the past 500 years, has been "free one week and a day." When a 104-year-old woman is the center of a play, you smell overriding metaphor. But like her name, and the situation in Puerto Rico, Adoration resists facile interpretation. There's a Humpty-Dumpty quality about the characters and their country. All have diverse, scattered parts, and people offer various theories of putting them back together. Rivera's only got one set and five characters — OK, four characters and a ghost - but he paints a big canvas on this small frame, crafting an intricate portrait of "near future" Puerto Rico. Along with fine acting (Ivonne Coll amazes as Dñna Belen: not larger than life, but as large as life can get) and "magic realism" design work, one of the most refreshing aspects of Adoration: it shows an American satellite country from the inside, from the point of view of the colonized, and how many reject the identity imposed on them. Rivera offers no easy answers for an authentic Puerto Rico. He knows, with Edward Said, that "the assertion of identity is no mere ceremonial matter" in today's world. And given the temper of these times, Adoration constitutes an act of courage: it dares to show American audiences something they rarely encounter: how it feels to be Other. Critic's pick. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS FORUM, THROUGH OCTOBER 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M

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### Beehive

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. Jill 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

### Beyond Therapy

I must report that, the night I caught it, the Globe Theatres' audience enjoyed Christopher Durang's comedy. And the play is funny. But the Globe either doesn't think so or doesn't trust the script. Under Brendan Fox's frantic direction, the production browbeats spectators with hyper-energy, jackhammer deliveries, and doublewide performances. Imagine Robin Williams, on speed, playing six characters, doing scene changes as disco-mania, and screaming at the audience, "ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?" It's a lot much. Bruce and Prudence answer a personal ad. They will never be a Love Connection. It's not just that they're flaming neurotics. Their psychotherapists encourage a flowering of their neuroses. Alma Cuervo's a delight as brain-blasted Charlotte, a therapist in need of same, as is Adam Edwards - a local star deserving the big spotlight. And the portable set, minimalist chic, appeals. But the hard-sell approach cartoons the play's themes (in this version everyone's just crazy; in Durang's they are much more human beings with tendencies in that direction). All too often, the production's so overstaged, Durang's jokes play second fiddle to the show's. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS. THROUGH OCTO-BER 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

#### The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged) and The Reducers

The celebrated Reduced Shakespeare Company performs a truncated version of the Good Book, on October 19; and, in its latest creation, The Reducers, some Dickens, Proust, and others, on October 20. POWAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BIBLE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, AT 8:00 P.M.; REDUCERS, SUNDAY, OC-TOBER 20, AT 7:00 P.M.

### **Biloxi Blues**

The Coronado Playhouse presents Neil Simon's comedy-drama about Eugene Morris Jerome (a.k.a. Simon) going through basic military training in Biloxi, Mississippi. Bob Christiansen directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH OC TOBER 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### **Catskills Conspiracy**

Mystery Cafe's interactive 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.

### **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 under wear...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.

### The Dining Room

University of San Diego's undergraduate theater department stages A.R. Gurney, Jr.'s, comedy-drama

about a dying institution, the East Coast WASP dining room, where decisions got made, confessions confessed, and lives changed. SHILEY THEATRE, CAMINO HALL, UNI-VERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 3. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

### Fault Line Halloween One-Acts

The Fault Line Players present a "fright-fest" of one-acts that will "make you scream (and that's after you pay for the ticket)." Fault Line warns that the one-acts contain adult language and some audience participation. FAULT LINE THEATRE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, THROUGH OCTOBER 31: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURS-DAY, OCTOBER 31) AT 8:00 P.M.

### Franklin's Window

and Bench Warmers Community Actors Theatre stages two one-acts, a comedy and a drama, by Earl Hamilton Ir. COMMUNITY ACTOR'S THEATRE, THROUGH OCTOBER 20; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M.

### The Full Monty

Broadway/San Diego hosts a touring production of the musical comedy that originated at the Old Globe. Jack O'Brien directed. The production is "for mature audiences only." SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, THROUGH OCTOBER 20: THURSDAY AT 7:30 P M FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR DAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT

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#### Halsted Street, Chicago: A Few Tales from Boystown

Korbett Kompany Productions stages the San Diego premiere of Howard Casner's five one-acts about a gav neighborhood in Chicago. Robert Korbett directed. KORBETT KOMPANY PRODUCTIONS. 3858 FRONT STREET (AT UNIVERSITY AVENUE), SAN DIEGO, THROUGH OCTO BER 27: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR IN FORMATION CALL 619-291-6353.

### **Imaginary Friends**

Mary McCarthy (1912-1989) and Lillian Hellman (1905-1984) only met twice but became inseparably entwined January 25, 1980, when McCarthy told Dick Cavett's TV audience that "everything Hellman writes is a lie, including 'and' and 'the.' " Hellman sued for \$2.5 mil., and the literary figures waged a verbal war that started ugly and then got mean. The facts of the case make for good fiction — and have, in Richard Nelson's Sensibility and Sense. But Nora Ephron's "play with music" feels more like notes for a comedy-drama than the real deal. Part of the problem's simple logistics. Before it can come to the point, Imaginary Friends feels obligated to create two biographies. That's double the usual exposition for a show. And the evening's full of info-bytes that reach an absurd low when Muriel Gardiner, the real "Julia," takes 20 minutes — it seems - to explain herself for a scene that never took place (she then psychoanalyzes both women on the spot; one was too false, the other too true, in case anyone missed a point the play and songs hammer you with incessantly). The Globe's production's as polished as the script is uncertain. The actors and designers, an all-star team of talent, make the show worth seeing, if not worth hearing. Harry Groener's an Everyman figure, every man in the women's lives. Swoozie Kurtz edges Hellman toward caricature: a chain-smoker on her last match. The incomparable

Cherry Jones, however, is so assured, so empyrean as McCarthy, that the duel's too one-sided. Where is the ferocity? The two women rarely "make a scene," or even play one together. Instead they face front and defend themselves, as if finalists at a Survivor tribal council, each pleading not to get her torch snuffed out.

#### Worth a try. OLD GLOBE THEATRE. THROUGH

NOVEMBER 3; TUESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### International TheatreSports

Conference San Diego TheatreSports is hosting

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the franchise. Two "games," directed by impro-wiz Keith Johnstone, will be open to the public. THE SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE 1531 TYLER STREET (ON THE EDGE OF HILL-CREST, BETWEEN CLEVELAND AND CAM PUS), FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, AND SAT-URDAY, OCTOBER 19, AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW

#### Into the Woods

Theatre West stages the Stephen Sondheim musical (with book by James Lapine) about the other side of fairy tales. Paul Kehler directed. HEARTH THEATER, SAN MARCOS COM-MUNITY RECREATION CENTER, 3 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, SAN MARCOS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, THROUGH OCTOBER 27: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR IN-FORMATION CALL 760-744-9000.

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### Joey and Maria's

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### Keely and Du

Grossmont College Theatre pre-sents Jane Martin's drama about Keely, a rape victim, and her desire to terminate an unwanted pregnancy. Martin Katz directed. STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, GROSSMONT COLLEGE, THROUGH OCTOBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### Major Barbara

South Coast Repertory Theatre opens its new season with George Bernard Shaw's comedy about an armaments manufacturer whose children are appalled by his "munitions over morals" philosophy. Martin Benson directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, FRIDAY, OCTO-BER 18 THROUGH NOVEMBER 17: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATH NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P M

### The Miracle Worker

A competent staging of the familiar drama about intrepid Annie Sullivan's efforts to educate Helen Keller. Though "virtually blind," Sullivan hand-signed — and sometimes wrestled — the idea of lan-





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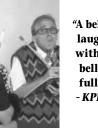
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mute Keller, D. Candis Paule makes Sullivan a pillar of patience, while revealing the frustrations underneath. Young Abbey Grace Howe's Keller sees a bit too clearly, and moves too freely around the stage (and drifts in and out of character), but captures the chaotic tantrums of the woman destined to become one of America's most eloquent figures. The rest of the cast, directed by Carolyn Keith, varies in quality, Southern accents included, and verges on the melodramatic. The play takes place in Tuscumbia, Alabama, in 1887, and Corey Johnston's excellent costumes nail period and place with glorious precision. Marty Burnett's set brims with detail and, typical of this fine designer, is sturdy enough to withstand a WWF-strength battle in the Kellers' dining room. George Ye's surrealistic music contributes, and Chris Rynne's lighting, which shaves the three-part stage framing, illuminating, even magnifying demonstrates once again why he's becoming one of San Diego's best. WORTH A TRY.

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#### The Mystery of Irma Vep

The La Jolla Stage Company presents Charles Ludlam's comedy in which two actors play "all the roles, men, women, animals, and others. LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, THROUGH OCTOBER 27; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND 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.

#### One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest Poway Performing Arts Company stages Dale Wasserman's drama, based on the Ken Kesey novel. Dimitar D. Marinoff directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY. THROUGH NOVEMBER 3; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M.

#### Peter and Wendy

At first they look like Victorian beekeepers - off-white outfits, wide-brim hats, silk veils. They are actually puppeteers, yet in Mabou Mines's Peter and Wendy, as they perform their craft, retelling the story of Peter Pan, the puppeteers weave past each other, spring in white blurs, float into framing tableaux, and do a dance almost as

enchanting as the tale itself. They work with humble, "found" items, the way children make magic from the everyday: rippling blue cloth becomes an ocean; another sheet's the bow of Hook's ship. Many effects come out of books, literally, like the flapping pages that soar like flying penguins. The piece probes the familiar story for deep structure revelations about lost innocence and initial hurts ("no child ever gets over that first unfairness"). The piece's only manipulative note: in the end, Wendy cries, cueing the audience that it should too. Accompanied by lilting Scottish music, Karen Kandel narrates the story, speaks at least 25 different voices, plays some of the characters, sings, and, along with percussionist Jay Peck, makes background sounds. It's a two-anda-half-hour tour de force almost unimagineable in scope. Critic's pick. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH

NOVEMBER 10: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P M

#### Polvester

The La Jolla Stage Company's latenight show brings back the '70s with a musical revue that includes "Play That Funky Music," "YMCA," "Lady Marmalade," and "I Will Survive LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY THROUGH NOVEMBER 24; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 10:30 P M

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#### Recuerdo

This play, by San Diegan Rosanne Ramos, and production, by the Muse Theatre, have good intentions, but most go unrealized. The play explicates a painting Frida Kahlo did of Dorothy Hale — Hollywood socialite, wife of millionaires — who leapt from the 16th floor of a building. Recuerdo, the painting, graphically shows the results of the suicide. *Recuerdo*, the play, reunites the women in limbo. They talk — and talk — and slowly change from antagonists playing a game for points to bonded souls. The script works, in theory, since both women share common scars. But the world-premiere production suffers from the Imaginary Friends syndrome: little of it takes place in the present. The women replay their pasts with long stretches of exposition and a pseudopoetic style (which includes single-word chains -

"velvet...blood...money"/"feet...a nkles...knees" — repeated so often they become a most annoving mannerism). The piece is far more cerebral and literary than dramatic, and the conclusion is foregone. The monotone production could help, some, with more varied deliv eries (everyone read Keith John-stone's chapter on "Status" in Impro and let the "game" unfold). And the playwright, who does show flashes of talent, could concentrate more on telling a story, in the present, with the eye rather than the ear.

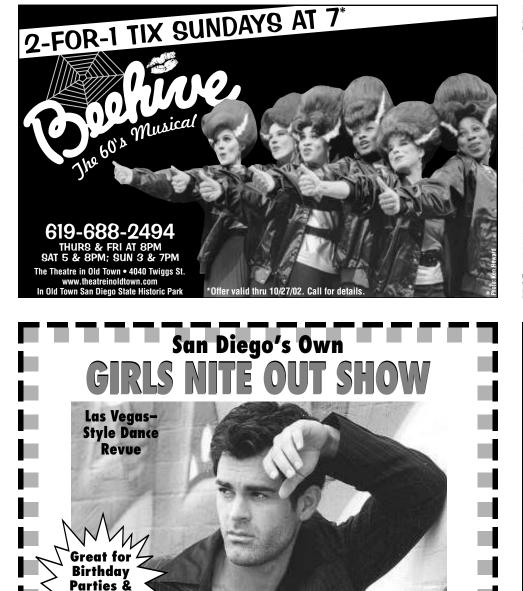
ACADEMY OF SOUND AND MUSIC, 3554 KETTNER BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH OCTOBER 20: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-239-2894.

#### **Reunion:** The Golden **Oldies Musical Revue**

The Glasshouse Theatre, San Diego's newest live theater, presents a revue of the music and dances of "rock 'n' roll's golden years." Michael Wulfhart directed. GLASSHOUSE THEATRE, OPEN-ENDED RUN: THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY. PRESHOW AT 7:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, PRESHOW AT 1:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-523-3637.

#### San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" - two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit"



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(other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits

much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art.' Worth a try. SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks! What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama. 6th @ Penn 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 text as if this were the first day of

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#### 1776

Reviewed this issue. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE. THROUGH NOVEMBER 10: TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SAT URDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

#### Songs for a New World

Actor's Asylum Productions, with support from Beacon Theatre, presents the San Diego premiere of Jason Robert Brown's musical revue about "community, relationships, and life changes." Danny Campbell directed. ACTOR'S ASYLUM, FRIDAY, OCTO-

BER 18, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17; FRI DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

#### The Sopranos' Last Supper

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800-944-JOEY. Strike Up the Band

> The Star Theatre hosts the first of George and Ira Gershwin's political satires. In the book, by George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind, America's going to war with Switzerland over the price of cheese tariffs. STAR THEATRE, 402 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, THROUGH OCTOBER 19; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-721-1101 OR 760-721-9983.

#### Triple Espresso: A Highly **Caffeinated Comedy**

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, SAN DIEGO OPEN-ENDED RUN. WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-234-9583.

#### **Triple Play**

Community Actors Theatre presents three one-act comedies -Franklin's Widow, Blacks Gotta Die (in Hollywood Some Things Never Change), and The Bench Warmers - by Earl Hamilton, Jr., directed by James Harris. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE. THROUGH OCTOBER 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M.

#### Working

More than any production before or since — and you can include the almost one-per-year we've sent to Broadway in the last 15 years — the Rep's original version of Working, in the very early '80s, is San Diego's signature show. Here was all-local talent, directed by a local. Sam Woodhouse, taking a Broadway fizzle and filling it with life, feeling, and first-class flare. The current version is slick, professional, and often well done. The cast knows how to deliver, especially how to sell a moment or a song. For them the production's a gig. For the original cast, each one taking unheard-of risks, it was a joy. Show biz dominates the updated version. Many characters get played as types or for comic shtick, not sweat of toil, and their humanity gets lost. The toneddown monologues and songs -Shana Wride's eloquent "Just a

Housewife." Melinda Gilb's behind-the-times schoolteacher, and Fernando Flores Vega's "Un Mejor Dia Vendora" - affect the most. This Working, technically, serves as a yardstick for how much the Rep has grown. If you don't count the tinny sound system, Robin Sanford Roberts' set, Mary Larson's excellent costumes, and Trevor Norton's spectacular light shows dazzle with expertise. The Rep's come a long way. But amid the polish and pizzazz of the new Working let's hope it doesn't forget its humble roots.

#### Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE. THROUGH OCTOBER 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

#### The Zoo Story

and The American Dream Renaissance Theatre Company presents the one-acts that put Edward Albee on the theatrical map in the early 1960s. The American Dream satirizes its title. If you don't count the empty picture frames in their garish apartment, which come to represent them eloquently, Daddy and Mommy must have it made. But they solve problems by eliminating them, act with selective amnesia, and dwindle into nightmarish, "hell is other people" lives. Although the performances had an over-the-top, opening-night energy, the Glynn Bedington-directed production (and it's great to see her back in a theater!) found its feet and did justice to Albee's homage to Ionesco. Dream is a savage comedy; Zoo Story is a savage drama. Jerry, a compulsive talker, unloads on Peter, a textbook publisher, at a Central Park bench. Jerry's speech builds, or should build, like an aria, concluding in an unexpected twist. Marcus Overton (Peter) and Jeffrey Jones (Jerry), however, do by-the-numbers readings. They play it as a "what if" exercise, not a life-and-death "what is." The piece stays on the surface. It needs more subtext (Peter's reactions should be more varied), and much more underlying menace. For both plays RTC continues its tradition of quality production val-ues (you could almost call the designers North Coast Rep South, since four of the five also work for NCRT) and, with Albee, its tradition of mounting American classics

#### Worth a try.

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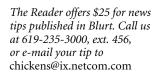
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"I've been banned from their website." After a year as host/producer of 92/1's Wayback Machine, Bryan

Pistols to Public Enemy to the Beatles to Rage Against the Machine.

He said he is blocked from adding anything to the message board on 92/1's www.independent.fm.

The next night Rocket from the Crypt founder John 'Swami" Reis said on the air that he was also giving up his



Jones said he is now banned from communicating on his former station's website after he tried to post a message.

"I said [on the air] there are a lot of changes going on at this radio station. I said a handful of people get this show, and it is unlikely that [station owner] Art Astor is one of them.

So he said goodbye and quit on the air.

Jones's Saturday morning show was famous for playing everything from the Sex

show.

All this follows the abrupt firing September 27 of afternoon DJ/program director Mike Halloran, who was responsible for bringing the modern rock format to the station in May of last year.

The changes cause many to wonder about the future of 92/1 as an alternative rock outlet.

"We are moving full speed ahead," said Rick Savage, who took over Halloran's afternoon DJ shift and, as



music director, decides what gets played on the air. Savage is sharing program director duties with morning DJ Rick Rome. "There are no changes planned in the format. We're



BRYAN JONES - RESTING NOT DEAD

still supporting local music more than any other station around."

Lucky 7, Pivit, Vertibird, Counterfit, No Knife, and Rocket from the Crypt — all local bands without majorlabel support - continue to get played in "regular rotation" on 92/1. Savage says this means each band gets "three to seven spins a dav."

"I found it's tough to get played on radio," said Lucky 7 singer/guitarist Allen

Colaneri, who has toured the country twice, including this year's Warped tour. "We found that the pocketbook is how a lot of bands get played on the radio today. A lot of stations play bands because they are receiving money. But no one is paying 92/1 to play us.'

Lucky 7's latest self-titled CD was released last week.

"There were ten major stations across the country that just added us to their main playlist, which tells us there are more people like Mike Halloran across the country. They believe in our music. Those are the people we want to associate with anyway. We were devastated to hear Mike lost his job."

Meanwhile, Bryan Jones, a local radio veteran who has been heard on such FM frequencies as 91.1, 90.3, and 92.5, suggested he may still resurface at yet another station.

"I'm not dead, only resting.'

An insider with 92/1 said Jones is now free to post on the message board on www.independent.fm. — Ken Leighton **"Ticket sales for raves** are down 90 percent. Our business is down 70 percent from three years ago.

British transplant David Robinson owns Mileage, a PB music-and-fashion store that flourished during the 1998-2000 rave culture

trance, the uptempo electronic style of dance music that was the rage three years ago, has become passé. "Even the word 'trance'

was cool. The kids were, like, 'Trance, I want to be in a trance.' When that got old, the kids moved on to other



ROBINSON - "TRANCE" IS A DIRTY WORD NOW

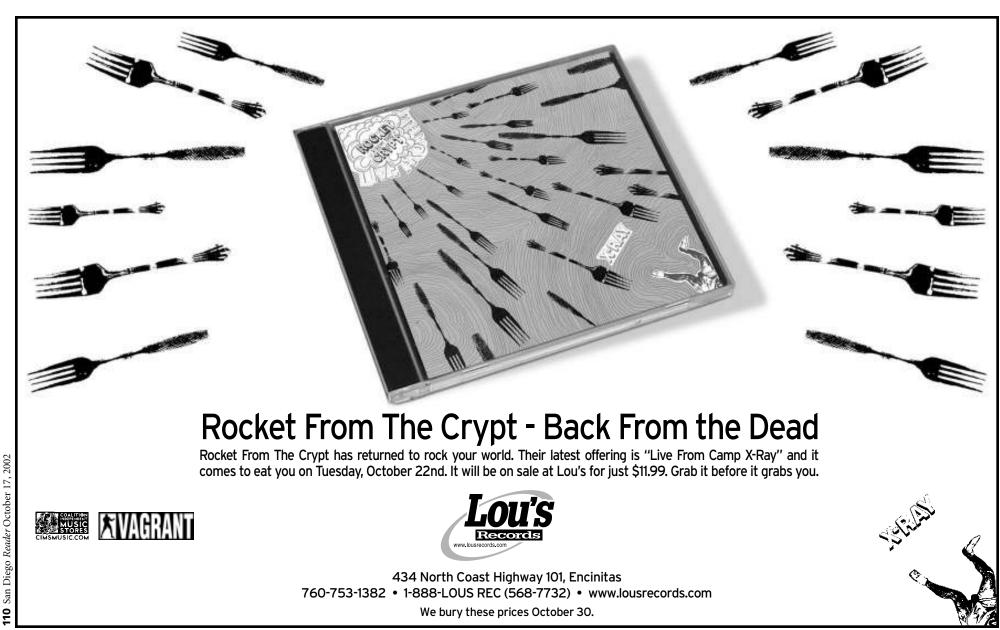
explosion.

Mileage outfits the dance culture. It sells records to DJs and clothes to the fans who populate the modern dance scene.

"Everything came together in that two- or threeyear period. There was a new look [baggy pants], a new sound [trance], and even a new drug [ecstasy]." Robinson notes that

stages like drum-and-bass and hardcore. But all that is not attracting the mainstream of kids anymore. A lot of kids now are also into house, which is basically rehashed disco.... A lot of kids have also moved back to hip-hop. Trance is like a dirty word now.2

Robinson, who has lived in the States for 14 years, says the 18- to 21-year-olds who



were ravers 3 years ago have moved on. "They are now paying mortgages and working for Bank of America. There needs to be something new for the current 18- to 21-year-olds, but it hasn't come along yet."

He said the fickleness of American pop culture had a lot to do with the rave culture's move from boom to bust.

"In Europe dance music is everywhere. It's on [BBC's] Radio One. You can go into McDonald's and hear it there. It's become mainstream music like rock or hip-hop has over here."

He says about 20 percent of his sales at Mileage comes from vinyl records and CDs. "Everyone is hoping something new will come along.... This downturn does not represent the death knell [of dance culture], but it is hanging by the skin of its teeth.'

- Ken Leighton

#### "You're making a

tape? Are you going to put it on eBay?'

Dick Dale, king of the surf guitar, was in UCSD's Geisel Library October 8 for an Art of Surfing exhibit on display in the lower level of the library. I'm in the front row taping his lecture.

He continued, "I'm serious. I see all kinds of bootlegs on eBay. I've seen people sell my broken guitar

strings. Once somebody sold a guitar for \$15,000 they said was mine, and it wasn't. I called eBay to tell them that."

There was silence, and he kept staring at me, so I finally said, "No, this won't end up on eBay.'

He talked for three hours about the surf sound he created in the 1950s. He said, "I'd hire people like Jan & Dean, the Beach Boys, and pay them 50 bucks to open for me." He talked about his friendship with Elvis and speeding down the street in his car. He said, "Cops would pull us over and see who it was and let us go without a ticket. Elvis would drive away saying, 'Thank you very much.' "

I asked him about another '50s icon he knew, Marilyn Monroe. He did the movie Let's Make Love with her in 1960. Dale said, "When I saw that nude photo of her laying there, I never imagined I'd someday be talking with her on the set of a movie. I thought she was nice. Very beautiful. And she was smart. It's a shame she got caught up in the system. They ended up whacking her, because she knew stuff and wanted to talk."

Dale talked about being a vegetarian, the cancer at 19 that almost killed him, and hearing Hendrix playing in Pasadena. (Jimi has said in interviews that Dale, a fellow left-handed guitarist, was a

big influence.)

One lady mentioned seeing him play countless times at the Belly Up Tavern in the early '80s. He laughed and said, "Oh, the Belly Up. Well, ya know why I played there? Because the gentleman that owns it is paralyzed from the waist down. And he said he wanted to create a rock festival there and that he couldn't afford to pay me. But, because he was a very, very humble person speaking to me, and he didn't pretend to be something he's not.' Dale didn't have his

guitar, but he sang parts of



various songs to make certain points. After he did a few imitations of Sammy Davis Jr., I yelled out, "Now I'll be able to put this tape on eBay and get something for it." The surfing exhibit is free. For info call 858-534-8074. — Josh Board

#### "I heard they got

they didn't show up."

West reneged on their

the posters.

promise to play a Scream

Zone event October 5 at the

Del Mar Fairgrounds because

their name was misspelled on

The posters advertised

Vertibird (who did play) and

Rad West, who did not show

featured Scapegoat Wax, was

up. The show, which also

organized by station 92/1.

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RAD RED WEST

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DeVoe called in from the road

182, New Found Glory).

where he was touring with

was on," said DeVoe. "Mike

New Found Glory.

"We never got confirmation that the show

The rumor is that Red

Halloran set it up for us. But upset that their name was he doesn't work at the station spelled wrong. That's why anymore, and no one from the station called to confirm." – Ken Leighton

#### "A lot of

customers go to the computer to find tracks and then they come here to buy it.<sup>2</sup>

David Singer, coowner of an all-vinyl record store for DIs called Source Records, says his store is bucking a national trend and actually making money.

A recent Billboard magazine article entitled "No Party for Dance Retailers noted that a number of dance music specialty stores have gone out of business in major cities. It blames a depressed club scene and the availability of downloadable dance tracks. Billboard said that the titles on its "Hot Dance Music" chart are selling 61 percent less compared to a year ago.

Singer says Source Records stays open for one simple reason: Real DJs only use 12-inch discs.

"You can download a song and put it on CD, but you cannot download it onto a [12-inch vinyl] record. You can get a vinyl cutter that will cut you a record. But it will cost you \$10,000."

Singer says about a third of the customers at his Oceanside record store are amateurs who appreciate the



REAL DJS ONLY SPIN VINYL art of using two turntables to segue from one dance track to another. He said the rest are pro DJs who come to Source for their 12-inch "addiction.

He says vinyl consumers are unaffected by the Internet file-sharing that is draining profits from the Wherehouse and Tower chains and the Columbia and Atlantic labels. "MP3s are more apt to

phase out CDs than vinyl. Ninety percent of professional DJs use vinyl."

Besides, said Singer, you can't manually scratch a CD. But Billboard reports that



a new digital technology introduced this summer called Final Scratch is causing dance music retailers even more grief because it "allows DJs to treat MP3 files as if they were vinvl.'

"I'd be surprised if it's as good as they say it is," said Singer. But his Source

Records business partner, Jody Moore, disagrees. "Final Scratch is

something where you can plug your turntable into your computer and manipulate your actual MP3 file just like a record. You can even change the pitch. I think we're in trouble. But vinyl won't go away immediately.'

. – Ken Leighton

Arthur Lee, of the 1960s band Love (whose album Forever Changes is often on critics' lists as one of the best LPs of all time), was at the Belly Up Tavern, September 26. He had done a few songs in the past with

Jimi Hendrix, and during the show he started to say, "This next song is by a guitarist ---when he was interrupted by a fan who yelled, "Jimi Hendrix!" Lee shouted back, "Fuck Hendrix, man! There would be no Jimi Hendrix if it wasn't for me, motherfucker! There'd be no Sly and the Family Stone, no Parliament. So I don't want to hear any shit about Hendrix." Lee's last two appearances

in San Diego were over a



NEVER TOUCH HIM

decade ago. He spent the last six years in jail (he got out earlier this year) because he illegally shot a gun, and it was



his third strike (previous drug charges). One time he didn't show up for his gig at Brick by Brick until 2:00 a.m. and the club wouldn't let him go onstage, since it was near closing. Another time he did a '60s show that came to town, with Big Brother and the Holding Company and Moby Grape.

At the Belly Up I was supposed to interview him before the show, but that never materialized. Hours before he was to hit the stage, I saw him walking through the club. He was wearing a cowboy hat and a bandana with the American flag on it. As he walked by, I gently grabbed his arm and said, Are you Arthur?" thinking I would get my interview after all. He said, "Why are you

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Dave Koz

touching my arm, man?!" I let go, and as I started to ask a question, he said, "Never touch me," and he walked away.

— Josh Board

#### "He is holding up the teller with a gun," says Jon St. John, an employee who was "downsized" in February from his full-time Clear Channel job as a production director making station IDs. Jodina, his significant other (she uses only her first name — "I once had a stalker"), does a nighttime show for adult alternative station KPRI (102.1 FM).

"We were right behind him in line," said St. John. "We step up to the window and the guy is immediately to Jodina's right." "The teller looked at me with this bizarre smile, recalls Jodina about the incident at a San Clemente Washington Mutual bank. "I didn't know she was being robbed at that moment."

"We had no idea what was going on," says St. John. When he leaves the building, the teller starts sobbing hysterically. We thought that she had just heard the news that someone in her family had died. At that point we still didn't know what had happened. Then the bank manager comes out of his office, locks all the doors, and asks everyone to remain calm. He says, 'We have just been robbed.' The teller is ushered into the back room, where she is supposed to sit down and

immediately fill out a report. They put paper over the counter for fingerprints. Within minutes the building is surrounded by yellow tape and police vehicles. In another minute or two there's a police helicopter. The police come in and take reports. They want to know if we can describe the man. We couldn't even tell him what he was wearing."

A security official for Washington Mutual said a suspect had not been apprehended.

— Ken Leighton

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# **History Vapor**

Consider the sob or growl in both black and Jewish music that comes out of lives of subjugation and unhappiness.

erlin is the most interesting place I've ever spent serious time. It's a serious place and D insists on serious time. It's not an attrac-

tive city. Like Chicago, it arose and spread itself across a forbidding bog in the middle of nowhere during the second half of the 19th Century, a railroad hub and manufacturing center, a working-class town with a wretched climate.

To be fair, Berlin did exist some five centuries before Chicago as a trading settlement, a ford, on the river Spree, where merchants and traders would unload their goods and continue either by land or by water along the chain of lakes called the Havel,

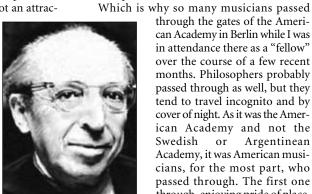
on to the Elbe and then the sea. For a while toward the end of the 13th Century, the place prospered and even became a member of the Hanseatic League, with goods from the east passing through its entrepôt on the way to Hamburg, a real city like Vienna, Augsburg, and Cologne.

But because the Romans never really managed to establish control in the regions to the north and east of the Elbe, which remained largely nomadic, Berlin never de-

veloped as an urban center until the Industrial Revolution

Also unlike Chicago, history sits on Berlin like a vapor, a brownish-green vapor. One can't escape it, even when the sun shines. If California, collectively, is one of the most willfully ahistorical sectors of the planet, Berlin, at least with regard to its recent history, is ground zero for historical self-consciousness.

Withal, Berlin is an unusually young, energetic city, constantly refashioning itself and threatening to become the cultural center of Europe. Insofar as music and philosophy are as central to German culture as cars, movies, and commerce are to ours, Berlin, as the center of



Aaron Copland

rector of the San Francisco Symphony. Mr. Tilson Thomas (as he seems to be called) has a pleasantly fanfare sort of personality, so perhaps it was only appropriate that he should lead off the season of musical guests. He was at the Academy that evening to talk about his old friend, the late

REVIEW Aaron Copland. Tilson Thomas is a AUGUST KLEINZAHLER showman, from a line of show people. He thrives like a plant in the sunshine of attention. He is fueled by an audience and wonderfully adept at taking it over for his own purposes, which, in this instance.

that culture, is one of the most philosophical and

through the gates of the Ameri-

can Academy in Berlin while I was

in attendance there as a "fellow"

over the course of a few recent

months. Philosophers probably

passed through as well, but they

tend to travel incognito and by

cover of night. As it was the Amer-

ican Academy and not the

Swedish or Argentinean

Academy, it was American musi-

cians, for the most part, who

passed through. The first one

through, enjoying pride of place,

was Michael Tilson Thomas, di-

musical places on earth.

was instruction and delight. Thomas, among living "star" conductors, has been unusually friendly to "new music" over the course of his career, not least "new" American music. Copland will not necessarily seem or sound "new" to most American listeners. After all, the populist orchestral compositions of his later career have become chestnuts, American concert standards, works like "Billy the Kid" and "Appalachian Spring." They are favorites at Republican fundraisers in places like Tallahassee

and Newport News. But those very same conservative benefactors who are more than comfortable with Jesse Helms's attitudes toward the National Endowment for the Arts would be very surprised, and probably mortified, by the radical and brilliant earlier work of the composer, work influenced by Stravinsky,

Schoenberg, and jazz.

The conductor, born in Los Angeles in 1944, would have been too young to have met George Gershwin, but Tilson Thomas's father was taught piano as a child by Gershwin. Michael Tilson Thomas was raised among show people. His grandparents (émigrés from Russia like Copland's family), Boris and Bessie Thomashefsky, were founders and stars of the American Yiddish Theater in New York. Tilson Thomas's parents worked in the motion picture industry.

Tilson Thomas is a ham, but a most

sophisticated ham. Unlike his parents and grandparents, he enjoyed the privilege of formal musical training, and instead of a career on the Yiddish stage — or its more contemporary equivalents, doing song and dance numbers, cracking jokes - he was to wind up in the "serious music" end of things.

What was most interesting about the Tilson Thomas talk on Copland was his discussion of the

"blue note" as it appears in African-American music, chiefly jazz and blues. It also, apparently, turns up in Jewish music from Eastern Europe and Russia. I recognized it when Tilson Thomas played and vocalized the "blue note" in a characteristically Jewish musical inflection but had never connected it with the "blue note" in jazz and blues before.

Most musicians would refer to the "blue

note" as a "lowered seventh degree" or to the seventh chord containing the blue note as the tonic seventh. A formally trained musician might explain the blue note as the dominant-seventh chord of the subdominant of the principal key. The New Grove Dictionary of Jazz refers to the blue note as "a microtonally lowered third, seventh, or (less commonly) fifth degree of the diatonic scale...The pitch or intonation is not fixed...but varies according to the performer's instinct or expression.'

This will not be helpful to most readers. You would, in most cases, recognize a blue note if you heard one. Some credit its appearance in Afro-American music to an invention through necessity of translating the African pentatonic scale to European diatonicism through "two new scale



degrees of indistinct pitch.' Regardless, the blues scale is pentatonic, which traditional Western European music ain't. In Jewish music the blue notes and inflections would have arisen through contacts, probably, with Arabic music and its "foreign' scales, the maqám, which emphasizes the minor third. Mix in a bit of Russian, Ottoman, and Austro-Hungarian noises, let stand overnight, and you'll arrive at something like Jewish

blues. Forgetting about all of the above, consider the sob or growl in both black and Jewish music that comes out of lives of subjugation and unhappiness, and you'll probably arrive at a vague, but serviceable, idea of the blue note.

Tilson Thomas, who had known Copland for many years and for whom Copland was something of a mentor, had the opportunity to play Copland's "Piano Variations" and "Piano Fantasies" for the composer nearly 40 years earlier in L.A., when Copland was through on a visit and Tilson Thomas was only 18 years old. Neither piece is easy to play; in fact, the "Piano Variations" is a bear. Copland must have been impressed and delighted.

On the occasion of his visit this evening on the shores of Lake Wannsee in Berlin, at the end of his talk, Tilson Thomas played the "Piano Variations" once more, with its complex rhythms; its ruggedly handled, dense, multiple extreme shifts in tempo, interval, register, and, of course, its "blue notes." It is a piece at once visceral and abstract. Put crudely, it is as if Gershwin and Schoenberg collided at 60 miles per hour with marvelous result. Tilson Thomas brought it off magnificently, a thrilling conclusion to the first of what were to be a number of marvelous musical evenings at the American Academy.

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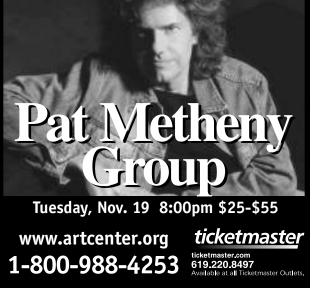


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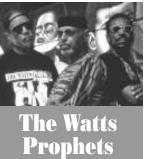
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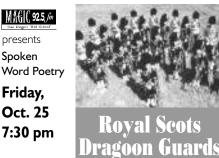
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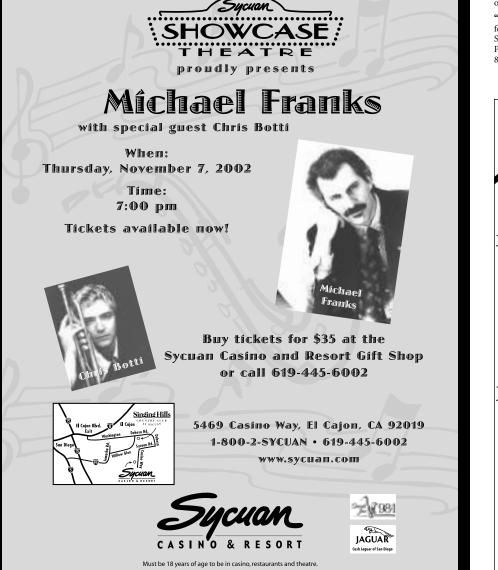
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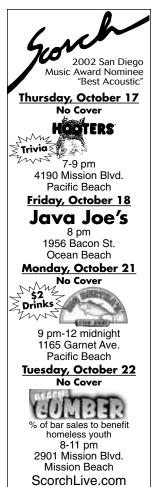
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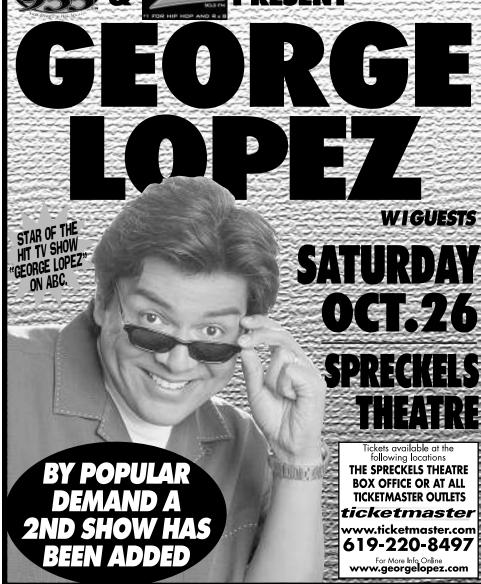


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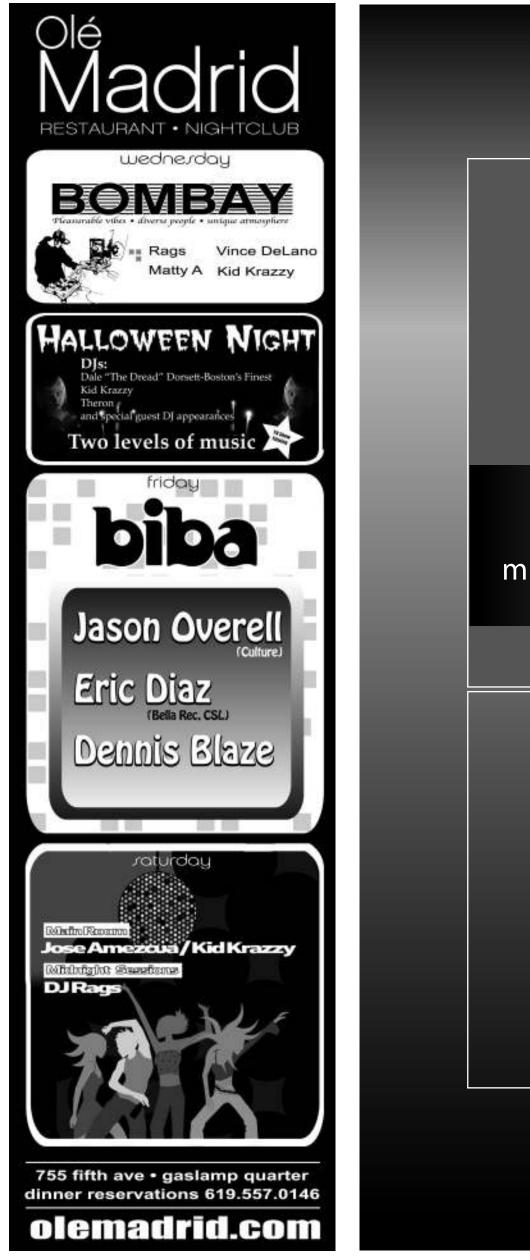
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#### JAZZ / BIG BAND

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Dizzy's Bob Boss: Dizzy's

Breezin': Chuey's Numero Uno

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado Susie Burns: Danato's Ristorante

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

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#### **REGGAE / SKA**

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#### COUNTRY

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Darkwave Garden: Every second and fourth Saturday, gothic, ethereal, electro, fetish, and dance; 21 and up. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown, 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

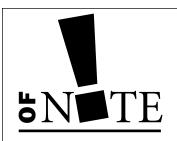
Eavesdrop: Wednesdays, downtempo excursions with DJs SIX:8, Somatik AKRANM, and Jon Wesley. Live instrumentation by Timothy Lowman and Jonathan Williams. No cover; 21 and up. The Pirate's Den, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, 619-574-6833.

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#### BY DAVE GOOD

Although they're gaining more and more radio play, the French Kicks are a lesser-known part of the New York art-garage post-pop rock revival thing currently underway. Along with the White Stripes, the Vines, and the Strokes, the Kicks make quick records that the Ramones would have been proud of (total running time of the French Kicks' One Time Bells: a hair under 39 minutes). The Kicks feature spare, almost discordant playing with lots of room noise left in. The production is a bit sloppy and the songs are almost wimpy — but with vivid execution. The point of this music, I suppose, is attitude: New York's new wave is as much about the deconstruction of rock as anything. Needless to say, the group went over big in the UK.

The French Kicks are not French. They are from Ohio and DC, and they took their name from a joke. (Not one of them can remember the punch line.) They formed in New York a few years ago, then moved to a ranch in Virginia where they practiced, wrote songs, and tended cows for rent money. The Kicks depart

from the rest by multitasking beyond the three-chord revival favored by the Stripes and the Strokes. The French Kicks are as vitreous a band as ever there was, meaning that

their mentors are distinct: Fugazi, the Bee Gees, the Beatles, Prince (drummer **Nick** Stumpf — the band's vocalist — can do a falsetto that is a dead-on impersonation of the "Artist Formerly Known As"). In other words, the Kicks borrow heavily. They are a "musical chop shop" along the order of the garage bands of old, like Crazy Horse and the Faces, and equally original. Why should you



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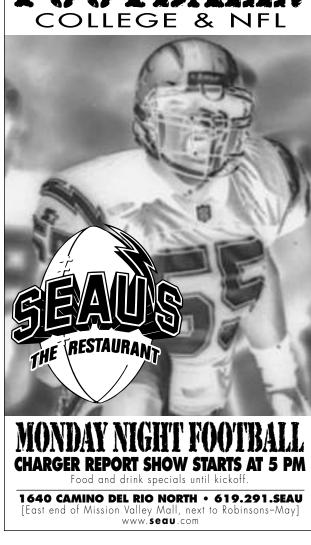
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Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, *Project Jazz*. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Wild Child*, classic rock. Saturday, 10 pm, *Un Solo Orquesta*, salsa. Wednesday, *Rockola*, rock.

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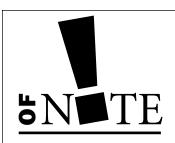
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#### BY WILLIAM CRAIN

It's easier to admire Ani DiFranco than to like her music. Since she was a teenager, she's been touring and recording almost constantly, releasing records on her own terms, with her own label. That last part might not seem so exceptional anymore, but DiFranco is one of those rare independent artists who actually makes a decent living with her music. What's not to admire?

But enjoying DiFranco's music requires putting up with other matters. I can't get past her affected vocal mannerisms - she makes Alanis Morrissette seem like Sade by comparison. Obviously, that's just a matter of taste. But even DiFranco's longtime fans might have a hard time following her stylistic changes - from shaved-headed solo folkie to green-haired, tattooed alternative

T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, 4315 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-270-6850. Friday and Sunday, Ashley Matte, folk.

Tiki House. 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Green Eggs & Sam.* Friday, the Big Provider, alternative, Saturday, Lighter, rock. Sunday, open acoustic night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Thursday, *the* Rebirth Brass Band and Carlos Washington's Giant People. Saturday, Boom Shaka, Garth Dennis, the Organix, Tribe of Judah, and the Travel ents, reggae/alternative.

folk-rocker to dreadlocked leader of a funk-jazz-rock ensemble to (recently) African music-inspired solo performer. Putting up with her

strident politics isn't always easy either. Many people may appreciate DiFranco's post-September 11, antiwar, anti-Bush poem "Self-Evident" (available on the new live double CD So Much Shouting, So Much Laughter), others may find it lacking in nuance. But there's no avoiding politics, because DiFranco's politics are inseparable from her art.

Consider this line from her website: "As a matter of principle and a privilege of her hardearned independence, Ani does not perform songs on demand, whether the demand comes from the producer of a television program, an audience member at one of her concerts, or even her own management." If you're not already in the cult of Ani, that might look rude (are audience requests really so awful?), but if you're a fan, it's probably



like those vocal quirks that annoy me so much — it makes you love her all the more. Toshi Reagon opens

(To hear a sample of Ani DiFranco, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4112.)

ANI DIFRANCO, Copley Symphony Hall, Tuesday, October 22, 8 p.m. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497. \$32.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Pysdecar*, reggae, funk. Friday, *Tea Leaf Green* and *Ph Balance*. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Idle Train*, rock, 8 pm, *the B-Side Players*, Latin jazz. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Earl Thomas & the* Blues Ambassadors, 8:30 pm, live band, Monday, the Electric Waste Band, rock. Tuesday, the Good China and the Dime Store Poets, rock.

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Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Dieg 619-232-7408. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 pm, the Jaime Valle–Bob Magnusson Duo, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Joe Byrnes, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, Bitches in Heat, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session Wednesday, Bad Credit, rock.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Missior Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm,

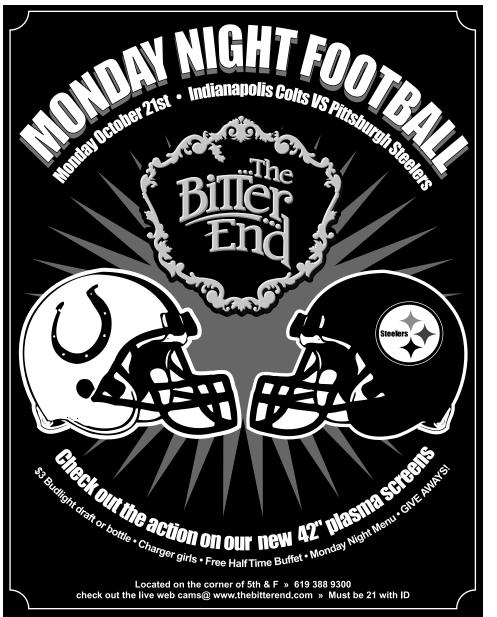
Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Sing-Sing*, Venus Hum, and a.m. Vibe. Friday Twerp, Pushed, and the Beverly

Killbillys. Saturday, Modern Rhythm and RDG. Tuesday, NSR, Without Reason, and Skipjack.

The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant, 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook 760-728-2818. Sunday, 6 pm, *the* Hank Williams Sr. Tribute featuring Jack Johnson, country.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8 pm, Gary Boriera.

Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street, San Diego. 619-584-2720. Music is Alternative/punk/hardcore. Thursday, Mother Russia, Headrot, the Anonymous, the OC Bombers, and You & What Army. Friday, Strange Noise



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Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, Jason Mraz, alternative.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, live rock. Saturday, 9 pm, *Avalanche*, rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, Angel Hayes, blues.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, the International Silver Strings Submarine Band featuring Billy Watson, blues. Saturday, Todd Stedman & the Fattones, blues. Sunday, the Will Sumner Group, blues.

Henry's Pub. 618 Fifth Avenue. downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, Superfunk Fantasy, disco. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Wednesday, Star Shak, reggae, jazz, Latin funk.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. Thursday, 6 pm, *Bill Mayers*, jazz. Friday, 8 pm, *Cafe Savoy*, swing, dance. Saturday, alternative rock. Monday, Beatles jam. Wednesday, 8 pm, open mike.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Calvin Romance* jazz. Friday, 6 pm, *Simply Complex*, 9:30 pm, *Rockola*, classic rock. Saturday, 6 pm, Jerome Dawson 9:30 pm, Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers, jazz. Sunday, 8 pm to midnight, Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, Fattburger, jazz.

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Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, *Tubby*. Sturday, *Liquid Image*, rock. Wednesday, Tommy Price, acoustic.

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Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Nick Braa*. Friday, *Lou* Curtis. Saturday, Skadrophenia. Sunday, Jason & Jane. Wednesday, Barbara Mitchell.

Monzu on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5218. Thursday, 8 pm, *the Allison Scull &* Victor Martin Duo, jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, Night Life blues, swing. Saturday, the Steven Cox Band.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gregory Page*, alternative. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joev's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Friday, *Scaredy Cat*, *Open Trench*, *Cell* Block 5, and the Main, alternative. Saturday, First Power and the Gooneez hip-hop.

**Rosie O'Grady's,** 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *No Thanks to Paul, a New Dan Regas,* Obadiah, and Gone with Mark. Friday Dogwood, the Classified, the Deal, and *P.B.R.* Saturday, *Magni, Dissolution, Penitence*, and *Fluorescent*.

**Second Wind,** 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nemesis, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *the Flea*-Bops and Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, Deke Dickerson and the Sleepwalkers, rockabilly. Saturday, Powerthud, rock.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 pm to 9:30 pm, the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet.



Album name: Molotov Cocktail Party (2002) Artist: Liquid Image

Label: Kay Records

Songs: 1) Quantum Physics 2) Near Miss 3) Seamless 4) Emily 5) Oahu 6) (I Just) Died in Your Arms 7) Stand and Be Counted 8) Faithful by Default 9) Questions Unanswered 10) Secret Weapon 11) Everything 12) Nina 13) You Decide 14) MCP Price/Where available: cdbaby.com for \$10

Names of band members: Casey Turner (guitars, vocals), Gabe Griffin (drums), Shane Leipold (bass)

Extra info: Liquid Image's song "Emily" was featured on MTV's reality show Sorority Life.

Website: www.surf.to/liquidimage

The fifth album of alternative/punk-rock trio Liquid Image can best be described in two words: melodic angst.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Sunday, the

#### DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Tricia*, 7:30 pm, *Cold Fusion* Friday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Francisco* Oieda with Kevin Cavenaugh, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, David, 9:30 pm, the B-3 Three or the David Mosby Trio. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, the Clay Salmon Jazz Ensemble, 9:30 pm, *Inner Voyage.* Sunday, 9:30 pm, *Gilbert Castellanos.* Monday, 5:30 pm to 7;30 pm, Absinthe, 9:30 pm, the Darren Raser Band. Tuesday, Lady Dottie and Cold Fusion. Wednesday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Terra, 9:30 pm, the Ĉlay Salmon Jazz Ensemble.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic.

Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 9 pm, *Latin Groove.* Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Jack Pot*,

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-236-1616. Thursday Alan Iglesias & Crossfire. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, the

619-231-8282. Friday and Saturday, 9:30 pm, *the Shade of Blue Quartet*, iazz.

midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Do Make Say Think. Flypanam, Aspects of Physics, and the Snodgrass. Friday, the Pattern, Hot Hot Heat, the Moving Units, and Lovelife. Saturday, Southern Culture on the Skids, the 45's, and the Bipeds. Sunday, is resonant in the frenzied chords of the electric guitars, but overall each melody possesses its own allure. The album also includes a cover of the Cutting Crew's 1986 hit "(I Just) Died in Your Arms." Liquid Image performs an electrified version of the song, eliminating most of the synthesizer and adding electric guitars.

In "Stand and Be Counted," a track with guitar styling similar to Dramarama's "Anything, Anything," Turner sings, "It's not about what you think is right or wrong if the principles are compromised / so school has taught you all you need to know / the lessons void and null / the knowledae vou attain is only worth what you communicate."

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Torta, French Kicks, and No. 2.

Street, downtown, 619-234-6937. Friday, *Breezin'*, jazz, pop. Saturday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz.

the David Patrone Quartet. Friday, Yavaz. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Glen Fisher con Alma, Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Comberos Quintet.

Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, Fuzzy & the Bluesmen. Saturday, Sue Palmer, jazz.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday



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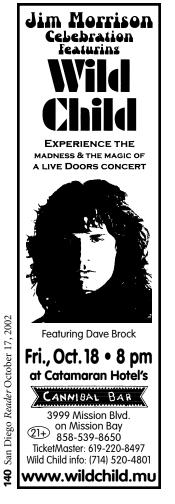
Saturday, Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock. Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday,

8 pm to 11 pm, Jeff Colella, Trey Henry, and Kendall Kay, jazz. Friday, 9 pm, the Bi-National Mambo Orchestra. Saturday, 8:30 pm. Hollis Gentry, Chris Conner, Herb Martin, Marguerita Page, Amber Whitlock, and Leonard Tucker, jazz. Sunday, 7 pm, Charlie Christian with Bob Boss, jazz. Monday, 8 pm to 11 pm, Derek Cannon, Gilbert Castellanos, and Bill Caballero, jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue downtown. 619-232-9840. Thursday, *Ashley Matte*, folk.

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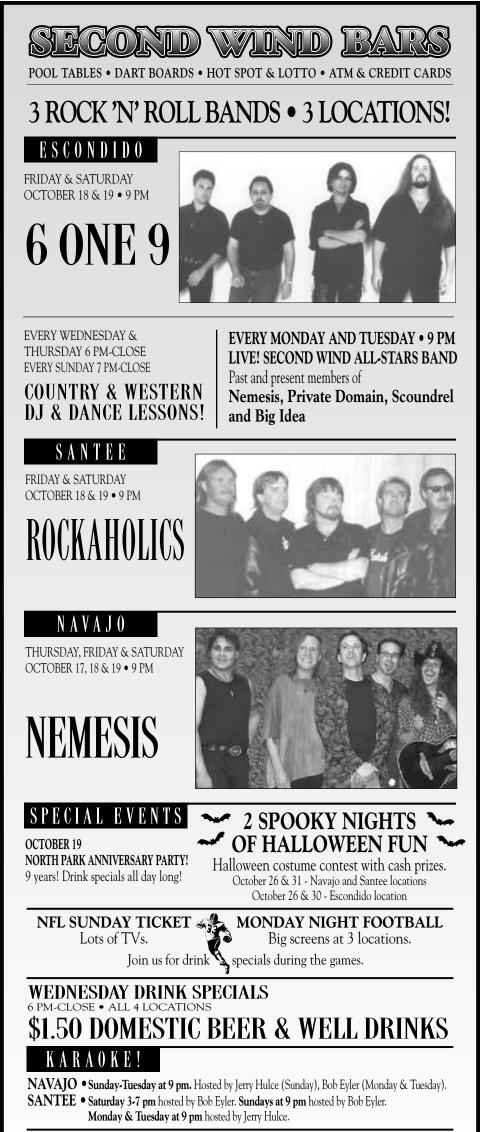
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Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Sunday, call club for information. Wednesday, the David Patrone Quartet, jazz.

The New Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue (between Broadway and C Street), downtown. 619-232-6141. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Aubrey Fay* Band, jazz.

**Ole Madrid,** 755 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-557-0146. Thursday, 6 pm to 8 pm, Royale Brasserie. Tuesday, 6 pm to 8 pm, Inner Voyage, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues. Thursday, Big "Mo" Blues. Friday, Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Saturday, the Bill Magee Blues Band. Sunday, Blue Largo. Monday, Red Lane. Tuesday, Taryn Donath & Mojo Rising. Wednesday, Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars.

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Coronado Island Marriott (formerly Le Meridian), 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Coral McFarland*-Thuet Jazz Ouartet.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, R.O.K., rock.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

**The Hi-Ball Lounge**, 626 E Street, Chula Vista. 619-425-3800. Friday, funk. Saturday, special guests.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orang 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.

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iazz. Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456 Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly.

Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado. 619-424-4000. Cays Lounge: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm to midnight, Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice, jazz.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, the Koalas. Friday, Baywolf, classic rock. Saturday, Nit Express, country. Sunday, Gary Rich, acoustic. Monday, Jim Moore, acoustic



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**FOOD** ➤ none, but you're allowed to bring food in; lots of fast food and

restaurants in area **ACCESS** ➤ parking lot in front with ten spots and lot in back also **DRESS** ➤ casual; saw a few western shirts, a Hawaiian shirt, and Chargers shirt

folk. Tuesday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Wednesday, 4-Way Street, acoustic

Mr. D's Cocktail Lounge, 1322 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-427-4200. Friday and Saturday, the Mix, pop

#### **EAST COUNTY**

**Borders Books & Music,** 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 pm, Samantha, acoustic/folk

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**FURNISHINGS** ➤ eight small tables 20 seats at bar, disco ball over dance floor, video poker machine, keno and lotto machines, TV; half the wall by the dance

**Dirk's Niteclub,** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Coyote* 

Moon, country. Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Altered Time*, classic rock.

The German-American Societies 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, floor/stage is mirrored - years ago, the singer from the Sand Fleas broke a fair number of them **DECIBEL LEVEL** ➤ 95 when a guy was playing trumpet during his karaoke version of "Georgia on My Mind" (last week, Pal Joey's was 90)

#### WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN **LAST MONTH** ➤ Fish and the Seaweeds

QUOTABLE ➤ "Let's go. We'll miss Letterman."

I had dinner at Tio Leo's, which is right around the corner from O'Connell's. Judy Ames, who's been hosting "Karaokemania" for the past few months at O'Connell's, says, "I like it here.

The people are nice, and it's fun." She ended up singing a lot of songs because of the small crowd (ten people on a Wednesday), and she sounded great. She sang "Always on My Mind" with one patron, and when she did "Fever," a drunk guy in his 50s kept yelling, "I know that song." He then went

the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band featuring Jo Dark.

Magnolia Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Wishbone, country

On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday, Kemosabe, classic rock. Saturday, the Tall Dudes, rock.

up and did the worst version of "Love Potion #9" ever. He sang the chorus late each time and had a horrible voice.

One person told me. "I've only seen [the band] Nectarine play here. They're good. They wear weird outfits. Sometimes Catholic schoolgirls, sometimes beauty pageant contestants with sashes that say things like 'Miss Understood.' "

The bartender told me they perform there twice a month. She also said, "With USD nearby, we get more college types at night. During the day, it's more working class."

The bar has a Bose digital iukebox. The bartender said. "It has a variety of different types of music, but if somebody requests something, we can download it and have it on there the next day. It also has games periodically pop up which, if you win, give you free song selections."

- By Josh Board

**Pine Valley House,** 28841 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley. 619-473-8708. Saturday, the Lot Lizards, country.

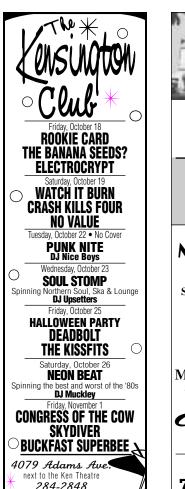
Por Favor, 148 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-8228. Wednesday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *John Foltz*, acoustic rock.

**Second Wind,** 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *the Rockaholics*, rock.

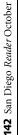


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# Mamma's Legacy

"Mamma mia, that's one spicy marinara!" my boyfriend joked after his first bite of linguini. We were eating at Trattoria Mamma Anna, and it is a neighborhood Italian restaurant, but the food and ambience are a step above the checkered-tablecloth atmosphere of the old "spicy meatball" TV ad. The tablecloths are crisp white linen; it's the restaurant's history that's been somewhat checkered of late.

Although I'm reviewing the restaurant, I'm really writing about Mamma Anna herself, and her legacy. Anna Manutella grew up in the restaurant business — first in her native Palermo, and then in New Jersey for 20-odd years. After moving to San Diego, she opened the very popular Mamma Anna's in the Gaslamp, where, for 6 years, she delighted her customers with her down-home cooking and Sicilian warmth.

In 1999, Mamma Anna decided to close the restaurant and retire, but she soon discovered that the laid-back life wasn't her style. "She worked in the kitchen all the time, every day," says Mr. Pecoraro. "She no work, she goes nuts. She'd actually have employees seated and relaxed; they watched while she did the work. I'm not kidding; she's a workaholic. Nobody can get her out of the kitchen." It wasn't long before Mamma reopened the trattoria in its new Uptown location (on the site of a former DeLuca's Pizzeria near the border between Hillcrest and Mission Hills) with her longtime chef Luis Ditala back in the kitchen.

Our first meal there, late last spring, was on a quiet early weeknight, when chefs and restaurant owners often stay home and put their sore feet up, so we weren't surprised at Mamma's absence from the dining room and the semi-open kitchen. We enjoyed an excellent grilled vegetable antipasto platter and a seductive "Involtini de Pollo," miraculously tender cheese-stuffed chicken breast.

And then there was that wonderful spicy marinara sauce. The garlic-kissed tomato mixture was clean-tasting and light-textured, with a freshness that comes from quick cooking. We tasted it swathing "Linguine Pescatore," a nightly special that you'll always find on the chalkboard. The pasta, done perfectly *al dente*, was thickly strewn with shrimp, clams, mussels, calamari, and chunks of fish fillet. The seafood pieces were unevenly cooked, ranging from translucently tender to rubbery or even cardboardy, depending on the species — but we suspended judgment. It's on the quietest nights that restaurant staffs



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(from cooks to servers) are most likely to space out on the job.

We were sufficiently impressed to return a few weeks later with a group of friends. This time, on a busy night, Mamma's absence was disquieting. So were the dishes coming from the kitchen, which were consistent only in their inconsistency. In this spaghetti Western, the good was the delicious "Carpaccio con Carciofi," thin, tender filet mignon slices soaked in lemon juice and a

superb olive oil, topped with unmarinated bottled artichoke hearts and freshly shaved Parmesan cheese. The bad: the "Involtini de Melanzane"

(a stuffed eggplant appetizer), which had a faint refrigerator taste, indicating that it had been assembled long before serving. The ugly: Both "Pollo à la Marsala" and "Scallopini di Vitello" with lemon and capers (a variation of veal piccata) were apparently cooked with no butter, just ordinary oil. Both were salty, flat-tasting, and visibly greasy. But riding to the rescue: The housemade Sicilian fennel sausages were thick, juicy, and mouth-filling. They were served with tomato sauce, bell peppers, and onions over very neutral polenta, which slowly took on all the other flavors.

And so it went all evening. The next afternoon, I phoned the restaurant and got the news: Manutella had recently gone to Italy to deal with a grave family crisis. Nobody could say exactly when she'd be back. Now I understood why the kitchen seemed so discombobulated. In Mamma's absence, its world was out of balance.

The "crisis" reached a sad ending late this summer, and upon her return to San Diego, Manutella decided to leave the restaurant business for good. The trattoria remains

open, however, under the stewardship of her husband, Lorenzo Pecoraro. He, too, is from Palermo and knows how to cook — he's the one, in fact, who personally makes those sublime sausages. "I put a little cheese in them," he says. "That makes them taste different."

With the trattoria's fate finally settled, the kitchen (and its loyal customers) seem to be coping with Mamma's absence. The two airy dining rooms are well patronized; service is smart and

#### Trattoria Mamma Anna ★1⁄2 (good to very good)

228 West Washington (at Albatross), Mission Hills; 619-220-7070

**HOURS:** Sunday–Thursday, 4:00–10:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday to 11:00 p.m.

**PRICES:** Appetizers, \$5–\$9. Pizzas, \$11–\$14. Pastas, \$11–\$16. Entrées, \$13–\$17.

**CUISINE & BEVERAGES:** Classic Southern Italian menu of old favorites; compact, reasonably priced Italian and California wine list with many choices by the glass.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Look for this modest restaurant halfway between the Jack In The Box and Albertson's. Most dishes emphatically salted; request no added salt if it's a health concern.

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thoughtful under a competent manager (another holdover from the Gaslamp incarnation). The most striking difference is that the menu is now about onethird shorter. The highest-priced entrées have been banished, along with the most labor-intensive dishes on the old menu (including our antipasto platter and both *involtini* variations). This, says Mr. Pecoraro, isn't merely because there are two fewer hands in the kitchen. It's also largely in response to what the Hillcrest crowd (versus the old Gaslamp crowd) is likely to order. "The reason the menu is shorter now is that some things weren't moving much," says Mr. Pecoraro. "A lot of customers like it better; it's a lot easier to make a decision with fewer choices. Before it was too much. That's what I heard from customers."

But Mamma's influence still remains evident in the homemade sausages and that devilish marinara. (You can taste the marinara "straight" as a



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dip for an appetizer of fried calamari. In this diverting dish, the good, crisp squid wear a thick, flavorful, unevenly seasoned batter with pockets of salt, hot pepper, and fresh parsley - fun to eat because you never know what flavor the next bite will hold.) The soft, crusty, house-baked Italian bread still arrives warm, with cruets of a rich, fragrant Italian extra-virgin (Arrezio brand) and balsamic. You make up your own bagna dip to taste. (This proves preferable to waiter-made bagnas, which are often vinegary enough to dress a salad.)

The seafood-pasta array we encountered as our first dinner's "Linguine Pescatore" reappeared as a base for "Calamari Ripieni" featuring reasonably tender, medium-size stuffed squid. The makeup of the stuffing changed all summer; the latest version features moistened bread crumbs touched with roasted red peppers, Parmesan, and an alleged crabmeat component that, on this visit, proved wholly undetectable by taste, smell, or visual inspection. The assorted seafood accompaniment was still unevenly prepared; this time, we found even more of the shellfish overcooked. The fresh pastas (ravioli,

gnocchi, tortellini, etc.) used to be made in-house from scratch; now they're purchased from the local Mamma Lina Ravioli Factory, where the chief cook and founder is a *paisana* of the Pecoraros, using recipes very like those of Mamma Anna herself. "They're 43 years in business here in San Diego," says Mr. Pecoraro. "I taste theirs and I taste mine and I say, 'No difference here.' Why should I do all that much work?" While the skins are a little thick, the ricotta cheese ravioli are so amply (and deliciously) filled as to stand right up to the pasta, swelling their little chests out. The cheese ravioli are offered with marinara, meat sauce, and "con funghi." The latter features a garnish of sliced cremini mushrooms suspended in a thin, salty sauce based on a beef stock with such harsh oniony notes you may long to mix it with sour cream and serve it with chips.

In the less fully packed lobster ravioli, the thick pasta is more intrusive, and you'll wonder where the lobster went. The crustacean flavor in the filling is nearly as elusive as the crab in the stuffed calamari, but its blandness is tempered by a lush, brandied tomato-cream sauce reminiscent of a thick lobster bisque.

The sauce and mushrooms of the "Ravioli con Funghi" undergo a sea change in "Vitello a la Marsala": veal medallions cooked in butter and deglazed with rich, insinuating Marsala. The butter and sweet wine set all the flavors into balance, knocking the onions down to bit players hulking in the background. The veal pieces, though, aren't medallions cut from the loin; from their good, meaty flavor and knotty, chewy texture, I'd guess they're leg slices from just above the knee. (They could really stand some pounding with a needle-tipped tenderizer.)

Although the veggie accompaniment is a variant of the San Diego Standard Restaurant Mix including carrot slices, broccoli florets, and new potato wedges the carrots and broccoli are crisptender and butter-drenched, while the crisp-crusted, moist-fleshed potatoes, well salted and sautéed in butter, exemplify the best sort of home-style cooking. Just sign me up for a National Dairy Board endorsement: Butter does taste better.

The pizza here is what New Yorkers call "Sicilian pizza." Patted out like a tortilla rather than spun through the air, its crust is thicker than Neapolitan-style pizza. We tried the basic "Pizza Margharita" on our second visit, and it emerged from the oven undercooked, with a pale and chewy crust. After taking most of it home and giving it ten more minutes in our oven, it developed some street cred. If you're eating it in the restaurant, request it "well done."

All pastries are still made inhouse, but that's no guarantee of sublimity. The cheesecake is indeed like Sara Lee–gone-to-heaven; it's cream cheese on a graham crust, but light, puffy, and soft-textured. On the other hand, the tiramisu is puckery with powdered espresso and has an odd, sour flavor hidden at its center, and the ricotta in the "Cannoli Cake" is dry and dense. Also offered is a terrific spumoni from nearby Gelato Vero: pistachio ice cream with lots of nuts and large, semisweet chocolate chips. (It runs out fast on weekends, so order it early.)

Even with Mamma gone from the restaurant, her imprint remains...Wait, do you feel some warmth coming from that kitchen? STOP THE PRESSES! A week ago, Mamma realized she couldn't stand idleness and went back to work — daytimes at Solunto, evenings at Mamma Anna's. She's back making the pastas just the way she used to; a whole community welcomes her home.





## **Go Nuts**

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ere's what happens. I'm supposed to meet this guy downtown. Might have some work for me. I get off the trolley at Fifth and C. I check my watch. Ten o'clock. Morning sun and city workers with hoses and scrubbers

make the whole scene look new, fresh. Then I look at the card. Oh. God. For the first time in my life, I'm early. Hour early. If there's one thing worse than being late ...

I look around me. Wander along C a bit to where chairs and tables and umbrellas sit kind of lonely in front of some downstairs

nightclub café called Have a Nice Day. But on ground level I spot a little sign in the window. 'Take a break from sanity. Go nuts!" A pic-

ture of a peanut encloses the word "Nutter's

Huh. I go up the steps. On the glass wall they have a menu. The whole thing's about peanut butter sandwiches, peanut butter salads...they serious? Then I notice a guy and a gal, maybe 30, with a big, classy, spotty brown dog, just unlocking the glass door to the place.

'Uh, do you do peanut butter breakfasts?" I ask.

'Oh sure," says this guy. Andrew. "This is healthy stuff! Just need a minute to get up to speed here...

I sit down on a stool at the counter and pick up a menu. The place is light gray walls, "peppercorn red" floors, as Andrew describes them, and ----



I dunno. What you might call '50s-meets-'90s decor. Like modern wire-track lighting, curvy black-and-white plastic seats, snazzy red-and-silver photo art, but also '50s retro stuff, like an old colored-knob hat rack, a collection of Pez pocket

candy dispensers, games like checkers and chess, jars of cinnamon raisins, peanuts, M&Ms, and Chiclets gum, and a shelf filled with books. Man! From The Emperor's New Clothes to Freud's . Early Psychoanalytic Writings.

But talk about the sublime and the ridiculous: I'm looking at

the menu. I feel myself retrogressing. Down the rabbit hole of time. I'm a kid again. Ho, boy. This is going to be a breakfast to remember. Jes' look at this menu. First you've got to decide whether you want creamy, crunchy, or "natural style" peanut butter. Then — here's the thing: they have invented a zillion flavors of peanut butter, and you've got to decide which you want. Like superhoney crunch? White chocolate? Carob? German chocolate? Cinnamon raisin? Milk chocolate infused with Kit Kat? Superhoney infused with M&Ms?

Then you've got to decide on the bread. They have bagels, but Andrew recommends their extra-large, thick-cut loaves in white, wheat, or

challah — he says it like "hallah" — an egg bread. Then you have to choose the sandwich itself. They have nine concoctions, starting with "The

Classic: Peanut butter and jelly with your choice of strawberry, grape, or mystery jelly," \$4.75. Trick or Treat: Peanut butter with plenty of M&Ms," \$5.25. "Dad's Way: Peanut butter with crushed Oreos," \$5.25. "Mom's Way: Peanut butter and bananas," \$4.75.

But when it comes down to it, I see the sandwich I was destined to munch. The ideal breakfast. It's called "An Elvis Sighting: Grilled peanut butter topped with bananas, honey, and bacon. Eat like a king! \$6.50."

I order it with challah bread and caramel peanut butter. By now, Andrew, his wife Robin, and Aimée, who helps out, are all bustling behind the counter getting set up for the lunch rush. The dawg, Zola, waits outside. Turns out Andrew and Robin live downtown, walk to work, and get this — are third-year law students. "This started about 18 months ago," says Andrew. "I was in a supermarket, looking for orange juice. All I could find was designer OJ: OJ and cranberry, OJ and kiwi...suddenly I had a flash. What about designer peanut butter? By the time I got home, I had the whole idea mapped out. I could see it. Fast food for adults, but calling on what they loved as kids. And Robin is a fantastic cook. She experimented with peanut butter first, to get it healthier — no partially hydrogenated oils.

Ours has 60 percent less oil than any on the market! And Robin invented 25 flavors. She's a genius. The sandwiches're like 'taste it again for the first time.' Grandfathers come in with grandkids. They both love them. And we put carrots and pretzels and Hershey's Kisses in with the sandwich so it's like a kind of treat box you remember from school. You should see the expression on people's faces. They relax. They're back in some other place."

Aimée comes up with my polystyrene box. It has quarter segments packed with raw baby carrots, pretzels, and Kisses, and a hot, giant sandwich of toasted yellow bread and ... stuff. I lunge into it. Oh, God. Hot, crisp, bacony, peanut buttery, banana-rich, caramelly. I lift my eyes beyond the Freud book and for a moment... I swear, I see Elvis looking down, grinning. He's singing something. "You can do anything but don't you chew on my peanut butter-bacon-banana sandwich."

Then, the classic "got milk?" situation arises. But before you can say "Elvis lives," Andrew slides a glass of low-fat milk (\$1.50) my way.

Does life have any greater pleasures? It's 5 to 11. Perfect timing for that job thing. Now just gotta make sure I don't burp during the interview.

The Place: Nutter's, 428 C Street, Suite 101, downtown (619-239-7075) **Type of Food:** *Mainly peanut butter–related sandwiches* 

Prices: The Classic sandwich (peanut butter with strawberry, grape, or "mystery" jelly), \$4.75 (all sandwiches come with carrots, pretzels, Hershey's Kisses); Trick or Treat (peanut butter with M&M's), \$5.25; Dad's Way (peanut butter with crushed Oreos), \$5.25; Mom's Way (peanut butter with bananas), \$4.75; An Elvis Sighting (grilled peanut butter with bananas, honey, bacon), \$6.50; Happy Together salad (peanut butter with apple slices, carrot, celery sticks, bananas, raisins), \$6.00

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; also 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., Thursday through Saturday Buses/Trolleys: All downtown

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# **Fudge Factor**

"UPS showed up every day at our back door with wine. We never asked for wines, but the wineries wanted us to taste them."

ere, try this." Bob Morrisey, who, in 1976, founded The Wine Spectator now the wine industry's most visible and possibly most influential publication hands me a glass of anonymous red wine. I'm sit-

ting with him at a smallish, round wooden table in his pleasant twobedroom apartment in a North County retirement complex. The wine is from his cellar, a standalone unit situated in his office that houses what remains of his collection, including a 1935 Cabernet Sauvignon from Cali-

fornia's Simi Winery. The wine I'm tasting is something else — "young" and "Zinfandel" is all he'll tell me.

"I'm not testing you," he assures me. "I just want you to enjoy it and see what you think of it. Make your judgment; I'll write mine on this paper, and then we'll see what you thought of it." For many years, this has been his practice when discussing a wine: "Put a score on it, and then we'll talk.

The superripe candy-sweetness that I have come to dread in Zinfandel tickles the front of my palate but then disappears into a fine, balanced middle and a strikingly long finish. The deep, bitter chocolate flavor mutes the berry notes. I'm impressed; I give it a 93-94. Morrisey holds his paper aloft: 96. Then he shows me the wine: a '99 Old Vines Zinfandel from Sebastiani.

"I've given perfect scores twice in my life," he tells me. "Until recently, the only time was to a '45 Chateau Latour at a tasting up in Orange County hosted by Bob Balzer, one of the great gurus of winedom. He started with 1929. He was going around saying, 'What do you give it?' This was on the old UC Davis 20-point scale.

He came to me and I said, 'I give it a 20.' Then he went to John Movius - who was a wine writer and wine judge; good guy, good palate — and Movius said, 'I'll give it a 19.' Balzer lit into him; he had given it a 20, but he wouldn't tell anybody. He said, 'Is it flawed?'

- 'No. " 'What's wrong with it?'
  - " 'Nothing.' " 'Then why can't you give it a 20?'

" 'Well, I never give a 20; I MATTHEW LICKONA need a fudge factor. You know: What am I going to say if I find

one that's better?' Well, that's bull. If there is nothing wrong with a wine, then it's a perfect wine.<sup>3</sup>

The formulation sounds oddly negative, but it fits the etymology: per-facere, done through nothing is lacking. The second perfect score, this one rendered in the currently used 100-point scale, came with the '95 version of the Zinfandel we are drinking.

Scores matter enough to Morrisey for him to remember that thirty years of wine drinking have yielded only two perfect scores and the circumstances around those scores. It seems strange, therefore, to find that The Wine Spectator, which promised from the get-go to evaluate and recommend wines, and which now sees its scores posted on point-of-sale "shelf talkers" all over the country, did not use scores in those early years. At least, not in print.

As The Wine Spectator's circulation grew, Morrisev found he needed more room than his rented La Jolla office could provide. He bought a small house on Washington Street — "near the edge of Hillcrest" — and moved his operation there. "UPS showed up every day at our back door with wine.

We never asked for wines, but the wineries wanted us to taste them, because we had a column, 'Recent Releases.' Standouts got written up in a less-regular recommendations column. "We had a shelf built in the kitchen, and that's where we kept them."

(Most of the wines were from California; most were submitted by wineries looking to get written up. A few Morrisey sought out and purchased because he didn't want to let wineries raise their prices without critical evaluation of their worthiness. Already, people were starting to buy the price tag: "If it's more expensive, it must be better wine.")

"About eight o'clock in the morning, after we got settled down, we would go to this round table out in the kitchen" — the very table at which we are now sitting — "and my staff and I would taste wines. We'd use the 20-point Davis scale to talk about the wines. If we agreed that it was worth at least 15 or 16, then we'd write a blurb about it." A blurb might read something like this: "In the German department, we've discovered H. Schmitt-Sohne's Bernkasteler Schlossberg Spatlese 75er.

It comes from a great vintage, with a good body, not too sweet, and with a price tag around \$4.60. We first tasted this before lunch, later with, and found it most pleasing. Good buy."

'We didn't use numbers, because numbers were really strange in the wine world then. They weren't being used very much in the industry; most consumers didn't know what the Davis scale was. People wanted to know what wine to drink — they didn't want a lot of technical stuff." And the Davis scale, with its awarding of points for things like acidity, astringency, aroma, and bouquet, was admittedly technical. "I wasn't going to hold school in The Wine Spectator," at least not in the write-ups.

Morrisey did, however, write an early feature story explaining the Davis scale and encouraging its use in discussing wine. He ran Jerry Mead's syndicated (and number-laden) wine column.



First-anniversary issue of The Wine Spectator

(In a column on the possible vintage-of-the-century 1974 California Cabernet Sauvignons, Mead gave 20 points to Caymus, 18.5 to Stag's Leap, and 18 to Robert Mondavi. At \$7.50, Caymus was a relative bargain.) And he solicited the results of group wine tastings that used the Davis scale to rate their wines. "Zinfandels Tie in Escondido Group Tasting," proclaimed an early-days headline. "Floridians Rank Beaulieu Vineyards Private Reserve '65–'73," ran another. "We checked them out," Morrisey assures me. "They were legitimate wine people, or wine writers, or good retailers who knew their wines.'

Scores or no scores, those retailers were paying attention to what got written up. "Some of them said it helped them pick the wines they wanted to buy," says Morrisey. The judgments made around that little round table were beginning to reverberate.



### RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations

### 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 al-lergy-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 birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Su-

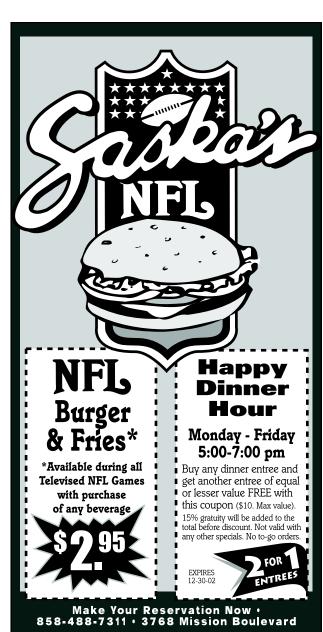
per Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick. luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable 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)

Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger tables. Tapas and Span-ish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Satur-

NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. The peaked dining room has been refurbished and looks like a circular country inn. All-youcan-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 p.m. Expensive. - E.W.

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.* 

Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restau-rants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. The house-made sausages are juicy Sicilian-style classics of coarse ground, fennel-seasoned fresh pork,



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day. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

**PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA** 

N.W. (5/02)

ROSANNA'S DELI 1070 North El and the bright-green frozen pesto is fresh and delicate. You'll also find

### What the Chef Eats

MOM'S PINEAPPLE STUFF ΒΥ Α.Ι. VΟΥΤΚΟ

Executive Chef, Chive, Downtown

As a child I enjoyed cooking with my mom. My mom's "pineapple stuff" was my all-time favorite dessert. Today, I make it for my own son, Andrew. He loves his grandma's pineapple stuff as much as I do. Spend an afternoon cooking with your kids. Together you can enjoy this quick and simple recipe.

HOW TO DO IT Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix the sugar, pineapple, eggs, and flour together. Place the mixture in a casserole dish or individual molds. Slice the bread into halfinch cubes. Toss the bread in melted butter until coated. Place the bread cubes over the mixture and bake for 40

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-lay-ered breakfast pastry. The eat-in/takeout menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and deli sandwiches. Open daily. —

RUBY'S DINER 1 Pierview Way. Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "for-ties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs,

"Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01) SAKURA BANA 1031 South Coast

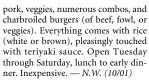
Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eve out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get *two* orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you've ned the delicate raw fillets, the

minutes or until the bread is golden brown. Let cool for 5 to 10 minutes and top with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

INGREDIENTS 1/2 cup sugar 20 oz. can of crushed pineapple 3 eggs 2 tablespoons of flour

chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)* 

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 terivaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors 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



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### NORTH INLAND

ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for 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 dressings and *tzatziki* (the cuke-yogurt gy-ros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (5/01)

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. - E.W.

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handsome, once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has 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 sub-lime soups. Venturesome "regulars" who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the cur-rent 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, onethird 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 resultation beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end 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 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)

MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road, Country Plaza Shopping Center, North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933, "Elegance" describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom de-light, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. -E.W.

**ONAMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT** 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North Faire, Escondido, County 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, 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 beau tifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediter ranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. - E.W.

SAN DIEGO ARTISAN BAKERS 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escon-dido, 760-740-5963. The grains are ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

### GOLD COAST

CAFE ZINC 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), 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, breakfast through late lunch. 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.

EPAZOTE SOUTHWEST RESTAU-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 exciting 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 The Hide Away is the classic forties California 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 omelet with avocado and Jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleidoscope": scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin-nut bread. Breakfast and lunch only, open daily to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

LE BAMBOU 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding

and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday: closed Monday. Inex-pensive to moderate. — *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.

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 ele-vator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — E.W. (6/00)

**SBICCA AMERICAN BISTRO** 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001.The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W. (9/98)* 

VILLAGE MILL BREAD COMPANY 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. - E.W.

### LA JOLLA

910 RESTAURANT Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. 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 combina-tions of luxuriously perfect local, sea-sonal 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)

CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with in-fluences 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.* 

**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. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

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and the presence of the owner himself (formerly with the Plaza Hotel in New York) contribute to a fine dining experience with faultless service. The half-lobster appetizer is a house specialty, and the rack of lamb and fresh fish are always outstanding. Excellent place for large parties and Russian specialties when available. Dinners only Tuesday through Saturday; closed Sun day and Monday. Expensive. - E.W. 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 a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie),

plate, bastilla (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, bellydancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

**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 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 wellknown hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

ROY'S 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Iolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yam-aguchi'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. (Chill out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which makes 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 or-dered 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 chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

**SADAF** 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier 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. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (10/00)

pensive 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)

**ZENBU** 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunk-ish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)* 

#### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

ANDRES' PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy vuca con moio (vuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch Monday to Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01) THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy Street), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are avail-able, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.W.

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAU-RANT 9340-B Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Hazard Village, 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 gastronomically a treat. Lunch, Monday through Friday; closed Sunday. 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 (at Balboa Avenue), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with offwhite 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) are all here. The *chao long* (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole cat-fish, 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 Viet-namese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/02)

SHEILA'S CAFE & BAKERY 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrving - from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheese-cakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. 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 varmulke to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thurs-day, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *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 welldecorated 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. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.* **TODAI** 2828 Camino Del Rio South.

Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Calbased chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and has spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland - multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, *teppanyaki*, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before serving, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddle and senior discounts. -N.W. (10/02)

VIA ITALIA PIZZERIA TRATTORIA 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over Northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusted and dressed with perfect proportions

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of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? Service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Noisy inside; heated patio dining for the fortunate. Park near the movie multiplex; restaurant is in "Food Court" near theaters. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate (pastas, pizzas, tasting menus) to expensive. -N.W. (6/02)

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.

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ALFIERE Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *cia* batta crostini is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invari-ably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem - this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper

moderate to expensive. -N.W. (5/02) BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), 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 shell-fish 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 better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (12/00)

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this familyowned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.* 

GEORGIA'S GREEK CUISINE 3550 Rosecrans Street, Grosvenor Square Center, Loma Portal, 619-523-1007. This small, immaculate Greek restaurant serves food that will please any one on a budget. Lunch is an especially good buy. All entrées, as well as sand-wiches and appetizers, are prepared for takeout. Open daily for lunch and din-Inexpensive to low moderate. E.W.

HUMPHREY'S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. 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 (on the boardwalk), 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, redpainted 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 Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and

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 be-low. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — 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 (by the pier), 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 specials 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, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B. (9/01) THE SURFSIDE 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and fla-vorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the toro, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows look-ing out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

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 chaw (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 un-less you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

THE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Street. Loma Portal, 619-223-8197. For bar-gain hunters who like vast portions and home-style Italian cooking, try this family restaurant. The pizza is 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 din-ing. Food preparation is straightforward - nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large por-tions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3 p.m.; breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. - E.W.

### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount Avenue), City Heights, 619-563-3666. 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 Ethiopian 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 stirfry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider *zilzil t'bsi*, chargrilled 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). Vegetar-ian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Open daily. In-expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

EL COMAL 2822 Imperial Avenue Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guer-rero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cac-tus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the mulita carne *adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and gua-camole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two - and ome not so famous. 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 include the catfish sandwich and halfpound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Fri-day and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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 uncomplicated, 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 pepper, 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)

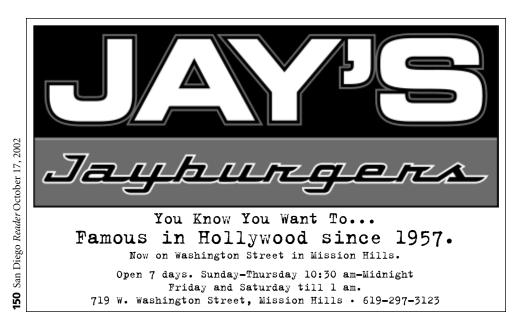
PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis Street), North Park, 619-291-4090. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin 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. Weekday lunch, early dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — É.B. (11/00)

**PEKIN RESTAURANT** 2877 University Avenue (near 30th Street), North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grand children now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find redtasseled hanging lanterns with translu-cent pictures of songbirds, mother-ofpearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suev, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean

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PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), 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. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

TURF SUPPER CLUB 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-es tablished" 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 fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others 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)

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, North Park, 619-285-1635. This storefront café with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well pre-pared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, ba-nana 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.

#### EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson Avenue (corner of Arnele Avenue), El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but standard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive. Sopaipillas, a deep-fried confection served with honey, are complimentary with meal. Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Inexpensive.

ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination Among the best are the combination plates which contain sesame chicken, tempura, and *gyoza* dumplings. The vegetable and shrimp tempura is out-standing. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. 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 Marvam Suliman's Somalian samh (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 bite 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 sam-pler. "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)

BARNES BAR-B-QUE 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square),

Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get South-ern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. A.M. (2/01)

CHARLEY'S FAMOUS HAMBURG-ERS AND KEBOBS 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B.* (12/01)

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 Tues-day (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. Closed Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B. (11/01)

LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAU-RANT 3983 54th Street (at Univ Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 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's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inex-pensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (9/99)

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sis-ters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-cov-ered 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 quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her spe-cial Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for -



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#### FAR EAST

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 din-

ner Monday through Saturday for \$7.95. Call for hours. Open daily: lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. -E.W.

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERI-**CAN GRILL** 40080 Old Highway 80 (at the end of Highway 94), Boulevard, 619-766-3442. 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 an 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)

OLD OAK INN 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of the way-

out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. 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 threepiece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open daily, lunch and dinner, kitchen closed from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. -E.B. (9/01)

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### UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams Heights. University Avenue, 619-298-8440. The frequently chang-ing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are of-ten 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 featuring 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 or ange 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 be-fore slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF IN-DIA 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest Cinemas complex, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. Don't miss the elegant food, the lovely setting, the loving service. Owned by the former proprietors of Monsoon. You will find the food subtle and sophisticated. This Indian restaurant is a blessing to our community. All-youcan-eat buffet lunch \$8.98 daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.* 

**COTTAGE CAFE & GARDEN GRILL** 2321 Fifth Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071. The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpable. The owners vacation in Poland yearly to update the family recipes. But you can eat American if you want, with smidgeons of Russian, Italian, and Greek, too. 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. A full range of Polish specialties shows up on the weekend all-you-can-eat buffet, with 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 daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)* 

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo, Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley but ter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

**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 dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)* 

**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 weekday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *E.W.* 

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue (at Normal Street), 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 drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials 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 iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichiban*" means. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

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. In expensive to upper moderate. — *E.W*.

**KAZUMI SUSHI** 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington Street), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. 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, yakitori, teriyaki, 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. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (10/00)

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, veganfriendly Thai-Chinese restaurant in-volve 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 garlicchile-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 — so if you crave soup or curry, vou're best off with the elaborate veg arian versions. Lunch and dir daily. Low moderate. - N.W. (4/01) MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A







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splendid place to order a feast for a large party (give at least four hours' notice). Banquet dishes include 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, North Park, 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. 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 weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (10/99)

**PICASSO SPANISH RESTAURANT** 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), 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 chickenstuffed *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)* 

**SEVEN** 1421 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0722. At this Southwestern American café you can easily make a meal from the first courses plus one of several salads. Pasta dishes are good choices. Smoked or grilled items include barbecue salmon, ribs, and skewered lamb. Venison chili or steak sandwich always a good bet. Pleasant atmosphere. Excellent service. Open nightly for dinner and Monday through Friday for lunch. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.* 

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, uptown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. 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-spoken. 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. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

### DOWNTOWN

ACQUA AL 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

**ATHENS MARKET** 109 West F Street, downtown, 619-234-1955. Surely the finest Greek restaurant in San Diego, and it's ideal before or after a cultural event. Lentil soup, Greek appetizers, salads, chicken, fish, and lamb dishes are first-rate and so are the desserts. It's festive for late-night dining. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Separate dining rooms for parties. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* **AUBERGINE** 500 Fourth Avenue (at

Island Street), Gaslamp District, 619-232-8100. After its early awkwardness attempting to please all tastes, this restaurant has found its footing with a new chef and a shorter, more focused menu featuring light, rather sweet interpretations of Asian dishes, a scattering of Italianate flavors, and fine, smoky hardwood-grilled steaks and chops. Execution has improved, too, so that dinner here is no longer a gamble — you'll generally eat well, and if the food never startles you, it probably won't bore you either. On Friday and Saturday nights, the restaurant and adjoining theater turn into a huge nightclub filled with twenty-somethings; Saturdays, before the metamorphosis, there's an affordable three-course prix fixe dinner that includes the nightclub cover charge. Reserve for weekend dinners. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/02)* 

**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 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 daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)* 

**BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE** 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market Street), 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 downtown. Dinner only, from 5 p.m. Expensive. — *E.W.* 

**CAFE 828** 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-8282. Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard'O in Rancho Bernardo) presides at this "find," a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some California touches. Everything's carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don't miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto. Desserts alone are worth the trip here: the classic warm apple *tarte Tatin* on a crackly-thin crust ... a pecan "cannoli" filled with a dense, satin-soft white chocolate mousse....Full bar; below-average corkage for BYO wines. "Sunset special" three-course dinner is a bargain. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

**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. - E.W.

**DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS** 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-234-5554. First sign that you've arrived in chipotle/chile country: the toddler-sized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingredients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish — melds into a pleasant whole. The blue cornmeal-crusted chicken salad, similarly well-conceived, is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajas, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared; sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (5/01)

**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 recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (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 (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

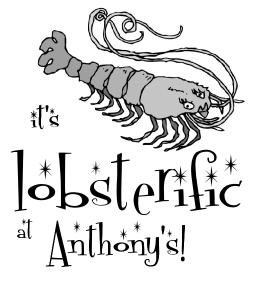
**DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT** 407 C Street (at Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's leastappreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old 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. Open weekdays, lunch Monday through Thursday, plus early dinner Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01)

**DUBLIN SQUARE** 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)* 

FAZ 530 Broadway (at Sixth Avenue), Courtyard Marriott, Gaslamp District, 619-446-3040. Persian-born restaurateur Faz Poursohi, owner of several successful Bay Area restaurants, presents Middle Eastern- and Mediterranean-inspired dishes interpreted in clean, streamlined Northern California style and executed with rare precision. Wood fire is the star of this show, ranging from kebabs on a rotisserie to a brined, smoked pork chop that's an object lesson in how to cook today's pork. Don't overlook the starters, such as the definitive eggplant puree, the marinated peppers with Laura Chenel goat cheese, or the house salad of baby greens and walnuts in a vibrant pomegranate vinaigrette. But save a little appetite for the ethereal warm cheesecake dessert. Valet parking is \$5 at hotel entrance on Sixth Avenue just north of Broadway. Full bar, affordable wine list. Breakfast daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. N.W. (6/02)

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





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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, Span-ish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is al-ways 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)

MOMO 555 Market Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp District, 619-231-9000. A 15,000-square-foot room done in American Provincial style boasts 150 feet of Asian-style seafood buffet. There are literally hundreds of buffet selections: salads, iced seafood, cooked seafood, meat and chicken dishes, fried Asian appetizers, *teppan-yaki*, a couple of soups, sushi and sashimi, and a host of desserts. Most of it is, alas, of pedestrian quality, and it gains no flavor by sitting there hoping somebody will eat it. Go early for the freshest food. Some sushi available made-to-order. Good sake list in-cludes Momokawa Pearl. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. - N.W. (10/02)

MORTON'S OF CHICAGO 285 J Street, Gaslamp District, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Mor-ton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porter-house, 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 Godiya Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

PETE'S OUALITY MEATS 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian special-ties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially spitini - veal rolled around two chee onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpen-sive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**REI DO GADO CHURRASCURIA** 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio:* skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian bar-becue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a change able array of alluring side dishes, salads fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in co-conut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a pot-ful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No dog-gie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. -N.W. (10/02)

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 — *escar-gots*, 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 din-ner. 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. Veg-etarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an earsplitting 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 fesenian dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding or bamieh, 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. E.W.

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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)

VINCENZO RISTORANTE ITALIANO 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for or-dinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a bet-ter job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, un the block) are the zestiest in town up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced 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. 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, nd 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)

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AZZURA POINT Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for lo-cals. The California-French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations, with espe-cial ingenuity in the appetizers. Along with the six-course "chef's menu," there's a reasonably priced five-course vegetarian menu showcasing fresh herbs grown in the resort's garden. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Satur-day. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (11/01) **BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND** CREPES 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) 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 Fan-tasy (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 balconv inside Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Break-fasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, 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 daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the



retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with rult and nut churney, baked fish with lemon sauce... Breakfasts are forgettable — lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take-out dinner" menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B. (12/00)

DA KINE'S PLATE LUNCHES 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission 619-47/-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 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 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 gener-ous. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

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, chat-ting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chow-ing 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-av-erage 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 meatfest breakfast. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. -N.W. (4/01)

MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 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 surprisingly 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)

SWADDEE THAI 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely stan-dard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the satay,



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for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)* 

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 i'l One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public is welcome" lunches are homecooking 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 p.m. 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)* 

#### BAJA

(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.)

ANTOJITOS DEL PAIS 9750 Fraccionamente America, Gobernador Balarezo (near Azteca Hotel), 686-2424. Hit at lunch hour, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and you'll find 22 waitresses and cooks serving you on the street, stirring huge steaming pots of soup, foot-high clay pots simmering with frijoles, and dark-brown ceramic bowls of meat simmering on the flames. This isn't TJ, it's Central Mexico. Some great choices include bistek ahumada (smoked beef) or costilla de res (beef ribs), pollo en mole, lengua de res (ox tongue), and carne de cerdo (pork), all around \$3, including soup, dessert, and pleasant culture shock. Open 24/7 except from midnight on Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**CHIKI JAI** 1388 Avenida Revolución (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, *salchicha* (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *al la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)* 

**CIEN ANOS** Calle Jose Maria Velazco 407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262, altacocina@cien-a.com. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "des-tination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, pozole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is de-voted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; vou're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations (phone or e-mail) are strongly advised; ask for directions. Low-moderate. -N.W. (7/01)

**EL RINCON DEL OSO** Location 47, Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly 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. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

**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* decor, wood-paneled rooms. Good value if you like beef. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente; turn left just before the twin high-rise towers, and left again, onto the one-way street, Blvd. Salinas. El Rodeo is on the right side of the street. Highly visible and easy to find. Moderate. — *E.W.* 

**FONDA ROBERTO'S** La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, Tijuana, 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Portions are small, so two people may order three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up two blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road veers right. Closed Monday; open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* 

LA ESPADANA 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée are available in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (*brocheta de filete*), baby back ribs (*costillar de puerco*), and leg of lamb (*pierna de borrego*). The portions are mammoth and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed in spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Moderate. — E.W.

**LONCHERIA LA POCA LUCHA** Municipal Market, 105 Avenida Niños Héroes, Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice.* Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Loncheria La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos, bisteck ranchero, or higado al gusto* (liver), all around §3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

### MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**ANTHONY'S FISH GROTTO** For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and

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HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

**THE LIVING ROOM COFFEE-HOUSE** 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft 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. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — *E.B. (10/00)* 

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, bat-ter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden minisuperdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alter-natives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs - feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise. from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, 760-758-3441. — E.B. (4/02) Vista

POPEYE'S CHICKEN & BISCUITS 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-477-5005; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Colllas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird—flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead ofliquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)

**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 District, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) 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. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01)



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# **Gun Crazy**

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ichael Moore came to fame with *Roger and Me*, and it went to his head with *The Big One*. The latter title did not refer to the filmmaker himself or to his hat-

equate documentary with fact (i.e.,

something they agree with) and equate

opinion (something they don't) with

size, but it might as well. Where he had started out in his first film with a man-sized subject the corporate down-

### **REVIEW** DUNCAN SHEPHERD

fiction. Dishevelled as ever in his baggy clothes and collection of ballcaps (one of them emblazoned with "Writer"), usually unshaven, a definitive schlump, he is still his own protagonist, no matter how antagonistic a one. Here he is, se-

A one. Here he is, selecting a free rifle as a bonus "gift" for open-

sizing of General Motors and its economic impact on his hometown of Flint, Michigan — he moved on in his second one to a subject the size of a man: his own book tour, his standup routines, his status as a celebrity, his calling as a crusader. Now, however, in his new Bowling for Columbine, he has regained his appetite and bitten off his most sizable subject to date: gun culture in America, and by extension violence, homicide, and the climate of fear in America. Moore the man, needless to say, is no less a part of it, and no less a partisan, thus disqualifying himself as a documentarist in the eyes of those who

ing a ten-thousanddollar CD account at a heartland bank cum licensed firearms dealer. Here he is, testing the theory that Torontonians don't bother to lock their homes, by going right up to some front doors and opening them. (Canada comes off very well in the film, not just for the low murder rate among a well-armed populace, but for the bedrock of social beneficence: I really must get around one day to seeing Moore's straight-tovideo fiction film, Canadian Bacon, about a proposed U.S. military invasion of our peaceable neighbor to the north.) And here he is, escorting two crippled survivors of the Columbine school shooting to Kmart headquarters, to "return" the bullets to their place of purchase. Surprisingly — you can see it plainly on his face — Kmart

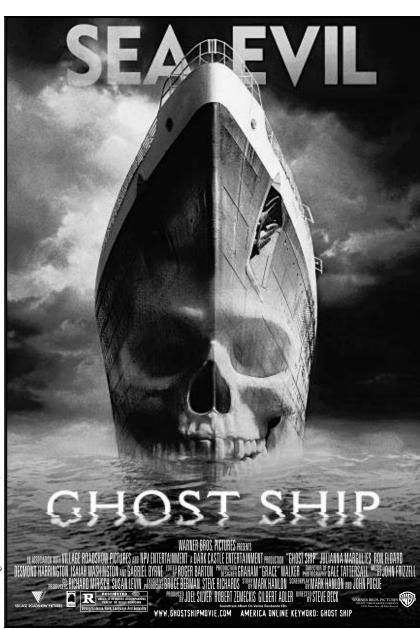


capitulates to the cease-and-desist demand, a tiny victory on Moore's quixotic quest to change the world.

As the title reveals, the Columbine massacre affords Moore a convenient jumping-off point. (The current itinerary of the "Beltway Sniper" around Washington, D.C., tacks on a timely footnote: the story continues.) As to the rest of the title: you will recall, or Moore will remind you, that the two teenage shooters had earlier that day gone bowling. (They were taking a highschool "class" in it.) Archive footage of this wholesome — so we always thought — American pastime will provide a backdrop to the opening credits. And with an almost dreamlike logic, Bowling for Columbine

bowling pins will later turn up as targets on the firing range of the Michigan Militia: the Coen brothers' seemingly incongruous conjunction of bowling and machismo in *The Big Lebowski* begins to look a little prescient.

Moore casts a wide net in his hunt for connections and causalities. Is it of no significance that Littleton, Col-

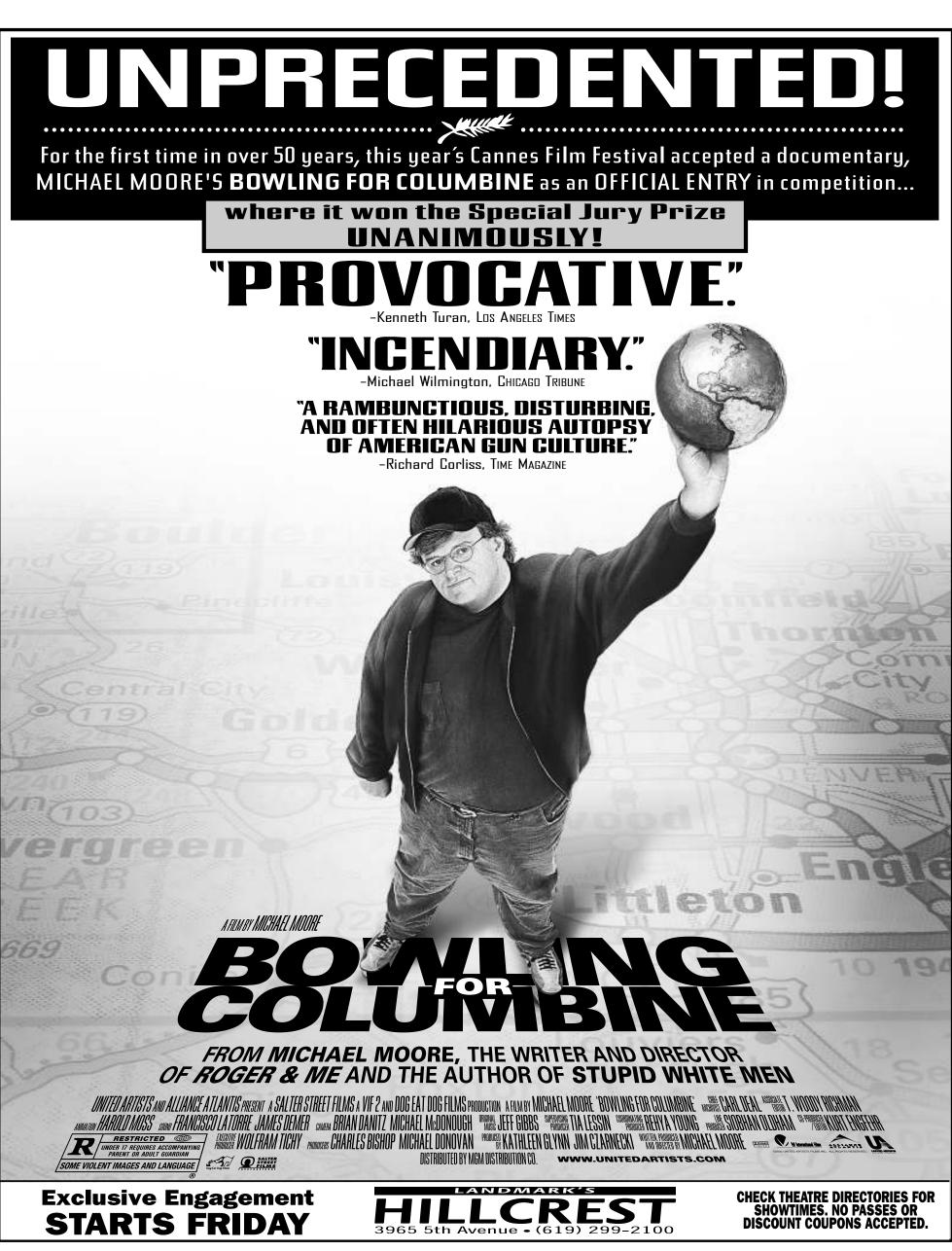




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orado, home to Columbine High, is also home to Lockheed Martin, the world's largest weapons manufacturer? Is it of no significance that the very day of the shooting was also the day of the heaviest U.S. bombing of Kosovo? (Think not? Perhaps, just perhaps, that would be because you're thinking in terms of A leading to B instead of A leading to Z. Or because you're thinking in terms of motive instead of mind-set. Keep thinking.) Moore's search for links, for an explanatory nexus, can at times resemble mental meandering. And he is not averse to the cheap shot and the heavy hand: a montage of U.S. foreign-affairs follies will be accompanied by Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." (Joey Ramone's sneeringly ironic cover version of the song will be heard in the closing credits.) Yet his sincerity, for all his showmanship and all his sarcasm, never seems in doubt. His lack of slickness may or may not say something about his level of expertise as a filmmaker. The film is not so much unslick as strategically and pragmatically *anti-slick*. The film mirrors the filmmaker.

Far from the crime scene in Colorado, Moore's native Michigan once again proves to be fertile territory. Here, in duck-hunting country, is where he earned a marksman's award as an adolescent. And here he visits the farm of James Nichols, brother of Terry, conspirator with Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing, and himself a gun-hoarding oppositionist to the federal government. (When Moore asks why he doesn't instead follow Gandhi's form of opposition, the answer is, "I'm not familiar with that.") And right there in Flint is the post-Columbine site of America's youngest school shooting, at six years of age. (The trail of investigation leads unpredictably to Dick Clark, who predictably slams the door in Moore's face.) And here, too, can be found the childhood roots of Charlton Heston, unapologetic figurehead of the National Rifle Association, who had showed up shortly after the shooting to rally the constituency in Michigan, much as he had done in Colorado right after Columbine. Unlike Clark, Heston (so hungry is he for screen time!) unwarily submits to an at-home interview with Moore, who puts his pigeon at ease by showing him his NRA membership card ("Good for you"). Some, at this point, might think Moore a little mean. Others, more forgivingly, will see he is mad as hell. Nowhere does this come more openly to the surface than when he tries to get Heston to look at a photograph of the murdered firstgrader. It makes a fitting climax to a thoroughly engaging and enraging documentary.

### Passing glances:

Heaven is directed by Tom Tykwer (Run, Lola, Run and The Princess and the Warrior) from an unrealized screenplay by the late Krzysztof Kieslowski (Red, White, and Blue), an apparently harmonious collaboration between a couple of fate-chance-coincidence guys. The extended credits sequence. during which a bomb planted in an office wastebasket blows up instead in the cleaning lady's cart, presents a powerful illustration of the theme; and it immediately establishes the intensity of commitment, every carefully selected shot clicking into place with remorseless inevitability. Tykwer in general has toned down his visual tricksiness for the occasion, and cameraman Frank Griebe's soft, smooth, no-gloss color is a thing of beauty throughout. (The Tuscany setting unearths additional things of beauty.) The solemnity never falters, even as the storyline turns preposterous: the grand romance, or amour fou, of Philippa and Filippo, the revenge-seeking Englishwoman who misguidedly planted the bomb, and the Italian policeman who helps her to carry out her revenge.

Some big questions arise along the way: How does this grade-school teacher know how to make a time bomb? How is she able to come and go from police headquarters after her escape from custody? Why, if she wants only to kill the right person and not to avoid punishment for killing a few wrong ones, does she go on the lam once she accomplishes her mission? There is no bigger contradiction, though, no greater paradox, than the infinite expressiveness of Cate Blanchett's eyes inside her stiff, sanded, plaster-of-Paris face.

The Ring, a heavily hyped remake of a little-seen Japanese horror film, follows around a Nancy Drew reporter (Naomi Watts of Mulholland Drive, a sort of cross between Penelope Ann Miller and Kelly Ripa) as she looks into the rumor of a videotape that kills its viewers one week to the minute after they view it. She even looks at the tape herself after intrepidly tracking down a copy of it at the Shelter Mountain Inn, where four simultaneously deceased teenagers had stayed the week previous. (The video looks a bit like a product of the 1920s avant-garde cinema, but not necessarily lethal.) She then asks the appropriate journalistic questions: Who made it? Where'd it come from?" She has exactly one week to find the answers. Directed by the chameleonic Gore Verbinski (Mouse Hunt, The Mexican), the film is rather poorly photographed in a nauseous bluey-green or a bilious greeny-blue, but is watchable all the same. Its emphasis falls more on detective work than on cheap thrills, and it offers some quietly creepy details (the housefly in the video which can be plucked off the screen in freeze-frame mode) as well as one hair-raising scene of a panicked horse running free on a ferry. It even has a satisfactory if incomprehensible ending, before it presses on mandatorily to a less satisfactory and no more comprehensible second ending.

I'm Going Home is something like the twentieth feature film of the nonagenarian Portuguese director Manoel de Oliveira, and the first, so far as I am aware, to play here commercially (at Hazard Center, starting Friday). In the circumstances, it would be churlish to say that it's a trifle boring, so let me hastily follow that up by saying how grateful I was to be bored. Far better to be bored by a ninety-three-year-old who makes a film to please only himself than by a thirty-three-year-old who makes a film to please teenagers. Plus, it's barely an hour and a half in length, not much time to be bored. The subject of an aging French actor of highest principles — he has never worked for money or popularity and is not about to start now — might have seemed sentimental or self-pitying if the director had not so well kept his distance and his dignity. There are several lovely stretches, full of life, full of a sense of passing time: the wordless sequence of the protagonist paying his bill in a Parisian cafe, signing autographs on the sidewalk outside an art gallery, and buying a new pair of brown brogues; the breathless sequence of him getting made up in wig and mustache for the role of Buck Mulligan in a film of Ulysses; the rocky rehearsal of his scene, done as a single-take of the face of its American director (John Malkovich). And Michel Piccoli in the lead role still has savoir-vivre to burn.

How odd: the virtually synchronous *Heaven* and *Swept Away* both make use of the same Arvo Pärt piece, *Spiegel im Spiegel*. Odder in the second one than in the first.

### MOVIE LISTINGS

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**Abandon** — Psychological thriller with Katie Holmes and Benjamin Bratt, directed by Stephen Gaghan. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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 SOUARE 14: FROM 10/18)

**Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** — Antonio Banderas vs. Lucy Liu, rival undercover agents in a storm of fireballs, crumpled cars, thudding and shrieking rock music. But they're not "versus" for long; they team up against a common foe (common as dirt), a good deal for Banderas, because Liu was chilling him with her superior cool. Directed by Wych Kaosayananda ("Kaos" for short). 2002.

• (PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Banger Sisters** — A loosen-up lesson taught by two former groupies, one now the strait-laced wife of a Phoenix attorney, the other still a disciple of Sex, Drugs, Rock-and-Roll. (Or if not drugs, at least cigarettes and rum-and-Cokes.) The comic contrivances cannot compel attention as much as the documentary concern with Goldie Hawn's boob job: "You used to be much smaller-chested." "I went from one





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extreme to another. I overdid it." With Susan Sarandon and Geoffrey Rush; written and directed by Bob Dolman. 2002. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Below — Modest little WWII submarine drama takes a while to reveal itself as a ghost story: "I'm telling you, there's some bad hoodoo on this boat." The modesty persists, even then, except in amount of perspiration. A couple of eerie underwater sights: a school of stingrays buzzing a team of diving-suited repairmen, and an unexploded depth charge tumbling along the boat's deck. With Matt Davis, Bruce Greenwood, Olivia Williams, Holt McCallany, Jason Flemyng; directed by David Twohy, 2002.

★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16: SWEETWATER 9: FROM 10/18)

Blue Crush — Can the local Hawaiian surfer chick bounce back from a near drowning, conquer her fear, and win the Pipemasters Contest at the same time as she romances a GQ NFL QB? Director John Stockwell, of Crazy/Beautiful, murmurs some feminist sweet nothings, but his PC lip service is overcome by a penchant for Baywatch montages and a severe case of the fidgets. Wipeout! With Kate Bosworth, Matthew Davis, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanoe Lake, 2002.

● (GASLAMP 15; HARBOR DRIVE IN)

Bowling for Columbine - Reviewed this issue. With Michael Moore, Marilyn Manson, Dick Clark, and Charlton Heston; written and directed by Moore. ★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/18)

Brown Sugar - Romantic comedy starring Taye Diggs and Sanaa Lathan, directed by Rick Famuyiwa. (CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6: FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Crocodile Hunter: Collision **Course** — Entertaining lessons on Australian wildlife, from cable TV personality Steve Irwin ("It's so hot out here the flies are comin' right into my eyes for a drink"), are interrupted with an unentertaining fictional quest for a spy satellite's data recorder: swallowed by a croc, like the alarm clock in Peter Pan. With Terri Irwin, Magda Szubanski, and David Wenham; directed by John Stainton. 2002. ★ (VOGUE)

Diamond Men — Puttery, ploddy character piece centered around a travelling jewelry salesman in provincial Pennsylvania ("I have relationships. These go back decades," he says in his best Willy Loman impression), who must break in his youthful replacement. There's a hopeful stretch dealing with teaching, learning, bonding, but

this soon gives way to a longer and hopeless stretch dealing with the younger man trying to find a mate for the older: in a word, pimping. Near the end, out of the blue, a sort of caper materializes. With Robert Forster, Donnie Wahlberg, Beth Armstrong, Jasmine Guy; written and directed by Daniel M. Cohen. 2002.

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specialized tastes, a cinephiliac musicalcomedy whodunit, set at a snowbound country house in the late Fifties or early Sixties, with an all-female cast (exclusive of the faceless male corpse). The deliberate staginess and theatricality — it was adapted from a forgotten play by Robert Thomas recall Alain Resnais's Mélo and Smoking/No Smoking, and the intermittent outbursts of song recall that same director's Life Is a Bed of Roses and Same Old Song. But Resnais, who always has more layers than a napoleon, was up to a good deal more in those films than just a campy celebration, a fluttering appreciation, of a Gallic gallery of screen divas (Catherine Deneuve, Isabelle Huppert, Emmanuelle Béart, Fanny Ardant, the octogenarian Danielle Darrieux, et al.) and their arsenal of artifice (clothes, hair, makeup). That's not to say there's nothing here to celebrate and appreciate. Huppert, the truest trouper of the group, continues to impress and amaze, contorting herself into the straight lines, sharp angles, clipped speech, and abrupt movements of a battleaxe spinster in the mold of Judith Anderson Agnes Moorehead, Margaret Hamilton. And her impulsive Ugly Duckling transformation ("I just felt like looking pretty") is handsdown the high point of hilarity. Ardant, the last of the ensemble to make her entrance, is quite breathtaking, too, as an Ava Gardneresque voluptuary, although she hardly needs to turn herself inside-out for the purpose. And the less-known Ludivine Sagnier as the Sandra Dee teen in lime-green capris holds her own with the grande dames, and even

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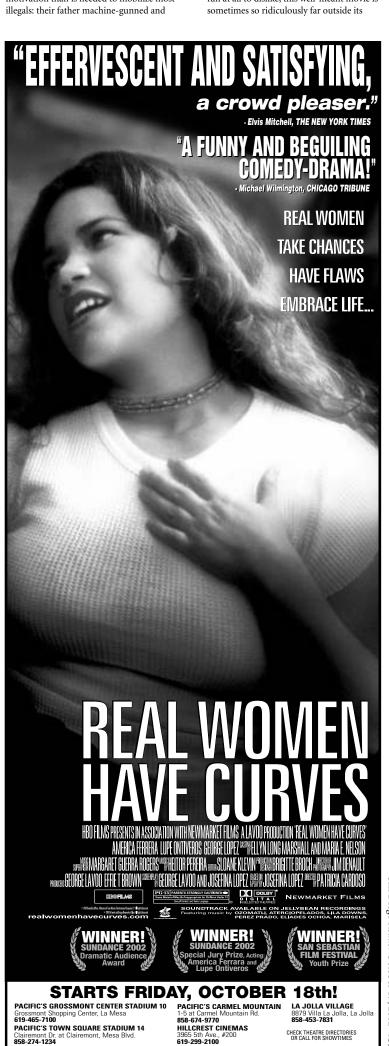
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steals a couple of scenes or three. All of the  $\operatorname{songs}$  — eight altogether, one big solo per performer — are good fun, and more or less proper to the period. Until the last, they give you something to look forward to during the grinding plot mechanics of who did what to whom and when and where and why. This chugging, groaning, sputtering acting vehicle requires its eight passengers repeatedly to get out and push. 2002. ★ (COVE)

El Norte — The story of a Guatemalan brother and sister who enter the United States through four miles of abandoned sewer, and with far more melodramatic a motivation than is needed to mobilize most

beheaded, their mother imprisoned, the brother pursued by the militia for a self-defense killing. Director Gregory Nava, an American, starts from a standpoint well on the outside of the people and their culture, and makes little headway toward narrowing the gap. This can have certain advantages, as in the amount of anthropological, or just touristic, documentation done by Nava. But two hours and twenty minutes is time enough to have made the two siblings into something more than stick figures — and perhaps one ought to say peppermint-stick figures, for these two sweetest of people are more like candy flavors than flesh-andblood. Difficult, really, to dislike, in fact no fun at all to dislike, this well-meant movie is



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characters as to lose sight of them completely. Even their grueling crawl through the rat-patrolled sewer between Tijuana and San Diego is interrupted by suspenseless cross-cutting to the activities of the border guards on the far side. And just after their emergence from this tunnel, Nava switches to a night-time aerial view of downtown Los Angeles which shows how this glimmering dream city would look to an alien if the alien were to approach it in his own private helicopter. Zaide Silvia Gutierrez, David Villalpando. 1984. ★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 10/21, 6:30 P.M.)

The Fast Runner (Atanarjuat) — Any wag who wished to say that this is the best Inuit-language film to have ever come down the pike, might have said equally well, if not as waggishly, that it's the worst. More objectively: the only. The "language" qualifier allows it to dodge head-to-head competition with such superior Eskimo epics as Nicholas Ray's The Savage Innocents and Philip Kaufman's The White Dawn (subtitled only in part), let alone Robert J. Flaherty's seminal silent documentary, Nanook of the North. With its predominantly Inuit cast and crew, headed by director Zacharias Kunuk and scriptwriter Paul Apak Angilirq, it earns points for authenticity, if not, at the same time, for ability to communicate. And it earns more of the same — but again. nothing extra - for a storyline lifted from centuries-old oral tradition: an evil curse, forbidden love, jealousy, treachery, murder, rape, patricide, and incommensurate revenge (reminiscent of the Kenny Rogers C&W

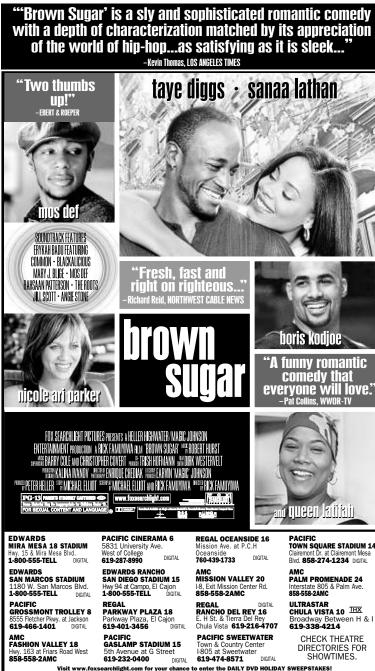


oldie in which the singer avenges the rape of his beloved by beating up her attacker: that'll teach him!). One measure of how far the filmmakers are inside the culture is the unapologetic brutality and barbarism: the Inuit equivalent of a knightly joust for the hand of a maiden is to have the rivals take turns punching one another on the temple, undefended. That sort of thing, to be sure, affords the spectator a sterling opportunity to test his broad-mindedness. As storytellers, however, even as documentarists, the filmmakers are to a high degree inept. And at nearly three hours in length, the experience is a bit of an ordeal. 2002.  $\star$  (LA PALOMA, FROM 10/18)

Formula 51 — Samuel L. Jackson and

Robert Carlyle in the drug underworld, directed by Ronny Yu. (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/18)





The Four Feathers — The old imperialist warhorse, regroomed and re-shod for a new generation: the expurgation of "Fuzzy-Wuzzies" from the vocabulary; the elevation of a native African (Djimon Hounsou, of Spielberg's Amistad) above our civilized Englishmen in nobility and bravery; the post-Vietnam doubts as to the wisdom of military intervention in a distant land; to say nothing of the latter-day slow-motion and hot-air-balloon-sized closeups. It is no less a load of poppycock (and much less a document of the colonialist ethos), though the attack on the British regiment in the Sudanese desert is still exciting for two moments: first, the realization that our "cowardly" hero is in the thick of the enemy cavalry (what good can he do there?), and next, the aerial shot of the enemy converging on all four sides of the defensive "square. With Heath Ledger, Wes Bentley, Kate Hudson; directed by Shekhar Kapur. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

**The Good Girl** — Condescending gaze at low-rent Texans, principally the employees of a discount department store named Retail Rodeo. (A Southern accent continues to be condescension's favorite weapon.) A useful proving ground, nonetheless, for the unspoiled talent of Jennifer Aniston, underplaying the discontented wife of a pothead housepainter and the secret lover of a younger co-worker and would-be writer who calls himself Holden (his "slave name" is Tom) after the hero of *The Catcher in the Rye.* With John C. Reilly, Tim Blake Nelson, Jake Gyllenhaal, Zooey Deschanel; written by Mike White; directed by Miguel Arteta. 2002. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Heaven — Reviewed this issue. With Cate Blanchett, Giovanni Ribisi, Stefano Santospago, and Remo Girone; directed by Tom Tykwer. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/18)

How I Killed My Father — A prosperous, emotionally remote gerontologist (Charles Berling) provides room and board for his indigent, estranged father (Michel Bouquet, looking very old, looking almost more like the old Laurence Olivier than like the younger Michel Bouquet), a French colonialist doctor expelled from Africa. Well-manicured domestic drama, sensitive, pensive, anguished, and quite dull. With Natacha Régnier, Stéphane Guillon, Amira Casar, directed by Anne Fontaine. 2001. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/17)

I Am Trying to Break Your Heart — Sam Jones's behind-the-scenes documentary on the rock band Wilco. (KEN, 10/18 THROUGH 24)

**Igby Goes Down** — Offbeat youth comedy, not offbeat to the exclusion of incessant pop songs on the soundtrack, but offbeat in the extremeness of family dysfunction, or human-race dysfunction out there on the path of Todd Solondz and Wes Anderson, First-time writer and director Burr Steers, nephew of Gore Vidal, shows off a cold-blooded, waspy, New Yorky wit — and "shows off" is very much the verb — which arouses occasional admiration and infrequent mirth. At least he distributes the rhinestones democratically among the mixed-nuts ensemble. At the same time, there's something monotonous about it all. With Kieran Culkin, Claire Danes, Ryan Phillippe, Susan Sarandon, Jeff Goldblum, Amanda Peet, Jared Harris, Bill Pullman. 2002.

★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; FROM 10/18)

**I'm Going Home** — Reviewed this issue. With Michel Piccoli, John Malkovich, and Catherine Deneuve; written and directed by Manoel de Oliveira. ★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 10/18)

**Knockaround Guys** — Long-shelved crime comedy with Barry Pepper, Vin Diesel, Dennis Hopper, and John Malkovich, directed by Brian Koppelman and David Levien.

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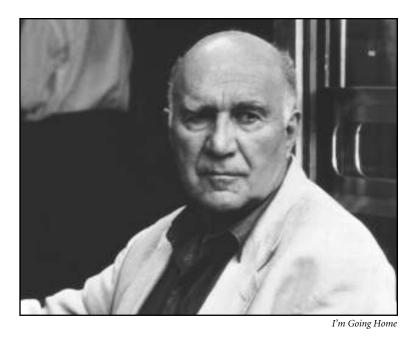
The Last Kiss — Hectic sex comedy, almost Restoration-like in its worldly-wise cynicism and indulgence, revolving around five Italian best buddies on the brink of thirty. One of them, the pivotal one, is an unmarried father-to-be with a wandering eye for an eighteen-year-old blonde, a sort of Florentine "Marcia Brady." One is a recent father. One is a newlywed. One is an inveterate and indiscriminate skirt-chaser. One is a torch-carrier for a former flame. Between them, they pretty much cover the possibilities. Around their extended circle, special attention is paid also to the mother of the pregnant girlfriend, a panicky grandmother-to-be, unhappily married to an uncommunicative psychologist. Keeping track of the various lifelines often feels like a juggling act with too many bowling pins. And the lurching, reeling Steadicam and capering, cantering background music don't help. (Amid the confusion it is scarcely surprising to find mismatched camera angles in which a shoulder strap is down from one point of view and up from another. Down. Up. Down. Up.) Still, and despite the essentially commonplace nature of the filmmaker's vision of grass-is-always-greener human discontentment, a good deal of actual humanity oozes through, especially by way of the peripheral character of the older woman, a knowing and self-aware portrait by Stefania Sandrelli. (A sex-kittenish photo of the actress in younger days is pinned to her vanity mirror, somewhat improbably, as a daily rebuke to her "ugly" new self. What woman would want such a slap in the face?) She has, in particular, one outstanding scene opposite Sergio Castellitto, wherein she tries to rekindle the spark with an ex-lover for whom life has moved on. Stefano Accorsi, Giovanna Mezzogiorno, Martina Stella; written and directed by Gabriele Muccino. 2001

★★ (GASLAMP 15, THROUGH 10/17)

The Man from Elysian Fields - Slowto-develop, yet not carefully or credibly developed, Faustian tale of a struggling writer whose financial straits impel him to moonlight as a male escort, and then as a collaborator with a dying Pulitzer Prize winner, rewriting the old lion's historical novel on Roman slaves into a topical piece on California migrants. Some glintingly polished lines; much honey-coated imagery. With Andy Garcia, Julianna Margulies, Olivia Williams, James Coburn, Mick Jagger, and Anjelica Huston; directed by George Hickenlooper. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Merci pour le Chocolat - Refrigerated Forties-style melodrama from French director Claude Chabrol (and from a novel by Charlotte Armstrong, original author also of Chabrol's excellent La Rupture). The gabby exposition takes a while to set up the situation: a chocolate heiress and a concert pianist, long-time friends and lovers, have elected to tie the knot only after the eighteenth birthday of the pianist's son, a bit of a couch potato, prone to accompany the Liszt or the Schubert of his father with the electronic beeps of a pocket video game. Somewhere across town (lovely, lakeside Lausanne), the wedding announcement in the paper stirs memories of an apparent mix-up in the maternity ward when a nurse presented the pianist with a baby girl as his newborn. Isn't it odd that the girl, now eighteen as well and only just learning of this, is herself an aspiring pianist? How can she resist ringing the great man's doorbell? Once set up, the situation could be characterized as suspensefully unfocussed. Where's the core of it? Where's the goal? Family, plainly enough, is at issue; legitimacy; security; rivalry; rot. But if this is a "Hitchcockian" thriller as advertised, where's the menace, the malevolence, not to mention the motive? Well of course Chabrol comes with the adjective "Hitchcockian" only out of old habit. The Master was never so languid, so oblique, so discreet. Chabrol, however, is something of a master in his own right at deploying the camera for mood, tone, subtle inflection, strong emphasis; he gives rise to several delectable frissons when

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the camera slides decisively into place, as if searching, finding, then fastening on. And he is greatly aided by the enigmatic performance of Isabelle Huppert, always the dutiful servant to the will of her director and to the needs of the project (so tactful, so respectful, so French), in the role of the cool,

aloof, calculating heiress. Not all the combined skills of Chabrol and Huppert, collaborators on numerous other occasions, can save the plot from ridiculousness and obviousness. Under those circumstances, their efforts appear all the more valiant and stirring. Anna Mouglalis, Jacques Dutronc,

Rodolphe Pauly, Brigitte Catillon. 2001. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/17)

Moonlight Mile - Strained chipperness in the face of tragedy: the innocentbystander shooting of an imminent bride-tobe. (Not just the characters are strained, but writer-director Brad Silberling most of all.) What the victim's parents do not know Dustin Hoffman, Susan Sarandon — is that their daughter had already broken off the engagement; and the prospective son-in-law, currently staying with them, is too magnanimous to disillusion them, even to the point of sneaking out the bedroom window to make time with a perky postal worker: life goes on, at a jaunty clip. Jake Gyllenhaal, in the lead role, often brings to mind Hoffman in The Graduate (perhaps Hoffman's presence provides the hint), a beleaguered young man almost tongue-tied by his superior insight and honesty, until at last he administers a "truth enema" on the witness stand at the murder trial, a scene of excruciating embarrassment. With Ellen Pompeo and Holly Hunter. 2002. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4: GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

Mostly Martha — Germany's donation to the cinematic food drive seems unlikely to have received distribution without its appeal

to the salivaries. And indeed, despite the pasty complexion of the film, the visual appeal of the dishes can match any screen menu outside of maybe Babette's Feast. Yet it has more to offer than just that. Written and directed by Sandra Nettelbeck, it is an easyflowing comedy concerning a master chef who's a control freak in all areas except her temper whenever her cooking is questioned. She already has a full plate when her sister is killed in an accident and she inherits an eight-year-old niece. Plus her culinary second-in-command is eight-months pregnant. So her boss, without consultation, takes the proactive measure of hiring a new helper, a talented Italian who brings into the kitchen, along with gnocchi, etc., a breezy new attitude and a boom box of paisano pops Dean Martin, Louis Prima. The clash of Teutonic severity and Mediterranean serenity throws off some predictable sparks, and Sergio Castellitto is very touching as the drowsy-eyed, hunched-shouldered Italian with a casual knack for life. Martina Gedeck, under a permanently arched eyebrow, is aided in seeming a real person by being an unfamiliar face, though she could never have gotten away with it if she were not also an actress of skill and subtlety. The aforesaid easy flow quickens into burbling rapids during the closing credits, sweeping you through the happy ending. 2001. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 10/18; LA JOLLA

VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/17)







#### **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** — Selfanointed "Frump Girl" meets Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see

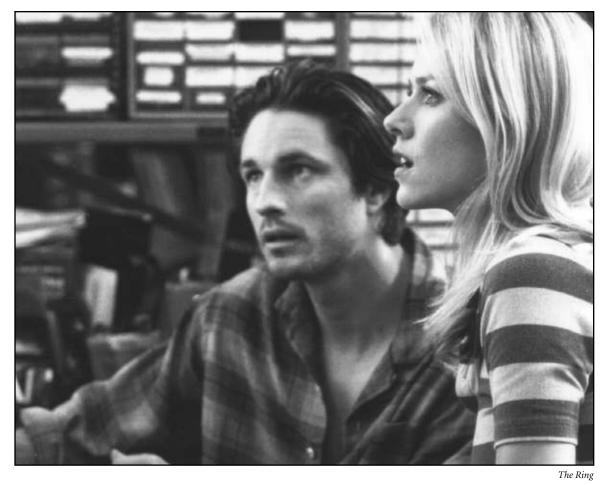
Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see the beauty within. Only problem: he's not Greek. Nia Vardalos, scriptwriter and star, gets to unburden herself on her lineage ("My cousins have two volumes, loud and louder"), and at the same time indulge herself in an Ugly Duckling fantasy. It seldom rises above an ethnic sitcom, but the "personal" angle stirs sympathy. With John Corbett, Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Gia Carides; directed by Joel Zwick. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**One-Hour Photo** — Psychological suspenser, sort of a stripped-down Ruth Rendell thriller, about "Sy the photo guy" at SavMart, and his abnormal obsession with an outwardly perfect family whose lives he knows through their faithful patronage. It seems to be moving toward a conventional explosion of violence, and it is indeed conventional despite a little surprise in store at the end. (Very little.) Robin Williams, with a blond dye job, is no asset, broadcasting his creepiness at such a pitch as to alert any concerned parent or vigilant boss within a thousand miles. A respectable calling card, all the same, for music-video director Mark Romanek. With Connie Nielsen, Michael Vartan, Eriq LaSalle, Gary Cole, 2002. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14)

### Real Women Have Curves –

Elementary ethnic feminism, to do with the tough choice facing a chubby Chicana: whether to work in an L.A. sweatshop or to attend Columbia University on a full scholarship. (An hour and a half to decide.) Corroboration of the title comes when four overweight seamstresses strip off to compare cellulite. The cellulite, at any rate, is real, if not the women. America Ferrera, Lupe



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**Red Dragon** — A remake of *Manhunter*, 1986, for the sole purpose of instating the "real" Hannibal Lecter — Anthony Hopkins — in the role. (It would have been simpler, if it would have been technologically possible, to cut-and-paste him digitally into the pre-existing film, obliterating Brian Cox.) And never mind that the aging, thickening, thinning-haired actor is here supposed to be younger than he was when he first assumed the role, over a decade earlier.

Given that The Silence of the Lambs, 1991, was itself essentially a re-do of Manhunter the incarcerated psychopath assisting the FBI on a serial-murder case — the opportunities for *déjà vu* are manifold. The preludial explanation of how Hannibal the Cannibal initially got himself incarcerated seems a good place to start, and a few seconds before Iodie Foster walks into his life seems an obvious place to stop. (The actual climax not the false climax but the de rigueur follow-up climax - is sufficiently wellstaged to excuse its triteness.) Of course, as a mere consultant on the case, our ingratiating anthropophagite is not on screen for very many minutes; and the winner of the hot competition for most close-ups is no doubt Edward Norton as the empathic FBI profiler

formerly played by William Petersen. It might not seem so, however, because the diffident Norton never scores as heavily from close range as does the taunting Hopkins or the tortured Ralph Fiennes, who misses the pathos that Tom Noonan put into the Tooth Fairy Killer" in Manhunter. Another telling point of comparison with the earlier version — perhaps the single most telling is the photography: the slick and polished image of Manhunter as against the rough, abraded image of Red Dragon. The photographer, curiously, was the same for each: Dante Spinotti. The difference, one surmises, must be the director: the preening Michael Mann versus the slovenly Brett Ratner. With Emily Watson, Mary-Louise Parker, Harvey Keitel, Philip Seymour

#### Hoffman. 2002.

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#### The Ring — Reviewed this issue. With

Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson, Jane Alexander, and Brian Cox; directed by Gore Verbinski.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/18)

#### The Rules of Attraction — The director of Killing Zoe (Roger Avary) unites with the novelist of American Psycho (Bret Easton Ellis), to reach the combined maturity of a know-it-all sophomore (high school, not college), for a view of the modern university as a libertine's paradise of casual sex, drugs, and Nietzscheanism. It starts, you might say, with a bang: a drunken co-ed losing her virginity by rear entry in front of a camcorder, then getting thrown up on for added memorability. From there, it seldom lets up for a minute. If it's not hitting you over the head with its worldly wisdom, it's jabbing you in the ribs with its cinematic cleverness: reverse motion, split screen, pixillation, alternating narrators, and so on. The would-be uncompromising vision nevertheless seems slightly compromised (a slight understatement) by a casting philosophy in common with a TV jeans ad: a haughty Master Race of buff beauties (James Van Der Beek, Shannyn Sossamon, Ian Somerhalder, Kip Pardue, Jessica Biel, Kate Bosworth). And all that cleverness, all that worldly wisdom, cannot manage to create any distance between the observers and the observed. The moviegoer can avoid contamination by steering clear. 2002. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)



**Secretary** — Naughty romantic comedy (punish it if you please) about a selfmutilator since seventh grade, fresh out of the mental institution, who finds employment and a perfect match with a lone-wolf lawyer and closet spanker. It gives

away its destination, or at least part of its itinerary, right at the outset, in a graceful ballet of secretarial services performed while cuffed to a crucifixion-like yoke (stapler operated by chin, etc.), and then it jumps back to six months earlier, taking its sweet time to return to the starting point (and beyond). The gradualness of development is one of the keys to the strategy, making sure that this feels like the unrehearsed mating dance of two autonomous oddballs, instead of the free-rein wish fulfillment of an S&M fantasist. (Although far from a pivotal peg, the concept of Sexual Harassment In The Workplace crops up parenthetically in a casual conversation among minor players, just to show that filmmaker Steven Shainberg has a certain familiarity with contemporary society and has not been secluded in some unapproachable chateau out of The 120 Days of Sodom.) The potential offensiveness is deflected by two main devices. First, the utter and total individuality of Maggie (sister of Jake) Gyllenhaal, discouraging generalization. Not so much the individuality of her case-file character (prettier sister, alcoholic father, overprotective mother, and so forth, though Shainberg is no more interested in "psychology" than was Luis Buñuel, a filmmaker who is brought to mind at numerous points), but simply the individuality of her look and manner: faintly moon-faced, buck-toothed, pig-snouted, with a twinkly Lillian Gish-y girlishness and a galumphing tomboy gait. (James Spader, more conventionally "attractive," feels obliged to signal his oddity more openly and incessantly.) Second, the absurdist, semisurrealist exaggeration, coupled with the isolated, unpeopled, quasi-laboratory setting, discouraging us from taking the thing literally. But how, then, may it be taken figuratively and without offense? Well: how about as a metaphor of the miracle of love, the finding of the right fit, the happy discovery that what's wrong with you is all right with somebody else? Even then, however, the lightness of tone, the virtual giggliness of tone, might be felt to weaken not only the potential offensiveness but also the potential power. 2002. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Signs - For all those who can believe in crop circles, and those who only wish they could, this is not the answer to a prayer. M. Night Shyamalan, the writer and director of The Sixth Sense and Unbreakable, certainly takes a serious approach. So much so that you might imagine the grim cast of characters labored under the impression they were in an Ibsen drama. There are reasons for that: the hero, played by Mel Gibson as a change from Bruce Willis, is a backsliding cleric whose wife was killed six months earlier in a roadside mishap, details of which are leaked out in dribs and drabs. In the end, the ponderous, portentous forward progress of the film, together with its charged atmosphere of Domestic Tragedy, proves to be, as it were, all approach and no (or very late) arrival; all heavy-handed foreplay and diminutive climax. Shvamalan does not lack intensity or concentration, and he is capable now and again of touching a sensitive spot, prompting a tremor: the first glimpse of an alien appendage disappearing into a cornfield, or the attempt to get a look at the shadowy prisoner locked behind the pantry door, or the siege in the cellar illuminated only by flashlight. Unhappily, the filmmaker, more cursed than blessed by his Sixth Sense, seems more concerned now to be a spiritual leader than a mere storyteller. Somehow, when alien invaders descend over the entire planet, the crisis of faith of one grieving widower in rural Pennsylvania is apt to seem small potatoes, no matter how symbolic or symptomatic of all mankind. And the confinement of most of the action to the family farm - like some Roger Corman grade-Z science fiction of the late Fifties — is ultimately stultifying. To be sure, the portable television, whenever the strictly monitoring father (no longer "Father") allows his children to watch it, serves to

widen the scope, at least in our imaginations: the proliferation of crop circles in India (too fast and far apart to be a conspiracy of hoaxers), the strange lights suspended over Mexico City, the network broadcast of a Little Green Man's cameo appearance in a birthday-party home video, etc. One of the TV viewers is tacless enough to remark, "It's like *War of the Worlds.*" We wish! With Joaquin Phoenix, Rory Culkin, Abigail Breslin, Cherry Jones. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Spirited Away — Cancellation of the retirement of Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki, whose Princess Mononoke was a worthy valedictory to the traditional handdrawn method. For this addendum to his career, he has made liberal, corner-cutting use of computer-generated backgrounds; and the clash of styles creates perhaps the most overt conflict in the entire film, together with an unwanted undercurrent of sadness and resignation. A contemporary fairy tale about a timid little girl (of indistinct race) who learns to cope - or in other words a textbook metaphor of growth — it lacks something of the drama and the narrative drive of Mononoke, though it lacks nothing in visual imagination (a fully realized spirit world where anything goes) and nothing, either, in audacity. No homegrown animated film from Disney, the U.S. distributor, would dare dish up such dreamy inscrutability. Nor would it dare drag on for more than two hours, a bit long by any measure, even though individual episodes have the fascination of a Sunday installment of Little Nemo in Slumberland. Much of the strength of its grip comes from Miyazaki's meticulous simulation of the classical camerawork and cutting of liveaction filmmaking. The scene construction remains reliably solid, however vaporous the content, 2002. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

### Star Wars. Episode II: Attack of the

Clones — The saga grinds on, in state-ofthe-art digital video: crisp and detailed yet somewhat overcast, monotoned, seemingly covered in a sort of pinkish-complected skin, like an unboiled wiener. The particulars the diminished role of the reviled Jar-Jar Binks; the teen romance between Queen Padmé (now known as Senator Amidala) and an Anakin Skywalker who has inexplicably caught up to her in age; the emergence of the latter's Dark Side in the form of adolescent petulance (or in the form of Hayden Christensen's impersonation of Ryan Phillippe); the casting of Count Dracula in the role of Count Dooku (Christopher Lee); the rebel army of identical, skeletal robots whose paradeground drills are George Lucas's latest extraction from Leni Riefenstahl's Triumph of the Will; a new, improved, computeranimated Yoda to come to the rescue at the climax, with inverted syntax intact ("Around the survivors, a perimeter create"); and an up-in-the-air resolution ("Begun, the Clone War has") similar to the middle one in the earlier Star Wars trilogy, right down to the severed limb - are best left to the addicts. The unhooked will remain untempted. Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Samuel L. Jackson. 2002. ● (GASLAMP 15: VOGUE)

Sweet Home Alabama — You can take the girl out of the country — take her away from her redneck husband, plant her in the Big Apple, launch her on a career as a fashion designer, affiance her to a Kennedyesque politico - but you can't take her out of the cliché. Reese Witherspoon, all by her lonesome, is asked to light up the dreariness, a firefly on a moonless night. With Josh Lucas, Patrick Dempsey, Mary Kay Place, Fred Ward, and Candice Bergen; directed by Andy Tennant. 2002. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Swept Away — Diluted update of Lina

Wertmuller's Marxist battle of the sexes, 1974. It might, especially in view of the pallid color, have been better retitled *Watered* Down. And it seems an odd sort of gift for writer-director Guy Ritchie to have devised for his wife and leading lady, Madonna, in that she's required first to behave like a bitch and then to be treated like a dog. Besides which, she looks awful in it: exposed musculature, bulging veins, a female Stallone. Not to forget that it's secondhand! (Gee, honey, thanks a heap.) With Adriano Giannini, son of the original male lead, Giancarlo Giannini. 2002. ● (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16)

Tarnished Angels — Douglas Sirk's polished transcription of William Faulkner's *Pylon*, a tale of barnstorming pilots between world wars, might be easy to overlook among his Universal Studio melodramas of the Fifties: it's in ungaudy black-and-white, for starters, and the milieu is more that of Hawks and Wellman. The resulting losses are mainly in the area of campiness, not entirely a bad thing. The cast is much the same as in Written on the Wind - Rock Hudson Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone - and as before, Hudson can't keep pace. 1958. ★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 10/17, 8 P.M., AND 10/18, 1:30 AND 9 P.M.)

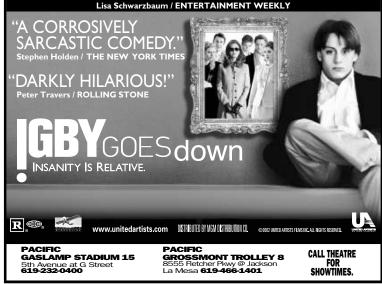
### Thirteen Conversations about One

Thing — Four (or so) intersecting plotlines on the themes of the pursuit of happiness and the quirks of fate, but snipped up and patched together so that events that follow each other on screen do not follow each other in chronology. Additional choppingup and rearranging are achieved through chapter headings excerpted from the dialogue: "Ignorance is bliss," "Fuck guilt," "Fortune smiles on some and laughs at others," "Eighteen inches of personal space," and so forth. There might be something to be gotten from the out-of-joint construction - a sense of the seeming randomness of the universe, the mysterious interconnectedness of all things, the surreptitious action of cause and effect, the endless recurrence of the pattern — but it's hard to be sure you're really getting it. Even so, the film is stronger on overall vision than on the fine points of dialogue and narrative. The former tends to sound "written" and artificial, while the latter tends to look contrived, uninventive, thesis-driven, illustrative. Somehow it's not surprising to hear that the filmmaking sisters, director and co-writer Jill Sprecher and co-writer Karen Sprecher, acknowledge Bertrand Russell's The Concept of Happiness as a "jumping-off point." The economical, energy-efficient, nowaste performance of Alan Arkin as the consummate sourpuss, suspicious of anyone's good fortune or good humor, so dominates the proceedings as to foment impatience with the alternating plotlines. (Despite the presence in them of such watchable players as John Turturro, Barbara Sukowa, Clea DuVall, Tia Texada.) The office milieu around Arkin — a tight-fisted insurance outfit — reminds us that the Sprechers had earlier collaborated on Clockwatchers. Their ambition since then has increased by leaps and bounds. Their charm has increased, too, by at least a hop and a skip. With Matthew McConaughey, Amy Irving, Frankie Faison, William Wise. 2002. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

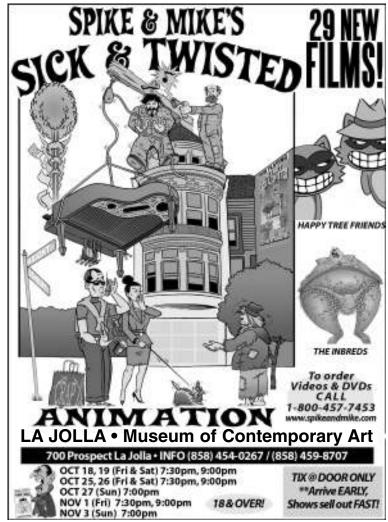
The Transporter — Action film by Hong Kong director Corey Yuen, with Jason Statham, Matt Schulze, and Qi Shu. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Tuck Everlasting** — Jay Russell's treatment of the Natalie Babbitt children's novel posits a backwoods family with a private Fountain of Youth (more than that, a Fountain of Indestructibility), and it weighs

### "PRETTY DAMN TERRIFIC!"









the merits of an eternal life ("What we Tucks have, you can't really call living. We just are. We're like rocks stuck at the side of a river") against those of a full life. The height of the corn is established straightaway, with the

garden-variety overhead shot of a nubile teen (Alexis Bledel, a younger Robin Tunney or slightly younger Thora Birch) lying supine on the grass, a garland of flowers around her head, a sort of Baby Chatterley awaiting her woodman. The ensuing romance with a hundred-and-four-year-old boy (Jonathan Jackson, with novelty-shop plastic lips) and the intrusion of a plundering Ponce de León (Ben Kingsley) bring things, as it were, to a head. If the outcome does not make you feel like a child again, it should at any rate

remind you how it felt to be addressed as one. With William Hurt, Sissy Spacek, Amy Irving. 2002.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Tuxedo — Effects-laden Jackie Chan

comedy about a mere chauffeur, a martial non-artist, who acquires superspy powers through a gadgety suit of evening clothes. (The stuff of fantasy rather than science fiction.) Chan's physical gifts are a little stifled, and the shrewish Jennifer Love Hewitt tramples all over him in the verbal department. Directed by Kevin Donovan. 2002.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8 ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HORTON PLAZA 14: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14)

Welcome to Collinwood — Co-written and -directed by the brothers Anthony and Joe Russo, this counts as the second American remake, after Louis Malle's crummy Crackers in 1984, of Mario

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### CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

#### Town Square 14

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### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **Abandon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 2:15, 3:35) 4:30, 5:55, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30; Sun. (1:15, 2:15, 3:35) 4:30, 5:55, 7:10, 8:05, 9:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:15, 3:35, 4:30, 5:55) 7:10, 8:05, 9:30, 10:15; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:25) 5:00, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:00) 7:20, 9:35; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 4:50, 8:15, 10:40; Sun. (2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu, (2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 9:50; **Igby Goes Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 4:55, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (2:15) 4:55, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:55) 7:55, 10:10; **Jonah: A** Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:55) 7:55, 10:10; **Jonah: A** Veggie Tales Movie (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:40); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:10) 5:30, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:30, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:30) 7:45, 9:50; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45; Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45; Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15) 7:15, 8:00, 9:55; The Rules of Attraction (R) Fri. 543, (2:00) 5:05, 7:35, 10:25; Sun. (2:00) 5:05, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:05) 7:35, 9:55; Star Wars,

Mon.-1nu. (2:00, 3:05) /:35, 9:55, 9:57, 9:58 Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:55) 7:10, 10:05; Swept Away (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 9:45; Tuck Everlasting (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:35, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:35) 7:00, 9:15; White Oleander (PC) 13) Fri. Sat. (140, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:05 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:05, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20; Sun. (1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:05, 7:50, 9:40, Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:05, 7:50, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:50, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 2:40, 5:40, 7:50, 7 17, October 5:20) 7:05, 7:50, 9:40

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#### La Jolla Village

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### UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

**Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; The Man from Elysian Fields (R) Fri. (2:00) 5:00, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 2:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 5:00, 7:20, 9:50; Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:50, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Secretary (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:40, 7:40, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 2:10, 4:40, 7:40, 10:05; Mon. (2:10) 4:40, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (2:10) 4:40, 7:40, 10:05; **Spirited Away** (PG) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45

**Museum of Photographic Arts** 619-238-7559) 1649 El Prado, Balhoa P The Tarnished Angels, Thursday, 8 p.m., an Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Devil Dogs of the Air, Friday, 7 p.m.; Seven Days in May, Wednesday, 7 p.m., next Thursday, 8 p.m., and next Friday, 1:30 p.m. . . and

### **Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00; Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Tue. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00; Wed. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00; Wed. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00; Thu. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00; Space Station (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sat. 10:30, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00; Tue. 2:00, 5:00; Wed. 2:00, 5:00, 7:00; Thu. 2:00, 5:00; Ultimate X (PG) Fri. 9:30; Sat. 1:00

### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

**Parkway Plaza 18** 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Abandon (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 5:00) 7:45, 10:20; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45) 7:00; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:15) 7:40, 10:25; **Below** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:30) 7:10, 10:00; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:10) 7:15, 10:05; **Formula 51** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:15) 7:40, 10:10; The Four Feathers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:00) The Four Featners (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:00) 10:10; Knockaround Guys (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:35, 10:00; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10) 8:00, 10:25; Pokemon 4Ever (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 4:50); Red Dragon (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 1:15, 4:00, 4:30) 6:50, 7:30, Fri.- Inu. (12:43, 1:15, 4:00, 4:30) 6:50, 7:30, 9:50, 10:30; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50; **The Rules of Attrac-tion** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:50) 7:05, 9:45; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:05, 9:40; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:20) 7:20, 10:15; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:30, 5:00) 7:50, 10:20; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:50) 7:10, 9:45; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:50, 10:30; White Olean-der (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:40) 7:30, 10:15

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center**

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100) Abandon (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:05) 7:45, 10:15; Formula **51** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:30; Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu (1:05, 3:20, 5:35) 7:55, 10:20; Jonah: A Veggie **Tales Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40 Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:40); **Knockaround** Guys (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05; Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:00) 7:40, 10:00; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:05; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.

(1:20) 4:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:35; Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:20) 4:10) 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:25; **Sweet Home Al**abama (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (2:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:35, 10:10; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:55, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:55) 8:00, 10:20; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9 Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:45; White Ole-ander (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

**Rancho San Diego 15** 2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) Abandon (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; Formula 51 (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 2:55, (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 4:50) 7:00; (G) Fr1.-1 hu. (12:30, 2:40, 4:50) 7:00; Knockaround Guys (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:35; Red Dragon (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 2:00, 3:35) 6:25, 7:00, 9:15; The Ring (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; The Rules of Attraction (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 4:40) 9:50; Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; The Transporter (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20

**Grossmont Trolley** 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **Below** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Wed. (12:15, 2:55, 5:35) 8:10; Thu. (12:15, 2:55); **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Mu. (12:25, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:50, 5:30) 8:05; **Igby Goes Down** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:15, 7:50, Down (K) Fri.-Sun. (12/45, 305) 5/15, 7/30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12/20, 3:00, 5/40) 8:15; Moonlight Mile (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:00; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 3:05, 5:45) 8:20; Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:30) 5:00, 7:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:15, 5:55) 8:30; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:20) 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 7:55; **Swept Away** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:10) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:10) 8:25; The Tuxedo (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 5:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 5:50)

#### SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Formula 51 (R); Red Dragon (R); Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13); The Tuxedo (PG-13)

### **SOUTH BAY**

### **CHULA VISTA**

Chula Vista 10 Chula Vista 10 Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Abandon (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Brown Sugar (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Formula 51 (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; 11:00, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Knockaround Guys (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **The Rules of Attraction** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24 770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) Abandon (PG-13); The Ring (PG-13); For-mula 51 (R); Below (R); The Rules of Attraction (R); Tuck Everlasting (PG); Brown Sugar (PG-13); The Transporter (PG-13); White Oleander (PG-13); Poke mon 4ever; Knockaround Guys (R); Red Dragon (R); Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie; Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13); The Tuxedo (PG-13); Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever; The Banger Sisters (R); The Four Feathers (PG-13); Barbershop (PG-13); Swimfan (PG-13); My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG); XXX (PG-13); Signs (PG-13)

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

**Kancho Del Rey 16** East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) **Abandon** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:30, 10:00; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 9:50; **Below** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:40) 7:40, 10:20; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:55) 7:25, 10:00; **Formula 51** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:15, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30; Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 2:55, 5:05); Knockaround Guys (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:50, 10:15; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:05, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05; Pokemon 4ever (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:20); Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:00, 5:15) 7:25, 9:40; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:00, 9:50; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:45) 7:05, 9:45; **The** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:45) 7:05, 9:45; **The Rules of Attraction** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:55, 10:30; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:20) 6:55, 9:35; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:15) 7:35, 10:10; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) **Cleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:30) 7:10, 10:25

#### Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436) The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course (PG) Fri.-Thu. 3:15, 10:00; Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 7:30; XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Thu.

### **IMPERIAL BEACH**

South Bay Drive In 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

### NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In

32nd and D (619-477-1392) Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13); Blue Crush

#### Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) Abandon (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:35) 5:50, (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:30, 7:50, 9:30, Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:05, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:30) 8:00; **Below** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:20) 7:55; **Brown Suga**r (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:15) 7:50; **Formula 51** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:50, 5:50) 8:05; Knockaround Guys (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:55, 5:55) 8:05; Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15, 9:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15, 9:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 3:45, 5:45) 7:45; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:55) 7:00, 9:45; Sun. (1:15, 3:55) 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 7:40; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu (2:35, 5:10) 7:30

### **NORTH INLAND**

BONSALL

Galaxy 6 Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) Abandon (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, Monicelli's prototypical caper comedy, Big Deal on Madonna Street. The freshness and flavor, naturally, are long gone. But considered as a repertory piece, like Romeo and Juliet or A Midsummer Night's Dream, it's a brisk and enthusiastic run-through (Sam Rockwell, William H. Macy, Michael Jeter, Jennifer Esposito); and unscenic Cleveland, the filmmakers' hometown, supplies a workable backdrop. The film's best possible function, though, would be as a bread crumb to lead you back to the 1958

original (Gassman, Mastroianni, Toto, Cardinale: those were the days). With Isaiah Washington, Luis Guzman, Patricia Clarkson, and a cameo by George Clooney. 2002.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14)

White Oleander — The long and winding and rocky road of an adolescent foster child after her bohemian mother ("She's an artist. She doesn't care about things like Parents'

Night") is imprisoned for murder. A hairtearing women's picture (hair-hacking and hair-blackening, too), with some authentically messy emotion en route to the triumphal uplift. Álison Lohman, Michelle Pfeiffer, Robin Wright Penn, Renée Zellweger, Patrick Fugit; directed by Peter Kosminsky. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18;

FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;

OCEANSIDE 16: PAI & PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**XXX** — National Security recruits a multitattooed Xtreme sportsman to save the world from a group of Russian terrorists known as Anarchy 99: it takes an anarchist to catch an anarchist. See him slide down a stair railing on a sterling silver canapé tray. See him jump a castle wall on a motorcycle. See him outrun an avalanche on a snowboard. Who

thinks up this stuff? (And what's he smoking?) Vin Diesel, who made a favorable impression in *Pitch Black* and *The Fast and* the Furious, seems here to have set his sights on being the next Stallone. Or next Schwarzenegger. Or next Seagal. In short, next laughingstock. With Samuel L. Jackson, Asia Argento, and Marton Csokas; directed by Rob Cohen. 2002. (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

10:45; Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri. 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:30, 7:30; The **Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:15, 7:15; Sweet Home Al-abama (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Nucloy and Toxio 12:50, 5:00, 5:50, 5:50, 6:00, 10:50, 5:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:30, 1 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00, Sun 10:30 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00

### **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

Carmel Mountain 11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770) Abandon (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:55. A Veggie Tales Movie (G) Fri-Sun. (12:50, Cogge Target More (1) 111-5011 (12:50)
 Stookaround Guys (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:40)
 5:50, 8:15, 10:20; Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:35, 7:40,
 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 7:20, 9:25; My **Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:25, 9:40; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7.25, 9.30; Mon - Thu (1.00, 3.15, 5.30) 7.40. 9:45; **Real Women Have Curves** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:50; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:10, 7:05, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:00, 5:00) 7:05, 9:15; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:45, 7:50, 10:30; Sun. (1:40) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30. 4.25, 7.05, 9.45, Molt. Thu. (2.00, 4.45) 7.55, 10:05; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:25, 7:55, 10:15: Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:40) 7:35, 10:05: The Rules of Attraction (R) Fri-Sat. 8:00, 10:25; Sun. 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 7:15, 9:50; Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:00, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:30) 7:00, 9:20; **The Trans**porter (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55 Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:05, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:25) 7:20, 9:40; **Tuck Ever-lasting** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:40) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:20, 5:25) 7:25, 9:30; **The** Tuxedo (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:40, **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:50;

#### POWAY

Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:10, 9:35

#### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) 13475 Poway Koad (858-646-9423) Abandon (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30; Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 5:15; Knockaround Guys (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Sat. 2:45, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 2:45, 7:30; **Red** Dragon (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00; Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; The Transporter (PG-13) ri-Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu, 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15; White Oleander (PG-13) 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

### RAMONA

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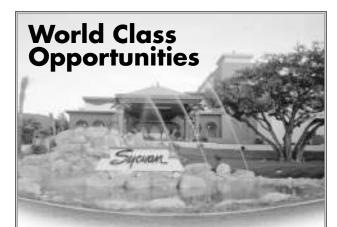
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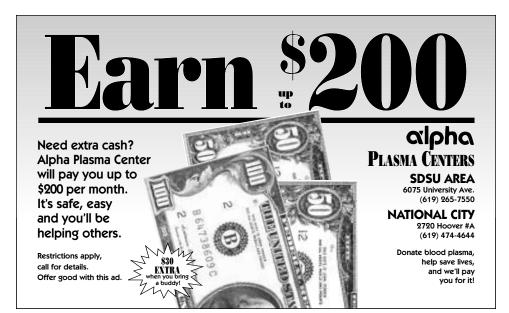
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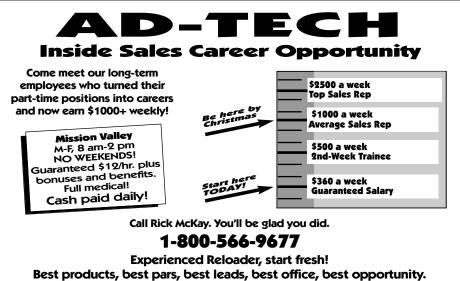
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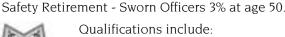
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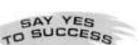
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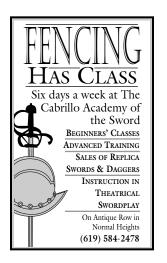
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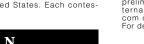
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- 40. Item of merchandise 43. Picture of health?
- 44. "Don't Bring Me Down"
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- 51. It's west of the West Bank 53. One of only four with 600 or
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- 64. Aerie hatchling65. "...\_\_\_\_ before the deadline"
- 66. Suffix with Peking
- 67. Industrial solvents
- 68. Ingredient in some soups
- 69. Large shoe specification

#### Down

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- 4. Tortoise racer
- 5. Incubator spot: Abbr.
- 6. Snap preceder
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  9. Two were 9. Two were used in W.W. II
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FRIENDSHIP: Me: 22-year-old female, new to CA, into thrift shops, Woody Allen, wine snobbery, good music, country dancing. You: same, only differ-ent. (10/30) **1**49082 FRIENDSHIP: Female seeks same for platonic activities: movies, in depth con-versation, light walking, shopping, restau-rants. Open to suggestions! You be sin-cere and nice. 30-40s. (10/30) 249083

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#### WOMEN SEEKING MEN

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL guy. I'm attractive, 52, 5'5", spiritual. Seeking sin-cere, honest man and a great kisser, 45-56, for happiness, love, romance and life(10/30 **2**34779

ATTRACTIVE, FRIENDLY, Japanese, 5'5", professional, outgoing, fit. Seeking tall, honest, educated, happy, athletic, open-minded. Beach, rollerblade, tennis, salsa, scuba diving, sailing, dining out, conver-sation. (10/23) **3**34718

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brown, 5'5", music, movies, boating, swimming, jogging, animals, La Mesa. Seeking Taurus/Cancer, white male, 43+, tall, dark and handsome type. (10/30) **7**34774

**CREATIVE, KIND CUTIE,** fit, petite, outgo-ing, love adventure, museums, hiking, travel. You're 45+, fit, cute. Time for dat-ing also in path to awareness, non-smoker. (10/30) **C** 34765

SOUTHERN, 45, 5'8', medium built, inter-ested in camping, bowling, dinners, dancing, open to new interests. Need nu-merous, honest, loving, affectionate, sees into heart, soul mate. (10/23) 234753 into heart, soul mate. (10/23) 334753 SHAPELY, BIG BLUE EYES, long wavy hair, nice complexion. Interests include architecture, writing, medicine, science, art, museums, lectures. Accepting appli-cations for friend/companion/lover/hus-band, 65+. Include experience, achieve-ments, lessons learned, values, goals. (10/23) 34741

ATTRACTIVE, EUROPEAN, red/blue, educated, confident, adventures, romantic, sensual, seeks professional, share upcoming holidays, conversation, close-ness, secure, laughter, culture, open-ness, outdoors, quality, diverse, take chance. (10/23) **2**34749

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, AWAKE, 52 year-old, European/American, professional woman with a sense of humor. Seeking male companionship and perhaps a sweet-heart. (10/23) **2**34744

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VERY PRETTY, nice figured lady, pleas-ing personality, seeks 55+, tall, romantic gentleman who is looking for fun times

with laughs and new adventures. (10/30)

SMILE THAT LIGHTS UP a room. Me: 24, 5'10", 125lbs., brown/green. Kind, sin-cere, easygoing and fun. You: 25-40, honest, kind, romantic, confident and cert (4)(20) CO(20) ....a, romar 23) **क**:3479

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**DEFINITELY NOT ORDINARY, sassy** classy, 50, fit, 5'2", blonde, career profes-sional, seeks sincere, ready for love gen-tleman. Sports/road trips. Let's share some good times. (10/30) **T**34780

PRETTY, BLONDE FEMALE, adventurous, independent, 49+. Wears levis, shorts, dress/heels with style. Enjoys kayaking, travel, reading. Seeking positive, com-passionate man with sense of hu-mor. (10/30) \$34790

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DIVORCED, WHITE FEMALE seeks di-vorced, white male, 50-60, for a friend? En-joy indoor and outdoor activities. Travel/ getaways. Send soon. (10/30)(34786.

**HONESTLY!** I'm an attractive slim, brunette who is looking for great qualities in a man 50 to 60 who I can enjoy com-panionship with. (10/30) 234755

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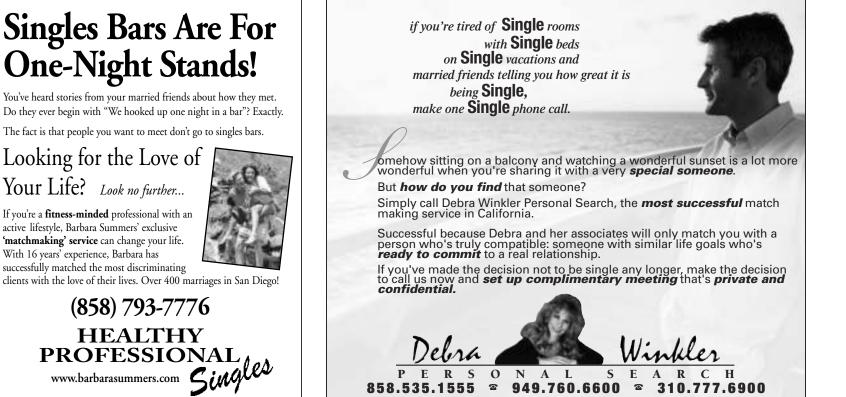
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HI, I'M 30 YEARS OLD, Mexican/Ameri-HI, I'M 30 YEAKS OLD, MeXiCan/Ameri-can professional, bilingual, 5'5", 138lbs., average looking, easygoing, healthy, cheerful. Seeking down to earth, honest, fun, 30-39, male for movies, coffee, sports, walks, music, no salsa, long term relationship. (10/30) 34788

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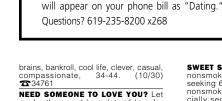
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SWEET SCORPIO, 45, 5'5", looks 29, nonsmoker, nondrinker, great smile, seeking 6°+, 40-50, African American, nonsmoker, moderate drinker, finan-cially secure, spiritual gentleman for friendship. (10/23) **T** 34752

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PRETTY, OUTGOING, intelligent, multicultural female. Seeking tall, funny, in-teiligent, attractive, 30-40, black male, friendship. Me: Divorced, no kids, 125lbs., independent, funny, honest, natural. Fast County, (1909) . (10/23) 🕿 34715 PREFER BROWN EVES, intelligence, sensitivity, sense of humor. Slim, blonde, PhD, 42, intelligent, vivacious, affectionate; art, cinema, travels, life. (10/30) **T** 34756

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FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT, humor ous, educated, fun loving, open-minded man. Looking for attractive, caring, friend, lover, fitness oriented lady, under 52 who laughs and has fun. (10/23) 748983 **2**48983

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SINGLE, WHITE MALE, 37, 6', 200lbs. cute, athletic, love kids. Looking for nice, woman, 28-45, for walks, dining out, movies, friendship, romance, long-term relationship. (10/30) **2**49027 CHRISTIAN, NICE LOOKING, humorous 46, 5'11", 180lbs., childless. Love movies

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DOWN-TO-EARTH CAUCASIAN, degreed beauty, product salesman, licensed real estate associate, 43 childless, 5'-10", 170lbs., golfer, photographer, outdoors-man. Seeking healthy woman for solid re-lationship. (10/30) **2**49008

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JUST ONE SPECIAL WOMAN sought by 72-year-old energetic gentleman who will dance with you, prepare gourmet meals and make you smile. Do call. (10/30)

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT from India looking to meet cute chic in San Diego for fun. (10/23) 2 48954 SUPER NICE GUY! Handsome, romantic,

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ASIAN, 36, GENTLEMAN, educated with career. Looking for someone to spoil. No drugs! Must be open minded, sensual, have family values. Love to be pam-pered. (10/23) **2** 48953

ACTIVE, FUN,SELF-ASSURED, 23 year old woman, seeks man who enjoys out-doors, sun and a good time! Call Lin-sey. (10/23) **2**48981

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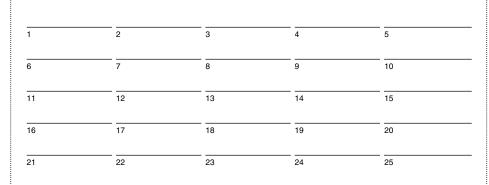
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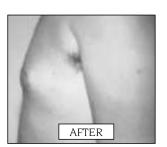
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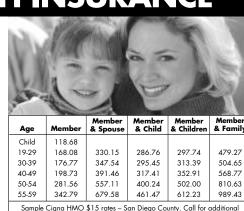
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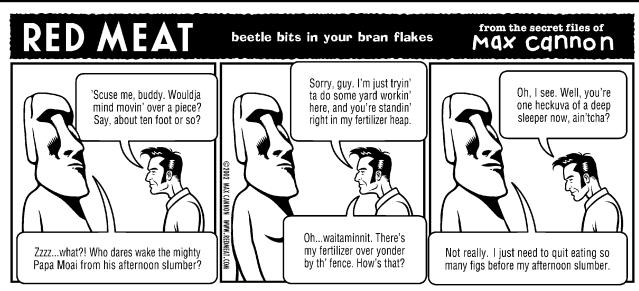


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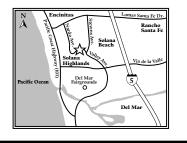
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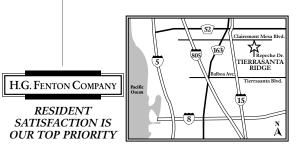
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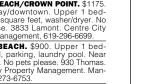
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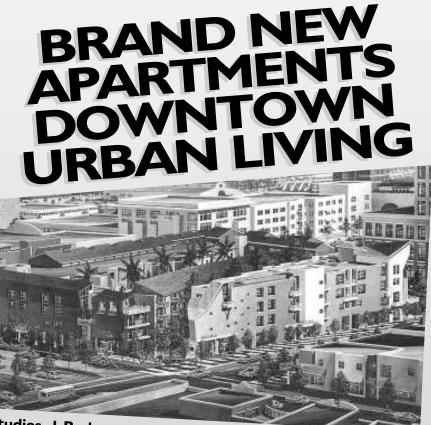
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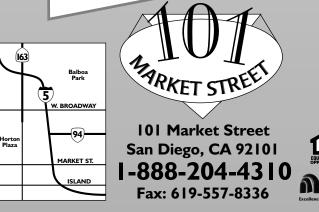
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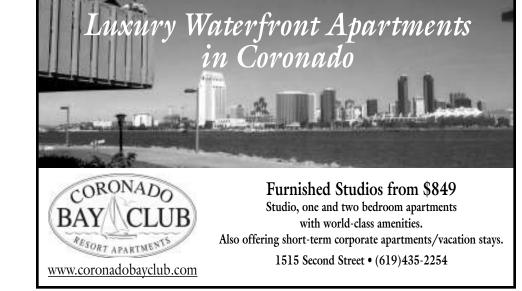
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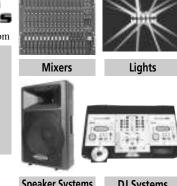
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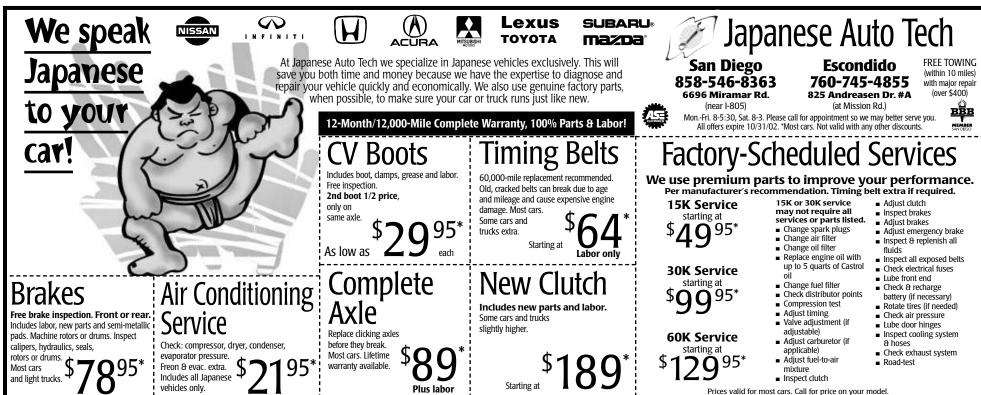
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3328 Jemez Drive. CLAIREMONT. Semiannual used book sale. 9:30am-2pm, 11/2. Friends of Bal-boa Branch Library. 4255 Mt. Abernathy

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### LEAD STORIES

 England's Mentorn production company announced in September that it was finalizing a deal with Channel 4 TV in London for a series in which a terminally ill man would volunteer for what Mentorn called the "ultimate makeover" (the postmortem reconstruction of his body in "plastination," to demonstrate how changes could have improved the quality of his life). Among the possibilities: adding ribs, making knees backbending, adding a back-up heart, and redoing the trachea to better keep food out. The show would be staged by artist Gunter von Hagens, whose Body Worlds exhibit consists of vivid dissections and reconstructions of body parts.

- Police in Irvine, Calif., told the Los Angeles Times in September that, based on a recent crackdown, they were stunned at the high number of abuses of handicapped parking placards. Among those caught were a teenage girl parked at a Weezer concert three months after her grandmother died and who with a straight face said that she was her grandmother ("So you're 80 years old?" asked officer Kyle Oldoerp) and a woman who said she thought she had inherited her late husband's parking privileges as part of his estate.

### America's New Gun Problem

Among those who accidentally shot themselves recently: Police Lt. Walter Warot (carried gun in waistband, shot in buttocks) (Woonsocket, R.I., August); a 43-year-old man (gun in waistband, shot fatally) (Ventura, Calif., September); a 43-year-old man (carjacker, carried gun in his pants) (Detroit, September); and an 18-year-old man (shot in the hand) (Artesia, N.M., September). Also, three Montanans were on the list: Undersheriff Mike Dominick (gun caught in holster) (Missoula, August); a 19-year-old gangmember suspect (gun in waistband) (Great Falls, April); and a 22-year-old man (gun in waistband, shot off right testicle) (Great Falls, May).

### Leading Economic Indicators

- In New York City in August, businessman Herbert Black sued socialite Denise Rich (exwife of the Clinton-pardoned Marc Rich) for nonpayment of fees he said he earned by saving her nearly a million dollars annually as a personal financial adviser. Included alleged savings were: \$125,000 in flowers (by having fewer deliveries to her apartment when she wasn't at home); \$30,000 by changing the payment plan for her yoga instructions; and \$52,000 in "dog maintenance" (mostly by giving away her two oldest dogs, which were so feeble that they had to be pushed by sitters around Central Park in an \$8000 baby carriage).

- Business was booming in August for unlicensed street dentists in Lahore, Pakistan, according to a New York Times reporter, who witnessed several patients' gruesome sidewalk experiences (forced on them because one-third of Pakistanis earn less in a month than even the lowest-priced licensed-dentist procedure). Tools of the trade include ordinary pliers, wire-cutters, metal files, a container of moonshine (to rinse tools off) needle-point probes (to inflict a distracting pain elsewhere in the mouth), and a red plastic sheet (so the blood won't stand out so much). Also plentiful in the street-dentists' "offices": dust and vehicle exhaust.

### **Weird Workplaces**

- According to the Beijing Morning Post, the government in Chengdu, China, shut down a food-processing plant in August after discovering that workers routinely pulled the bones out of chicken feet with their teeth. Workers first boiled the feet in water, then made three slits in the foot with a knife, pried open the skin with their fingers, and removed the bones with their teeth. The fastest workers could go through a foot every five seconds.

- In Meriden, Conn., in August, music store owner Jeff Caillouette, 35, was charged with sexual assault for allegedly forcing a then-15-year-old employee to let Caillouette spank him, supposedly as punishment for various workplace mistakes. At one point, when the kid caught Caillouette in a lie, he requested and received permission to spank the boss, which he did at first while the boss was clothed but later on his bare buttocks. During the time of the alleged assaults, Caillouette was the band director at a local high school.

- In August, the historic Shugborough Home (Staffordshire, England) announced a job opening for a hermit to live temporarily in a cave on the grounds (running water not available) and scare away trespassers; an administrator was said to be astonished at the large number of applications. Also in August, the Landmark Trust, which manages the remote Lundy Island off the southwest coast of England, announced a job opening for a shepherd for the island's 600 sheep and various rare wildlife; the island receives birdwatchers but has no nighttime electricity.

### **People With Issues**

- In Albuquerque, New Mexico, Darcy Ornelas, 31, was arrested in July after a car crash that killed her 4-year-old son. According to police, Ornelas had several drinks at a party but refused advice not to drive home. She fastened her own seatbelt but not the kid's, and then, in her Nissan 300 ZX, she became involved in a road race to prevent a Mustang from passing her, continuing to speed up and cut in front to frustrate that driver. After the fatal crash into a utility pole, Ornelas implied (according to police) that she had been concerned about being upstaged by another sports car.

### Least Competent People

 Cheverly, Md., juror Levon Adams, 25, skipped out during deliberations in a September carjacking trial, and when sheriff's deputies brought him back to the courtroom the next day, he told the judge that he left because the other jurors were becoming aggressive with him. Adams told the judge that he was the only holdout against a guilty verdict and told the jurors that no matter how much evidence there was against the defendant, he could not convict him because Adams was not present at the scene of the crime and thus did not actually see the defendant do it.

## City Clichés Come to Life

 The annual late-summer arrival in Boulder. Colo., of 4000 starlings has once again drenched a 128-unit mobile home park with droppings, but city regulations prohibit even shooing the birds away. And the Whole Foods Market company was

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hit with an animal-rights boycott in September after a dead mouse was found in its Boulder warehouse, showing that the company might not be using rodent-friendly catch-and-release traps. And the Telluride, Colo., Town Council brought in a shaman in August to rid the chamber of bickering among council members. And several city officials in Santa Cruz, Calif., sponsored a marijuana giveaway at City Hall in September, to protest federal crackdowns on the medicinal use of marijuana by local citizens.

### **Recurring Themes**

- News of the Weird reported in 1989 that 31year-old swimsuit model Chanel Price, landing by helicopter at a Malibu, Calif., St. Patrick's Day party to deliver a singing telegram, acknowledged guests' attention by waving, which cost her a thumb and finger in the helicopter blades. In September 2002, 16-year-old Mexican singer Ricardo Abarca suffered a similar fate waving to fans after landing at Guatemala City, Guatemala, airport, but doctors were able to reattach two of his three severed fingers.

### Also, in the Last Month ...

- Executed for the 1992 murders of two little girls was Rex Mays, whose biography included part-time work in the Houston area as Uh-Oh the Clown (Huntsville, Texas). State officials cited the Key West (Fla.) municipal incinerator for briefly gagging its neighbors when it burned nine tons of contraband Miami cocaine and marijuana that had been improperly prepared for disposal. A government trade official in Iran complained that his nation's annual caviar exports are down two-thirds (to 10 tons) because of post-Sept. 11 cutbacks in first-class air travel. And European researchers found that children exposed to dirt and dust have much lower rates of asthma than kids in cleaner environments.

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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

Life can be kind. Like when a column topic drops into my lap (careful - these can involve root canal or open-heart surgery bookings in a serendipitous calendar) or occurs nearby: (1) on a Friday, (2) involving personally favored elements such as books or music, or (3) on a payday.

Since the new Borders books has opened downtown at Sixth and G. I have already whiled away an inordinate number of hours for someone in my tax bracket. Regretting none of it except maybe that the selection, while far and away superior to B. Dalton, its only retail competitor within spitting distance, is, like the Dalton gang's, retail. The number of marked-down remainders or publisher's overstock in trade books is puny; and mass-market paperback prices hovering around a mean \$8 is cursable. But if it's currently in print, you've got a fair chance of leaving with a title you had in mind when you walked in. Another unexpected pleasure I might hope to find at a store in this chain is an old title, long unavailable but not forgotten, now quietly back in print without a big promotion budget. Cult classics like The Dice Man by Luke Rhinehart, in trade paper, and The Four Feathers, recently a mass-market movie tie-in (hokey, but the only edition in print), are examples. One can happen upon them like an old friend looking fit, an angry young laugh that's still funny, or an unembarrassed wave from childhood.

Now there is a good chance I can do this on a Friday night, with decent live music thrown in for free (more about this later) and at a browsable volume. This Friday (October 4) was an Irish music group called Celticana, an appropriate, you might even say bookish choice for shopping accompaniment. Singer Lauren Morris slung an acoustic 12-string guitar over one shoulder and shook long strawberry tresses over the fret board. "We're gonna play some Irish music for you tonight. If you never heard it, you're gonna love it. This first song we're gonna do is from the 18th Century and is about a one-night stand. It's called 'As I Roved Out.'

I steeled myself for not loving this, my exposure to Irish folk music mostly being in barrooms in New York, late at night, mostly being performed extemporaneously by guys who lived in Park Slope, Brooklyn. These musical interludes all seemed characterized by a "Skip-to-Ma-Lou" jig with variations on the lyrics, "MacCarthy is dead and his brother don't know / His brother is dead and MacCarthy don't know..." Instead, this song was a kind of charming and whimsical ditty - fiddle and a young girl's almost-giggle dancing on two chords with a toy soldier military percussion tapped out on a thing called the *cajon*.

Pleasant enough, I thought, and got down to the serious business of browsing. I got through most of paperback fiction before I walked back toward the middle of the store, sought out a friend of the band shooting videotape, and asked if I could get a CD. Indeed I could, as it happened. Waiting for her to find one, I examined the cajon, which is a box (which is what cajon means) strung with wire or coil along one side like a snare drum. It was the percussionist Ray Conseur who later told me it was called a cajon. "Peruvian and Cuban and African," Conseur will inform you. "It was actually a drawer, and they would cut a hole in it. This one comes from Spain."

Back in the stacks. Where was I? About halfway, Bard by Morgan Llywelyn almost jumped off the shelf at me: a kelly green paperback and the only copy. The Odyssey of the Irish and "A marvelous, magical novel," it read on the cover. I skimmed through it looking for the word "blood." Close enough, I found "knife" and read while more than 2000 years this side of the Roman Empire, violinist Floyd Fronius played skirling, mournful fiddle.

"Ir's bright blue eyes rolled wildly as he shifted his hold, jerking the Phoenician's head back by the hair. A knife flashed in Ir's hand. He thrust it beneath the forked black beard of the hapless merchant Age-Nor of Tyre, whose ships were newly arrived.... Feeling the blade press against his windpipe, Age-Nor gasped and struggled to control his flailing hands, afraid he might jostle his attacker into cutting his throat. 'I will wash your robe with your blood,' Ir panted to him. 'Then I will poke out those staring eyes of yours so you can no longer spy on me.'

Mmm. Some good swashbuckling blood and thunder. I could always justify it later by pointing out that it was meticulously researched. Anyway, it went nicely with the music. But the group was off on a different song. Lauren Morris sang, "Now a boat drew upon a beach of iron crosses, and the men ran out



Celticana

three by three into the rapid fire; there were those that fell so quickly, young William stayed to running, swearing to Saint Christopher, 'I will return to home.'

I was taking this in as my fingers wandered through pages for another snippet of Bard. I found, "On the far bank was a tumble of stone ruins. Shinann shaded her eyes with her hand so she could see the place more clearly. It might be some abandoned stronghold built by the Iverni or the Gangani as a defense against marauding Fomorians, or it might be still older, one of the stone constructions aligned with sun and stars by the ancient race of Partalon. The scholars of the Dananns would know, for they studied such ruins, hoarding knowledge as the squirrels hoarded acorns against their instinctual awareness of approaching winter."

The narrative in the book tugged at the narrative of song in the room. Morris sang, "...and a girl searched for her father upon the wall of marble and reached out her hand to touch his name upon the stone....

Eyes back to the page: "The cold sea yawning toward Albion repelled her. She loved the west. The retreating gold of the setting sun beckoned to her as it had to so many, promising the ultimate dreams of inexhaustible resources and certain immortality."

And Morris sang, "And as she stood there she thought she heard him saying, 'I have returned, my child; I have returned to home.'

Borders had made a book sale. Perhaps if they make enough of them, they will begin to pay bands like Celticana. The musicians will be playing Borders again on October 26 in El Cajon, at 159 Fletcher Parkway.

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Where are we going, Mommy?" my oldest son Johnny asked me this past Friday morning. We had already dropped Johnny's three older sisters -Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy - at school. We had driven home. I had drunk my morning cup of coffee and cleaned up the kitchen while Johnny and his younger brother Ben played with toy cars in the family room.

When I loaded Johnny and Ben back into our minivan a little after ten, Johnny asked, "Where are we going, Mommy?"

"To the doctor," I answered. "For Ben again?" Johnny asked.

We had taken Ben to the pediatrician the day before for his two-year well check. "No," I said. "For Mommy." "Are you sick?"

"Nope. Mommies just need

to go to the doctor sometimes." "Okay."

The Saturday before, I had called my sister on the phone. The house was quiet. My husband Jack had taken the four older kids with him to the small Catholic academy where we send our girls. The kids would play while Jack volunteered time with some other dads putting up new playground equipment. When I sat down on the living room couch and dialed Anita's number, Ben ran over and climbed into my lap.

"What's up, sweetie?" Anita asked after I'd said, "Hello.

"I'm really struggling with depression lately," I told her. I had planned a calm conversation. Instead, I wept all over the phone. "I was having a hard time this summer," I confessed. "I thought it was just because everyone was on summer vacation and I had all five kids all day, every day. I thought things would get better when school started up again." I stopped to sob. "But it hasn't. I feel so overwhelmed. I have no perspective. I have no energy. Just getting through the day feels like trying to swim through wet cement. I cry all the time. Every now and then, I'll have a day that's okay, and I'll think, 'I'm fine.' And then the next day, I wake up, and I'm staring into the abyss. I almost feel like my depression is a person. He's always lurking. Even on the days when I can't see him. he's somewhere just out of sight waiting to come back."

"Go to the doctor," Anita told me. "Go to the doctor now and get some antidepressants."

"I've been thinking about that," I told her. "I keep thinking I'll go back and see Dr. G." Dr. G. is a psychologist Jack and I saw for a few years when we were having a rough time in our marriage. "But I keep going around in circles thinking we can't afford more therapy, and I can't get a babysitter to watch the boys while I go see

"Stop thinking and just make an appointment to see your family doctor," Anita said. "He can prescribe antidepressants. I waited way too long to get them, but they've really helped. You won't feel better right away. They won't make all your problems go away. But they'll keep you from slipping into the black hole. You'll have enough perspective to see when you're overreacting or being unrealistic."

I made the appointment. Which is how I found myself sitting in Dr. S.'s office late Friday morning. Jack and I recently switched insurance coverage, so I had never seen Dr. S. before. He smiled and shook my hand when he came into the examining room. "I see you've got some helpers with you today," Dr. S. smiled at Johnny and Ben.

'I'm already four years old," Johnny told Dr. S. "And this is my brother Ben. He's two."

Dr. S. pulled a bright blue plastic ball out of the pocket of his white jacket. He tossed it to Johnny. "I bet you and Ben could play with this," he said.

Johnny smiled and scooped up the ball. While Johnny and Ben chased the ball around the room, Dr. S. spent half an hour going over my health history and asking me about my

depression.

- "I have to ask these questions," he told "Any voices?"
  - "No. No psychosis. Just depression." "Any manic episodes?"

"No. "Any suicidal ideation or plans?"

"No." I looked at Johnny and Ben. "The furthest I've gone is to think I should just go away.'

We talked about my sister's depression and my mother, who was hospitalized in her mid-30s with clinical depression.

"How many depressed episodes would you say you've had during your lifetime, and when did the first one occur?"

I had to think for a minute. "Probably six. And the first one was when I was 16."

'How have you resolved them before?"

"I've gone to therapy. Or I just pull myself out. This time, I can't seem to get on top of it."

At the end of the appointment, Dr. S. shook Johnny's hand and gave me a prescription for Prozac. "I'm going to send you for a blood screening," he said, "just to rule out any physiological cause. But given your family history and your health history, I'm guessing it's depression." He explained how Prozac works and how the dosage would increase gradually. "It'll probably take four to six weeks to reach optimum effectiveness. I'll see you again in a month. Call me if you have any questions or problems."

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