

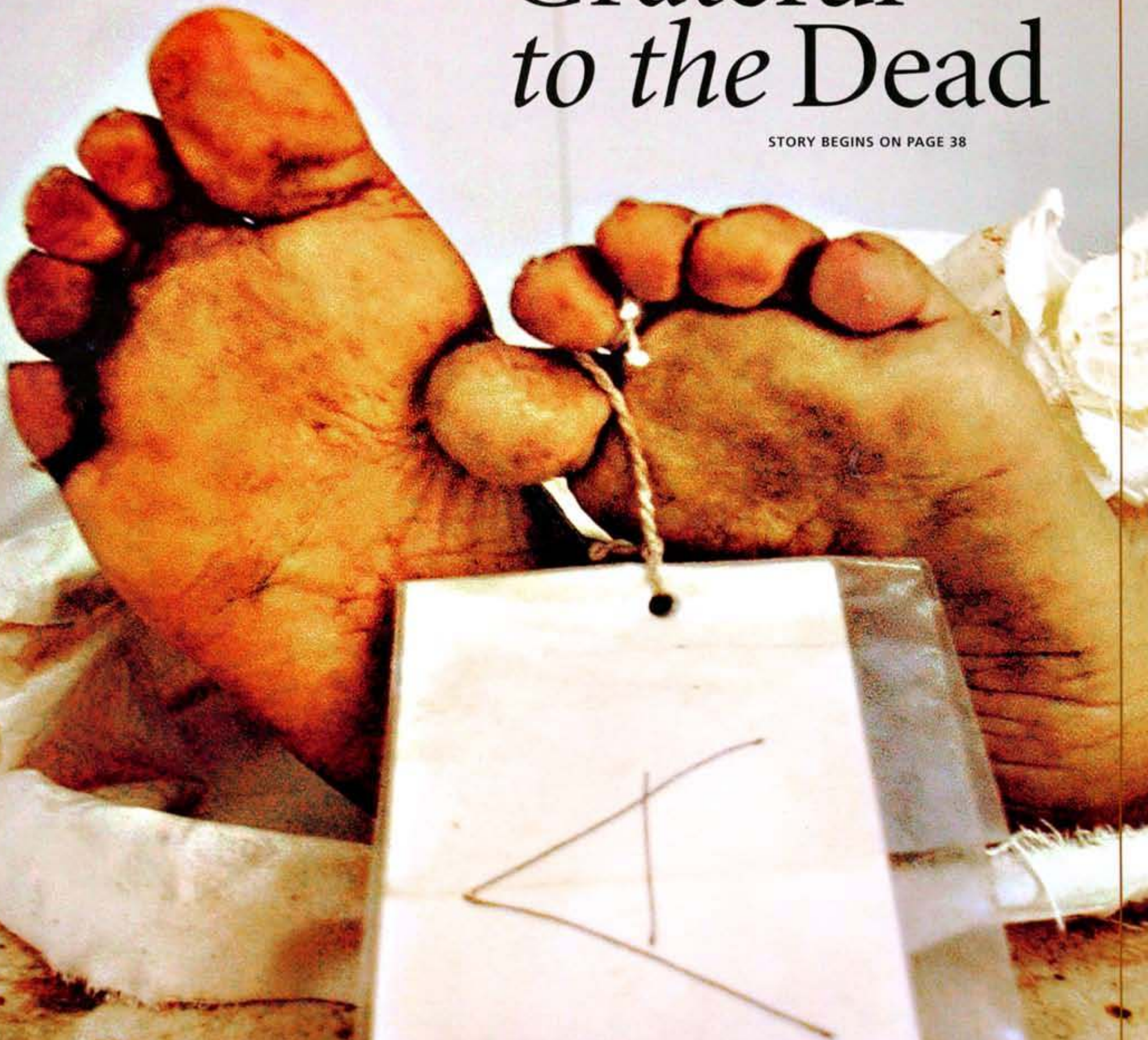
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Money club In the final weeks before next Tuesday's election, downtown real estate mogul **Malin Burnham** has been pumping big money into the Lincoln Club of San Diego County, a Republican campaign committee that, according to its website, "consists of business and civic leaders, promoting economic growth that will lead to high-value jobs in our region, and electing pro-business Republican candidates to public office." On October 11, according to the group's financial disclosure, Burnham, a partner of



Peter Preuss

Padres owner **John Moores**, gave \$13,000. Billionaire Wal-Mart heir **John Walton**, who lists an address in Jackson, Wyoming, gave \$10,000, as did La Jolla **Peter Preuss**, a UC regent. All three, along with Moores, were major contributors to the million-dollar effort two years ago to

bring down **Frances O'Neill Zimmerman**, the San Diego Unified School District board member opposed to the policies of superintendent **Alan Bersin**. This year's Lincoln Club givers list also includes \$3000 from contractor Gafcon, a school-district vendor, and \$5000 from Science Applications International, the big La Jolla-based government contractor that also does business with the district. Four days after Burnham made his contribution, according to the disclosure, the Lincoln Club spent \$20,000 on a mailer promoting **Clyde Fuller**, a pro-Bersin candidate running against incumbent school-board member **John de Beck**. As of October 19, the group reported spending a total of \$24,830 for Fuller. Burnham gave another \$43,500 to the county GOP central committee, which has so far spent \$31,938 on Fuller's behalf ... Yet another beneficiary of the Lincoln Club's largesse is Imperial Beach mayoral candidate **Ron Rogers**, who got \$12,000 on October 14. On October 11, the club received \$15,000 from Aguaclara, LLC of Rancho Santa Fe. The group is promoting Bajagua, a controversial for-profit plan supported by Rogers to treat Mexican sewage in Tijuana. Other donations to the club this year have included \$1000 from **Harry Mohney**, the convicted federal felon associated with the Déjà Vu strip-club empire. Déjà Vu and competitors, including employees of the high-dollar Cheetahs chain of strip joints, have given thousands of dollars to members of the San Diego City Council and District 4 council candidate **Charles Lewis** in an attempt to combat religious fundamentalists seeking to ban nude "dirty dancing." Asked about Mohney and his exotic-dance empire, Lincoln Club executive director **Scott Barnett** responded, "It's a legal business. We don't do background checks on people, and we don't deal in social issues either way, pro or con."



Ron Rogers

Any social issues, we ask people to leave at the door. Pro-choice, pro-life, pro-gun, anti-gun — we have a big tent. This is all pro-business."

Peterson's progress *Union-Tribune* financial reporter **Kim Peterson** made a name for herself this spring writing about the collapse of Peregrine Systems, the Del Mar Heights software outfit controlled by Padres owner John Moores. After three years at the paper, Peterson's last byline appeared October 14, igniting speculation that her coverage of Moores had been too revealing for the newspaper's pro-Padres management to stomach.



Kim Peterson

Not so, says Peterson, who has relocated to the *Seattle Times*, where she is now covering Microsoft. "I had a very good experience at the *Union-Tribune*," she says. Peterson is lauded on the website of the local chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association: "As a testament to her journalistic skills, officials and lackeys at Peregrine all came to fear and despise Peterson for telling the truth about the company. Though Peregrine is glad to see her leave, her friends at AAJA will miss her sorely."

Kehoe's keys Democratic assembly member **Christine Kehoe**, who this summer masterminded a bill to allow easier City Heights development ventures between San Diego's school district and city council, has received \$1000 from Citylink, the City Heights development venture run by ex-city councilman **William Jones** ... The Screen Actors Guild is shuttering its San Diego office, reports *Daily Variety*. The cost-cutting move, shrinking the number of SAG local offices from 25 to 15, will save \$1.3 million annually ... Ex-GOP congressman **Brian Bilbray**, defeated two years ago by Democrat **Susan Davis**, has just given \$5000 of his leftover campaign funds to Ron Rogers, who's campaigning for Bilbray's old job as mayor of Imperial Beach. Bilbray is now a Washington lobbyist who has, among his clients, backers of Bajagua, the Mexican sewage-treatment plan backed by Rogers ... Ex-Charger **Leo Goeas** is causing a flap in Honolulu over a commercial he made for the Republican Party in which he says he and his wife "have lost any faith in Hawaii's public school system."



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Squirrel Crash

By Robert Kumpel

During the past few years, San Diego's rural tree squirrel population has nearly reached extinction. Their population is apparently coming back, even though few people seem to know exactly why they died off in the first place.

Scott Treemore, 37, is a

last four years and monitoring local squirrel populations. "You'll find arboreal [tree] squirrels mostly in the coniferous forests in the backcountry and some of



Squirrel specimens at Museum of Natural History

research assistant at the Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. He has been studying squirrels for the

the local inland areas, particularly at higher elevations. It's the western gray squirrel and it's the common squirrel

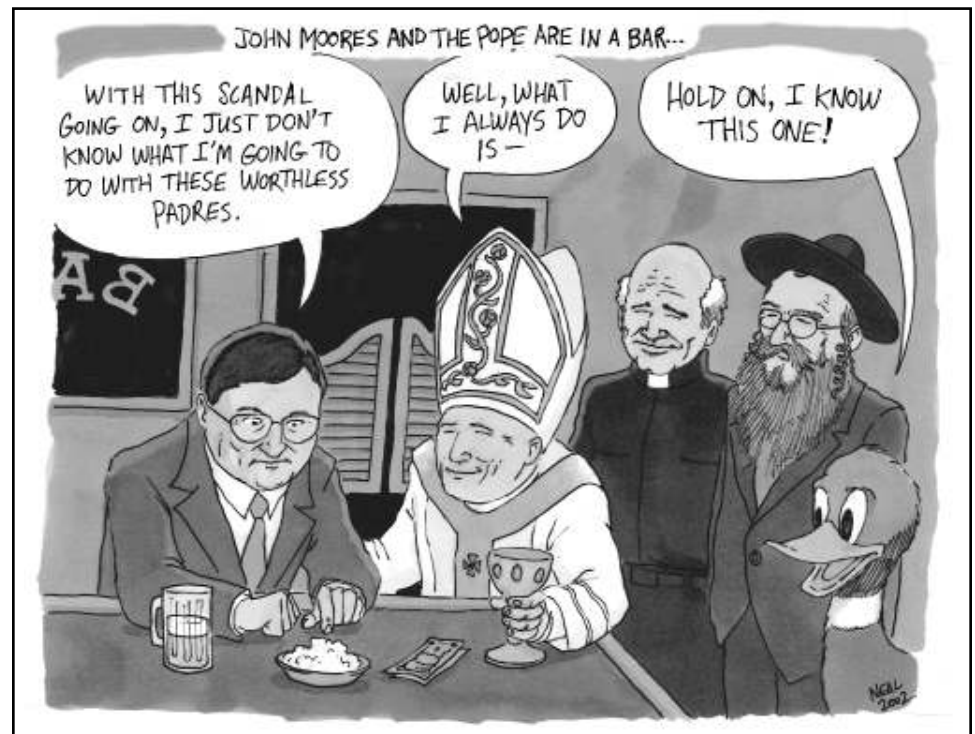
rel that people see that lives in the trees. Their populations don't normally fluctuate, but they were hit with a virus three years ago, and their population crashed. Now they're slowly coming back. I don't think it's a boom. They reproduce quickly, but it's going to take a while for them to move into new areas. I can't give you a number for the population — you would have to do relative densities, and the relative density has increased over the last six months, but it's a very slow increase. It will take several years for them to get back to normal, about as long as it took for them to crash. The plague is mostly associated with ground squirrels."

Treemore opens a locker in a corridor on the third floor of the museum. He pulls open a drawer that has several stiff, dead squirrels laid out as scientific specimens. He explains how the gray squirrel likes to eat nuts and fruit, which can cause problems for local farmers and orchard owners. (Two Julian orchards were contacted, and both said that the tree squirrels never gave them any problems.)

"It's mostly the fruit trees out in that area. They are nut-and-seed eaters too. But I think that, legally, on your own property, you can trap them. Some people use the 'have-a-heart' traps, where

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A Bicycle Isn't a Toy

By Joe Deegan

The name police have given the crashes is “vehicle versus bike.” Dave Rierson, who works at Mission Hills Bikes on West Washington Street, has been in three of them in the last six months. And, in each case, he rode the bike. In the first one, he was riding with a friend on Harbor Drive near the airport, when the mirror of a passing cab “clipped my friend and threw him into me. Both of us went down in a ball of metal and human,” says Rierson. He was all right, but his friend “lost a lot of skin on the road.”

Another car struck Rierson, not long afterward, as it turned right off Washington toward Scripps-Mercy Hospital. Says Rierson, “I flipped over his hood and went into a barrier. That one hurt a lot.”

Finally, a month ago, Rierson collided with a car that turned left in front of him as he rode west on Madison Avenue in North Park. “My bike went right, I went left,” he says. “The next thing I know, people up above me are going, ‘Don’t move.’ That was the only time I had to get an ambulance. I hurt my wrist and

elbow good, and I’m still getting treatment.”

Rierson thinks car drivers don’t get enough education about laws governing bikes. He also wants more bike lanes on San Diego streets. The police, he claims, assured him that, in the case of each collision in which he was involved, he was not



Sign on Fiesta Island

at fault. That may seem unlikely to a motorist such as Kathy Adair, who is angry at the way some bicyclists ride the wrong way on neighborhood streets, fly through four-way stop signs without even slowing,

and make other dangerous maneuvers.

A schoolteacher who lives in Bankers Hill, Adair has agonized over bikes in traffic. Once, with her young children along in the car, she almost hit a bicyclist who had run a red light. “I didn’t want my children to see me kill somebody on a bike,” she says.

Police records show that two bicycle fatalities have occurred in San Diego traffic this year. Last year there were seven, including the death of David Markham, a Marine who was hit from behind by a drunk driver on Miramar Road on Halloween night. Detective Jerri Sober of the San Diego Police Department’s Traffic Investigations Unit tracked down the hit-and-run driver. He had swerved off the road, she says, and hit Markham, who had a reflector on the back of his bike.

Despite that case, Jim Bolen, a community relations officer with the traffic division, claims that collisions, “the majority of the time, are caused by the bicyclists themselves.” Take the problem of turning left at a busy intersection. If bicyclists are “going to be in the left-turn pocket,” says Bolen, “they should be in the outside of that pocket and outside of the traffic, as it’s



Dave Rierson of Mission Hills Bikes

moving, without interfering with it. Most of them are in the middle of the lane interfering with traffic, and with these days of road rage, boy, that’s the quickest way I know of to get somebody mad. And they’ve got to realize, car versus bicycle, they’re going to lose.

“No place you’re going, nothing you’re doing, is worth your life. Bicycling is great. But you’ve got to remember, yield the right of way. I don’t care if you are right, you don’t want to be dead right.

“And leave your attitude at home. People make mistakes. The way I cope with driving is I make believe everybody is two years old,



and I have to take care of them. If they do something silly, it’s a two-year-old making a mistake. I’m going to forgive him. I don’t tell him what I think about his mother. Enjoy your ride. You’re out there to enjoy the

ride.

“Yeah, maybe that driver cut you off, maybe he didn’t see you. I rode a motorcycle for eight years, and the way I survived was to make believe I was invisible, that nobody saw me. If you ride a bicycle, same thing, make believe you’re invisible. I don’t care if you have eye contact; don’t trust it, always yield the right of way. So what if you’ve got to stop. Big deal. You’re going to get to where you’re going alive.”

But Jim Baross, who teaches classes in the American Bicyclists’ Effective Cycling Program, takes exception to the idea of riding as though you’re invisible. “You should ride to be visible,” he says. “Motorists are good at seeing and avoiding things that they expect.”

Baross confesses to being a “bicycle activist.” In 1976, he led a tour of cyclists across the United States sponsored by Adventure Cycling. Today, besides teaching people about riding bikes, he chairs SANDAG’s Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory



Bike riders on Fiesta Island

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Squirrel crash

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they can trap them and re-locate them somewhere else.”

Laura Itogawa is the su-

pervising ranger for Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and a Julian resident. Itogawa says that the squirrels are just beginning to reappear. “There was a virus that nearly killed them all off. It was an upper-respiratory in-

fection that pretty much took out all the gray tree squirrels and rabbits. I lost two bunnies to it. About three years ago, I began to start seeing gray squirrels again up at the [Stonewall] mine, maybe two or three. I

saw one at Green Valley last year, but that’s about as far back as I’ve seen them. They’re trying to make a comeback. Before, they were all over Julian, and I used to see them in my yard, but I still haven’t seen one there

since the infection came through. It was more than 90 percent that died. We went from having them everywhere to having none. The way I understand it, it was airborne, because my

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rabbits were in a cage.”

Bill Goddard, a volunteer ranger at the Mount Laguna station, says that the tree

squirrels were infected with a disease called snuffles. “I haven’t seen any for quite some time.” His wife, Phyllis, agrees. “Every so many years, they get the plague or something, and we don’t have them around for quite

a while. Then they gradually come back. I think last year I only saw a couple of the gray tree squirrels. We have ground squirrels aplenty!”

Another ranger at William Heise County Park, near Julian (who asked not

to be named), said that there has been a tremendous drop in the population of tree and ground squirrels. “I’d heard that there was a disease that was particular to them, kind of like AIDS. I’ve seen one or two tree squirrels re-

cently, and I’m glad to see them coming back. They’re so beautiful.”

Chris Wiersema is the squirrel team leader for Project Wildlife, a nonprofit group located on Sherman Street, near the Humane So-

ciety, devoted to rescuing and releasing endangered wildlife. “We’ve been seeing them sporadically over the last couple of years here and there, but no great numbers. I’ve heard that they are on the rebound. But we only see the ones who are injured or orphans, not the healthy animals. We see very few tree squirrels at all. The population is even down in Balboa Park. I know they’ve seen a few more in the mountains. The few we’ve caught down here we’ve released in the Julian-Cuyamaca area, hoping they would build. I know they’ve been seeing them out at the lake.”

Dr. Jim Lang, the senior vector ecologist for San Diego County Vector Control, says that there has never been any virus. “I know that it’s been a lot warmer the last couple of years and the plague hit some animals, but we’ve never had a die-off of squirrels caused by plague in the mountains. Tree squirrels are not affected by plague at all. I know that they’re affected by mites, which can cause dermatitis and kill them that way. Sometimes these gray squirrels can get into garbage cans and get infected with salmonella, and that can kill them also. There was a big die-off of gray squirrels about five years ago in the Palomar and Pine Hills area near Julian, but I don’t know what caused it. Perhaps the county veterinarian has had some squirrels come in that had died and examined them.”

Dr. Al Guajarda is a public health veterinarian for the County of San Diego. “There hasn’t been any virus diagnosed in any squirrels. I know that vector control will go out and tranquilize squirrels and test them to see if they have any exposure to plague by checking for antibodies. I do remember that in Alpine some squirrels had a bacterial infection called pasteurella, and it seemed like it was affecting the respiratory infection. It also affected their skin. We never knew why they caught this infection, and it did affect a certain amount of squirrels about four or five years ago. I don’t think it went to wiping out most of the population.

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Squirrel crash

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"We rely on samples brought in by rangers and wildlife rehab groups, but we don't take our own samples, so just because we don't see something doesn't mean it doesn't exist out there. Our primary function is infectious/contagious diseases like rabies and salmonella. As far as the tree squirrels, I just remember the die-off in Alpine, and we did determine it was an infection of pasteurella. But I don't recall anything about other areas of the county."

Clint Powell, a Julian naturalist, seems to know more about the tree squirrel population than anyone. "In 1995, we started noticing a terrible decline in the species. They had an infection where they would drop to the ground and get hit by cars — a very abnormal condition. Many people took the dead western gray squirrels to Vector Control or the county veterinarian. A lot of the reports said it was stress. Now, what would stress a western gray squirrel? I was told that what they died of was a bacteria that's common to domestic rabbits. The necropsies said that it was a disease called 'snuffles,' which is common for domestic rabbits and highly contagious among western gray squirrels. Interestingly, it doesn't affect the ground squirrel or the chipmunk, just the western gray squirrel, and that squirrel is the signature animal of the mountains. People here put out feeders specifically for the western gray squirrels instead of bird feeders. They'll put peanuts in them, because that's what the squirrels like. In this county, they're not considered a game mammal, so the Fish and Game people don't take any statistics on them. I've just heard on the phone that they are increasing. We're seeing babies, specifically at Lake Cuyamaca, so they are coming back. Back in 1962 or '63, they were just about wiped out and came back then too."

Pasteurella multocida, or snuffles, is always terminal for rabbits and tree squirrels, but Powell has never heard of any rabbits being

infected. "We tested rabbits in the Pine Hills area up here, and it was not found. The veterinarians will only say what the animals died from in their necropsies, but [the squirrels] are coming back."

Contrary to Treemore's assertion, Powell says that the western gray squirrel poses no problem for growers and orchard owners. "There's 37 species of birds and mammals that feed on the horticultural community of Ju-

lian, and the western gray squirrel is not on that list. They are not high on any list as a public nuisance. The ground squirrel is, and the county has a problem with fleas and mange and things like that. But the western gray

squirrel is not a threat to anyone in the community in Julian. People love them, and they're wonderful to have around the yard. They're very mobile and jump around. They're beautiful, and when you see western gray squir-

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The ground squirrel population, on the other hand, is multiplying so fast

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Squirrel crash

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that some local residents are beside themselves trying to contain the problem, especially in Ramona. Shelly

Meyers at Kahoots Feed Store in Ramona says that they can't keep enough squirrel poison in stock. "The squirrels outnumber us two to one! At our own house, we've got four acres, and everywhere you turn

the ground squirrels have a new hole going. I think it's just the dry weather and the lack of food. I've had them getting into my horse's feed barrel. They've eaten the grapes off of our grapevines. Our distribu-

tors haven't been able to supply us with one of our best-selling products, Gopher Getter. It's a poison used for gophers and ground squirrels. It could be that the FDA wanted to do some more testing, but

that's my own speculation. The rest of the state is having the same problem we're having down here, and our distributor is having trouble keeping it in stock. It's bad. I've had customers come in and tell me that

they think the poison is a delicacy for ground squirrels, because they eat it and nothing happens. They'll get into any kind of plants, trees, or shrubbery and destroy them. Rose bushes, trees. They eat plants, roots, any ground cover, cat food, dog food. You walk along and it's nothing to keep stepping into one of their holes. They can't kill them fast enough. Our customers are all talking about the ground squirrels."

Down the street at the Nutrena Feed Store, Allen Linstroth says the drought had caused the ground squirrel population to get more aggressive. "They are tunneling everywhere, looking for anything moist — be it roots or vegetation — and there just isn't any out there. I've heard this is the worst drought since 1947, and it couldn't be worse. I've been selling lots of baits, traps, and poisons, and a lot of live traps. Some people try to relocate them, but that really doesn't solve the problem." ■

A bike isn't a toy

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Committee. He is a member of the Bike Coalition of San Diego, a nonprofit that advises city staff, and sometimes the city council, on where and how to change roads to make them safer for bikes. Every weekday he rides his bike both ways between his home in North Park and his job downtown as a supervising management analyst with the city.

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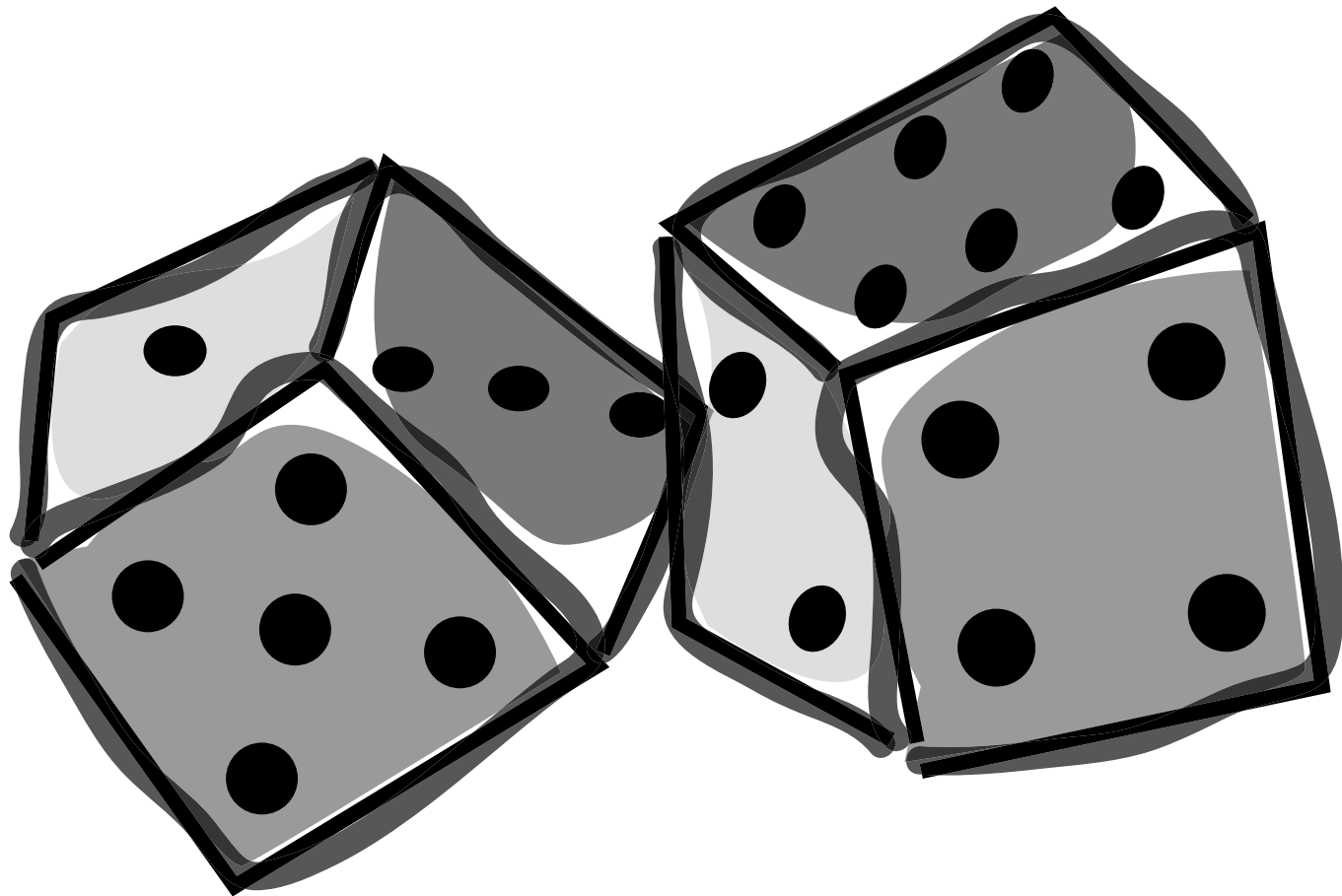
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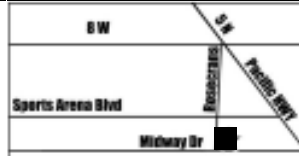
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A bike isn't a toy

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better every day, and I can eat more. And I make that workout part of my travel time. The departments of health in California and nationally say we've got a bunch of fat people in the U.S. because they don't build exercise into their lifestyle. They take the elevator instead of walking. They take the car instead of bicycling. So the health benefits for me are great. And then I'm not a load on the community because of my health.

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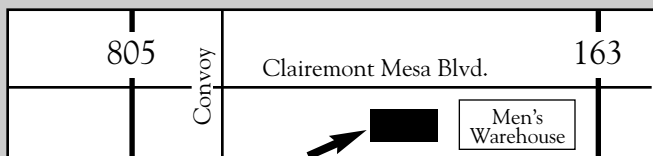
Despite his involvement in three collisions with cars, Rierson is also enthusiastic about bicycle riding, which he calls a great sport. Rierson's boss, Eryn Pecka, who owns Mission Hills Bikes, is more voluble in his praise.

"Bike riding is fun," says Pecka. "Also, it reduces congested traffic and is good for the environment, especially on short trips, like to and from the grocery store. And, as a bike rider, trust me, I can tell you that stop-and-go traffic promotes much smog."

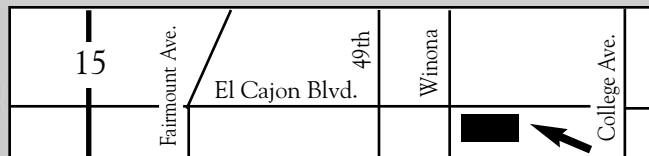
"By riding bicycles, you tend to see more of your surroundings. In cars, people don't see the neat stuff around town, like the artwork that's up and down the sidewalks in Hillcrest. We live in a beautiful city. Also, riding slows down the pace of life a little bit. It helps me find my center."

Pecka, who often rides to Oceanside, Julian, and other places in the county, recently attended a bike race in San Francisco. "After the race," he says, "I was sitting in a restaurant enjoying some lunch, and some guy started complaining about how bad the traffic was because all the streets were blocked off for the race. And I thought to myself that the reason the streets are so crowded is not because of the bike race but because there are so many cars." ■

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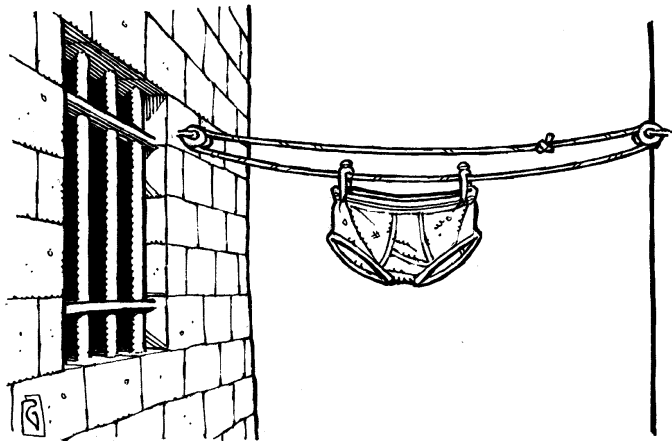
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Mr. Alice:

Once in jail, one receives issued clothing, to include underwear. What is the average life of that one-issued daily underwear, from one inmate to another, having been washed and worn for each inmate? If I were ever to be arrested and compelled to slip on a daily-issued pair, can one assume that 30 or more previous inmates have passed their legs through those two holes? Who determines the life of jail-issued underwear? Is there a colorful laundry chart (shades of white to brown) that determines when to stop issuing fatigued underwear, besides too many scratch holes? Does the county jail use fabric softener?

— Innocent until proven guilty, Lemon Grove

For an answer to this one, we went directly to them that wears 'em. Ma Alice's pedigree has more felons per square inch than San Quentin. Anyway, if they slap the cuffs on you in San Diego, here's how the underwear situation plays out. In county jail you're issued one pair of light green briefs. No boxers allowed, since they're considered a fashion statement on the street, and they try to avoid that kind of 'hood thang. The county's laundry schedule is a little confusing and depends on whether you're washing lights or darks; but in general, you'll wear your tighty greenies for three or four days before they issue you another pair and collect the dirty ones. And yes, of course, you will be wearing a pair previously worn by some random car thief or murderer or purse-snatcher who turned them in three days ago. When the briefs are so shredded you can't tell a leg hole from a scratch hole, they're discarded.

Undies-wise, you're actually better off in the state system. When you come into prison you're issued brand-new clothing: three pairs of boxers, three pairs of jeans, five pairs of socks, three white T-shirts, two long-sleeved blue shirts, and one pair of soft "karate" or shower-type shoes. All but the socks and shoes are made by inmates. (Did you know that the guy who stole your car could, at this very moment, be sitting at a sewing machine learning how to make French seams and buttonholes?) I don't know if there's a felony fashion hierarchy — whether a pair of Chuckawalla State Prison jeans are, like, the Tommy Hilfiger of the yard, much hotter than Folsom jeans.

So you've got your new clothes issue, and that's it. Officially anyway. If you're doing 2 years or 20, you don't routinely get any more unless you're moved to another prison. But in state prison at least you have control over your laundry. You can either do your own or send a net bag with your dirties to be washed in the prison laundry. They never remove the clothes from the bag; they're washed right in it, so you get back what you sent out. Fabric softener? Ha-ha-ha-ha. Yeah, sure. Industrial-strength detergent and some kind of disinfectant. At least that's what I'm told lock-up laundry smells like.

Of course three pairs of boxers won't last forever. You can request a new pair (new to you, anyway, not brand new) if yours are so thrashed they're unwearable. But it's faster to get them through the unofficial inmate system — you know somebody who works in the laundry or someplace where they have access to unclaimed skivvies, and you trade him a pack of cigarettes for a new set. After your initial issue of clothing, though, the odds are slim that you'll ever put on a pristine pair of boxers. The only other time might be when they spring you loose, if your mom or girlfriend didn't send you any street dress-outs. The state will sell you a set of new prison clothes to wear on that long bus ride home.

Old Business...

The Leftover Master of University Heights quibbles with my answer to the exploding salsa question. Please note how his answer eventually is the same as my answer, just in a smaller container: *A dude from El Cajon said his salsa container exploded and the other container on his shelf was ready to explode. You explained that fresh salsa has to be refrigerated* [so the microbes don't grow]. *Do you really think this guy's going to leave two \$3 half pints of fresh salsa from the deli case on a shelf? More likely he was describing those little "hot sauce" cups from some late-night burrito run. They are always a cooked, germ-free product, much more stable than fresh salsa. The only problem with the little round containers is they're not sterile and they're not air tight. To keep them more than a week or so, toss them in the fridge.*

From K. Lewis of San Diego, re: the urban legend of aluminum pop-top tabs for charity: Hansen's, the fruit juice company, will donate 10 cents to the City of Hope Breast Cancer Research Center for every Hansen's...red can tab received by March 1, 2003. Please note, you can't send in that big bag of random can tabs you were saving for kidney dialysis. Hansen's are nice but not fools.

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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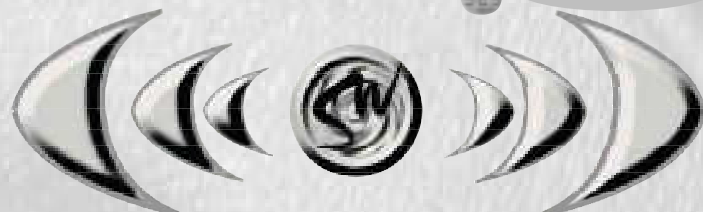
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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Chicken Feet Found In Motel Valparaiso

Several weeks back the Box ran a special sport-ing report, *Cops and Robbers*. Since then readers have sent in a number of cops-and-robbers stories. Given the uplifting moral lessons these stories impart, and since the Chargers are coming off a bye week, I've decided to make a few tales available here, to be used by thoughtful readers as inspirational guideposts. Clip and save.

We'll start where everyone usually starts when talking about crime: Roosevelt, Utah. Roosevelt was shaken to its communal roots when the news broke of a nine-count com-plaint alleging invasion of privacy, false impris-onment, defamation — you name it. Defen-dants include the McDonald's Corporation.

The suit was filed on behalf of a sweet female teenager, an 18-year-old child in the full flower of her youth. The incident occurred on the day the lass was taking her first giant step into womanhood. It was, in fact, her first day on her first job. A job at McDonald's. The young girl's future appeared to be as bright and shiny as a .50 caliber BMG bullet casing.

But, instead of learning how to wrap burgers with one hand, this unfortunate maid was "strip-searched, forced into prurient poses and ordered to jog in place, naked, in front of two managers at the eastern Utah town's McDonald's Restaurant."

I knew it. I *knew* this was going on. Do-nothing McDonald's employees are in the back room having fun with calisthenics instead of getting my food to me in a timely manner. Defendants claimed someone had called in and ratted out the new employee, accusing her of stealing a purse. This was found to be a hoax, but, at the time, McDonald's managers, as is their duty, began a criminal investigation, remarkable only in its thor-oughness.

Another well-known gangland hot-spot is Valparaiso, Indiana. No doubt you've read about the Michael Bessigano conviction. Well, I can tell you that conviction was the result of the very fine police work done by Detec-tive Lt. Michael Brickner. Detective Lt. Brick-ner had the wit to record his interview with the suspect/convict and because of his skill, had said suspect/convict spilling his guts before you could say, "I have sexual needs."

This is how it went down. Criminal Bessigano admitted he left his room at the Val-paraiso Motel (where your coffee cup is never empty), "and found a live chicken in a ditch alongside a small farm." He said he put the bird in his car.

Detective Lt. Michael Brickner asked, "Why?"

Convict Michael Bessigano answered, "To have sex with it."

Although no chicken carcass was found in Bessigano's room, Charles O'Neill, the well-regarded manager of Motel Valparaiso, testified that he found blood, feathers, and chicken feet in the room after Bessigano checked out. Thereupon, the 32-year-old Bessigano was found guilty of a felony charge of stealing a chicken and a misdemeanor charge of cruelty to an animal.

But, hey, what is a crime survey with-out touching base with Whitman, Mas-sachusetts? This case began with a cat named

Mitzi. Mitzi, age 11, came down with hyper-thyroidism ("excessive activity of the thy-roid gland, characterized by increased basal metabolism"). Her distressed human com-panion, Bill Jennes, took Mitzi to Radiocat in order to obtain a health-restoring dose of radiation.

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Even thought the criminal Bill Jennes was instructed to use flushable cat litter, he took the easy way out and deposited Mitzi's radioactive potty in his trash can. The con-tents of Jennes's now-radioactive trash can-ister, very shortly, found their way to an incinerator in Rochester. There, alert employ-

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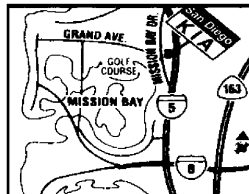
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Congregation: 30

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Singles program: yes (two)

Diversity: Middle Eastern

Dress: dressy casual to dressy

Services: Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

"Of course I've received death threats. But what I'm doing is actually very simple. I'm answering questions that Muslims ask me about Christianity. For Muslims, the biggest question is about the Trinity. Do Christians worship *three* Gods? That's what they've been taught. The next big question is about the Resurrection, because the Koran teaches that the Resurrection didn't happen."

Early last week I spoke with Reverend Nagy

Youssef Atia about his weekly TV program that airs on Fridays at 11:30 p.m. on Cox's public access channel.

"I answer the sort of basic questions that even many Christians have about their faith. I'm not trying to change anyone, or make them change their name, or make them turn against their family. But the fact that I'm answering questions that Muslims have asked me is very upsetting for some Muslim immigrants. They're not used to living in a society where there's freedom of expression. That's something they're going to have to learn. Also, on a spiritual level, I see that there's a spirit of fear that dominates Islam. You can't give in to that."

Reverend Atia is a jovial, handsome man. He laughs a great deal. He says that part of his ease and self-confidence is due to his being Egyptian.

"Egypt is the cultural and intellectual center of the Arab world. For example, almost all Arab-language films are made in Cairo. Because of that, the Egyptian dialect is known throughout the Arabic-speaking world."

But many of Reverend Atia's beliefs aren't known throughout the Arabic-speaking world. He's not only a Christian, he's also a charismatic. He's a minority within a minority.

"I believe that the Jews are God's chosen people. I've visited Israel. Despite what you might hear or see on television, Israel is a free, open, democratic society. You can say or do whatever you want there. It's a free country like America, which is one of the reasons why the Muslim fundamentalists hate Israel so much. In Egypt, just admitting that Israel is a democratic society can get you labeled as a Zionist spy."

Reverend Atia's congregation, Last Harvest Middle East Church, meets in the social hall of the Foursquare Church of El Cajon. Last Sunday, to my surprise, Reverend Atia and his folks worshipped alongside Foursquare's congregation in the main sanctuary.

I last visited Foursquare several years ago when the church was exploring the carnival-like extremes of Pentecostal worship. People yodeled. They shrieked with "holy laughter." They waved flags. They scampered down the aisles shaking maracas.

Seven months ago, Foursquare hired a new pastor, Reverend Dennis Estill, who seems to have reined in things. Last Sunday morning, the music was more influenced by rock 'n' roll than by soft rock, but the worshippers' behavior was much more subdued than it had been when I last visited. No one shrieked or shook maracas. Reverend Atia's folks, dressed in their Sunday best, stood and clapped and waved their hands alongside Foursquare's more casually dressed worshippers.

Reverend Estill's sermon, "What It Means to Be in Covenant," also suggested change. Reverend Estill's cogent, if lengthy, sermon explained that God's unconditional love was the model to which believers should aspire. But what he wound up saying was that Foursquare was going to start emphasizing "small groups," an arrangement now favored by many mainstream evangelical churches.

At the end of the service, one of Foursquare's members took the stage to thank Reverend Atia for the "positive effect" his church has had on Foursquare. I couldn't help but wonder if the very real difficulties faced by Arab Christians hadn't salvaged Foursquare from the marginalism that often entraps ecstasies.

After the service, I dragged Reverend Atia away from a lavish potluck. He wanted to talk about the 10,000 "Christmas Blessing Packages" his church distributes to Egyptian children. These packages contain a Bible, toothbrush, toothpaste, pencils, crayons, and a toy. The thought of those packages made my heart heavy. I wanted to talk about something more intellectual. Reverend Atia apprehended my distraction.

"Poverty, you know. The Muslim fundamentalists depend on poverty. The frustrated masses of millions of poor. They believe in strength in

numbers. Uneducated, poor. Most Muslims, you know, can't even read the Koran. They depend on their sheiks and imams to tell them what it says."

But don't the Muslim fundamentalists have a point? Doesn't the freedom of American evangelical worship represent the very values they oppose?

Reverend Atia told me that it was easier for a Muslim man to convert to Christianity than it was for a Muslim woman.

"And why? Because Muslim women have to obey their husbands and families. It's more difficult for these women to have the freedom to think for themselves. But is this freedom necessarily *American*? In some ways I guess it's inevitable to say so because Americans are so free. But I don't think Americans are the only people who want to think for themselves. If saying so will make me a martyr, then I'm prepared for that. Many of my Christian ancestors in Egypt were martyrs for their faith. If that's God's will for me, then I will accept that."

— Abe Opincar



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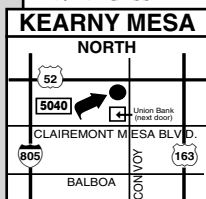
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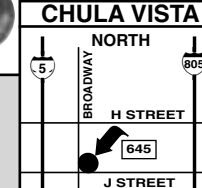
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I'm a career girl who has a great job with an excellent income. With that income I have been able to rent an upscale loft in Little Italy. My love interest has his own place up in North County. Because of his constant traveling and because my place is closer to the airport, I have given him a key to my apartment. He has always been very considerate of my space; never leaving behind a mess, refilling whatever he has used the last of, and leaving love notes. I truly have no complaints except one. He has never offered me a key to his place. When I am at his place, I am not even allowed to answer the phone if he is out. When he and his buddies are around, I feel very much a stranger. Am I being a doormat? Should I ask for my key back since I am having these feelings? Should I just let it go, hoping that one day he will give me a key on his own, without me having to ask for one? There have been times when he has left me standing in front of his place waiting for him to show.

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Dear Keyless,

Why not sweetly ask your amour for a key? It's a completely reasonable request. I don't like the idea of you cooling your heels on his front stoop waiting for him to show up. That sounds possibly unsafe and definitely uncomfortable. You've been generous by extending him house privileges, so I see no reason he shouldn't answer that generosity with the key you seek. There's nothing wrong with asking for what you want. I sometimes think we women feel we have to wait forever for our man to offer us this or that, that it's aggressive or unladylike to make our wants known. Nonsense. If he refuses, you'll have an important piece of information (and a depressing one) about this man's willingness to share and be fair. If he says, "Yes, darling, I will run to the locksmith and have keys made for you and put onto a pretty key chain right away," how happy you'll be. As for your complaint that you feel like a stranger when his pals are hanging around, this is a separate problem that I'd need more information about before offering suggestions. Feel free to write again.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I married a wonderful widower last year. His oldest friend (he's known her since childhood), whom I'll call Serena, has taken a shine to me. Serena and her husband are extremely wealthy. They're ten years older than my husband and I. Serena keeps calling me her "little sister." Every time we get together, even though there's no special occasion, she gives me a very expensive gift. These lavish presents (mostly jewelry) do not put

a dent in Serena's bottomless pocket-book, but they are more expensive than anything my husband can buy me, and they embarrass me because I can't come close to reciprocating. We are not rich like this couple but just middle-class retirees squeaking by on a fixed income. Serena gives opulent gifts to other people she likes, too. My husband says I don't need to feel beholden or ashamed that I can't give high-ticket tokens in return, and I should just accept these items. But I'm uncomfortable. This giving is necessarily one-sided. Should I tell Serena to stop and risk angering my husband's oldest friend, or keep quiet and be grateful? I know this may not seem like a "problem" to some of your readers, but I find that it is weighing on my conscience.

BEDAZZLED IN EL CAJON

Dear Bedazzled,

How you handle this depends on how severely discomforted you are by this lopsided situation. If you cannot stomach Serena showering you with valuables, then tell her kindly and in private what you wrote to me: that you feel terrible you can't reciprocate and that while you treasure her friendship, you wish she'd stop with the jewels. Either way, I don't think you're beholden to this woman. She gives these gifts freely, has money to burn, and is not asking for anything in return. Also, you might not be able to buy her diamonds, but there may be something you could do (cook her a fabulous dinner, surprise her with flowers from your garden) to show your appreciation. Gifts of the heart rather than of the bank account might not be worth much at the pawnshop, but in the grand scheme of things they can be more precious than gold. If you're able to make peace with being on the receiving end of Serena's bountifulness, then perhaps you are giving her something valuable in return by accepting her odd, needy generosity gracefully.

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ot long after my brother died and was buried in Oregon, I found myself in the *depósito de cadáveres*, or morgue, at Tijuana's Autonomous University of Baja California. My hand rested on the handle of a large walk-in refrigerator. I wasn't sure what I'd see inside.

Earlier in the day I attended a one-hour lecture given by Dr. Luis Antonio Martínez, a dental surgeon who teaches anatomy to students at the university's dentistry school. His lecture was attended by 20 first-year students, of whom only 2 were male. Dr. Martínez was preparing his students for their first cadaver dissection. On the blackboard he drew a simple human face — ears, eyes, nose, mouth, chin.

*“In Mexico,
boys want to
be doctors,
not dentists.”*

“Next week you will first make a straight, horizontal, seven-centimeter incision two centimeters below the lip.”

The students, all in their early 20s, copied Dr. Martínez's drawing of a face and his instructions into their notebooks. Dr. Martínez described how the students were to make three shallow incisions into the cadaver's chin.

“Then you will take the top left corner of this trapezoid in your clamps and, inserting your scalpel at a 45-degree angle into the incision, begin carefully to cut, separating the skin from the tissue beneath.

“As you cut and pull away the skin, you will first see fat, which is yellow. You may also see muscle tissue, which, depending on the freshness of the cadaver, will be either deep pink or light brown.”

The young woman sitting next to me shuddered but didn't look up. She wrote in her notebook “muscle tissue, deep pink,

light brown.” Her fingernails were painted glittery red.

Dr. Martínez went on to describe three muscles his students would reveal beneath the skin and fat.

“And at the end of the dissection, I will show you why dissection is important. I will show you the precise points you will need to inject in order to anesthetize either the right or left front corner of the mouth. You're going to see exactly where these points are, between the first and second bicuspid. When you work with patients, you won't be able to see these points beneath the tissue. You will have to visualize them in your mind. By dissection, you will have a clear picture of where they are.”

Dr. Martínez, in khakis and pressed white shirt, his complexion fair, his skin unwrinkled, his thick dark hair combed straight back, didn't look much older than the students he lectured. He is a 33-year-old father of three who, in addition to lec-





Dr. Luis Antonio Martínez and students

turing at the university two days each week, owns and runs two dental clinics. On a busy day like a Saturday, each of his clinics may see as many as 20 patients.

“I don’t have to teach,”

Dr. Martínez told me. “But I love to teach. I like being around young people, their energy. When you’re my students’ age, you have everything to look forward to. You have all these dreams for your future. You get older, things change. Not long ago I was thinking about this, and I realized, ‘Hey, that future I used to dream about when I was young — I’m living that future now!’ ”

Dr. Martínez has been teaching anatomy at the university since he was 26 years old.

“You may notice that there are very few boys in my class. In Mexico, boys want to be doctors, not dentists.

Boys have this idea that dentistry is delicate work, feminine work. It’s an entirely wrong idea. But I was like that. When I first went to university, I wanted to be a doctor. I had almost completed my first year of medical school when my grandmother was diagnosed with uterine cancer. My father wanted to do whatever was necessary to help her. He told me, ‘Son, the next year or so is going to be financially difficult for our family. I’m afraid you’re going to have to quit school for a while and get a job.’

“I went to San Diego and got a job as a waiter at Anthony’s. I loved it. On a good night, I could make \$100 in tips. And they had jazz. That’s where I learned to love jazz. But my poor grandmother. The family spent over \$120,000 on getting her the best medical care, on making sure she stayed in the best hospitals. But in the end, no

matter how hard we tried, nothing could save her.

“When I went back to school, it was too late to enroll in the medical school’s second-year program. I would have had to wait another year. Professors on the dentistry school faculty said, ‘Come on! Study with us! You can start right away.’ I enrolled in the dentistry school, and I loved it immediately. I especially loved being able to continue the study of human anatomy.

“Even when I was a child, I was fascinated with the human body. I remember I saw the movie *Frankenstein*, and it was just amazing. The idea of a human body having different working parts, like a machine. I wondered how the body worked. I wanted to know how it was put together.

“From the very first time I participated in dissecting a cadaver, in the year I spent in medical school, I was

overwhelmed by what a tremendous privilege it was to be able to examine the human body and learn in a very precise, detailed way how it worked. It’s really an honor to have that opportunity.

“When I finished dentistry school, I had done so well in anatomy that my professors asked me to take an additional two-year course of study in the subject so I’d be able to teach it. They felt that students of general dentistry, and not just dental surgeons, should have the opportunity to do dissection. So, anatomy is all I did for two years. Anatomy and dissection. And then I started to teach, which was a little strange because I was only a few years older than many of my students. I had to work hard to gain their respect. I had to show them, in a careful, thoughtful way, that I knew what I was talking about, that I was competent.”

On the afternoon Dr. Martínez and I met to talk, after he'd given his lecture on chin dissection, we sipped icy Cokes outside the university's food court. Inside, students lined up before franchises for pizza, hamburgers, Chinese food, Mexican food, health food. Dr. Martínez explained to me that general dentistry students at the university paid around \$160 in tuition per semester and that a degree in general dentistry usually took five years, or ten semesters, to complete. After the students graduate, the government requires that they spend one year practicing at a government-run clinic. He went on to tell me that in their first semester,



Dr. Luis Antonio Martínez

the students study general anatomy, and in their second semester, descriptive anatomy of the head and neck, and then topographic anatomy of the head and neck by dissection. Dr. Martínez invited me

to attend on the following Tuesday his class's first cadaver dissection. A hot, dry wind was blowing from the northeast across the campus. My eyes watered and my mouth was dry. I asked if I

might first see the morgue. "Of course," he said. "I understand. It's best to approach these things little by little." He led me across campus to a low-slung, recently built structure

with many windows set high in its beige walls. He led me into the immaculate white-tiled dissection room. He showed me the six waist-high, white-tiled dissection tables, each equipped with a water hose and a shiny stainless steel drain. In the northwest corner of the room, the walk-in refrigerator hummed. "I don't know how many we have today," Dr. Martínez said, gesturing to the refrigerator. "If you want to look inside, you may."

The day after my brother died, I went to the small Oregon town where he'd lived. I saw his body at the mortuary. He'd just been delivered from the coroner. I knew in my mind that he was dead.

The mortician opened the door to the room where my brother lay. I saw my brother's body. My knees gave out from under me. At the university's morgue, with Dr. Martínez watching, I opened the walk-in refrigerator. Cold air poured out. The refrigerator's interior was dark. My eyes took several seconds to adjust. I saw three bodies lying on white gurneys. Blood-spattered muslin sheets covered the bodies. The air smelled of old blood. Dr. Martínez asked, "So, do you think you'll be able to attend our first dissection?" "I think I'll be fine," I said. "I apologize to them." Dr. Martínez

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took me by the elbow. "Every week, while I'm driving to the university to do a dissection, I apologize to the people whose bodies we use. It's not really a prayer. It's just something I say in my mind. An apology for what we do."

Greek religion prohibited the desecration of corpses. But it was the Greeks who were the first to take a scientific interest in human anatomy. By the Sixth Century B.C.E., the Greek treatment of disease had moved away from magic and spells, and the philosopher Alcmaeon conducted the first recorded attempts at human dissection, allowing him to discover, for example, the difference between arteries and veins. Later,

Plato and Aristotle taught that body and soul were separate. This notion that the body was only a shell meant that cutting on a cadaver mattered little and helped assuage the public's disgust at the practice. By 237 B.C.E. Herophilus of Chalcedon, a follower of Hippocrates, established the world's first school of anatomy in Alexandria, Egypt. But people remained uncomfortable with human dissection. The advent of Christianity and the doctrine of bodily resurrection gave further reason to the public's discomfort. Whether the Catholic Church ever officially prohibited human dissection is unclear. Some medical histories con-



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tend that the Church banned the practice. The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Boston and the *Catholic Encyclopedia* assert that the Church *never* banned the practice, and they cite numerous

instances of medieval scientists in Catholic countries who conducted human dissection without Church interference. Two centuries after Martin Luther's death, physicians throughout

Western Europe knew that without dissecting cadavers, the systematic study of human anatomy was impossible. So began what some medical historians have called the "great cadaver shortage."

The 18th Century witnessed scenes of people scrambling to steal corpses and sell them to physicians. The bodies of the anonymous poor were always up for grabs. In London, people fought over the bodies of executed criminals. The demand for cadavers was so great that some physicians resorted to grave robbing. Public sympathy for this trend was also in short supply. In 1788, 5000 New Yorkers rioted for three days after they learned that medical students at the Hospital of the City of New York were dissecting bodies stolen from a local graveyard. And today there are professors of literature who believe that this anger, fear, and suspicion were

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so pervasive that they played in Mary Shelley's imagination when, in 1818, she wrote *Frankenstein*.

A hot, dry wind was blowing on the early afternoon Dr. Martínez and his students met at the university morgue for the first dissection. We gathered in an anteroom where we put on gauzy blue surgical gowns, surgical masks, latex gloves, and blue surgical booties. A few of the girls giggled. Dr. Martínez joked with the students about how

they looked in their surgical garb, about how they struggled to get the tight gloves over their sweaty fingers.

"I try to keep it light," he later told me. "The first time is difficult."

We pushed through the swinging doors into the dissection room. Dr. Martínez stood before us and clapped his gloved hands together.

"This isn't a surgical setting, but I want you to behave as though it were. Once your

hands touch anything in this room, your gloves are no longer sterile. Be careful not to rub your eyes or touch your mouths. Be conscious of where your hands are and what they're doing."

He asked two students to enter the walk-in refrigerator and wheel out the cadaver on the far left. Four young women darted to a bench on the dissection room's far side, where they sat with their hands wedged under their thighs.

Dr. Martínez pretended not to notice.

"You can't play into the students' fears," he later told me. "You can't create a fearful situation. I know a story of one professor who taught at another university, who was a very religious man and who was very nervous about doing human dissection. He would sweat. He would shake. He communicated his discomfort to his students. Some of them fainted. After one dissection, while he was closing an

incision, he pricked his finger with the needle. A month or so later, he developed a small tumor in his finger right where he had pricked himself. He had the tumor removed. A few months later, the tumor reappeared. Again the tumor was removed. When the tumor was analyzed, it was determined that the tumor was somatic in origin. In other words, the professor was so nervous about doing human dissection, he was so worried about it,

that his body had actually produced these tumors in his finger."

When the students wheeled the cadaver into the dissection room, everyone grew quiet. Dr. Martínez and I each gripped two corners of the sheet in which the cadaver was wrapped and, grunting, lifted the body from gurney onto dissection table. Dr. Martínez pulled back the sheet to reveal the cadaver's face: a dark-skinned young man with a head of thick, long black hair.



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One of the students, a young man,

“The yellow tissue is fat,” Dr. Martínez

And the young surgeon, with tweezers and scalpel, started removing the yellowish pea-size globules. With delicacy he placed them on a pink surgical napkin that another student had draped across the cadaver's naked brown chest. When the three muscles were revealed, Dr. Martínez asked the young surgeon to scrape them from the jawbone. "I want to show you the small hole in the jaw from which the nerve I told you

The cadaver's toe tag said he was an unidentified male, 25 to

"Fifteen years ago in Tijuana, we didn't have enough cadavers for our medical students. Sometimes UCSD would send us some. Now everything has changed. The drug

“The exact date is unclear. I’m guessing it

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was in the late 1500s, after the Conquest was completed. There was an outbreak of bubonic plague in Mexico City, and Spanish physicians, who'd arrived with the Conquistadors, dissected several plague victims at the Hospital de Jesús in Mexico City. That is the first known instance of scientific dissection in Mexico.

"What is remarkable about this is that we know that the Aztecs for centuries practiced human sacrifice. There's some debate about the

actual numbers of human sacrifices — hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands. We do know that they sacrificed at least hundreds of people. The Aztec priests would cut open the victim's chest and offer his heart to the god Huitzilopochtli. What is interesting is that these priests, who had no qualms about cutting open a human body, showed no interest in the body's organs, how the body was put together, how it worked. Despite the many great

achievements of Aztec civilization, in architecture and astronomy, the Aztecs took no interest in human anatomy. There's no historical evidence that they ever made any attempt at all to study human anatomy.

"They didn't see the human body in the same way as the Spaniards did. And this is a very important point to understand. Cultures literally see things in different ways. When the Aztecs opened a body, they

didn't see it as a kind of machine that had different working parts. For them, the body had a *mystical* significance."

What is remarkable about Gonzalez-Crussi is that he is an immigrant from a poor Mexico City family who became, according to those who've reviewed his books, "America's most beautifully eloquent writer on the subjects of pathology and human anatomy." He's authored seven books. He writes articles for the *New Yorker*.

His most recent work, *There Is a World Elsewhere*, a memoir published in 1998, received excellent reviews in the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times Book Review*, and the *Chicago Tribune*. In 2001 he was named a Guggenheim Fellow and used the grant to complete his eighth book, "a book about birth. I began with a book about death and have written often about death, and now I've come full circle.

"Even as a child I knew I wanted to write, but I grew up in a proletarian neighborhood where wanting to be a writer could be only a kind of dream. I describe where I grew up in *There Is a World Elsewhere*. By the time I finished medical school in Mexico City and came to the States to complete my studies, I was absorbed in my career. Medicine is all-

consuming. It requires not only enormous energy, but to move further, to make your way in the discipline, not to mention becoming a professor, takes up most of your life. When I was in my 50s, I decided it was time to write. I decided, 'It's now or never.'

"And I wrote about what I knew. Pathology. Human anatomy. Death. And I perhaps thought I could write about these things in a literary way because I grew up in Mexico, and there is a difference between the ways Mexicans and Americans regard death. I grew up with the Day of the Dead — I even ultimately wrote a book about it. Although my family didn't make a shrine, or *ofrenda*, for the Day of the Dead, our neighbors certainly did. And there was this sense in Mexico that the dead are present with

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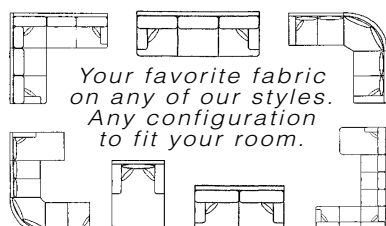
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us. We don't absent them. We want to keep in conversation with them. The familiarity with death is a little more in the air in Mexico than it is here in the United States.

"When I first arrived in America I

have, of course, changed somewhat, but when I first got here, discussing death anywhere outside a clinical setting was taboo.

"Of course, the great irony of this was that the United States had become preemi-

"Only HIV-negative cadavers are sent to the university. The rest of the bodies are sent to a municipal cemetery."

was clearly told that death was something one didn't discuss in 'polite society.' One colleague told me that discussing death or pathology in a social setting was like discussing pornography. It simply wasn't done. Things

ment in the world not only for the study of pathology and human anatomy, but for medical science in general. This was a huge change. Before World War II, Germany had been the world's great center for the systematic study of

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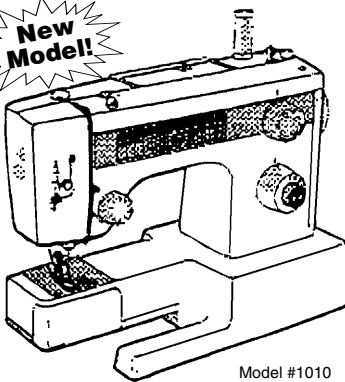
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human anatomy. Even into the late 19th Century, the systematic study of human anatomy hadn't truly evolved as a discipline at the University of Mexico City. Mexican doctors who wanted to study pathology and human dissection went to Germany, or to Austria, which was also very strong in those fields.

"There are some people who may disagree with me, but the systematic study of human anatomy didn't truly become a discipline in Mexico until the 1920s, when Presi-

dent Lázaro Cárdenas accepted many Spanish refugees who were fleeing Franco. In many instances, these people were la crème de la crème of the Spanish intelligentsia. One of these refugees, Isaac Costero, who'd studied in Germany, really founded anatomical pathology as a discipline at the University of Mexico City."

I asked Dr. Gonzalez-Crussi if, after his many years as a pathologist, he'd ever grown used to human dissection.

"No. Not even after

many years. You do develop some tolerance, but no, it never becomes just a job. I suppose there are some callous people for whom the practice might become routine. In some ways the spectacle of autopsy is such that it may lead some people to think of the body only as a machine. Most doctors are inspired by that kind of philosophy. They may tell you that the human body is a wonderful machine, but it's still a machine. The workings of a machine may be more or less completely

understood.

"That we are animal, that we are mechanical, I have no doubt. But it can't be reduced to that and nothing else. We may completely understand the anatomy of the human brain, but we can't explain what composes a symphony in the brain of a composer. Thoughts cannot be explained *only* by mechanism.

"And this is part of the mystery revealed by the spectacle of the cadaver. This is why human dissection is so impressive. It under-

scores all these questions. And, most significantly, when confronted with a cadaver, you can't deny the reality of all it implies. The cadaver points to the path which all of us without exception will follow."

I asked Dr. Gonzalez-Crussi whether he'd ever gotten used to his work because two weeks after the first dissection, I returned again to Tijuana to attend another. Dr. Martínez had explained to me that the purpose of the first dissection was to acquaint

his students with the process itself.

"I want them to get over their fears, their nervousness, so they can actually start *seeing* the body in an objective, scientific way. I don't want them ever to learn to disrespect the cadaver or treat it casually. I've suspended students even for making unnecessary incisions on cadavers. But I want them to see the human body *objectively*. In order to work on living people, you have to. That's why physicians and dentists almost never treat family mem-

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bers. It's almost impossible to look objectively at the body of someone you love. When you're dealing with someone you love, it immediately becomes *subjective*. I've tried a couple of times to work on my children's teeth, but it was impossible. If I hurt them, for example, when I gave them an injection, and they started to cry, it was unbearable for me. I'd hurt my child. They'd start crying, and I'd almost feel like crying myself."

The second cadaver was that of a strong, handsome, broad-shouldered young man. His toe tag said he was unidentified, between 19 and 22 years of age,

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and that, on February 2, 2002, he'd been hit by a car while crossing the old road to Tecate. He was so heavy that we couldn't lift him from his gurney.

Dr. Martínez pulled back the sheet. The young man's right side, from armpit to hip, was covered with dark bruises and deep lacerations. His right shin, just below the knee, had been fractured completely. Broken bone poked through skin, revealing sinew and muscle. Below the fracture, the leg could be moved back and forth, as if it swung on a hinge. The young man's brown belly was distended. Dr. Martínez explained that he'd suffered massive internal injuries. And that was why, Dr. Martínez said,

the cadaver had a high smell.

The odor was cloying. I could smell it even through my surgical mask — a very strong *meaty* odor. Unpleasant. Something that couldn't be gotten used to. Hours after I left the dissection, had driven home from Tijuana, showered, brushed my teeth, changed clothes, settled in for the night, the smell stayed with me. (A doctor friend later told me, "The trick is to smear a little Vicks VapoRub on your upper lip or on the inside of your surgical mask. It helps." Dr. Martínez later told me, "I always drink a lot of coffee before a dis-

section, so when I'm breathing in my surgical mask, the only thing I smell is coffee.")

Perhaps it was because of and not despite this odor, and the sheer size of the cadaver, that the reality of the human body as *flesh* was clearer to me. Witnessing the second dissection was easier. Dr. Martínez's students, too, were more at ease. No one ran off to sit on a bench. Everyone gathered around the gurney. A young woman volunteered to play the role of surgeon. She began to make the same trapezoid-shaped incision on the cadaver's chin.

"This time," Dr. Martínez said, "we're going to proceed more carefully, more slowly, as if we were operating on a living



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patient.”

The young woman was very precise. She took her time. While she worked I asked Dr. Martínez if he ever wondered about the lives of the people his students dissected.

“It’s inevitable. They’re human beings. And you wonder what their story was, what brought them to the dissection table. Every now and then we get a young man with the words ‘Mara Salvatrucha’ tattooed across his chest or back. From watching the news, I learned that this was the

name of a Salvadoran gang that preys on people crossing the Mexican-Guatemalan border. But why do they end up dead here, in Tijuana? Over the years, I’ve seen certain patterns emerge. We get more suicides during the winter, when people become depressed and drink more. We get more women during the summer months, when there are more parties, when men go out drinking and looking for women. We get a lot of prostitutes — women from the interior of Mexico who

come north looking for work, and the only work they can find is prostitution. Some of them end up dead. Found strangled or

smothered in a hotel room. I remember one woman in particular. She had been strangled. She had stretch marks that suggested recent

pregnancy. And her breasts were swollen, as if she’d been nursing. She had, I noticed, track marks on her arms. She’d been using drugs.

And I couldn’t stop thinking about her. A child, somewhere, had lost his mother.”

When the young woman had completed

her dissection of the cadaver’s chin, had peeled back the skin, removed the fat and muscle, Dr. Martínez took charge. He pointed to a small hole in the cadaver’s chin from which emerged a thin, pearly-white strand of tissue.

With a pair of tweezers Dr. Martínez pulled at the strand, what *Gray’s Anatomy* identifies as the mental nerve. (“Mental” in this case coming from the Latin *mentum*, relating to chin, and not from *mens*, relating to the mind.)

“This is the nerve I told you about. And it’s exactly right where I told you it would be, directly below the first and second bicuspid.”

Dr. Martínez pulled back the cadaver’s lip and inserted a probe between the gum and lip, beneath the first and second bicuspid. He poked the probe through the tissue, and it emerged precisely at the base of the mental nerve.

“You see, this is where you must insert your needle when you need to anesthetize this part of the mouth. Now

“When their bodies were found, they were still holding hands.”



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that you've seen where the nerve is located, you can have a clear picture in your mind when you're working on a patient. This is why dissection is so important."

In Mexico, it can also be lethal. There are Mexicans who, for reasons other than religious or moral, prefer that the dead remain untouched. In Mexico, forensic pathology can be dangerous.

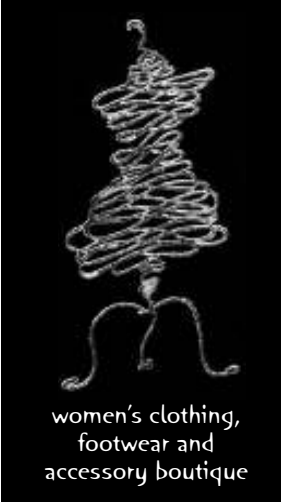
In an idle moment, Dr. Martínez told me about Dr. Irma Rodríguez, who, until July 2001, worked as medical examiner for Ciudad Juárez, just across the border from El Paso.

"There aren't a lot of people in Mexico who want to study forensic medicine or dentistry. At the university here, they only offer a six-month course in those subjects every

now and then. I took a course in forensic dentistry because it interested me. I do it only as a sort of a hobby. Maybe two or three times a year, a family needs a body to be identified and they'll have dental records. It's actually not very complicated to do.

"But Dr. Irma Rodríguez was involved in identifying bodies found in mass graves that had been discov-

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ered in ranches outside Ciudad Juárez. Everyone knew that the drug cartels were involved. Everyone knew that these mass graves existed. Everyone knew that the authorities were aware of the mass graves. And everyone knew that the drug cartels didn't want the bodies found in those mass graves to be identified. Dr. Rodríguez must be a very brave woman. As I said, few people in Mexico study forensic medicine.

"What happened in July of last year was that someone — it isn't clear who — shot and killed Dr. Rodríguez's husband and daughter. From what I understand, Dr. Rodríguez was away at the time,

ing of April 11 — the morning after Tijuana's chief of police, Carlos Otal, and 200 other law enforcement officers, were arrested by Mexican federal authorities. I was studying a sign posted in the lobby that said, We Respect Your Pain: We Accept Neither Gifts Nor Gratuities for Our Services, when several plainclothes officers walked in. They wore tailored shirts and snug Calvin Klein jeans and freshly polished boots. They had tucked guns under their waistbands. They were gossiping about the previous day's scandal. It sounded as though Chief Carlos Otal, at the time of his arrest, reacted with less dignity than was expected from a public

"There are dentists in San Diego, in America, who tell people not to come to Tijuana for dental work.

They say that we're dirty."

attending a conference in Mexico City. Dr. Rodríguez's daughter was driving Dr. Rodríguez's car. And there are some people who believe that the gunmen mistook the daughter for Dr. Rodríguez. The details aren't clear. Someone wanted to send a message. Someone didn't want the bodies in those mass graves to be identified. Someone wanted to send a message that Mexico wasn't perhaps the best place to make a career in forensic dentistry or medicine, at least not in Ciudad Juárez."

I was in the lobby of the Tijuana medical examiner's office, Servicio Médico Forense de Tijuana, on the morn-

ing of April 11 — the morning after Tijuana's chief of police, Carlos Otal, and 200 other law enforcement officers, were arrested by Mexican federal authorities. I was studying a sign posted in the lobby that said, We Respect Your Pain: We Accept Neither Gifts Nor Gratuities for Our Services, when several plainclothes officers walked in. They wore tailored shirts and snug Calvin Klein jeans and freshly polished boots. They had tucked guns under their waistbands. They were gossiping about the previous day's scandal. It sounded as though Chief Carlos Otal, at the time of his arrest, reacted with less dignity than was expected from a public

official confronted with a touchy situation. "He screamed, 'You're treating me like a common criminal!' " one of the plainclothesmen said.

"He yelled, 'Hey, be careful! You're getting my pants dirty!' when they were dragging him away."

I was at Servicio Médico Forense de Tijuana on Boulevard Fundadores, just a block or so south of Happy Chicken restaurant, because I wanted to speak with the *servicio's* director, Dr. Luz Vertila Ontiveros. But *la doctora* was late. I went outside the lobby for a cigarette. While I smoked, the wind blew a sheet of old newspaper at my feet, a page from the February 27,

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2002, edition of *El Mexicano*.

An article entitled "One Shot to the Head" described the execution-style slaying of a 36-year-old man who lived in a Tijuana neighborhood called the Hills of Friendship. Another article described the arrests of four kidnappers who, in a residence near the intersection of Kiwi and Strawberry Streets, had held captive a woman named Nancy. Another article detailed how a group of six young men

armed with high-powered weapons had "with extreme violence" kidnapped a 40-year-old man. The group's leader, the article said, "was presumed to have dedicated his life to the sale of drugs."

Dr. Luz Vertila Ontiveros, a pretty and coquettish woman in a pristine lab coat, told me she oversees between 800 and 1000 autopsies each year.

"I can't give you a more precise figure because it varies. I've been here for seven

years, and each year the numbers have been different. What I can tell you is that we have a staff of nine forensic examiners and we receive the bodies of people who die untended, outside a hospital or doctor's care. We also receive the bodies of people who die in hospitals but who have no family. And we, of course, get the bodies of people who die of unnatural causes. Crime victims. Bodies that have been left somewhere.

"I'd estimate that between 10 and 20 percent of the bodies we receive are unidentified. We take their dental impressions, their fingerprints. We take pictures of them. By law we're required to hold unidentified bodies for ten days. After that, we hand over our autopsy reports and identification materials to the state judicial office. Of those unidentified bodies, we send several every week to the university for dissection by medical and dentistry

students. The bodies must be intact and in good condition. We clean and embalm them. We also test them for HIV. Only HIV-negative cadavers are sent to the university. The rest of the bodies are sent to a municipal cemetery and are buried in a common grave, as are the cadavers used at the university after the students are done studying them."

I asked the doctor if she'd heard of Irma Rodríguez. She paused. "Well, of course.

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Panteón Numero 11, Municipal Cemetery Number 11, is where Tijuana for the past two years has sent its unidentified dead for burial. (The ten other municipal cemeteries can no longer make room for them.) To get to Municipal Cemetery Number 11, you take the Via Rápida, or freeway, that runs from

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Zona Rio to the far southeast of Tijuana. The Via Rápida's on-ramps are difficult to navigate and offer even the most skillful driver an intimation of mortality. On the afternoon I managed to get onto the Via Rápida, an old white pickup rumbled in front of me for many miles. In the back of the truck bounced four rusty drums. Written in big red block letters on the tailgate were the words *Material Peligroso*, Dangerous Material.

Municipal Cemetery Number 11 sits a mile or so behind Mount of Olives, a well-kept and privately owned cemetery for the city's middle and upper classes. To get to Municipal Cemetery Number 11 you turn right at the Mount of Olives' entrance and continue up a rocky and deeply rutted road. "We serve the people" is what one of the municipal cemetery's workers told me as he led me to where the unidentified are buried.

"It costs maybe \$50 for a family to bury someone here. It's inexpensive and their family member can have a dignified grave." The unidentified rest at the bottom of a steep hill. A thin metal spike marks each com-

mon grave, each grave holding, I was told, 10 to 20 bodies. In this southeastern part of Tijuana, the hills are brown and barren. Across from the common graves, a hundred or so yards away, stand several ramshackle

homes built by squatters. When the wind was right I could hear domestic noise from those homes — a woman calling for her children, a rooster crowing. Wild mustard glazes a gully that runs beside the common graves. Plastic Coke bottles, transistor batteries, an old hairbrush litter the earth covering the common graves. Up the hill, people have surrounded many of the \$50 graves with small white picket fences. Other families

have provided not only small white picket fences but have also hauled patches of fresh sod to Municipal Cemetery Number 11 and planted them atop the graves. The headstones on these more elaborate \$50 graves look like small houses, and they hold pictures of the deceased. From their perspective, the deceased stare out at a patch of green lawn surrounded by a white picket fence, the sort of view afforded by the living room window of a

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suburban dream home. Plastic flowers and bits of ribbon sometimes drift down to the common graves. If anyone has ever visited them, they've left no sign. I counted 118 thin metal spikes. There were probably more, but the air at the bottom of the hill was hot and oppressive, and small black flies worried my forearms and back of my neck. I made my way back up the hill. Two funerals were in progress. I could see another hearse making its way up the long, rocky, rutted road. A Popsicle salesman trundled his cart toward one of the funerals. Not far from the other funeral sat a little boy on an

upturned blue bucket. He was selling plastic sacks of pork rinds to the mourners. Dr. Martínez's main office sits on Third Street in downtown Tijuana, between Constitución and Niños Héroes, at the entrance to a large yellow parking garage. I went to visit him at his office not long after I'd visited Municipal Cemetery Number 11. The news on my car radio that morning concerned troubles at the Los Angeles medical examiner's office. "I know there have been reports of rats gnawing at the bodies in our care," an L.A. forensic examiner said. "But we're really not talking

about gnawing here. *We're talking about a full-on meal.*" I found Dr. Martínez in good spirits. He'd just learned that a team of Cuban physicians was coming to the uni-

"Someone had completely carved off his face and cut off his fingertips."

versity to offer a certificate program in oral pathology. "I'm going to take the course," he told me. "The only thing is that you have to take the final exam in Havana. But, you know, that's

sort of my dream. To keep on learning. I think that if I work hard enough, someday, after my children are raised, that's all I'll do. I'll take courses and maybe write a little.

"For the past two years I've been writing a textbook for dentistry students on head-and-neck dissection. Right now, they have to buy a general text on dissection that costs around \$50. My book would

cost only \$6 or \$7. And it's written specifically for general dentistry students. "I think it's this kind of attention that makes our students the best in Mexico. Every year, there are seminars for dentistry students, and they take national exams. Every year our students have the highest scores. The quality of education here is very high. We have a close relationship with the dentistry school at UCSD. From them we learn about all the newest advances in American dentistry. They help us acquire the latest equipment. Our quality of care here is very high. I say this knowing that there are

dentists in San Diego, in America, who tell people not to come to Tijuana for dental work. They say that we're dirty. That we don't sterilize our equipment. It's sort of ridiculous. I have friends who work at certain dental clinics in San Diego, clinics that deal mostly with immigrants. My friends work as dental assistants. I hear horror stories." Dr. Martínez offered to take me for an early lunch at a fish taco restaurant near Guerrero Park. I accepted and when we arrived Dr. Martínez immediately ordered for himself tacos made of manta ray. "I compartmental-

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 - Difficulty concentrating?
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 - Loss of interest or pleasure in things you used to enjoy?
 - Decreased energy?
 - Feelings of worthlessness or guilt?

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ize very well,” he said, shaking hot sauce onto his tacos. “I don’t let associations from one thing carry over to another. At home, I don’t talk about dentistry or dead people. At the clinic, I don’t talk about my personal life. I keep things separate. Right now, I can talk about my work at the university, and it wouldn’t bother me.”

I asked him if, after all these years, his work in dissection didn’t at times bother him. “Several instances come to mind. I remember a couple, a boy and a girl, maybe 15 or 16 years old. This was maybe three years ago. They’d both been shot in the back of the head with a shotgun. From what I understand, when their bod-

ies were found, they were still holding hands. They were in some gully. In some ravine. They’d been shot in the back of the head. Why? “Two years ago, there was an eight-year-old boy. You know, one of the kids who just lives on the street. And he’d been stabbed. He died of multiple stab wounds to his

abdomen. He was just one of those kids that we now have in Tijuana that just lives in the streets. No one claimed him. He was unidentified. I have children of my own. And there was this little boy. I sort of cuddled his body. I spoke to him gently because, I thought, maybe no one in his life had ever cuddled him or spoken to him gently.

“And of course I didn’t use him for dissection. I can’t. I understand that for the medical school it’s very important that they learn pediatric anatomy. That’s how they learn to care for children. A child’s anatomy is so different from that of an adult. But I’ve never been able to use a child for dissection. A year or so ago

there was an 11-year-old girl. She was raped and strangled. You could still see the finger marks on her throat. And so, no. No. To cut her face? No. “And not long ago they sent us a cadaver with no face. It was a young male. Maybe 20 years old. Someone had completely carved off his face and cut off his fingertips. Someone

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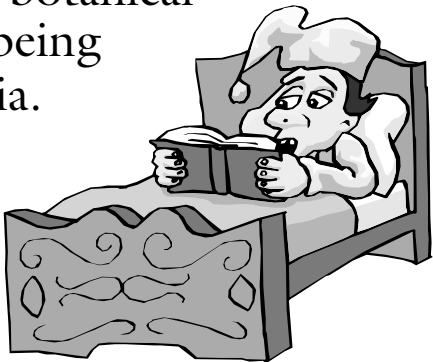
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really didn't want him to be identified. Of course, for the purpose of teaching dentistry students, he was of no use.

"But I have to tell you that the most difficult time came four years ago when one of my brothers-in-law died suddenly and unexpectedly. He was only 33 years old. He had a heart attack. I was very close to him. I loved him. He was like my own brother. Before he died, I was always enthusiastic about doing dissection, teaching anatomy to my students, sharing my knowledge with them. But after my brother-in-law died, for several months, it was very hard for me to do dissection. We get so many young men. Whenever I saw a cadaver, I saw my brother-in-law. So the emotions kept coming

up. I wished I could avoid dissection. After a few months, the emotion went away."

I asked Dr. Martínez if his work with cadavers had changed how he thought about his own mortality.

"As a very young person I familiarized myself with the study of religion, particularly Eastern religion. I think people come up with *fantastic* answers to their questions about life. Like reincarnation, for example. We now know from science, from the study of genetics, that each human individual is unique. I don't think anything like a personality, or a soul, survives after death. To the extent that we do survive in our children and grandchildren, it's only in tiny bits and pieces. A smile. A way of laughing. A

certain color of hair. But do *I* survive? The spirit that animates this body that you see? I don't think so.

"I think the body is a vehicle. And like all vehicles, the better you take care of it, the longer it will last. The less you expose it to risk, the longer it will last. Graveyards are like junkyards. I think the metaphor is accurate. Sometimes, when a car breaks down, you can take a part from it and use it to repair another car. Just the same way you can take a part from one human body and use it to help another. From my studies, from all the cadavers I've seen and dissected, nothing has convinced me otherwise. I think this life is all that there is.

"My students tell me, year after year, that human dissection was a different experience from what they expected it to be. They say they thought it would be more gross,

more disgusting. They thought the smell would be unbearable. But in the end, they tell me that what they learn and feel is compassion. They feel sorry for this body in front of them.

"It really is a big deal for my students. They are like virgins in many different ways. For most of them, this is the first time that they confront death in an undisguised way. This isn't like seeing a body in a mortuary with all the clothes and makeup. Not only are they confronting death, but they're also confronting human sexuality. All cadavers are naked. For the young, sexuality is very important. But here you have this body, male or female, and its sexual organs are sometimes exposed. For some of my students, this is the first time they've seen the naked body of the opposite sex. But no one makes a big deal of it. We're learning about human anatomy. We're learning to be *objective*. Certainly, the sexual organs are there, but we're not paying attention to them. They're not what we're interested in. They're just one other fact, one other aspect, of the human body."

Dr. Martínez finished his manta ray tacos. I finished my orange soda. He drove me back to the yellow

parking garage beside his clinic. Along the way he talked to me about his brother-in-law, the one who died four years ago when only 33 years old. He described his brother-in-law's personality. He told me how hard his brother-in-law had worked, building a small print shop into a large, profitable business. Dr. Martínez talked about his sister, the widow, and her two daughters. He talked about how difficult their lives had been in the aftermath of his brother-in-law's death. While Dr. Martínez spoke, my mind wandered.

When I saw my brother's body in the south Oregon mortuary, my knees buckled. The funeral director helped me to my feet. My brother's body was still wrapped in the white plastic bag in which the county coroner had delivered him. I wouldn't touch his face. I touched his white-plastic-covered shoulder. His flesh felt cold and dense. I said, "It's like those half-frozen turkeys you buy for Thanksgiving."

On the small plane that took me from that small Oregon town, I looked out the window. Southern Oregon appeared vast. The sky, the distance from plane to ground below, magnified my sense of the

world's hugeness. Between that immense space and my brother's cold body, I couldn't imagine his soul. That something of him remained. That individual death in some broader sense matters.

"You're wrong," Dr. Martínez said when I told him what I'd been thinking. "The dead teach us. Every time you get medical care. Every time someone has something as simple as a root canal. Or when a child falls down and gets stitches in his chin. Or when you have a tooth pulled. Or when someone has major surgery. All the knowledge of how to do that came from somewhere. Doctors, dentists, surgeons don't have to guess about what they're doing. Where to cut. How to cut. How to suture. Where to inject and why. All that knowledge comes from the study of human anatomy. All that knowledge comes from human dissection, from studying the bodies of the dead. That's all knowledge the dead have given the world. Most people probably aren't aware of where basic medical knowledge comes from. The dead leave us information. Every time we receive any kind of medical care, we should be grateful to the dead." ■

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Note to the editor: “I went to a lot of trouble asking people about the school board elections, and I could not get any coherent answers at all. Most people were really astonished to find out that there WAS a school board election. I called other schools, like San Diego High, but it was a similar story there.... Maybe the real story here is that kids are so apathetic about the people who are deciding how their future education will be shaped.”

—Stephanie Feldstein, Bonita Vista High School

Interview with John Watson, ASB president, Point Loma High School

In the District B race, who is the better candidate: Jeff Lee or Katherine Nakamura?

Jeff Lee.

Why do you think he'll do a better job?

Because he is completely against carrying out the rest of Bersin's Blueprint for Student Success.

What do you know about Jeff Lee?

The teachers' union endorses him.

What do you know about Katherine Nakamura?

Katherine Nakamura is just an administrator who is commit-



Clyde Fuller



Jeff Lee



John de Beck



Katherine Nakamura

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ted to sticking with the “Blueprint.”
Have any of your teachers told you who is the better candidate?

No.

In the District C race, who is the better candidate: Clyde Fuller or John de Beck?
John de Beck.

Why do you think he'll do a better job?

Because he is pro-educator, and he has experience as a teacher. He doesn't believe in the tracking strategies that are in the Blueprint for Student Success or social promotion.

What do you know about de Beck?

He was a teacher for 36 years and it is understandable that he is anti-Bersin.

What do you know about Clyde Fuller?

Fuller is all for keeping the “Blueprint.”

What could your school's administration provide to students so that they could be better students?

We already have student council meetings twice a month, but holding these more frequently would definitely give us a stronger voice in school politics. It would also help if the administration advertised when student board meetings are scheduled and encourage students to act through ASB [Associated Student Body].

Has San Diego Unified School District superintendent Alan Bersin done a good job, an okay job, or a bad job?

Bersin has done a terrible job. The Blueprint for Student Success does nothing but impede teachers. Its rigor-

Have any of your teachers told you who is the better candidate?

No.

Do you think students' opinions are considered in school politics?

No. Students' voices are rarely taken into account. When policies that affect students the most are being made, students are never invited to have their say.

Do you think students' opinions should be considered in school politics?

Yes. Students are the ones who have to learn from teachers. If the district policies imposed on teachers are ineffective, the students are the only ones who are losing out.

ous standards are unrealistic. The concept of these three-hour genre studies English classes is ridiculous. These classes do nothing but take away from learning other important subjects like math and science. Everyone learns differently, at their own pace. Sticking a student who is not strong in English in a three-hour English class isn't going to make him better at it. If anything, he will hate it even more.

—Mary Montgomery, Point Loma High School

Interview with Eunice Ong, senior class president, Morse High School

In the District B race, who is the better

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candidate: Jeff Lee or Katherine Nakamura? Katherine Nakamura. Why do you think she'll do a better job? Katherine Nakamura opens up ideas with music and art, which is really important. Also, with fortifying college preparation and increasing school counseling, I think that's very important. Here at Morse we need more counselors to prepare

students for college. Students don't really go to their counselors because they don't have a close relationship with them, which is why I think they need more counselors so students and counselors can really know one another. Have any of your teachers told you who is the better candidate? No, teachers have not been telling students

anything. They should, though; the teachers are not really pushing students to know about these things. Students should know about who are running their school systems, not just the adults. In the District C race, who is the better candidate: Clyde Fuller or John de Beck? John de Beck. Why do you think he'll do a better job?

I can't really say because they both have the same issues and that is [that] teachers and parents will have their voices heard. But I like how de Beck believes that...high-paid, outside consultants take from the district much-needed resources for kids. What else do you know about de Beck? Nothing, really. I have too many things to worry about to see who is running. The politicians have done good things for our schools, like building a new library for us. I guess the citizens of San Diego have been choosing the right candidates. What do you know about the other candidate? I don't know much about the candidates. Have any of your teachers told you who is the better candidate? Teachers here do not endorse or talk about politics, unless your teacher is politically active, like certain teachers. None of my

teachers has talked about any elections except for the governor's election. Do you think students' opinions are considered in school politics? No. Although it should be, public opinion is not being considered; it's being shunned. Maybe the teachers should also enforce [students' opinions] because I think it's important in the students' future to be informed with what's going on around them. Do you think students' opinions should be considered in school politics? Yes, because they're the ones living it. The people who create these programs, they're not experiencing it. For example, Morse is known for its low test scores; they don't know about the individuals that have achieved the maximum scores. What could your school's administration provide to students so that you could be better students?

Maybe they should provide more counselors. The students need a one-on-one relationship with their counselors. The counselors here at Morse have too much to worry about. If all students have a close relationship with their counselor, the counselor will never have time to do what they need to do. They will be too stressed out. Has San Diego Unified School District superintendent Alan Bersin done a good job, an okay job, or a bad job? I think he's doing an okay job. At first, what he wanted to do with the classes was really stupid. But if you think about it, it's more disciplinary. The program made students work harder to get out of the literacy blocks [three-hour English classes]. It made the students think that they will not graduate if they don't pass a certain class. ■ —Alecsis Ducusin, Morse High School

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ifornia and headed north into the unknown. They had spent 35 days on the trail when Portolá's cook and servant became exasperated with a burro that had halted in front of him. It refused to budge. The

"THE SPANIARDS dropped down from out of the clouds. Or they landed. Or they rode in — nobody explaining from where."

servant, a Genoese named Ygnacio, leapt off his mount, drew his sword, and plunged it up the anus of the recalcitrant beast. Serra's notes don't describe Portolá's demeanor when he heard about this, only his actions: "Having taken

the testimony of eyewitnesses, and the man having confessed burricide, [Portolá] deprived him of his job, stripped him of his arms, condemned him to follow the expedition on foot, and fined him four



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One of Harry Crosby's Baja California expeditions

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Serra provides no other

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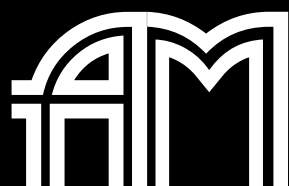
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the future founder of San Diego write about hundreds of other details that the modern reader might long to know. Portolá also kept a diary, but his jottings are even more laconic than the priest's, perhaps for the following reason. The Serra/Portolá party wasn't blazing the north-bound trail. A larger expeditionary force had set out seven and a half weeks before them. If you think of San Diego as the Plymouth Rock of the West Coast (a reasonable comparison), then the participants in the *first* expedition were analogous to the passengers on the *Mayflower*. They included a 47-year-old Mallorcan priest named Juan Crespí and a young Spanish mariner, Miguel Cañizares, both of whom had been assigned to keep a journal.

Crespí and Cañizares followed their orders, and on some topics they delivered an abundance of information. Anytime the priest spotted a site where a mission could be established (no matter how dubious its prospects), he made an enthusiastic notation to that effect. Cañizares, in contrast, delivered a superfluity of detail about the instructions given every night to the expedition's sentinels and guards. Both



Rivera's trail to San Diego, followed by Portolá/Serra party, 1769

men offered fleeting glimpses into their group's interpersonal dynamics. On the sixth day out, Cañizares, for example, wrote, "At five in the morn-

ing we were told that one of the two Indians [included in the expedition] who had received extreme unction yesterday had died and that three more had fallen ill.

This aroused the captain's suspicion, so he ordered the Indians to assemble, urging them to continue on such a holy expedition as ours, and not to assume

that those who had died had done so as a result of joining our enterprise."

But the diaries of Crespí and Cañizares leave out a lot. Neither lists the first expedition's participants, an omission with important genealogical consequences: Up until now, no one could know whether he or she had descended from one of California's very first pioneers. For another thing, although Crespí and Cañizares both estimated the daily distances and directions they traveled, the latitudes they recorded were inaccurate. As a result, no one has been able to follow in the footsteps of the first explorers to travel to California by land.

All this has changed as a result of the detective work performed by Harry Crosby, a La Jolla resident best known for his discovery (in the early 1970s) of the phenomenal cave paintings of Baja California. In November, the El Cajon-based Sunbelt Publications will publish Crosby's *Gateway to Alta California*. The new book at last offers a definitive list of the men who came to San Diego on the first and second expeditions. It also includes detailed maps of their route, along with extensive excerpts from both first-expedition diaries.

Perhaps its most profound contribution is that it puts the expeditions into perspective, revealing the political forces driving Spanish expansion and the individuals who made it possible for Spain to extend its influence over the territory that later became the 31st American state.

Crosby, 76, says it's a very different story from the one he learned while growing up in San Diego. Then, "The concept was: The Spaniards dropped down from out of the clouds. Or they landed. Or they rode in — nobody explaining from where. They founded San Diego, and California history began. It was magical! The king had decided he wanted to occupy Alta California, so here they were."

He says the seven-volume *History of California*, published in 1886 by historian Hubert Howe Bancroft, influenced generations of textbooks that followed it. Although that work reported almost every step taken by Serra after he left San Diego and began establishing the Franciscan mission chain to the north, it all but ignored the expeditions that brought the missionaries through the uncharted territory between Velicatá and San Diego. "Two diaries were kept,"

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Bancroft’s history noted, “...but neither affords matter of much interest to the historical student, since it would serve no good purpose to repeat the details of that monotonous march.”

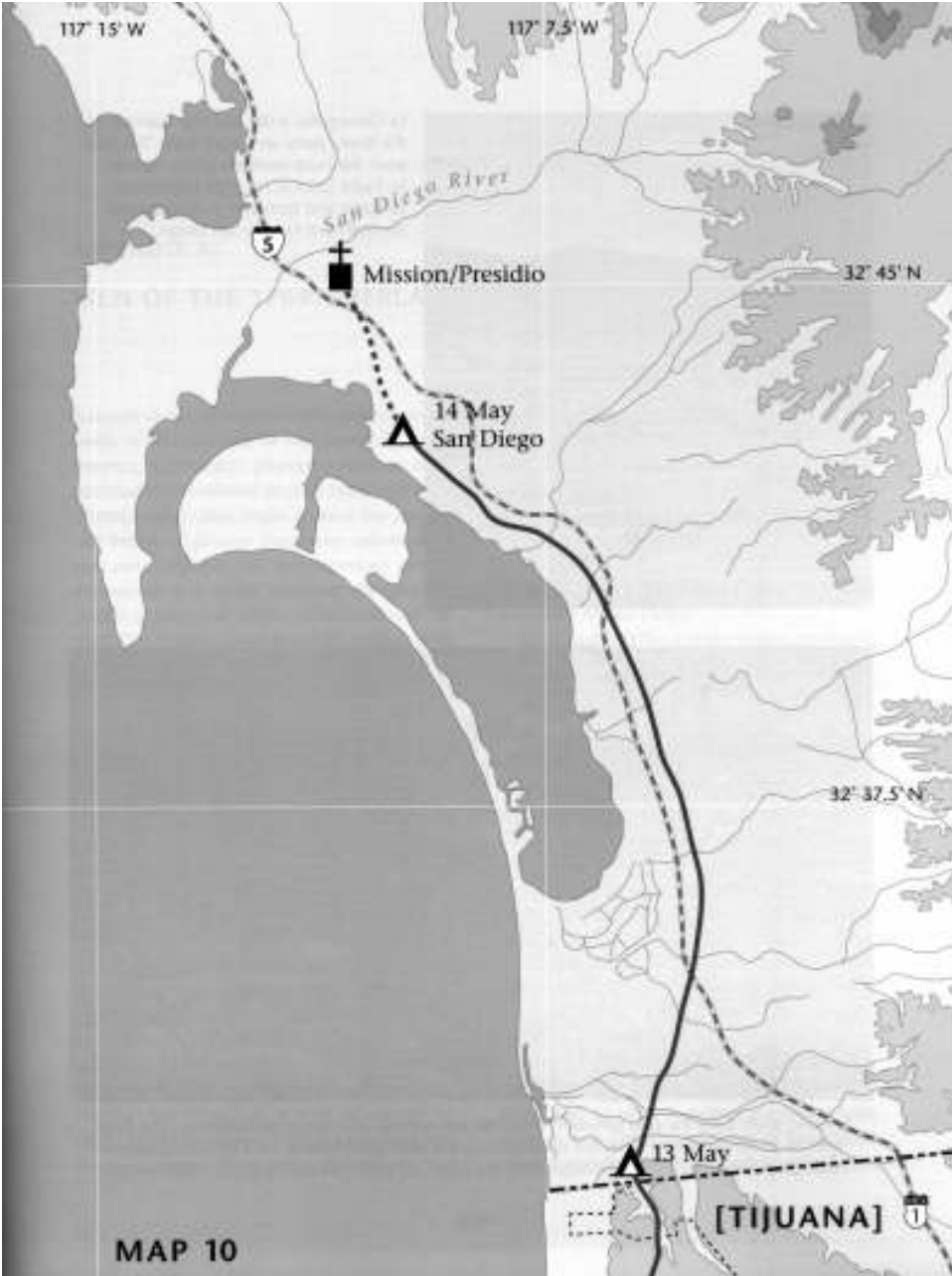
Crosby thinks that this “was plain old Yankee chauvinism,” an assumption that American readers wouldn’t have any interest in anything outside their borders. The ramifications of this conceit carried over into the 20th Century. He says that the “well-regarded California historian,” Charles E. Chapman, asserted in 1921 that the 1769 expeditions set out from a staging area “about 150 miles due south of San Diego.” This is strange, Crosby notes, “since the actual airline distance [to Velicatá] is 220 miles,” and a point 150 miles due south of here “would also be 65 miles out to sea!”

This sort of ignorance exasperates him now. But during his early adult life Crosby had little interest in the founding of San Diego. In the 1950s, he taught science at Memorial Junior High and Mission Bay and La Jolla High Schools. In 1963 he decided to become a professional photographer, and he was working on that career when he heard one day about a project sponsored

by Copley Books and the Commission of the Californias. They wanted to publish a volume in conjunction with the California bicentennial celebrations scheduled to unfold in 1969, the idea being to chronicle the route taken by Serra and Portolá from Loreto, in the south of Baja California, all the way north to San Francisco Bay. Richard Pourade, the Copley Books historian, would write short passages to accompany photographs showing what the route would have looked like to the early explorers.

“I was young and stupid,” Crosby says now. He had no reservations as he pitched Pourade on his qualifications for the photo assignment. Crosby had traveled in the Mexican mainland with his family and students, and there he had picked up the “hacker’s Spanish” he still speaks. About Baja California, he knew almost nothing, but he took Pourade’s word that the car road down the peninsula was the route Serra followed up to San Diego.

Today that road is known as Highway 1, but early in 1967 it was still unpaved, “what they call a *brecha*,” Crosby recalls, “not a built road but a thing just made by wheel tracks.”



Rivera’s trail into San Diego, 1769

Crosby and a former student named Paul Ganster set off down the narrow thoroughfare riding in a dune buggy outfitted with snap-on canvas sides to

keep out the ubiquitous dust. “I was woefully ill-prepared,” Crosby recalls, “except I did have Crespi’s and Serra’s diaries. And I had had a lot of experi-

ence in Mexico.”

He says one thing the latter taught him was that “when you’re on a dirt road, especially a homemade dirt road, you don’t drive by

any source of information. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve stopped out in an open field and walked across to some guy who was hoeing or tending sheep and just barber-shopped about where I was headed, where I’d come from, what’s over there, and so on. Because that’s the way you learn.”

As he drove south along the west coast of the Baja California peninsula, Crosby met a number of people who recognized place names from the 200-year-old diaries. “But everything was in the mountains, off to the east of us. And when I asked about a road, they looked at me like, ‘Road? Hey, it’s tough enough to get a mule through there!’”

Crosby eventually acknowledged the depressing truth: the route described in the expedition diaries must have followed trails through the mountain wilderness. The story of how he carried out his photo assignment is complicated. To summarize, he wound up hiring men, mules, and burros. Using the diaries and a combination of common sense and knowledge gleaned from their guides and local ranchers, the entourage covered some 600 miles that included a

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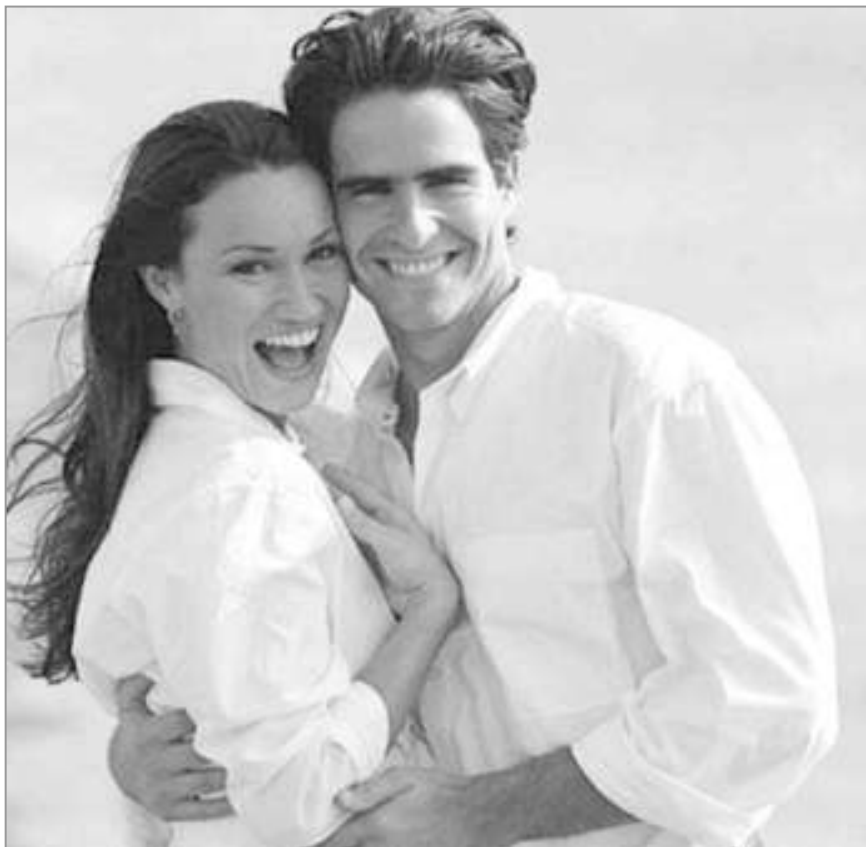
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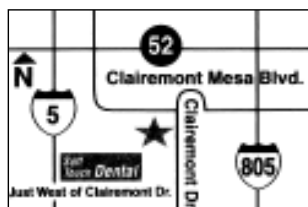
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best-guess approximation of the route the explorers had followed from Loreto. By the time he rolled back into San Diego, Crosby felt “practically sure” he had identified Serra’s historic route. This was no mean accomplishment. The route crossed Highway 1 in San Ignacio and converged with it for the last few miles south of today’s border. But otherwise, Serra’s route bore no relation to the highway.

Years passed before Crosby began to suspect he’d made errors in the 300-mile-long portion of the trail that ran north of Velicatá, the part that was terra incognita in 1769. Other things occupied Crosby’s attention during the 1970s and ’80s. First there were the cave paintings. Crosby saw his first one in the course of the 1967

vants and soldiers and their wives. In 1981, Crosby wrote a book that recounted their history and described their mountain communities. Studying the Californios also made him realize that no historian had written in depth about the years in which the Jesuits ruled the peninsula (1697 to 1768). So Crosby took on that task, and in 1994 the University of New Mexico published the result.

That history, *Antigua California*, won acclaim as well as the Bancroft Prize (awarded every year to the best book on the history of the Southwest). When Crosby asked himself what project he should tackle next, he says his thoughts returned to the pioneering 1769 overland journey to San Diego. For one thing, he’d made a wonderful discovery, one that he had

“MINERS, for example, had a great system,” Crosby says. “They would get the local people hooked on alcohol; then they would provide the alcohol in exchange for the labor. For some strange reason, the Jesuits didn’t like that!”

photo assignment, and in 1971 another trip to Baja California led him to a rich concentration of the arresting ancient murals. When Crosby realized that no scholar had ever recognized the existence of more than a few, he devoted years to the task of finding, photographing, and writing about 180 rock art sites (first in *The Cave Paintings of Baja California*, published by Copley Books in 1975, then in an expanded work reprinted by Sunbelt Publishing 22 years later).

The time he spent exploring Baja California’s mountains ignited Crosby’s interest in the frontier people who inhabit its remote enclaves. They’re the last of the “Californios,” descendants of the individuals whom the Jesuits had brought to Baja California: Spanish mission ser-

never shared with the world. It occurred in 1982, when Crosby was reviewing old documents at the national archive in Mexico City. “It’s located in a former penitentiary,” Crosby says. “There’s a big hall with a bunch of side halls where the cells were, and that’s where they keep the documents.” He was sitting in the main hall one day skimming a hodgepodge of records pertaining to Spanish military affairs when a 386-page sheaf of sturdy papers came into his hands. It turned out to be an account book prepared by an Alta California pioneer named José Francisco Ortega. It recorded when and where each of about 130 of Alta California’s earliest soldier-pioneers had been paid and what supplies each had received. Crosby grasped at once how sig-

nificant this information was. Although Ortega’s account book included men from later expeditions as well as the first pioneers, the dates made it possible to discern which group was which.

Crosby had the account book microfilmed. Today he keeps the reel close at hand; he can load it into the microfilm reader in his office anytime he has the urge to review Ortega’s careful copperplate once again. As he scrolled through the entries one recent day, he still sounded jubilant. “Here’s a good one,” he murmured. It recorded how Francisco Javier Aguilar on the 29th of June, 1769, received two pairs of shoes, three yards of cotton cloth, several knives, clove and cinnamon, soap, tobacco, thread, a notebook, and various other items. The record shows that Aguilar was in San Diego when he got these things. Since the second expedition, the one that included Serra and Portolá, didn’t arrive until July 1, this represented proof that Aguilar was one of the 31 white men who came to San Diego in the first group.

By poring over the account book and analyzing the entries in it, Crosby eventually deduced the identities of all 36 of the soldiers in the first and second expeditions. (Previously, only 8 had been conclusively identified.) He wanted to publicize these findings, and he wanted to set the record straight about the opening of the Alta California frontier. Although Serra and his fellow Franciscans have long gotten the credit for that accomplishment, Crosby thinks their contribution has been “grossly overblown.” The Jesuit contribution, he asserts, was far more crucial.

The publication of his history of the Jesuits in Baja California gave Crosby a lot of insight into how little most people know about the Jesuits’ role in both Californias (upper and lower). Even professional historians, he con-

tends, often don't seem to understand the extent to which Jesuit accomplishments set the stage for the Spanish push northward. And, Crosby says, confusion over the Jesuits' expulsion from Baja California is rampant; when people hear that the religious order was kicked out, they assume it must have been because of something the Jesuit padres did on the Mexican peninsula. In fact, "They were expelled from the whole Spanish world," Crosby points out. "California had absolutely nothing to do with it, because the impetus came from the top down."

The expulsion "was the culmination of political decisions made across the ocean," Crosby says. "Various forces in the Spanish world were tussling with the Jesuits over every type of power you can think of: economic, land, the use of people." In many places, the Jesuits had alienated



Gaspar de Portolá

local entrepreneurs by protecting the native Indian populations from exploitation. "Miners, for example, had a great system," Crosby says. "They would get the local people hooked

on alcohol; then they would provide the alcohol in exchange for the labor. For some strange reason, the Jesuits didn't like that! They thought it was a perversion of the Spanish mis-



José de Gálvez

sion. And so they protected the neophytes. But entrepreneurs had power. They paid taxes. They had the ear of people higher up."

The Jesuits also owned

haciendas in the New World that produced goods competing with those produced by private hacienda owners. And, back in Spain, the Jesuits had incurred the enmity of the king by sid-

ing with a religious faction that said the monarch should be subordinate to the power of Rome. The reigning Spanish king, Carlos III, knew that in 1759 Portuguese officials had kicked the Jesuits out of their country and expropriated all the Jesuit property, "a very nice little nest egg, thank you," Crosby says. He thinks the prospect of claiming such a windfall had as much appeal for Carlos III as any ideology or politics involved. So in the late spring of 1767, Carlos dispatched sealed orders throughout the far reaches of his domain charging the Jesuits "with undermining the authority of kings and popes," and ordering their arrest and recall to Spain.

On the Mexican mainland, Crosby says, these orders were "implemented so efficiently that in nearly all parts of [the country], the surprise arrests of Jesuits took place on the same day" (June 25, 1767, less

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than a month after the king had commanded it). But Baja California was “too remote...to be included in the basic timetable for the Jesuit expulsion; it became a sequel to the main event.”

It took six long months for that sequel to reach its climax, and its main protagonist was the 50-year-old Gaspar de Portolá. “Portolá is the real hero of the whole business of occupying Alta California,” Crosby asserts. “And in spite of the fact that his name is always mentioned, I don’t think people begin to appreciate what he actually did. That’s one of the other purposes of my book — to flesh out the bones of Portolá.”

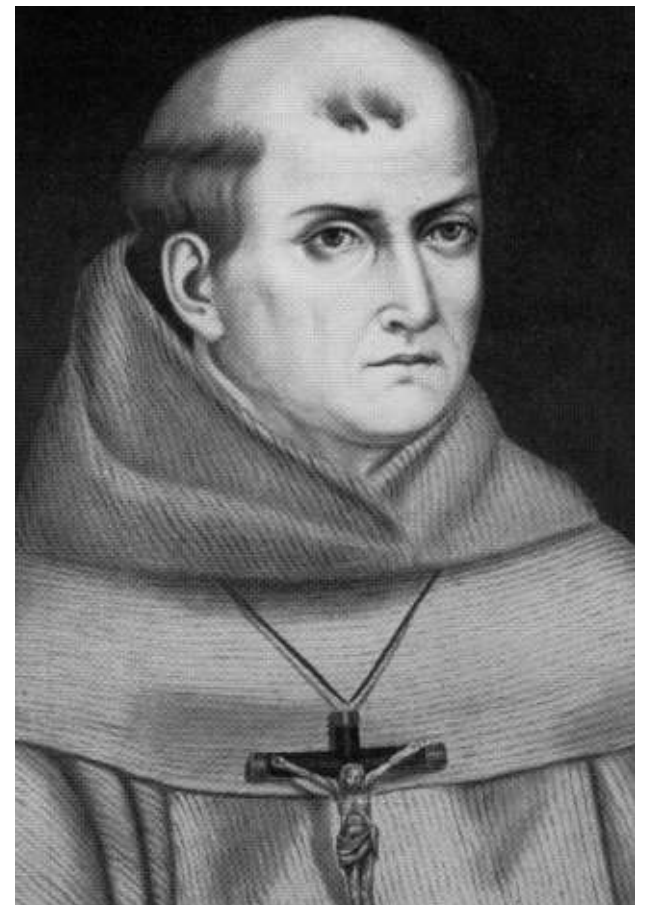
A Catalan bachelor, Portolá had devoted his life to military service. Had he been born today, Crosby thinks that “he might have been a very good personnel manager for a major corporation.... He’d be the guy who sees what needs to be done and does it.” But Crosby says that in 18th-century Spain, Portolá’s social standing would have prohibited him from a life in commerce. “That would have been beneath his dignity.” In this Crosby likens Portolá to “one of the younger sons in the English Empire days. They weren’t going to inherit the estate or the title, but they could go into the Army and have honorable careers.”

Portolá was in Tepic in early June 1767, serving as the second-in-command to a Spanish colonel who was encamped there, when he received new orders. They said nothing about leading an expedition to Alta California. But they named Portolá as Baja California’s new governor and directed him to go to the peninsula and carry out the removal of the Jesuits.

Look at a map of the Gulf of California, and that body of water doesn’t seem a formidable barrier: at the widest point it’s only about 150 miles across. However, the Spaniards’ naval base on the west coast of mainland Mexico was located at San

Blas, almost 500 miles southeast of the Baja California capital of Loreto. Crosby points out that in the summer months violent *chubascos* can sweep across the gulf. When Portolá in July of 1767 set off with 50 men in two ships, he ran into such daunting wind and waves that the ships had to turn back. Problems with repairs and bad weather delayed their next attempt at a crossing until August 24, and then Portolá and his entourage ran into another *chubasco* that drove the two ships apart. Yet again, Portolá’s craft was blown back to the mainland, where he

thought the Baja California Jesuits had amassed. Because of the peninsula’s isolation, Spanish officials had allowed the Jesuits to treat it as a private fiefdom. The padres had handpicked the presidial soldiers and exercised complete control over them — unlike anywhere else in the Spanish domain. As a result, the Spanish officials expected armed resistance from this de facto private army. Crosby says that’s why Portolá sailed to the peninsula with 50 soldiers under his command. “Which of course demonstrates [the Spaniards’] complete lack of comprehension of the frontier!” he adds. “No Span-



Father Junípero Serra

waited for more than a month for the second ship to show up. He sailed a third time on October 19, ran into still more hellish weather, and again got separated from the vessel that was carrying half his troops. But in late November, Portolá’s ship finally landed, albeit about 275 miles south of Loreto.

Upon his arrival, he must have felt relief to be back on solid ground. But he had other pressing concerns. Portolá knew that his superiors in Mexico and Spain were eager to get their hands on the riches they

ish official had *ever* visited [Baja] California — ever, ever, ever. Not one. Not a ship. They were clueless.” Nowhere in the world had the Jesuits resisted the authority of the crown. “They’d never done anything remotely like that! Their record was impeccable.”

Crosby says there was another reason why the Spaniards should have known that the Baja California Jesuits would return to Spain without a fuss: the padres had already volunteered to give up their 14 missions on the peninsula. Far from being treasure

houses, their religious outposts had experienced “a series of calamities,” Crosby writes. A prolonged drought had been accompanied by “four successive years [of] devastating clouds of locusts [that] had decimated crops and natural forage at all but the northernmost missions. Mission herds were reduced by half.... Everyone was hungry, and only a quarter of their [Indian] neophytes could be properly clothed.”

Why didn't Portolá and his superiors know this? “There may have been

the priests, which Crosby notes in his book with admiration. For almost a month, Portolá delayed the formal presentation of the expulsion order to the head of the Baja California Jesuits, waiting until the day after Christmas so that the priests could celebrate the religious holiday in relative tranquillity. “The governor was a gentleman, religious and humane,” Crosby writes. “He had no desire to bully or humiliate those he had come to depose; indeed, every subsequent Jesuit account

described the scene on the beach as the members of the order prepared to embark upon their sea voyage. “We were surrounded on all sides by the people, the soldiers of the presidio among them. Some knelt on the sand to kiss our hands and feet, others knelt with arms outstretched in the form of a cross, publicly pleading for pardon. Others tenderly embraced the missionaries, bidding them farewell and wishing them a happy voyage through loud weeping and sobbing. This sad spectacle moved the Governor to tears.”

By the time the Jesuits left, Portolá's attitude toward the soldiers of the presidio in Loreto had undergone a dramatic reversal, according to Crosby. The historian says Portolá almost certainly must have arrived in Baja California prejudiced against the soldiers and their captain, Don Fernando de Rivera y Moncada. Rivera was a criollo, descended from Spaniards but born in the New World — “a breed looked down on by European-born officers and government officials,” Crosby notes. And Rivera had a second “terrible disadvantage,” according to the historian. “He was the Jesuits' boy. They made him, and they appreciated him. Rivera, in turn, had repaid the Jesuits with a conspicuous loyalty that made him even more suspect in other Spaniards' eyes. He was seen as being their toady, their lackey.”

Within weeks if not days of Portolá's arrival, however, the new governor comprehended that the Jesuits had created a unique situation in Baja California. They had offered the presidial soldiers a decent salary and created “a family-friendly atmosphere,” Crosby says. The Jesuit padres had made it their policy to fire undesirable types; they refused to tolerate alcoholism, for example. Only in the remoteness of Baja California was this possible; nowhere else in New Spain did the missionaries exer-

a certain amount of the left hand not knowing what the right hand was doing,” Crosby answers. Communication lines were sketchy 235 years ago. But Crosby says that once Portolá arrived in Loreto, it didn't take long for the new governor to shed his preconceptions and figure out what was going on.

In the days and weeks after Portolá's arrival, every Jesuit he met greeted him with courtesy and seemed resigned to returning to Spain. Portolá responded by extending civilities to

extolled his kindness, courtesy, and compassion.”

Once he unveiled the king's decree, Portolá found an excuse to ignore its directive to lock the Jesuits in their rooms, under guard. The proclamation also prohibited the order from celebrating Mass, but when the day for the priests' departure, February 2, 1768, arrived, the governor again flouted his instructions and allowed the padres to preside over two final services for the people they had shepherded for so long. One of the Jesuits later



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cise that sort of power. The result was that “the people who were retained [on the peninsula] were a very different flock of folk,” Crosby says, both more literate and more virtuous than their counterparts on the mainland. The men Portolá had brought with him “were professional soldiers, Spanish or Creole, most of whom had chosen military service because they were poor and jobless, not from any patriotic calling,” Crosby writes. “Whatever skills they may have had, they had proved ill-prepared to deal with grueling challenges in an alien environment. By contrast, the men of the [Baja] California presidio were very much at home in every sense of the word.”

Portolá then made a bold move, asking the viceroy of Mexico for permission to send half his Spanish dragoons back to mainland duty and to hire instead as many of the presidio soldiers as possible, “even the two officers who serve as captain and lieutenant.” In March, Portolá got word indicating that the viceroy had given the nod to this plan. He also learned the startling news that the visitor general of Mexico would soon be arriving in Baja California.

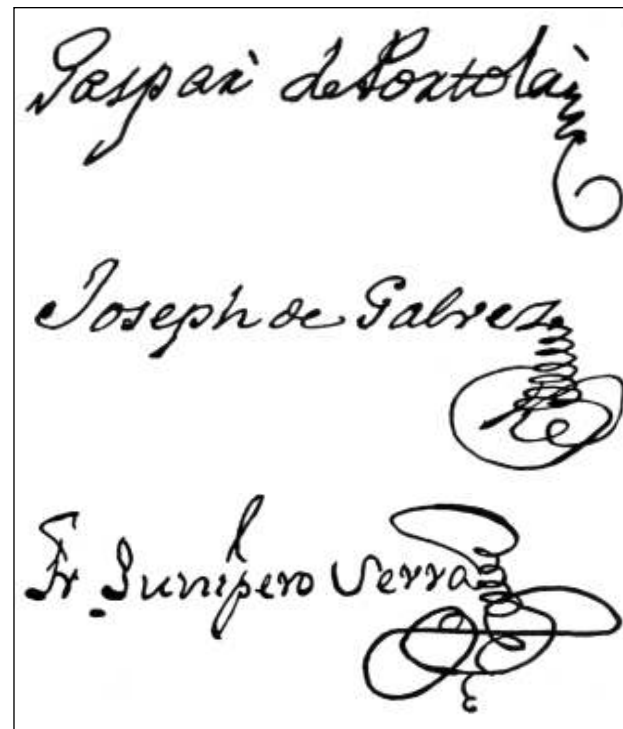
The visitor general, José de Gálvez, “has to be one of the most complicated” of all the figures involved in the founding of San Diego, Crosby declares. “All the forces that were at work in Gálvez can only be dreamed about. He was a little man, which could help to account for something slightly Napoleonic about him.” He sprang from the poor Spanish gentry. “They were somebody, but they didn’t have any money to support it,” the historian says. “Through family connections, he had wangled a municipal judgeship. He was a shameless cultivator of people, and he apparently was very bright. Nobody doubts that. And he had a real ability to influence people.” Crosby says somehow Gálvez worked his connections to

win an appointment as visitor general to Mexico.

This position has no counterpart in the world today. The visitors general, Crosby explains, were “special royal examiners sent to the major overseas regions.” Temporarily outranking the viceroys and their regional councils, they were supposed to inspect local conditions and impose new regulations created to fund Spanish military buildups in various parts of the globe. “This was a powerful post!” Crosby emphasizes. “I mean, from Gálvez’s perspective, there was not one position in the empire that he could have vaulted into from that

becalmed. And stories about diseases in the New World got back to Europe and got amplified out of proportion even to their reality. So there were real fears.” The first man appointed visitor general to Mexico had sidestepped the job. The second appointee “had to be threatened with imprisonment and fines before he grudgingly put to sea,” Crosby writes, “and even then he avoided the unwelcome chore by dying before making landfall.”

In contrast, “I don’t think anybody ever accused Gálvez of being gutless,” Crosby says. “He was very ambitious.” Not long after Gálvez’s 1765 arrival in



municipal judgeship that would have had one-quarter the power that a visitor general would have. It was not only a dream come true, but it put him into a position to cultivate greater power.”

Most high-born Spaniards found the idea of any service in the colonies revolting, Crosby says. It required a willingness to leave the comforts of Spain and confront a variety of potential dangers in the New World, then considered “a place for younger sons and poorer relatives and that sort of thing,” Crosby says. “It was not a simple thing to go across the seas. Scurvy was still a major problem. There were storms, and ships could be

New Spain, he concocted a scheme for enlarging his power and influence. Although Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo had claimed much of the west coast of North America in 1542, Spain had failed to establish any settlements there or to otherwise exploit the vast wilderness. Interest in doing so warmed 60 years later, when the Spanish explorer Don Sebastián Vizcaíno returned to the coast, naming both San Diego Bay in the south and Monterey Bay up north. But the Spanish kings, distracted by other events, continued to ignore Alta California for more than another 160 years.

Gálvez wanted to change that. “He saw —

rightly — that it would be a hell of a coup for him if he could pull this off and occupy the territory,” Crosby says. Concerns in Spain were mounting that foreign rivals might gain entrée to the vast undeveloped Spanish territory. Crosby says the number of Dutch and English ships in the Pacific was increasing, and as early as the 1740s, reports of Russian incursions into western North America had begun to circulate. Less than a year after he landed in Mexico, Gálvez quietly began laying the groundwork for a push to the northwest. In May 1768, Crosby says, Gálvez finally won from the viceroy “a mandate to proceed with his dearest and most ambitious scheme.”

A man of tremendous energy, Gálvez was a compulsive micromanager,

the northbound expedition should travel overland, rather than in the three ships Gálvez planned to send around the tip of the peninsula and up the coast. On the Pacific side, both the prevailing winds and the currents work against a mariner heading north. Furthermore, “Portolá was a landlubber,” Crosby says. “He wasn’t from any sailing part of Spain.” As things turned out, the men who did travel by sea fared far worse than the overland pioneers. One of the three ships disappeared, and more than half the sailors on the other two vessels died from what was alleged to be scurvy.

“All the sensible decisions were made by Portolá!” Crosby exclaims. He thinks another crucial one was Portolá’s volunteering to leave Baja and go north. The historian can imagine

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according to Crosby, who thinks the latter tendency may have stemmed from the visitor general’s childhood limitations. “He’d been a poor boy. For all we know, he had to run his family’s finances. If they had servants, he probably was responsible for directing them. So his vision was that *he* had to see to every detail of everything. You can’t believe the extremes to which he carried this.” To help ensure the success of his grandiose plan for personal and national glory, Gálvez was happy to make the unprecedented trip to Baja California.

By chance, his journey across the Gulf of California rivaled that of Portolá’s in misery; the crossing lasted five storm-battered weeks. Crosby thinks this was fortuitous. He speculates that it probably helped Portolá convince Gálvez that the leaders of

how meeting and talking with Gálvez must have revealed the visitor general’s “grossly inflated” expectations for Baja California. It must have been clear he was obsessed with establishing Spanish settlements in San Diego and Monterey and that he had little interest in fixing any problems in the old Jesuit territory. Crosby writes that Portolá’s options were clear: “He could stay on the peninsula, fight losing political and economic battles, and take the blame for the visitor general’s disappointment.” Or he could “lead a military expedition northward with the possibility of gaining credit for achieving a long-sought royal objective.” Portolá didn’t take long to seek and win the plum assignment.

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Rivera to lead the path-breaking advance march to San Diego. The soldiers that the governor had brought over from the mainland never could have survived in the wilds of Baja California, the historian believes. "They were a bunch of stumblebums! They couldn't feed their animals! You could learn that gradually, but it's not the same as being raised there and from the time you're eight years old going out and taking care of the animals."

Gálvez had initially ordered Portolá to fire Rivera. Crosby says no record has ever been found that documents why Gálvez quickly changed his mind.

"All you can say about Gálvez is that he met with Portolá, and thereafter we find him delegating the authority to Rivera to run and organize the expedition." This "sea change" is obvious, Crosby contends, "And the only agent of that change that makes any sense at all is Gaspar de Portolá." He adds that Gálvez and Rivera did spend about ten days traveling around the south of the peninsula together. "And I think Gálvez must have also to some extent approved of the cut of Rivera's jib."

Of all the central characters involved in the founding of San Diego, Rivera is the historian's favorite. "He's a very complicated

man," Crosby states. Born into the criollo gentry on the Mexican mainland, the 10th of 11 children, Rivera began serving in the Baja California presidio at the age of 17. Within ten years, the Jesuits had made him the top officer, jumping him "over the heads of two or three other guys who certainly had precedence in terms of time and experience and so forth." Crosby thinks the facts of Rivera's competence speak for themselves. "He was a captain or a governor from 1751 to his death in 1781. That's 30 years, and he never lost a man to the day he died." (Rivera died in an Indian attack at Yuma.)

Despite that record, "Rivera had very, very bad press in his own time. He wasn't paid for the last five years of his service, and when he died, his widow

couldn't collect his back pay." Crosby has not discovered how the payment arrears began, but he says Rivera "was forever being put down by the Franciscans. He was a contentious figure for them, because he was so protective of his men. The Franciscans were forever saying they could found a new mission if they could just have a corporal and four soldiers. And when they got up to Alta California and Rivera saw the size of the Indian bands and how they were armed, he insisted that he had to have at least 15 men. Serra was constantly bitching about how Rivera wouldn't cooperate when they wanted to found a new mission. And Rivera would doggedly say, 'If you will send me more soldiers, we'll found more missions.'"

Rivera was "a very private person...apparently very religious." Crosby thinks this makes Serra's later treatment of the captain "almost spiteful." After Rivera clashed with one of Serra's missionaries over the treatment of a deserter, "Serra excommunicated Rivera, and it lasted all his life," Crosby says. "Yet when he died, amongst his effects were four books that he was carrying with him on the trail, and they were all devotional writings."

Careful, conscientious, methodical, unflappable, encyclopedic in his knowledge of the land and its inhabitants — Rivera must have demonstrated all these qualities over the next six months as he organized the expeditions. "His force would have to carry enough food and armaments to be sufficient for months while

covering hundreds of miles of heretofore unexplored terrain, much of it reported to be barren and mountainous," Crosby writes. The first concern would be to pick a team of soldiers and mule drivers who could handle the challenge, and "After twenty-six years of service at Loreto, Fernando de Rivera literally knew every California man's experience and abilities..." He had watched the younger men grow up; he'd known their parents.

A huge stock of supplies would be needed to sustain the pioneers after the two overland expeditions reached San Diego and began establishing Alta California missions. Gálvez planned to send a large stockpile on the three ships that would sail from La Paz and Cabo San Lucas up the Pacific side of the penin-

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sula. But the overland parties also needed animals and supplies. Crosby says Gálvez made a ruthless decision about where to obtain this materiel. He "understood that his entire scheme would be seen in a more favorable light if it made only frugal demands on the royal treasury," Crosby records. So Gálvez ordered Rivera to take what he needed from the former Jesuit missions. The visitor general must have known by then about the desperate poverty of the peninsula's inhabitants, but Crosby writes that "any concern he may have felt

for [them] was lost in his zeal to carry out an ambitious strategy and show fiscal restraint — both designed to impress his superiors in Madrid."

Looting the Jesuit missions to launch the Alta California adventure required the complicity of the Franciscans. Crosby says, "The simple fact of the matter is that Gálvez subverted them." By the time the visitor general showed up in July 1768, Serra and his padres had been in Baja California for several months. "My sense of it is they were largely disillusioned," Crosby says.

Jesuit California "wasn't what they expected.... There was very little active evangelization to do. They'd been installed as caretakers in a plainly dying mission population. And things were tough. They were seeing it at its worst."

Sensing the Franciscans' disappointment, Gálvez "jollied them and joshed with them and wrote them facetious letters — some of the most hypocritical things I've ever read!" Crosby says. "Basically, he regarded them as an inexpensive and useful tool, an adjunct." The Spaniards had learned that

missionaries "had a calming influence on the native people they ran into. And the missionaries were cheap." Gálvez realized that, so he dangled in front of the Franciscans "a whole new mission frontier," Crosby says. "He's the one who called [the Alta California expansion] the Sacred Expedition, but in this and much else, Gálvez was a hypocrite."

The ploy worked; Serra and his operations director agreed with Gálvez that they should take what they wanted from the peninsular missions. Crosby thinks Rivera must have felt bad

as he began carrying out his instructions; as well as anyone, he understood the missions' plight. But he was a soldier with a campaign to oversee, and at the end of September 1768, he and his men began heading north and, at eight missions, making stops such as the following, recorded by one of the Franciscans. "From the mission of San Joseph de Comundu, [Rivera] took twenty-three mules broken for saddle and pack, six broken horses, fifteen leather harness sets furnished with everything, [and] a cowhide for mending." Food supplies gathered

at this stop alone included more than 500 pounds of figs, about 100 pounds of brown sugar, more than 2200 pounds of jerked meat, more than 500 pounds of flour, and additional corn flour.

The Franciscan descriptions of these stops sound "as routine as those of a pickup and delivery service," Crosby writes. But he says the reality must have been very different. "Most missions were located in deep arroyos in mountainous terrain. The camino real wended its way over several passes at elevations of 2000 feet or more

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each night and loaded anew each morning." Despite these time-consuming exertions, Rivera's party managed to travel an average of seven miles per day, "a respectable performance," judges Crosby, "considering the number of animals and the amount of impedimenta this party brought from Loreto and added as it went along." At the end of December 1768, roughly three months after leaving Loreto, Rivera settled into Velicatá, an "obscure spot at the edge of known California" (in Crosby's words) that Rivera had selected to be the expeditionary launch point. Over the succeeding weeks, the lonely site must have exploded with activity as more than three dozen soldiers, mule drivers, and cowboys and about 60 Indian neophytes converged upon it. With them they brought 100 or so riding animals, 200 beasts of burden, and another 200 head

of cattle. They were still there in February 1769, news that infuriated Gálvez when he got wind of it in Cabo San Lucas. Crosby says the visitor general ordered messengers to ride in nonstop relays to carry Rivera this curt rebuke: "Create no more delays and send no more excuses." But Rivera wasn't a man to be goaded into precipitous action. He continued overseeing the tedious work of organizing all that the two land-based expeditions would be transporting through the wilderness. A partial inventory survives. There were 300 pounds of gunpowder, 425 pounds of musket balls

and buckshot, 1150 pounds of chocolate, 500 pounds of beef tallow, 354 pints of wine, 500 pounds of baled tobacco leaves and 12 dozen packets of cigarette papers, 4 cases of soap, 294 sets of horseshoes, plus extra horseshoe nails. Into the various piles went jugs and frying pans and tortilla griddles, planting sticks

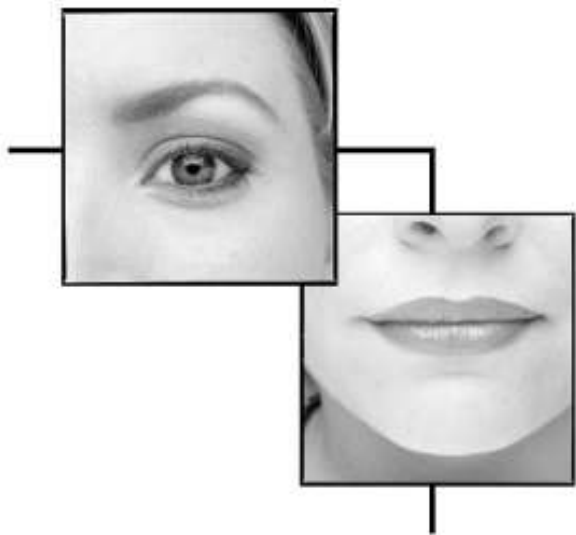
included altar bells and baptismal caps and candlesticks, priestly vestments and Communion service towels, cruets for consecrated oil, a press for forming Communion hosts, a painting of Our Lady of the Sorrows, and much, much more. On March 24, 1769, the crew "put the finishing touches on some 150 carefully apportioned loads for the pack animals, each limited to about 150 pounds," according to Crosby. Late that morning, they began "working in pairs to place and secure the loads on their impressive caravan of pack beasts." It was after four in the afternoon when the riders finally saddled up, and the entourage began to move. "Arguably the grandest aggregation of men, animals, and supplies in California history to that time," they traveled less than four miles before stopping and unpacking, according to

Crosby. He thinks the short trek was a shakedown run in which Rivera probably assessed his men's handiwork and began "to learn what procedures he would order for the safest possible transit of three hundred miles of wilderness." Crosby devotes the biggest portion of his book to that adventure. He presents most of what Crespi and Cañizares recorded in their diaries. Those documents had been commissioned for specific purposes, the historian points out. In the case of Crespi, "He was writing for his Franciscan superiors," who in turn planned to circulate the report amongst the Franciscans' wealthy patrons in Europe. Crosby says it wasn't Crespi's literary gifts that won him the job. In fact, his fellow priests wound up bowdlerizing his writing and padding it with long passages written by another man to make Crespi's work "more ele-

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polainas to keep the thorns from our calves. And we rode the same trails. It can't have felt that different then! Out in the tules, I think the only change of any consequence is that down in some of the valleys there are some effects of grazing, and you see cattle trails. But in an awful lot of places, you don't even have that."

From the vantage point of that experience, Crosby writes that the foremost concern for the Rivera party must have been "the daily necessity to feed, water, and properly employ the beasts of burden...." Other than Rivera and Crespí, each man "surely tended his own mount and gear. And beyond that, there were more than five pack animals per mounted man. Each morning those had to be led or driven, along with the riding animals, to a source of water, returned to camp, covered with a blanket, cinched up with [a] leather pack-saddle, then

either loaded with rolled items, or outfitted with a pair of...rawhide hampers" loaded with food, water, and smaller gear. Every evening the tiresome drill had to be carried out in reverse.

The diaries don't reveal how Rivera's party communicated with the group that followed in its footsteps two months later. The historian thinks it's possible the men simply agreed ahead of time to leave a signal if a campsite turned out to be a bad choice. "They wouldn't have needed to mark the campsites. Every one of these frontier guys would know" where the advance party had stopped, Crosby asserts. "Eight weeks later? It would be absolutely obvious. There'd be all kinds of little indications. Campfires. They may have been stacking up stone cairns." They may have left written notes. "But we simply don't know."

Readers of the diaries

get occasional peeks at the natural world through which the expedition was traversing. On April 7, for example, both Crespí and Cañizares tell how Rivera and some of his scouts came upon a large pack of wolves near a fair-sized river. "The river," Crespí writes, "is banked by steep inclines without there being

diarists fail to "note much of what meets the eye of one riding down the arroyo in this season today" — lilacs and matilija poppies in full bloom, oaks and sycamores and willows, "impressive close groupings of very large Garambullo cactus."

The diarists are only a bit less perfunctory when

ON MAY 3, close to today's central Ensenada, the group ran into a large group of naked men armed with bows and arrows.

soil on either side of it, instead nothing but immensely high hills, and one must, in order to get by it, zigzag along the few slopes that are afforded by its sides. There are huge numbers of luxuriant wild grapevines, and timber...." But, appends Crosby, "born into an age before travel and travel writing," both

it comes to chronicling the hardships they and their fellow travelers encountered along the way. Crespí mentions that a heavy frost one night in early April brought the group to "near perishing of the chill." Terrible thirst racked the men on a few occasions when the scouts failed to find water, and they also

encountered drenching rains. Rivera slept in a tent, but Crosby thinks all the other men probably would have had only a bedroll consisting of a blanket and a tarp made of tightly woven canvas. "If it's a hot night, you just spread the thing out and sleep on top of it. But if it starts to rain, you take half of it and throw it over you. You're inside the fold — like you're the filling in a taco. It's a simple technique and it works quite well. Plus those guys almost by instinct would have picked out spots where the water would run off and go away from them. They also had saddle blankets that they could have doubled and used as pillows. So they probably got a little wet, but they didn't lie there soaked all night. These guys had done this all their lives."

What most of them had never done before, what few people ever have experienced, was to meet up with

group after group of Indians who didn't know that white people existed. Their first encounter with a "heathen" came just one day after they left Velicatá. "Still a boy," this Indian was "naked and heavily painted in stripes," Crespí reports, adding that a soldier gave him a lighted cigar, "which he smoked with great address." Crosby says this boy no doubt spoke Cochimí, the native language of the Indians included in Rivera's entourage.

Less than three weeks after leaving Velicatá, however, the expedition entered territory traditionally occupied by the Paipai, taking "another step deeper into the unknown, into areas where none of the traveling group could communicate verbally," Crosby writes. "Sign language was now the order of the day." Contacts reported in the diaries from this point on sound edgier, more challenging, and often mystifying.

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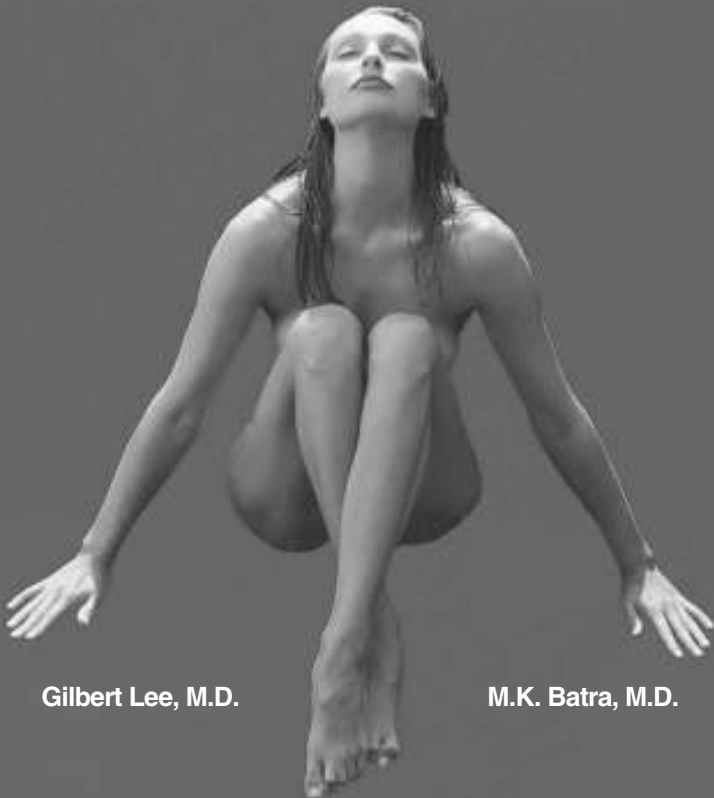
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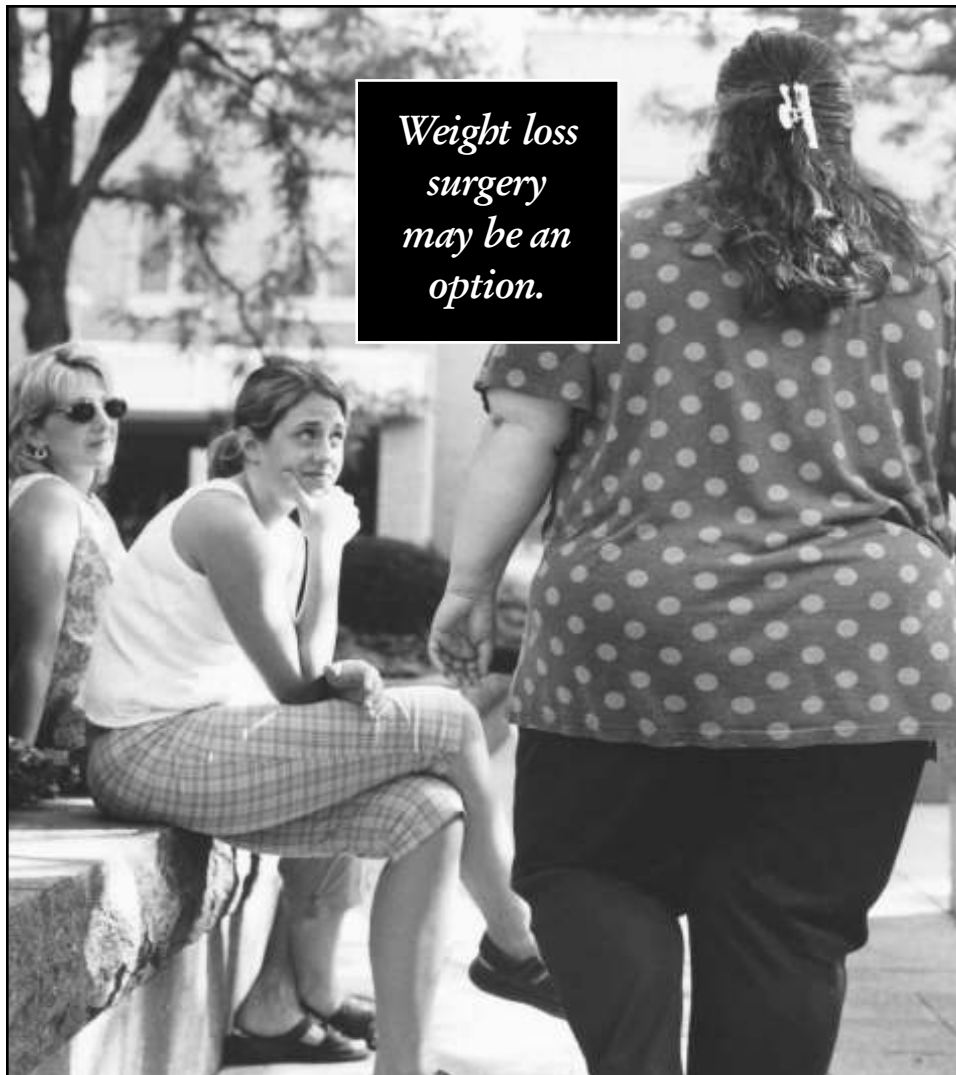
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On the early afternoon of April 16, for example, Cañizares reports that "the soldiers ran after some natives and succeeded in capturing an old man who was so extremely arrogant that we were all disgusted by his actions, for they showed him to be nothing but an old witch doctor." The scouts also apprehended a boy, two women who "seemed to be more gentle," and a younger man so furious that "he yanked out bits of his hair." Crespi marveled, "How the adult heathen might be distinguished from the ugliest demon ever depicted, I cannot say, for a single glance at his face with its bands of white, yellow, and red paint was enough to horrify one."

The priest reports that Rivera passed out beads and ribbons and gave the women "ear-rings and cups," generosity that prompted the natives to depart in good spirits. Other encounters went less well. On May 3, close to today's central Ensenada, the group ran into a large group of naked men armed with bows and arrows. This group dogged the expedition party over the next few days, and tension escalated. By May 7, "a good-sized throng" of the natives were shadowing the intruders, shouting "in a loud chorus," according to Crespi. "[A]ll naked, heavily armed, and with large quivers on their backs and bows and arrows in their hands...all went running along the crests of the hills in view alongside of us." Rivera urged restraint, but on the next morning, when three of the Indians shot arrows at the company, "The captain fired a shot at the boldest of the Indians, and one of the soldiers followed up with another. Neither of them hit a single Indian, but the sound of the shot was medicine," Cañizares says. Adds Crespi, "Once the heathens heard the two shots, their legs could not take them fast enough up to the crest of the ridge behind the slope. Once at the top they continued as before with

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their hubbub and outcries, we ourselves still standing by, until finally they tired and sat down and, perhaps weary of it all, gave a loud whoop and went off behind the hill, vanishing from our sight."

The next day brought a jollier turn of events. After coming upon an Indian settlement of 17 houses, Rivera was willing to risk additional diplomacy. He laid out beads and other gifts, then backed away. One of the Indians reciprocated, depositing on neutral ground a fishing net and some arrows before retreating. Eventually, Rivera lured the natives into his camp, where "great speechifying" took place, along with more exchanging of Spanish trinkets for Indian barbecued sardines. These Indians Crespi judged "very tractable, happy, and well-behaved."

The sardines may have been as welcome as the friendly behavior. Despite the tons of food that Rivera's party had set out with, the group had run out of dried beef after about six weeks, and the captain had put everyone (except Crespi) "onto such a limited ration that there was only enough food to prevent fainting," Canizares recorded. "Each person was allotted eight ounces of flour made into two tortillas daily." That didn't include the Indians who had accompanied the expedition from Velicatá. Crosby says retrospective accounts make it clear that they were expected to forage for their food, one of the seamier aspects of the enterprise and a detail the diarists never mention.

The diarists also never say a word about how their Indian expedition members reacted to the "savages" the group met along the way, but again Crosby has his own ideas. He says his hunch is that the mission Indians, "however badly fed," saw themselves as members of the Spaniards' party. "The mission Indians knew the Spaniards reasonably well, and in a certain sense trusted them. They knew

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the power of the firearms." And Crosby rejects the notion that it took force to keep the Indians on the missions. "There were things about aboriginal life that were very unattractive," he contends. "And once people had been brought together at mission centers and exposed to a kind of village life, women in particular [must have relished] the opportunity to socialize, to be away from these little bands of 60 to 80 people max, who broke up every day and spread out and collected [food] and only got together in very small groups." Given that, Crosby guesses that "there wasn't a thought in a single one of their minds about jumping ship to join [the heathen tribes].... I'm thinking the farther north they all got, the more Spanish the Indians became."

It was the sardine-barbecuing Indians who gave Rivera and his men the news that their journey was nearing an end. According to Crespi, they told the group "by signs, how two ships had gone by; and we understood from the signs that they were not far away." Four days later, the men climbed the hills east of modern-day Playas de Tijuana; in the distance, they glimpsed two masts. The next day, May 14, they hiked close to 15 miles, "and with all good fortune and happiness, we gained the sight of our long-wished-for, splendid Harbor of San Diego, and anchored there the two packet-boats *San Carlos* and *El Principe*," concludes Crespi's record of the journey.

Cañizares estimated that they had traveled 121 leagues (just over 300 miles). How accurate was that? Crosby wanted to check, but by the mid-1990s, he'd come to think that he had misrepresented part of the expeditionary route when he worked on *The Call to California* back in 1967. He had asked his guide then how one would go, for example, if one wanted to ride from San

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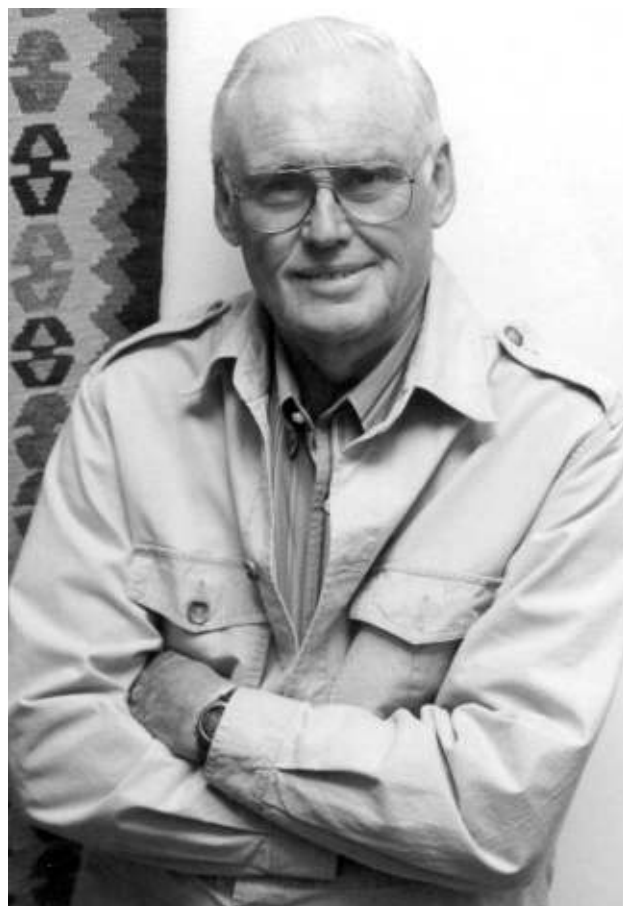
Juan de Dios to San Telmo (two place names mentioned by the diarists). “But I wasn’t smart enough to give him the whole deck!” Crosby says today. “What I failed to say was: ‘Look, these guys were equipped with 25 mounted men, probably 10 to 15 Indian assistants, and 188 loaded pack animals.’” Had he known that, his guide would have factored in the need to use a trail with enough water and greenery to sustain the animals, Crosby asserts.

The lack of a good map had also limited his field-work back in the ’60s, Crosby knew. The best one available then had a scale of only 1:500,000; on it, a block about an inch and a quarter square covered a hundred square miles. In 1974, however, the Mexican government had released “a superb series of maps covering the entire state of Baja California” on a scale ten times big-

ger. Crosby says he knew these would be invaluable in reassessing the historic route.

In 1995, Crosby and a friend, armed with the new maps and the expedition diaries, worked out a revised armchair route that Crosby later checked on four or five different field trips. This route, reproduced in Crosby’s new book and supplemented with GPS coordinates for every campsite, “coincides with, or lies very near, that followed by the 1769 pioneers,” Crosby writes. “If that sounds overconfident, remember that half the ground traversed is very rough and broken, and usually offers only one ‘best way’ to pass through.” Crosby says when he finally measured the revised route, the total distance came to 121 leagues, just as Cañizares had declared.

Crosby says he hopes modern-day adventurers will hike the route. They’ll



Harry Crosby

have “to plan and plant supplies or make deals with ranchers or something, because I doubt that you could carry enough food

on your back to go the whole way. But there’s water. Demonstrably, any place you can take animals, you can take people. If neces-

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The genealogical implications of Crosby’s work will be more complex, apt to make him a hero in some eyes and a villain in others, he predicts. He says he sought feedback from three different Hispanic genealogical organizations before the new book was published, and he’s already received “plaintive notes saying, ‘Why did you leave Juan María Olivera out? He was in the pioneer expedition.’ Or ‘Why did you leave Mariano Cordero off?’ and so forth.” Confusing these descendants is the fact that Bancroft, the famous 19th-

century historian, published a list of “pioneers” that included people who came to Alta California from 1769 to 1773. While Crosby’s research doesn’t invalidate Bancroft’s list, it shrinks the number of true pioneers to a much more elite group: the original marchers.

Crosby acknowledges that his work may also detract from the glory once enjoyed by Junípero Serra, pointing out as it does that the priest “had absolutely nothing to do” with the success of the expedition. “He was just along for the ride.” Later Franciscan writers became the main storytellers describing the opening of the Alta California frontier, and as a result, Franciscans tended to get all the credit for that achievement. “*Gateway to Alta California* is trying to disabuse that notion,” Crosby says. “History is a lot messier than it’s often made to appear.” ■

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by publicizing the fact that school districts have been found to be great feeding troughs of public money for greedy private interests. A similar struggle is going on in the South Bay by grass-roots citizens' groups such as the Save Sweetwater and the Safe-pace committees against a corrupt old-boy network that controls the Sweetwater Union High School District School Board and the Otay Water District. You had a wonderful article about Tony Inocentes, an Otay Water Board member, and if you thought Inocentes was a piece of work, then I'm sure you'll love Bob Griego, Otay Water District general manager and Sweetwater Union High School Board member, who leaves a trail of lawsuits wherever he goes. A great website detailing the inside story of the Sweetwater School District is www.spiderwebsites.com/SaveSweetwater.htm.

Peter Honan

High-Price Puppets

I'm the author of a previous letter, "Potter for Gov." I'm calling to say, I thought Potter had reached the top, but today's cover story, "It Was the Biggest Mystery" (October 24), has just blown me away. Kudos again to Matt Potter. I'm the one who said, the *Reader* is preparing the community for a very costly race. If they would spend \$750,000 to unseat Fran Zimmerman, how much do you think they're willing to spend to unseat John de Beck and replace Sue Braun with another puppet player? Thank you, again, Matt Potter. Excellent, excellent piece. I did not think you could top your story about the awful harm done to the students of the San Diego Unified School District, but every time I say what else, you break a very big story. It was the biggest mystery, but anything you do in the dark, if it ain't right, will come out in the light. Better known as the *Reader*. Thank you again, Matt Potter.

Brenda Lesane

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ances ("City Lights," October 10). Unlike the *U-T*, Mr. Potter and your publication can be counted upon to exercise honest and factual journalistic discipline — a dying art in this city. I think it's high time all San Diego county and city residents woke up to the fact that the *Union-Tribune* newspaper is nothing more than a propaganda vehicle for those causes and politicians it chooses to support. It is in the business of influencing public policy first and reporting facts second. In short, they have become the poster child for what "yellow journalism" once was and now is; they are a laughingstock. In fact, their unflagging support of Superintendent Alan Bersin is so hysterical I believe a strong case could be made for serious violations of federal and state election laws. According to my calculations, within the past 12 months the pro-Bersin forces have received "unreported" campaign "in-kind" advertising (masquerading as news stories) from the *U-T* to the tune of somewhere between \$250,000

and \$500,000. That's serious money and a serious reason why San Diegans should strike a blow against the downtown establishment and the *Union-Tribune* on November 5, 2002, and vote against all *U-T* recommendations!

Mike MacCarthy

Loudmouth

With all of the ill will in the world, is it wise for the *Reader* to encourage the mean spirit of an Abe Opincar? I mean, do we really need one more offensive loudmouth bashing someone else's religious community? I don't think so. What we need instead are more people of the kind that Mr. Opincar criticizes in his clueless review of the Unitarian/Universalist service last Sunday ("Sheep and Goats," October 24). I say, kudos to these "well-intentioned" "*bien pensant* middle-class" folks who give up their free time to make the world a little better. God knows we already have more than enough critics.

Words are simple, Mr. Opincar. I just wrote some of them without too much

trouble. But you're dead wrong about activism. There's nothing "simple" about it. Speaking as one of Tanja Winter's "co-travelers," I can tell you that creating peace and justice is tough work. And people like you are one of the main reasons why.

Elissa Ellis-MacLeod
Peace and Democracy
Task Force Member
(and Skit Author)
First Unitarian/Universalist Church

Slander Alert

I am writing in reference to the October 24 column "Sheep and Goats: Places of Worship Reviewed" related to the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego. I find it rather strange that Mr. Opincar would pick this particular time to review this church in his column, since it, obviously, would not reflect what normally takes place there.

The regular meeting house of the church is under major renovation, so the services are taking place out on the patio under a tent. The UU choir that usually per-

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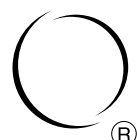
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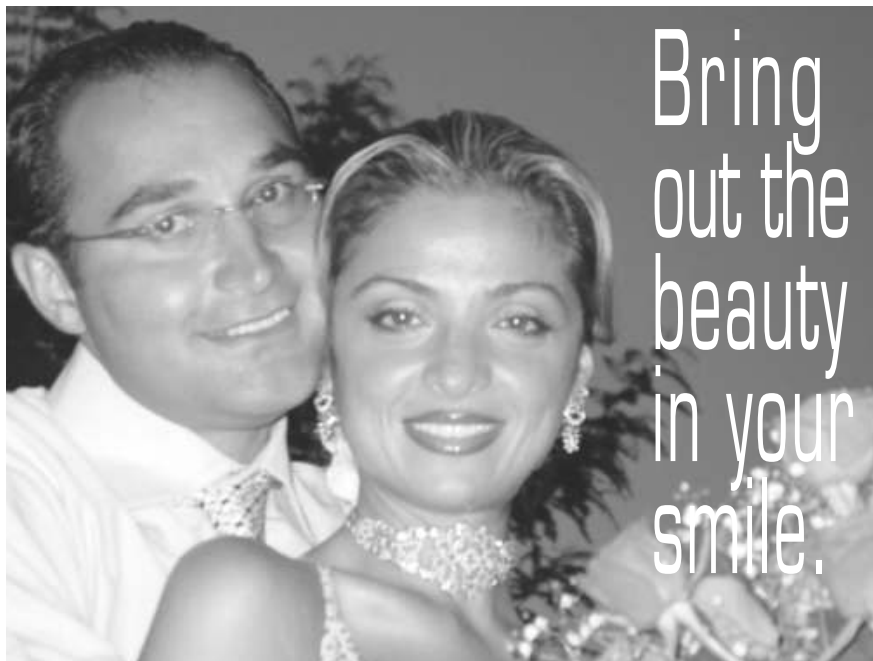
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forms on Sunday was not present for your visit. The UU ministerial couple, the Revs. Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle, who have been here for the last 25 years and who were very well thought of by the church congregation and by most people who have interacted with them over the years, retired this past summer. Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson and Rev. Andy Backus are serving as substitute ministers while the search proceeds for their permanent ministerial replacements. These persons are new, temporary, and operating under awkward outdoor church circumstances, and you are trying to see if they measure up in sermon, liturgy, and music to some ideal ministry that is long-standing, permanent, and comfortable. How mean and unfair can a liturgical columnist become.

When you went on to slander one of the long-standing parishioners of that church, Tanja Winters, I felt that you went just a little too far. First of all, you admit to not having seen Ms. Winters for over 14 years when she was "...ushering folks into a movie sponsored by the Friends of Nicaraguan Culture, a group somewhat at odds with Reagan's foreign policy." You are correct; that is one cause that Tanja has espoused, but you seem to be unfamiliar with the many others she has championed, like the homeless, affordable housing, and the children of Chernobyl.

Just this past week I was aware of her giving comfort to the family of some recent immigrants from Belarus because the woman in the family had been hospitalized for several weeks for chemotherapy treatment during her third bout with cancer. I won't describe in detail how this elderly woman, who uses hearing aids, helped to organize the friends of this family into teams, each with separate caregiving responsibilities. She is probably the closest thing to a saint, albeit a very tough one, in the progressive community of San Diego. Moreover, her UU Church Association has been in the forefront of every major social change in this country since its founding.

I don't believe that you really have the standing in the journalistic profession, Mr. Opincar, to write a rea-

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sonable article about Tanja Winter, let alone attempt to ridicule her and her church in the manner that you did. Shame on you!

You should be banished to the last pages of this pretentious newspaper.

John Falchi
Ocean Beach

Disrespectful

In America no one should go out with his/her prejudices and "review" another person's church service in a public newspaper. The *Reader* is way off base in paying someone to pan another's church service. It is immediately obvious that Abe Opincar disrespects Tanja Winter, a church member he talks about in his first paragraph ("Sheep and Goats," October 24). His stated reason is that she opposed U.S. actions in Nicaragua! He later refers to "her co-travelers" in reference to a group that put on, to all but Abe, an amusing skit. Abe, are you calling us Communists? Oh, Abe says he hates skits too!

Later he mocks Unitarian-Universalism in general. As we are not a large group, the *Reader's* readers should know on what our religion, which is an old one, is based. Our Aspiration acts as a creed and reads as follows.

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The lack of respect in Abe Opincar's review on our religious service is yet another example in our troubled world of the cause for wars between groups who differ in religious views. Examples are the Jews and the Muslims in Palestine, the Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland, the Hindus and Muslims in Kashmir, and on and on!

My hope is that Abe will learn to live up to America's most important ideal, which is to show respect for people of different religions, genders, races, nationalities, political beliefs, and sexual preferences and that he can see a skit for what it is and find a little humor in our troubled (isn't it troubled, Abe?) world.

Charles Ellis-MacLeod
Member of the Peace and Democracy Task Force
UU church

Not True!

Perhaps Ken Leighton ("Blurt," October 24) should know the facts before he writes an article! I am refer-

ring to his article about the firing of Jim McInnes from KGB Radio. In the article, Mr. Leighton states that "As part of the release agreement he signed with Clear Channel, McInnes was prohibited from talking about his firing." This is not true! I should know because I am Jim's wife! He chose not to talk to Ken Leighton! Leighton has no knowledge or proof of a signed agreement. In the last paragraph, Leighton states that Jim McInnes's afternoon radio show was ranked in 12th place among listeners aged 25 to 54...wrong again. McInnes was in 6th place based on audience share in the latest Arbitron ratings.

Those are the facts!

Sandi Banister

Ken Leighton responds: Jim Richards, Clear Channel programming vice president, said there is an agreement in place between McInnes and Clear Channel that spells out that "certain issues are protected from getting into."

Perhaps Ms. Banister does not understand Arbitron ratings information. I repeat: Jim McInnes's 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday time slot on KGB came in 12th place among listeners aged 25 to 54 in the last ratings period (July/August/September). Here are the exact Arbitron numbers, which show

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"I need to go to college. I can't even get a good job right now. If was going to school and working, I'd be leaving my baby in day care all day. I want more for my daughter. I would do anything for her. But she needs more than I can give her. My friend suggested I think about adoption. At first I said, NO WAY! But then she told me about OPEN ADOPTION. I got to choose parents for my baby. I worked with the Adoption Center of San Diego, affiliated with the Pregnancy Help Centers of San Diego County.

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12. The Planet	3.4
12. KGB	3.4
12. KOGO	3.4

Wake Up

Back in the '60s, when folks asked, "Can they do that?" the answer was: "Those in power can do anything they want. It's up to *us* to stop them." Aaron of Spring Valley (Letters, October 24) needs to wake up and stand up; the answer's still the same.

Michael-Leonard Creditor
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Raider Moron

My son, who is 27, moved to Dublin three years ago. I discovered that he had succumbed to becoming a hated Raider fan ("Sporting Box," October 24). I told him that he had been seduced by the dark side and called him a moron.

He said that anyone in visiting team colors or jerseys would be constantly showered with debris or beer at every game. He didn't want to be subject to that abuse and changed sides. It is amazing that you found one Charger fan in the lot. I'm not sure that it's life-threatening up there, but it's gotta be rough.

Lastly, I really don't like the Chargers' owners. Specifically, their demands for another stadium. But I am enjoying watching the boys win football games. Thanks for your column each week.

Fred

Hire Feldstein

Can you make Stephanie Feldstein of Bonita Vista High School a columnist? Her "Coin of the Realm" (October 10) piece contained some of the most perspicuous writing I have seen. Some wonderful writing probably going for a song there, Mr. Editor.

Oh, I have great admiration for Anne Albright, whose column I enjoy reading every week.

Keep up the good work.
Mark McCarthy

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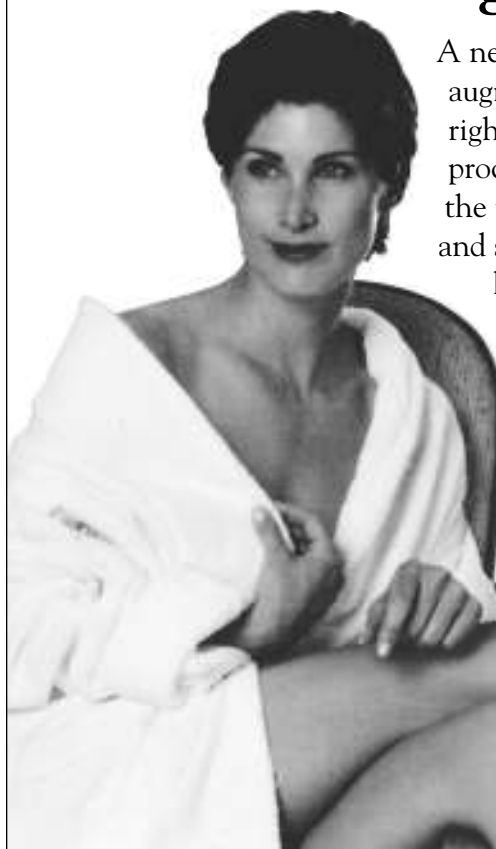
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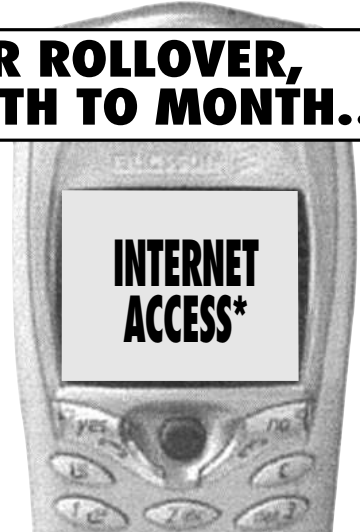
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Great Escape

Armenian Cultural Festival

The writing on the wall? It's a phrase you often hear when speaking to immigrants. Somebody got the message: the situation looked bad. Things would go from miserable to lethal. That's why they left.

Nabour Markarian's prescient family left its ancestral homeland *before* the Armenian genocide of 1915–1923 at the hands of the Ottoman Turks. That's why the Markarians missed it and survived in various parts of the Middle East.

But they knew they couldn't stay there long, Markarian said one evening in La Jolla while his wife, Maida, was busy ordering the tables for the upcoming

festival. (She is co-organizer.) "A lot of people made up their minds that there was no future for them in that part of the world, either." They looked toward the West. "Whether it be South America, North America... I had some family here, and through those connections, we were able to come. I entered through Canada. We thought we could find nothing as hospitable as the United States and arrived in a country that was started by other immigrants like us, isn't it true?"

That was in 1970, when he was 23. Los Angeles was his first stop, where he met Maida, an Armenian who was born in Egypt.

After their marriage, the Markarians settled in La Jolla, and Nabour became an entrepreneur. (He is today part owner of Carpeteria San Diego.) The couple raised three children, now in their 20s. ("They know how to value what they have," said their father.) And the family helped get the Armenian



Dancing at last year's festival

church established in North Park.

The property on 30th Street was acquired when Markarian and another parishioner guaranteed the loan, says the church history. "I have been involved with the church since 1977," Markarian said more generally. "It used to be a Jewish temple, when there was a large Jewish community in the area. But as their population thinned out, moving elsewhere, they had no need for the temple. So they put it up for sale, and we bought it."

A church gets established where its church members live. Do many Armenians still live in North Park? "Not that many. In 1990, there was an influx of new immigrants from the Soviet Union. They were of Armenian ancestry, but they had been living in Azerbaijan, where they were attacked. There was a pogrom. They were considered foreigners among the majority of non-Christian Muslims."

This occurred as the Soviet Union was collapsing. Although the end wouldn't come until 1991, the ethnic fighting had already begun.

"Somehow the United States sponsored the refugees' departure and brought

approximately 150 families here to San Diego," said Markarian, "where they were led to our church."

Like every immigrant, they experienced culture shock. But it was compounded for them because they didn't speak the language even of their own, welcoming, fellow ethnics.

"They spoke Russian or they spoke Azeri. Except for the fact that their heritage was Armenian and they spoke Armenian! But we have a fine parish priest [Father Datev Tatouljan], who took it upon himself to make them feel at home while they became familiar with our culture."

Most of those Baku Armenians, as they are called, no longer live in North Park. "Initially, they did, because that's where they found affordable housing. Now they have moved away, to other sections of San Diego. It's not like the old days of ghettos and quarters. You're free to live where you want."

And so they, too, will return to the old neighborhood this weekend for the music and dancing and the homemade food. The Markarians, for their part, are making *mamoul*, a decorated pastry of crushed dates and semolina flour. It's a specialty of Maida and her mother-in-

law, said Markarian.

So Markarian's mother is here, too? "Oh, yes. Actually, my mom and dad arrived before me. It was just a flow of people coming on a continuous basis. The whole clan. I was born in a horrible, horrible part of the world, and we've always known that we would have to move on."

Does he have any feelings about the people who remained in the "horrible, horrible" place?

"You know what it is? We feel close to a lot of different people we left behind," he said. "And many of them were not even of our own ethnic origins. Actually, you see, I was born in Palestine." Another thoughtful pause. "And I feel badly for them. I feel badly for everybody... Except that, you know, you do the best you can."

— Jeanne Schinto

22nd Annual Armenian Cultural Festival
Saturday, November 2,
Noon–10:00 p.m.
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David Ojeda signs *El Teorema de*

Darwin and Laura Elena González signs *Paredes de Polvo* on Thursday, October 31, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Admission is free. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Photographer Annie Lemoux exhibits “Memorial Day in Mexico” beginning with a reception on Friday, November 1, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Voladores de Papantla, these Totonac Indians demonstrate their skills, which originated as an act of worship, during the month of November. The *voladores* climb tall poles with ropes tied around their ankles and secured to the pole, wind the ropes around the poles, and then leap into the air; as the ropes unwind they descend to the ground.

Performances begin at 3 and 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, with an additional performance at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays in the Jardin Caracol at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in the Zona Río).

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Amateur and Pro Motocross Riders from Southern California and Baja California will be competing in the third round of the La Playa motocross series, run on the Cantamar Sand Dunes on Sunday, November 3. Practice is open from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 2. Spectators pay \$5 per car. For more information, call 011-52-661-612-2525. (ROSARITO BEACH)

¡Silencio! The renowned French mime Marcel Marceau performs on Sunday, November 3, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets are \$50, \$60, and \$80, available by dialing 011-52-664-688-1080. (TIJUANA)

The Play *Mi Mujer se Llama Mauricio!* is being presented at the Tijuana Cultural Center on Monday and Tuesday, November 4 and 5. The curtain rises at 7 and 9:30 p.m. both nights. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9656. (TIJUANA)

Covet Camarónes? Chefs share their best recipes during the shrimp festival planned from Thursday through Sunday, October 31-November 3,

along the seawall on Cansada Hetumal Street (where Mexican Highway 5 ends in downtown San Felipe). Games, music, and dancing are part of the fun. The fee varies at each “sampling station.” For further information, dial 011-52-686-577-2300 or 011-52-668-577-1155. (SAN FELIPE)

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

Halloween Evening (Thursday, the 31st) promises to be a dark one except where the city lights cast their glow. The waning crescent moon on that date doesn’t rise until the wee hours of the morning.

Local Temperatures should be declining most rapidly during this time of year, according to more than a century of local meteorological records. With every successive week,

daily maximum temperatures are declining by about 3/4° Fahrenheit, and daily minimum temperatures are plummeting by about 1° Fahrenheit. (This gradual onset of fall/winter chill is probably all but unnoticed by most newcomers from harsher climates.) By January, our mean temperature will have fallen to about 55°, from an average temperature of about 70° in August.

The Taurid Meteor Shower, featuring about 10 to 15 visible events per hour — as seen under clear, dark skies — peaks this year around the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3. Best times for viewing are approximately 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Individual meteors belonging to this shower are relatively slow-moving (they’re caused by particles burning up when colliding with the earth’s atmosphere at a mere 18 miles per second). All Taurids seem to radiate from a fixed point in the direction of the constellation of Taurus, hence their name.

San Marcos Trails Day is being celebrated when the Friends of San Marcos Parks and Trails host this backcountry ramble on Saturday, November 2. Put on your hiking shoes or saddle up your horse for explorations of routes at Discover Lake, Double Peak, South Lake, and the

surrounding areas. Events begin at the south end of Santa Barbara off Craven Road; check-in starts at 8:30 a.m., with the hikes starting at 9 a.m. Free. For information, call 760-744-9000 x3505. (SAN MARCOS)

Botany for Beginners is dispensed when Coastal Sage hosts a native plant walk at the Point Loma Native Plant Preserve on Saturday, November 2. The walk starts at 9 a.m. at the corner of Greene Street and Mendocino Boulevard. Free. 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Who’s Been Here? Ranger Barret leads a beginning tracking workshop in Mission Trails Regional Park to discover the mystery of critters that lead active lives while we sleep. The free outing for all ages starts on Saturday, November 2, at 8:30 a.m., at Kumeyaay Campground entry station (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). For information, call 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Observable History, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, on Saturday, November 2, at 10 a.m., starting at the visitors’ center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

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A Guided Nature Walk takes place at 9:30 a.m. on November 2 (and on the first Saturday of each month), in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through the oak and sycamore trees and chaparral, pointing out the birds and wildlife who call the park home. To reach the staging area, take the Regents Road exit off Highway 52 and look for a parking lot and restroom on the west side of Regents Road. 858-525-8219. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist volunteers, with two orientations planned on Saturday, November 2, at 2 p.m. Get the information at the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (in the gray building at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Towne Centre, 2031 San Elijo Avenue) and at the Clairemont Community Service Cen-

ter in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Participants are involved in all aspects of the work. 619-921-6044. Free. (CARDIFF, CLAIREMONT)

Locals Know Ponto! Docents from the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation host a beach walk on Sunday, November 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. The -0.7 low tide will expose great expanses of the strand and jetty, creating ideal conditions for sighting a host of shoreline creatures. Join the group at the Ponto Beach parking lot, west of Carlsbad Boulevard (on Pacific Coast Highway), just north of La Costa Avenue. Free. 760-943-7583. (CARLSBAD)

Where Is Skull Valley? It’s the lowest of the “stair-step valleys” that begin at the Valley of the Moon in Jacumba and end in this unusual closed basin with a dry lake bed on its floor. Take a moderate geological hike through this terrain on Sunday, November 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the Canyoneers.

To reach the trailhead, take east I-8 to the Desert Parks exit. Turn right and meet the host at the Desert Kitchen restaurant/gas station (allow about two hours’ driving time from San Diego). Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (IMPERIAL COUNTY)

Nature Hike, local naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including November 3, at 1 p.m. With over 30 years of study in the area, he’ll explain the lake’s history and the mountain ecosystem, including birds, plants, and animals. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars if you have them.

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

Ven Explora la Naturaleza con Migo, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts this bilingual nature walk on November 3, at 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, the walks introduce visitors to the wonders of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find the center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive; 619-409-5903. The programs are offered on the first Sunday of each month. (CHULA VISTA)

Architectural Heritage Tours are offered by the Committee of 100 on the first Wednesday of each month, including November 6. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of the visitors’

information center, located in Balboa Park’s Plaza de Panama. Free. Call 619-239-0512 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Look for Edible and Medicinal Plants when naturalist Irene O’Neill leads an easy two-mile hike in Daley Ranch on Wednesday, November 6. The walk starts at 9 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. For details, dial 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

You Won’t Sit Still when the Bon Temps Social Club hosts a “Halloween on the bayou rockin’ zydeco party” on Thursday, October 31, at the Balboa Park Club (next to the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater). Bon Temps Social Club instructors offer a half-hour of beginning and intermediate/advanced zydeco coaching at 7:30 p.m., followed by hot music by the Zydeco Patrol from 8 to 10 p.m. Costumes are welcome. No partners necessary. The requested donation is \$5; kids are free and welcome. For information, call 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

West Coast Swing Dance classes are offered every Thursday, including October 31, at the Coral Point Lounge (at the Quality Inn, Airport, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, at Rosecrans). Instructor Ken Boozer starts lessons at 7 p.m. (\$7 per person), followed by dancing to DJ music at 8 p.m. Stay to practice your moves! Partners are not necessary. 619-957-1090. (POINT LOMA)

Fiesta de la Cuadrilla, the 52nd annual fiesta takes place Friday through Sunday, November 1-3 at venues in Balboa Park. The festival boasts a variety of styles and levels of dancing. Featured callers include Wade Driver, Mike Seastrom, Gary Shoemake, and Dennis Young; featured cuers are Leroy Rardin and Shirley Ivins, joined by guest cuers Rey Garza, and Radka Sandeman; and line dancing led by Diana Costantino.

The three-day package price is \$29. For times, locations, and other details, call 619-466-5003. (BALBOA PARK)

Electronic Pulsations, DJ Gabe Vega spins dance grooves with an electronic beat in the auditorium at

the San Diego Museum of Art for the dance party set for Friday, November 1, at 8 p.m. Participants are invited to explore the “Axis Mexico” exhibition. Tickets are \$8 for non-members. For information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

A “Hallo-Swing” Dance Party is slated for Friday, November 1, at Cafe Savoy, found at the Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard, near College). The guest DJ-MC for this ghoulish event is KSDS DJ Ida Garcia. Doors open at 8 p.m., with swing lessons at 8:15 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$6 general or \$5 for those in costume. 619-729-2900. (COLLEGE AREA)

See “Tangata” when the San Diego Ballet performs this piece to music by Astor Piazzola on Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2, at 8 p.m. each night, at the Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. The program also features *Firebird*, to the score by Igor Stravinsky. Tickets are \$26 for adults, \$16 for children. For information

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A Middle Eastern Workshop — with oriental/belly dance instruction — is planned by Faten Salama on Saturday, November 2, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., at the Art/Dance Academy (1401 El Camino Real, at Oceanside Boulevard). The fee is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. To register, call 760-757-4470. (OCEANSIDE)

Ballet in the Galleries, the San Diego Ballet performs in the "Axis Mexico" galleries at the San Diego Museum of Art on Saturday, November 2. 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)

"Bellydancing Fusion" is promised when the Urban Tribal Dance Com-

pany performs on November 2, at the Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Performances begin at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. The cover is \$5. For information, call 619-234-1344. These shows take place on the first Saturday of each month. (LITTLE ITALY)

A Gala Performance is planned on Saturday, November 2, at 7 p.m., at the Art/Dance Academy. Dancers include Faten Salama, Raks el Anwar, Troupe Arabesque, Troupe Al Zamen, Lucy, Vilia, Enheduanna, Talia, and others. Admission is a \$10 donation. Find the academy at 1401 El Camino Real (at Oceanside Boulevard). Call 760-757-4470 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

Slide with Style, make your dancing more flavorful with some stylish new slides and sweeping moves when "swing dance specialists" Jim and Margie lead a workshop from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, at the Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal, just off Rosecrans). The workshop is followed by open dancing from 9 to 11 p.m. The fee for the workshop is \$12 in advance (call to

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

Get Your Freak On, 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 (or "buy three, get one free"). For information, call 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Care for Salsa? Hajji Baba hosts salsa dancing to DJ music every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Find the spot at 1065 Fourth Avenue. Call 619-595-7887 for more information. The cover charge is \$4. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

Spooky Silent Movies will be shown all night long in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD on Halloween, October 31, featuring the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films. The audience will help create the sound effects on a wind machine,

the thunder sheet, rain wheel, and a theremin.

The 7 p.m. showing features short, spooky silent movies. At 8 p.m., see John Barrymore in *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Enjoy Lon Chaney in *The Phantom of the Opera* when it screens at 9:30 p.m. Organizer Scott Paulson claims, "These silent classics are superior to the talkies you've seen" — you make the call!

Free noisemakers for all! Admission is free, parking is not. Call 858-534-8074 for information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

The Mexican Film Amores Perros offers a "violent but much-acclaimed look at Mexico City." See this 2000 film when it's screened for the International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, November 1, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 on campus, at One Barnard Drive. Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

Not for Those with Refined Artistic Palates, Spike and Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation concludes soon at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect

Street). This year's titles include *Cubism*, *The Inbreds*, *Teach Me*, *Happy Tree Friends*, *Gack Gack*, *The Doll*, and many others.

This final week, see the 29 short animated films at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, November 1; and at 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 3. Admission 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)

How About a "Splashy, Stylish Suspenser"? See Rafael Alcazar's *Green Labyrinth* when this 1993 film starring Omero Antonutti and Eusebio Poncela is shown for the Sunday matinee on November 3, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

How and Why could a crime like the dragging death of James Byrd have taken place in 1998 in Jasper, Texas? This question is posed in *Two Towns of Jasper*, Marco Williams and Whitney Dow's tapestry of contrasting viewpoints and racial division screening for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m. CSU San

Marcos sociology professor Sharon Elise leads the following discussion. The library is found at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Emerging Female Filmmakers are showcased in the Lunafest Film Festival, slated for Thursday, November 7, in the Forum at the University of San Diego. The event features six short films by women directors, with themes ranging from self-identity and body image to a look at women in the criminal justice system. The roster includes the Academy Award-winning *Boobie Girl*, by Brooke Keesling.

Tickets are \$7 general, \$5 for students, benefiting the Breast Cancer Fund. The screening begins at 7 p.m. Find USD at 5998 Alcalá Park. For more information, call 800-884-5254 x226. (LINDA VISTA)

Thursday Night Thing (TNT), this "ongoing program of intriguing events" at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown continues with a screening of the San Diego premiere of the *Frontier Life*, a documentary about transborder life, on Thursday, November 7, at 7 p.m. Titicacaman (a.k.a. Marcelo Radulovich) will perform before and

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after the film, and works by Los Angeles-based artist Jeremy Blake will be on display. Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard. Admission is free, although a \$3 donation is encouraged. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, *National Geographic's* IMAX film *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West* dramatizes the first perilous three-year, 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)

LECTURES

"Mock Faces of Battle (Army Masks in Ancient Rome)" provide the intriguing topic when Elizabeth Bartman addresses the Archaeological Institute of America on Friday, November 1. The talk begins at 7:15 p.m. in room H-117/118 of the cafeteria building at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Free. 619-669-0238. (KEARNY MESA)

The 14th Annual Helen Hawkins Feminist Awards and Lecture are taking place on Friday, November 1, at 7 p.m., in Casa Real, located in Aztec Center at San Diego State University. The guest speaker is Senator Dede Alpert; this year's honorees include Marilyn Boxer, Starla Lewis, and Rachael Ortiz. Free. For more details, call 619-232-9131 x318. (SDSU)

Explore Essential Bookbinding Techniques through demonstrations and practice when the Arts College International hosts a beginning bookbinding class led by Renee Richetts on Friday, November 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will complete books during class time using materials provided (\$14) and acquire skills to create unique originals. The fee is \$51. Call 619-231-3900 to register. Find the Arts College at 840 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Relationship of the Italian Renaissance to Classical Antiquity" is examined by Cal State Fullerton art history professor Ruth Capelle for

the docent guest lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, November 1, at 10 a.m. Admission is \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Wild Garden Design is the topic when Coastal Sage Garden Store hosts this organic gardening class led by John Noble on Friday, November 1, at 7 p.m. Participants will learn to design a garden for year-round beauty. The fee is \$15 (or \$35 for the three-talk series). Find the shop at 3685 Voltaire Street. 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Learn About Julian — While in Julian! Leland Fetzer, author of *A Good Camp: Gold Mines of Julian and the Cuyamacas* and *A Year in the Cuyamacas*, presents a slide-illustrated lecture on Saturday, November 2, at 5 p.m., at William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). For details, dial 760-765-0650. The day-use fee is \$2 per car. (JULIAN)

What's Paintex? Find out when Masako Bailey leads a class on Saturday, November 2, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Students will use the technique to paint a small purse to keep. The non-member fee is \$20. Call 619-232-2721 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

Media Arts Fall Workshops, they'll be focusing on "Location Sound Recording" at the Media Arts Center San Diego on Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students will learn about types of microphones, different recording devices, and combine theory with hands-on practice. You're encouraged to bring a camcorder if you own one.

The fee is \$80 for nonmembers. Find the Media Arts Center at 921 25th Street (between Broadway and E

Street). To reserve a spot, dial 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

Back to Basics, the North San Diego County Genealogical Society offers its monthly beginners' class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For information, call 760-723-1342. (CARLSBAD)

Rockin' Art, the San Diego Museum of Man's 27th annual Rock Art Symposium is slated for Saturday, November 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Otto Center (near the entrance of the San Diego Zoo). Expect presentations on the latest research on petroglyphs and pictographs by noted archaeologists, avocationalists, and educators. The fee is \$40 for nonmembers. To register, call 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Script Help," this one-hour lecture on the craft of screenwriting will be given by film executives Lisa Alden and Jane Park, who "have decades of combined experience in Hollywood," on Saturday, November 2, at 11 a.m., at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). For information, call 323-394-0262. (HILLCREST)

"Becoming an Active Voice for the Voiceless" is the subject when KUSI-TV news anchor Christine Bellport and KOGO radio personality Lynn Harper speak for the San Diego Animal Advocates on Saturday, November 2. The meeting begins at 4 p.m. at the Marina Village Conference Cen-

ter, 1936 Quivira Way. The \$10 donation includes light vegetarian buffet and live music. For more information, call 760-943-0330. (MISSION BAY)

Architect, Designer, and Sculptor Malcolm Leland, whose works are included in the "Vital Forms" exhibit currently on view at the San Diego Museum of Art, examines "Design in the 1940s and '50s" on Sunday, November 3, at 2 p.m., at the museum. Lectures are included in regular admission. 619-232-7931. Leland repeats the talk on November 17. (BALBOA PARK)

Make Some Hot Holiday Gifts when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a class on "Chili Ristras and Garlic Braids" on Sunday, November 3, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The \$45 fee for nonmembers includes all materials. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

The "Metamorphosis of a Collector" will be divulged when Warren and Nancy Brakensiek speak in conjunction with "Quilt Visions 2002" on Sunday, November 3, at 3 p.m., in the community rooms at the Ocean-side Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Admission is \$15 general; call 858-385-0212 to make the required reservations. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Wonderful World of Opera," this discussion series with opera historian Ridgely Allison Muller continues on Monday, November 4, at

2 p.m., at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2881. (LA COSTA)

Known for Temporary, Large-Scale Projects such as *The Pont-Neuf Wrapped, Paris, 1975-1985* and many others, renowned artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude currently have work on display at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Assistant curator Stephanie Hanor leads a gallery walk-through of the exhibit on Tuesday, November 5, at 6 p.m. The talk is included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

The Women's Rites Symposium takes place at CSU San Marcos November 5-7. Linda Pershing leads the panel discussion "Women's Work Through Art," slated for Tuesday, November 5, at 2:30 p.m., in Arts 101. Panelists include writer and photographer Rachel Schreiber and installation artist Anna O'Cain.

A staff multimedia and dance performance starts at 5 p.m. on the 5th, also in Arts 101. Karen Schaffman will "facilitate a performance representing intergenerational relationships." The ensemble consists of CSU San Marcos students, faculty, and staff members. Following the performance, a discussion of such relationships will be led by Maureen Fitzpatrick. Guests are invited to bring a family photograph to be incorporated into the performance.

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An opening reception for the Women's Rites Symposium starts at 6 p.m. in the arts foyer, with viewing of Ellen MacMahon's exhibit "Maternal Matter." Performance and environmental artist Mierle Laderman Ukeles opens the symposium at 7 p.m. in Arts 240 with an overview of her "Maintenance Art" from the 1970s to her most recent work on the Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island, New York.

Wednesday, November 6, includes a musical performance by Merryl Golberg and Eduardo Garcia at 10 a.m. in Arts 101. "Women Make Community" starts at 11:30 a.m. in Arts 101, with discussion by Vivienne Bennett, Elizabeth Sisco, and Dreama Moon. Deborah Small reads from her book *Routine Contaminations* at 1:30 p.m. The panel discussion "Ethics and Body" starts at 2:30 p.m. in Arts 101, with discussion by Martha Stoddard-Holmes and Andrea Liss. Actress Jude Narita presents "From the Heartland" at 7 p.m. in Arts 101. "Maternal Dilemmas" will be

considered by Liliana Rossman, Zeinabu irene Davis, Kristine Diekmann, and Ellen McMahon at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 7, in Arts 101. Focus on women who don't follow rules when Sharon Elise, Karen Schaffman, and Jill Watts take part in the panel discussion "Subjects or Just Bad Girls" at 2:30 p.m. in Arts 101. Thursday's events conclude when filmmaker Lourdes Portillo screens and discusses her films focusing on Latina identity at 7 p.m. at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Portillo's films include *Señorita Extraviada* and *The Mothers of Plaza de Mayo*.

The Cal State San Marcos campus is found at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 760-750-4137. (SAN MARCOS, ESCONDIDO)

"New Perspectives in Judaic Studies," the series continues when Rabbi David Dalin presents the Abraham Nasatir Lecture in American Jewish History focusing on "The Presidents of the United States and the Jews" on Wednesday, November 6. The talk starts at 3 p.m. in 100 Nasatir Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-5338. (SDSU)

Tour the Night Sky when Fleet Center resident astronomer Dennis Mammana presents "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6. After the show, view the real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and the San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Admission is \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"Natural Selection and Human Development," learn how the processes of natural selection have influenced the development of our ancestors and ourselves, focusing on bipedalism and expansion of the brain, when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this class at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6. The fee for nonmembers is \$17. To register, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

"¡Siempre Milagros! Mexican Retablos and Ex-Votos in Historical Perspective" is the title for a slide-illustrated lecture planned by professor emerita Janet Esser on Wednesday, November 6, at noon, in room 4450 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. The talk is in conjunction with an exhibit of Mexican retablos and ex-votos on view in the donor corridor through

Wednesday, November 27. 619-594-4991. Free. (SDSU)

A Painting Demonstration by Brian Donn is promised when the Foothills Art Association meets on Thursday, November 7. The group gathers at 7:30 p.m. in the Lamplighters Community Theater (8053 University Avenue). 619-464-7167. Free. (LA MESA)

Good, Bad, but Never Indifferent, it's a pretty good description of how people outside of the U.S. feel about this mighty country. Author Mark Hertsgaard presents a lecture and signing of his new book, *The Eagle's Shadow: Why America Fascinates and Infuriates the World*, on Thursday, November 7. The talk starts at 7 p.m. at the Book Works, located in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle. Free. Call 858-755-3735 for details. (DEL MAR)

History Alive! This series hosted by the Lemon Grove Historical Society continues with a presentation on "The Romance of Rail Through the Back Country" by Bruce Semelsberger on Thursday, November 7. Semelsberger is librarian for the San Diego Railroad Museum. The talk starts at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). Free. 619-466-5579. (LEMON GROVE)

Licensed to Kill — And to Write! Best-selling mystery writer Chuck Knief is a civil engineer, an expert shot, a black belt in Kwan Cho Fa,

and a mountain climber and adventurer. He was the executive producer of a TV series based on *Diamond Head*, his first novel.

Knief will reveal his experiences and frustrations and illustrate the ways that Hollywood works and doesn't work when he speaks for the Sisters in Crime on Thursday, November 7, at 7 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center(1230 Vermont Street). Admission is \$3 for nonmembers. 619-283-4172. (HILLCREST)

Get Cooking, Barbara's menu features *filetto di maiale alleerbe con salsa di mele* (pork filet with herbs and apple sauce) and *frittelle di farina di castagne ripiene di mele* (chestnut flour fritters stuffed with apples) when she conducts a cooking class on Thursday, November 7, 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)

IN PERSON

Former Teen Pop Idol David Cassidy has recently released a collection of songs including "I Think I Love You" and "I Can Feel Your Heart Beat." He'll play songs from this collection on Friday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets

are \$56 and \$66, available by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Noche de los Muertos, head to Voz Alta to celebrate life and death with a poetry reading honoring those who have passed away. This evening includes poetry by Raymond R. Beltran, Alexa Hachigian, Victor Payan, Marissa Raigoza, Rod Ricardo-Livingstone, Maria Julia Urias, Manuel J. Vélez, and the Taco Shop Poets.

The event starts at 8 p.m., on Friday, November 1. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Admission is \$5. Call 619-230-1869 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

A Concert and Booksigning is planned by Jose Luis Orozco on Friday, November 1, at 6 p.m., at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2004 Park Boulevard, in the Pepper Grove area, north of Presidents Way). Orozco will sign *Fiestas: A Year of Latin American Songs of Celebration* and sing some songs. Admission is \$3 for adults, free for kids. For information, call 619-299-9331. (BALBOA PARK)

The Teen Singers of the Cry of the Poor ensemble present a benefit concert on Friday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Serra Center at Mission San Luis Rey (4070 Mission Avenue). Tickets for this "Christian benefit concert" are \$10 general, \$7 for seniors and students, free for those under 4. For more information, call 760-214-3544. (OCEANSIDE)

African Cultural Day is being commemorated on Saturday, November 2, at 4 p.m., at the La Mesa Community Center (4975 Memorial Drive). The program includes the African Rhythm Messengers and Nigerian Talking Drum. Tickets at the door are \$25. Call 619-640-8380 for information. (LA MESA)

When Is a Toy Piano More Than a Toy? Find out when the Friends of the UCSD Libraries present an event on Saturday, November 2, at 2 p.m., in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Guests will learn about the history of the toy piano, see the extensive toy piano collection, and survey the performance repertoire. Featured performers include Scott Paulson, Ryoko Amadee Goguen,

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Not for the Squeamish, the Fault Line Players are at it again, presenting “Dirty Shorts: Poop Chute” on Saturday, November 2, at 8 p.m., at the Fault Line Theatre (3152 Fifth Avenue, at Spruce). Tickets are \$8. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-692-3382. (HILLCREST)

Process Works, Lower Left and Sushi Performance and Visual Art have gathered a group of choreographers and performance artists for this collaborative program. On Saturday, November 2, seven Southern Californian artists present their latest creations in dance, performance art, music, or theater. The performers showcase their works-in-progress and then receive both peer and audience feedback.

Admission is \$5. The performances begin at 8 p.m., following a potluck at 7 p.m. Find Sushi Performance and Visual Art in the Rein-Carnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For information, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

Rubble on Spruce, this series continues when Ernesto Diaz-Infante, Chris Forsyth, and Annette Krebs explore “their own personal, physical relationships with the guitar” while they perform on Saturday, November 2, at 8 p.m., at the Spruce Street Forum (301 Spruce Street). Tickets are \$10. Call 619-295-0301 for reservations. (HILLCREST)

“Across the Line/Al Otro Lado,” poets Eduardo Arellano, Heriberto Yepez, and Elizabeth Algravez will read from and sign *The Poetry of Baja California/La Poesia de Baja California* on Saturday, November 2, at 7 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795

Fairmount Avenue). 619-641-6123. Free. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Celebrate World and Reggae Music when the Friends of Reggae International present the San Diego International Arts and World Music Festival 2002 on Saturday, November 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Camp-land on the Bay. Performers include Sly and Robbie, Half Pint, Michael Rose, U Roy, Ras Michael and the Sons of Negus, Jah Blood and Fire Angel, and others.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate, free for kids under 12. For information, call 858-490-5890. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Tradition! Teyve and his family sing their way through misfortune and happiness in the village of Anatevka in *Fiddler on the Roof*, the next production for the J*Company. Over 70 local children are presenting the musical, with direction by Becky Cherlin.

Performances continue through November 3 in the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 3. Tickets range from \$11 to \$15.50 for nonmembers. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Connecting People of All Cultures, classes, languages, ages, and genders, Sherehe Roze presents “Heart Love Messages of the Soul” on Sunday, November 3, at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). This poetry performance is “infused with dance, song, music, and visual art.” Admission is free. 619-388-2753. (ENCANTO)

Travel to the Jungle of Nool and to the land of the Who’s when *Seussical — The Musical* is presented through November 3 at the Civic

Theatre (202 C Street). This production stars Cathy Rigby as the Cat in the Hat in this exploration of the wild world of Dr. Seuss.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 1 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from \$22 to \$48, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

“Two Sets of Pipes,” light classics, inspirational tunes, and an audience sing-along are promised when Anna Carson, Anne Young, and Christopher Cook present “Two Sets of Pipes” on Sunday, November 3, at 4 p.m., at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church (5150 Wilson Street). An offering will be received. For information, call 619-463-6633. (LA MESA)

Folk Music of Finland and Appalachia may be enjoyed during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$10 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

Family Systems Therapist and “international conflict resolution specialist” Kelly Bryson will sign and discuss *Don’t Be Nice — Be Real* on Wednesday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. Call 858-684-3166 for information. (MIRA MESA)

First Wednesdays, this series continues at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, with Native American storytelling by Jacque Nuñez on November 6, at 4 p.m. Tickets are free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway); 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

“Jazz in the Park,” the series continues with a performance by the Joey DeFrancesco Trio on Wednesday, November 6, 5:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12 general. For reservations, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Form and Maintain successful writing circles from the expert advice offered by Judy Reeves in her new book, *Writing Alone, Writing Together*, which she’ll read from and sign at Esmeralda Books and Coffee on Wednesday, November 6, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307; 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

He’s a Former Catholic Priest hailing from Australia, and on Wednesday, November 6, at 7 p.m., Michael Morwood will discuss and sign his recent book, *God Is Near — Trusting Our Faith*, at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). His other books include *Tomorrow’s Catholic* and *Is Jesus God?* Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The Origins of the American Revolution were captured by Jeff Shaara in *Rise to Rebellion*, a story he concludes in his new book, *The Glorious Cause*. Shaara will sign and discuss his books at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Questions? Call 858-454-0347 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

Holocaust Survivor Lou Dunst will speak about his experiences in the Nazi death camps on Thursday, November 7, noon to 1:30 p.m., in room 801 at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). Free. For more details, dial 619-482-6461 or 619-421-6700 x5592. (CHULA VISTA)

Author Peter Beagle, writer of *The Last Unicorn*, will discuss his books on Thursday, November 7, at 7 p.m., in San Diego City College Theater

(1450 C Street, at 14th Street). Free. 619-388-3676. (DOWNTOWN)

African-American Spirituals are on tap when Michael Morgan (bass) performs for the Concert Hour at Palomar College on Thursday, November 7, 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)

Author Lee Silber signs and discusses *Money Management for the Creative Person* on Thursday, November 7, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

Tumbling, Flying, Twisting, Gravity-Defying...it’s time for the arrival of Cirque Éos, with 20 jugglers, acrobats, balancing artists, and high-flyers from Quebec performing through 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)

He Had Complete Access to the World Trade Center Site after 9/11, and author William Langewiesche spent 12- to 14-hour days with firemen, policemen, construction workers, and engineers as they searched for bodies and cleared the 1.5 million tons of rubble.

Langewiesche tells the story on this historic recovery and cleanup effort in his new book, *American Ground: Unbuilding the World Trade Center*, which he’ll discuss and sign on Thursday, November 14, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Cof-

fee (1555 Camino del Mar). Free. 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

SPORTS

Local Ice Hockey, the San Diego Gulls host the Idaho Steelheads on Sunday, November 1, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$18, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Vampire-O, the San Diego Orienteering meet planned at UCSD on Saturday, November 2, involves finding as many controls as you can within a 90-minute time limit. The difference from the regular Score-O format? A “Vampire-O” will be lurking in the shadows to shine a red light on participants and “suck” the points from their punch cards and leaving them to prey upon other hapless hikers. Beginners are encouraged to attend.

Sound fun? Find the group at the corner of John J. Hopkins Drive and Voight Drive. The mass start is at 6 p.m., with an 8:30 p.m. deadline. The nonmember fee is \$8. For directions and information, call 619-424-3767, 858-578-9456, or 858-453-9174. (LA JOLLA)

Run or Walk! The Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk on the first Saturday of every month, including November 2. The four-mile outings start at 8:30 a.m. at 15th Street and Ocean Avenue and last a little over one hour along the beach. Wear good running or walking shoes; all levels of ability are welcome. Participants are welcome to join the group at a nearby restaurant after the walk. For more information, call 619-741-4151 or 858-454-5433. (DEL MAR)

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It's a Hill-Lovers Dream! The Horno Ridge Off-Road Challenge 10k — boasting four miles of hills — is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, in Camp Pendleton. Registration starts at 7 a.m., and the racing starts at 8:30 a.m. To reach the spot, take I-5 to the Basilone Gate, and proceed approximately seven miles to Camp Horno; follow the signs. For information, dial 760-725-6836. (OCEANSIDE)

Fall Foliage and Apples, the 12th annual Julian 10k run, 5k run/walk, and 1k kids' event is slated for Saturday, November 2, starting at Julian High School (1656 Highway 78). Race-day registration starts at 6:30 a.m., with the racing getting underway at 8 a.m. For details, dial 760-765-1857 or 619-298-7400. (JULIAN)

UTC to RSF, bicycle from University Towne Centre to Rancho Santa Fe and back through the Torrey Pines Reserve with Sierra Club bicyclists on Saturday, November 2. This peppy ride with moderate hills starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). Free. For information, call 858-623-0628. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

How About Some Soccer? The San Diego Sockers host the Kansas City Comets on Saturday, November 2, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Sports

Arena. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25. Call 619-224-4171 for information and tickets (also available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the game on KSDO (1130 AM). (POINT LOMA)

Full NFL Gear, Full NFL Intensity, American rules tackle football is played by women on the San Diego Sunfire team. The next home game takes place against the Los Angeles Lasers on Saturday, November 2, at 7 p.m., at Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 6-11. For more information, call 619-295-8649. (SAN CARLOS)

Swim, Bike, and Run during the ninth annual San Diego Triathlon Challenge on Sunday, November 3, starting at 8 a.m., at La Jolla Cove. This half-ironman event features a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride, and 13-mile run. For entry fees and other information, call 858-793-9293. (LA JOLLA)

A Scenic, Flat Course is promised for the Komen Race for the Cure 5k, slated for Sunday, November 3, beginning at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. The 5k run/walk starts at 8:30 a.m., while the Family Mile steps off at 9 a.m. For more information, dial 858-792-2900. (BALBOA PARK)

Chargers Football, the San Diego Chargers host the New York Jets on Sunday, November 3, at 1:05 p.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

Surf's Up, the Oceanside Pro and Fosters Pro Surfing Tour Championships run Wednesday through Sunday, November 6-10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, on the south side of the Oceanside Pier. Admission is free for spectators. For more information, call 949-940-9648. (OCEANSIDE)

SPECIAL

Look Up! There's a three-part program planned at the Palomar College planetarium on Friday, November 1. The evening begins with a look at the "Sky Tonight" at 7 p.m.; the show highlights the prominent celestial objects visible from San Diego County. Weather permitting, the audience then views the night sky through telescopes on the roof of the adjacent Earth Sciences building. Participants then return to the planetarium to enjoy "Galaxies," narrated by astronomy author Timothy Ferris, at 8 p.m.

Call 760-744-1150 x2833 for the recommended reservations. Admission is \$1 for the first hour, \$2 for the "Galaxies" show, or \$3 for all three segments; children 5-11 receive a \$1 discount; children under 5 are not admitted. The campus is found at 1140 West Mission Road; the planetarium is located in room ES-1 on the west side of the science quad on the campus. (SAN MARCOS)

Art for the Dead, this celebration at the Chicano Park gazebo, located beneath the Coronado Bay Bridge (at

Crosby and Cesar Chávez Parkway), runs 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, November 1. Expect to find altar and ofrenda building, spoken word, music, and a marketplace to celebrate Days of the Dead. "A special offering will be built to commemorate the second cycle of mourning for the Twin Towers victims." Free. 619-264-8063. (BARRIO LOGAN)

The Dia de los Muertos Festivities at Casa Familiar take place on Friday, November 1. There's altar making all day, with the observance getting underway at 6 p.m. The *Velación* (wake) presented by the Mexi-cayotl Group runs 8 p.m. until midnight. Find the Casa Familiar Civic and Recreation Center 1 at 212 West Park Avenue. 619-428-1115. (SAN YSIDRO)

"Peace Not War" is the theme for this Artsfest 2002 costume bash, slated for Friday, November 1, 7 p.m. to midnight, at the WorldBeat Cultural Center (2100 Park Boulevard). This fundraiser for Paramonga, Peru, and Day of the Dead celebration includes presentations, performances, music, and dance. Admission is \$5 or a donation of toys and clothes. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrating "Los Angelitos" and "Los Muertos," Toltecas en Aztlan host Dia de los Muertos celebrations on November 1 and 2 in La Nopalera del Parque (a.k.a. the Cactus Garden at Chicano Park). Friday's Children's Day festivities include the construction of an altar, ceremony for children, dance, and potluck, from 2 to

4 p.m. American Indian drummers (6:30 and 8:30 p.m.) and Zapotec Indian dancers (7:30 p.m.) will also entertain. For information, call 619-264-4083.

The Dia de los Muertos festivities on Saturday include Aztec dancing and ceremonies (1 to 5 p.m.), Zapotec Indian dancers (2 p.m.), American Indian drummers and sweat lodge, and a closing ceremony and potluck (4 p.m.). Call 619-231-1018 for more details. All events are free and open to the public. You're welcome to bring candles, flowers, sweet breads, and fruit for the altars. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Ready Your Tastebuds for Kadahif, Bourma, and paklava when St. John Garabed Armenian Apostolic Church hosts its 22nd annual Armenian cultural festival on November 2 and 3. Expect to find authentic Armenian food, live Armenian music, dancing, children's activities, and more.

The festival opens at noon both days, closing at 10 p.m. on Saturday and at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Find the church at 4473 30th Street (between Meade and Adams); 619-284-7179. Admission is \$2 for adults, free for those under 11. (NORTH PARK)

Selections from "Writings" by Tom Paine are up for discussion when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, November 2, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Book Sale, the San Carlos branch library plans its monthly book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 2. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types are offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-442-1860. (SAN CARLOS)

Art for the Dead, the 11th annual Art for the Dead Altar Tour is slated for Saturday, November 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. It's an opportunity to visit a variety of home and community sites where altar offerings created by local artists are exhibited. The fee to take part in this car caravan is \$5 per person. The tour starts at the Sherman Heights Community Center (2258 Island Avenue) and finishes at Voz Alta with voting on the best altar site. For reservations, call 619-264-8063. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Get to Know Point Loma during the eighth annual Point Loma Cultural Faire. Three live entertainment stages, a kids' area, local artists exhibiting their creations, food court, and a judged art contest will all be found at the corner of Canon Street and Rosecrans from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 2. Admission is free. 619-223-9767. (POINT LOMA)

Day of the Dead, the annual re-enactment of El Dia de los Muertos in the El Campo Santo Cemetery is slated for Saturday, November 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., with an authentically decorated altar, luminarias, candles, and decorations. Free. Find the cemetery at 2410 San Diego

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FROM THE DUST JACKET: Boasting a rich, complex history rooted in Celtic and Christian ritual, Halloween has evolved from ethnic celebration to a blend of street festival, fright night, and vast commercial enterprise. In this colorful history, Nicholas Rogers takes a lively, entertaining look at the cultural origins and development of one of the most popular holidays of the year.

Drawing on an array of sources, from classical history to Hollywood films, Rogers traces Halloween as it emerged from the Celtic festival of Samhain (summer's end), picked up elements of the Christian Hallowtide (All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day), arrived in North America as an Irish and Scottish festival, and evolved into an unofficial but large-scale holiday by the early 20th Century. He examines the 1970s and 1980s phenomena of Halloween sadism (razor blades in apples) and inner-city violence (arson

in Detroit), as well as the influence of the horror film genre on the reinvention of Halloween as a terror-fest. Throughout his vivid account, Rogers shows how Halloween remains, at its core, a night of inversion, when social norms are turned upside down, and a temporary freedom of expression reigns supreme. He examines how this very license has prompted censure by the religious Right, occasional outrage from law enforcement officials, and appropriation by Left-leaning political groups.

Based on extensive research, *Halloween* is the definitive history of the most bewitching day of the year, illuminating the intricate history and shifting cultural forces behind this enduring trick-or-treat holiday.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: *Publishers Weekly:* If America is a melting pot, then Halloween is the stew that simmers in our national cauldron. In this fascinating study, Rogers shows how the holiday is a hodgepodge of ancient European pagan traditions, 19th-century Irish and Scottish celebrations, Western Christian interpretations of All Souls' Day, and thoroughly modern American consumer ideals. At its heart, he says, Halloween is a celebration of the inversion of social codes — children have power over adults, marauders can make demands of established homeowners, and anyone may assume a temporary disguise. Canadian professor Rogers is a fine cultural historian, who carefully sifts through complex social and religious data to tease out meanings and trajectories. One excellent chapter illuminates Halloween and Hollywood, while a chapter entitled Border Crossings discusses Halloween observance among non-Anglo populations in North America, including Mexico's *Dia de los Muertos*. Rogers's is the best study to date of the history and growing significance of Halloween.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Nicholas Rogers, now a professor of history at Toronto's York University, was born in Bristol, England, in 1943. Professor Rogers explained, about

his birth, his rearing and education, "My father at the time of my birth worked in the Bristol Aircraft Company that was making planes there. I went to school in Bristol. And then I went to school in Somerset, because my family moved a little bit, about 50 miles south of Bristol. And then I went to Oxford University as an undergraduate, where I read modern history."

"And how," I asked, "did you get over here to the Colonies?"

"I got here because one of my great friends at Oxford, at my college, was Canadian. He invited me over in 1965 for a summer. And then we decided — he and I and a number of others — that somewhere in North America we'd do a postgraduate degree in whatever subject we were dealing with. In my case it was history. And following that, I thought I would go back to Britain, but in the end I stayed here. At the time I was very taken by Toronto. In the late '60s, it was great fun to be here. So, after I finished my graduate degree I got a job at the newer of the universities here in Toronto — York University — which is one of the universities created in the late '50s. It now has about 45,000 students — nearly 40,000 undergraduates. So it's huge. It accommodates students from the greater Toronto area. I've been here ever since."

"How," I asked, "did you get interested in Halloween?"

"Two routes. I had never celebrated Halloween. Where I came from, on November 5 we celebrated Bonfire Night, historically the English anniversary of the so-called Gunpowder Plot. This was the night of bonfires and fireworks, of youthful revelry and pranks. Halloween I didn't know anything about until I came here. So I was curious.

"When my children grew up here in Canada, of course they did trick-or-treating and the usual kinds of things. And I was quite aware also of gay parades in Toronto in the 1970s that were associated with Halloween. I didn't think anything more of the celebration until it coincided, in a way, with some of my academic interests. I'd been doing work on the 18th Century, and out of an interest in festival, I came to think, 'Why don't I try a piece on Halloween?' In 1995 I helped organize a conference on spec-

the San Elijo Lagoon. The deer were created by Los Angeles sculptor Gwynn Murrill. Ali Acerol's *Home* installation is a suite of nine sculptures made of red brick and mortar inviting "viewers to enjoy the Southern California landscape."

Find Lux at 1550 South El Camino Real (just north of Manch-

ester Drive). Viewed the sculptures from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through January 2003. For information, call 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

"**Saveurs Européennes**," this exhibit of work by three European artists is on view through Friday, December 6, at the Mission Trails Regional Park

visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Participating artists Ann Ewins, Maic, and Noisette have formed San Diego — Art International and hope to include artists from different cultures. View the show daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Getting to Know Your San Diego, well-known and not-so-well-known places in the county are being showcased in this series of tours hosted by SOHO (Save Our Heritage Organization). The series gets underway on Saturday, November 9, when SDSU history professor and author Raymond Starr focuses on "SDSU Span-

ish Revival Architecture." Starr presents a slide-illustrated lecture at 1 p.m. in the SDSU Faculty Club and then leads a walking tour of the 1020s and 1930s buildings and sites on campus. Vintage photographs will be exhibited for participating "tourists."

Tickets are \$25 for nonmembers.

To make the required reservations, call 619-297-7511. (SDSU)

Seeking Books in Khmer? How about Tagalog? The Ninth Annual Non-English-Language Book Fair takes place on Tuesday, November 12, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Escondido Public Library (239 South

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tacle and monument and public memory. And once I'd written a paper for that conference I thought, 'Why don't I try and expand it into a book?' And that's how this book came to be."

One of the most interesting aspects of Professor Rogers's *Halloween* is his discussion of the liminal and that concept's relationship to Halloween and Halloween celebrations. I asked the professor how he would explain the liminal and liminality.

"Originally, liminality was an anthropological concept. The French anthropologist and folklorist Arnold van Gennep is the person who in the first instance invented the term to mean a time of status ambiguity in important rites of passage, when one is neither one thing nor another and therefore a time or place when all sorts of inversions and parodies can take place. The term then got applied more generally to performance and to festival by anthropologist Victor Turner, who wrote a number of pieces on liminality. I got interested in Turner because I was part of a history and anthropology group at York. I had written about the exchange between history and anthropology. So I thought, 'Well, this liminality is an interesting concept.' The concept is really about orders; it's about being betwixt and between things, in a kind of state of uncertainty, a sort of altered state, if you like, when parody or transgression or inversion is allowed."

"The rule of misrule," I suggested.

"Misrule. Exactly so. So that is one of the things that really struck me about Halloween: how it retained many of these characteristics. Quite a few holidays in the early modern period were liminal in the sense I've described. Not just Halloween but quite a lot of others. For example, even into the early 19th Century, Christmas was celebrated with a certain liminality in the sense that Mummers — people who were masked — would visit homes and demand tributes from people living in those houses. There was a German-American tradition of Belsnickles, a variant of the German phrase *Pelz-nickle*, or 'St. Nicholas in fur,' in which a sort of rough Santa Claus cavorts around the streets and demands things from householders. There are similar traditions associated

in England with Easter, and of course there is Shrove Tuesday. But what really struck me was that in the course of the 19th Century, a lot of the liminal features associated with other festivals either die out or the holidays themselves get transformed and become more respectable."

"These festivals," I said, repeating what I'd read in Professor Rogers's book, "were domesticated, brought into the home."

"Yes," the professor said. "Santa Claus comes home, people start to bring trees in, they make it a family-centered holiday, not a holiday for exchanging gifts with servants and things like that, which, originally, was what Boxing Day was about. And so what we celebrate now as Christmas has become a different festival. Many other festivals also had their rowdy elements cleaned up, including your Fourth of July, which was a fairly rowdy festival at certain points in time. But Halloween somehow retained this sense of misrule and mischief. And that interested me about the holiday."

Halloween, I said, seemed to have more liminal features than did other holidays and festivals. As the professor noted in his book, Halloween is a festival that bridges two seasons, that attends to the link between the living and the dead.

"And," Professor Rogers said, "darkness and light. Good and evil. There's a lot of play that way on the idea."

That Halloween had become a day celebrated in the gay community, I said, made sense when one thought about this concept of liminality.

"Yes," the professor said, "helped, too, by the fact that Halloween has always had a certain masking element, an element of dressing up. Also, a gendered liminality meant that it could be picked up, by gays, and used in that way. It was also an outlet for young men in particular. A certain degree of testosterone, I think, was helpful."

"Very young men enjoyed the pranks element, which has an older tradition in the sense that festive occasions were a time when people could take it out on unpopular neighbors and get

away with it. And this gets transposed to or retained by Halloween," Professor Rogers writes in his chapter titled "Halloween Goes to Hollywood."

If the *Halloween* film cycle traded on contemporary panics, it also depicted and helped to reinforce the hyperreality that increasingly distinguishes the holiday. "Hyperreality" is a term coined by Jean Baudrillard to depict a universe of signs in which the distinction between the real and imaginary is not simply blurred but eliminated. What is created is an order of simulations without external referents, a world of reality effects. The current practice of Halloween, with its spook houses, terror trains, films, and videos, consistently flirts with and teeters on the brink of this universe.

The professor talked about Halloween and hyperreality. "I think this has become very much a feature of Halloween since the 1970s. Since we have actually more elaborate special effects, since it's possible to buy spooky music, to actually deck out your house in a rather ghoulish way, with all sorts of eerie sounds and even perhaps with visuals that would be frightening. So I think that in many ways the idea of manufacturing the scary thrill has become very much a feature of Halloween, and of course, of the horror movies."

About those movies, he said, "I hadn't watched many of them before I began this study. I'd seen maybe one of the *Halloween* films, the first one. But I hadn't seen any of the others, so I had to wade my way through. It was fun to do, that chapter —

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Kalmia Street). Visitors may browse a selection of current materials from nationwide, non-English-language booksellers. Displays include fiction, nonfiction, and children's materials in Spanish, European, Arabic, and Asian languages. Admission is free. For information, call 619-585-5793 or 858-694-3600. (ESCONDIDO)

Step Inside the Studios of many professional artists when the third annual Julian Open Studios Tour takes place on November 16 and 17. Guests may tour 17 studios where 21 artists create their work. All of the studios are located within a seven-mile radius of Julian, and artists will be on hand to discuss their work and

exhibit current projects. Studios will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Maps (the tickets to the event) are \$10. For locations, call 760-765-1856. (JULIAN)

"Here Is New York: A Democracy of Photographs" was created in a SoHo, New York, storefront in re-

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

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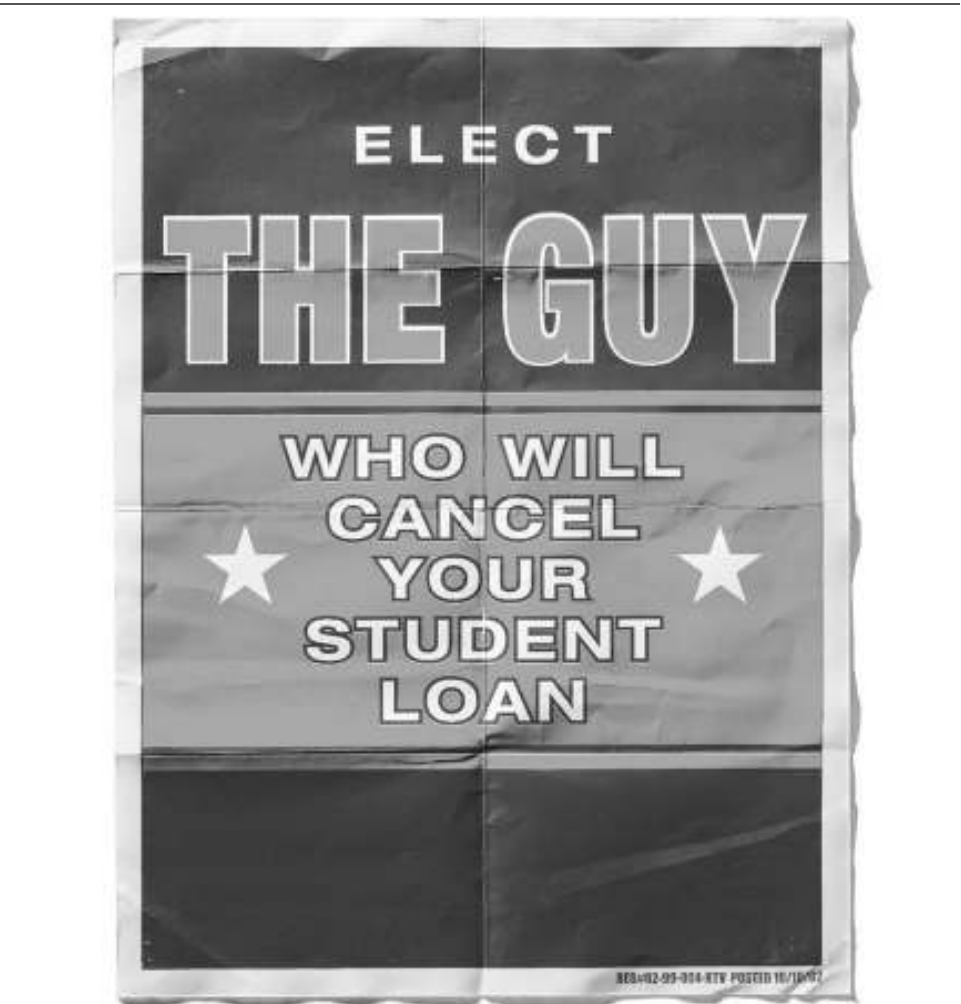
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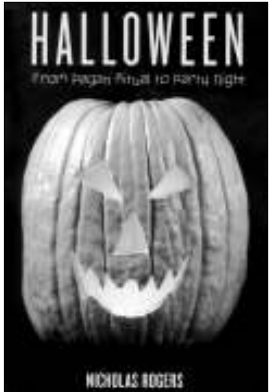
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‘Halloween Goes to Hollywood’ — in a perverse way. Not because of the subject matter but because I was astounded by the degree to which film critics were fascinated by horror movies. I was quite taken aback by that. I thought, ‘Well, these are all grade-B movies, if not grade-C movies. Why on earth would people want to spend so much time watching them?’ ”

“Why do they, do you suppose?”

“I don’t think it’s out of sadistic delight. I think a lot of people manage to detach themselves from

the actual realities in these horror movies, realities most people would be horrified by. And some people just get into the special effects. I think that there is a certain sick quality about them. It’s mainly young males who are the audience of these horror movies. You would think there are enough frightening things in the world already without wanting this. But I think certain people do. And, of course, in a way the commercial side of Halloween has encouraged this. People do want to manufacture fear on this night, and that becomes something that is marketable and something that you can sell. And so you get your usual repertoire of horror movies and usually one or two new ones that crop up every year around this time.”

The Puritans thoroughly disapproved of Halloween. I asked Professor Rogers about the source of this disapproval.

“I think it has to do with their dislike of the elaborate rituals and customs that were associated with the Catholic Church. Also, the idea of Purgatory kind of dies out in the Protestant churches. The Puritans didn’t like this business of Purgatory in the same way that they didn’t like the buying of pardons, and they didn’t like the idea that you should have people who would say

prayers for souls in Purgatory. That people were encouraged to do this by the Catholic Church went against Protestant theology and Protestant religious practice. The latter wishes to keep religion simple and clear of the accoutrements of the Catholic Church or of any rituals that might surround the Church.”

Professor Rogers went on to say that Puritan condemnation of the observation in Catholic cultures of All Saints’ and All Souls’ Days had left something of a lacunae in cultures based primarily in Protestantism. “These days were not a bad way of remembering the dead. In some ways the Day of the Dead and the whole remembrance associated with it is a superb way of dealing with death. The secularizing trend, I think, to an alarming degree, has sanitized death. Now people tend to die in hospitals. We like to shunt death out of our consciousness. The ceremonies that were attached to All Saints’ and All Souls’ Days are a helpful way of dealing with remembrance. But even so in Protestant cultures these ceremonies were not tolerated. But, strangely and curiously, in Scotland because Halloween was linked to the pastoral economy as the time when there was the renewal of leases and so on, the holiday survived. Scotland, of course, had one of the harshest Protestant Reformations. And yet, curiously, Halloween also was able to survive there largely, I think, because the Protestant Kirk decided it wasn’t worth the effort in terms of its popularity in trying to eliminate this particular holiday.”

Professor Rogers writes in the chapter titled “Coming Over”: “The making of jack-o’-lanterns was an adaptation of the old custom of commemorating souls in purgatory with candles cradled in turnips.”

Did the professor know when people started carving pumpkins?

“I don’t. I’m sure that in older festivals, one could probably find the idea of carving large vegetables to be pretty commonplace, I would have thought, by the 19th Century. Perhaps even earlier. Pumpkins were entirely a North American thing. And the first references I’ve seen to pumpkins and Halloween is in the 1860s.

Though that doesn’t necessarily mean that they weren’t used before that. Sometimes you’ve got a problem of evidence because certain things that are taken for granted don’t necessarily come up in 19th-century newspapers.”

I said that I saw in Professor Rogers’s footnotes that newspapers were a particularly useful source for his research.

“I used newspapers for a lot of information. They were helpful in dating the time in North America when Halloween is celebrated pretty well everywhere. I used newspapers there to try and get a sense of when Halloween would be understood in the newspaper to be a pretty familiar event and not just something Irish and Scottish descendants might celebrate. I have some other collaborative evidence from diaries that I didn’t put in the book.”

“From where did the use of orange and black as Halloween colors come?”

“Initially, it seems it was sometimes yellow and black. It wasn’t orange. I think it’s associated with the sun and darkness, lightness and darkness. And then I think orange is getting preference over yellow because Halloween is associated with fall and with pumpkins.”

Did Professor Rogers celebrate Halloween?

“In Toronto there’s quite a bit of trick-or-treating still. People come around to my neighborhood and you get them at the door.”

I asked what the professor handed out to visiting ghouls and goblins.

“I usually just go out to the corner store. These days you can get all these little candies, little bars of chocolate, things like that. I usually do. I don’t give them apples. I think some people are worried about apples. The children are pretty well gone in my neighborhood by nine o’clock when the adult partying starts.”

I said that reading this book, my impression was that Professor Rogers had quite enjoyed the writing of it. Did he?

“Yes, I had a great time writing this book. I did.”

— Judith Moore

ber 6-10 (and November 13-17).

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

The Classic Tale of Greed and Revenge *The Monkey and the Crab* is told for the Japanese Friendship Garden’s Momotaro Preschool story time for those three to seven years old on Saturday, November 2, at 10:30 a.m. Children under six are free with a paying adult, but be advised: “This story will be told in its original form, which includes violence, murder, and vendetta.” To make the required reservations, call 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Go on an Undersea Adventure when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts “Clowns of the Coral Reef” on Saturday, November 2, at 9:30 a.m., for kids three and four (with an

adult). Participants will encounter clownfish and other coral-reef creatures, play games, do crafts, and more. The fee is \$25. Find the Birch at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Weave Some Fun during the Cannon Art Gallery’s “family open studio” event on Saturday, November 2, inspired by the current “American Tapestry Biennial IV” exhibition. The open studio runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the William D. Cannon Art Gallery at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

Learn Fossil Preparation during the family program planned at the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will make specimens worthy of a museum collection while cleaning and preparing fossils and identify genus and species while examining fossils through a microscope. The nonmember fee is \$16 per

adult, \$13 per child. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

The Hip, Young a Cappella Singers known as m-pact will perform on Saturday, November 2, at 8 p.m., at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). The ensemble, which won *Billboard’s* “Best Unsigned Band of the Year” in 2002, performs original works and covers ranging from Prince songs to show tunes. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids 18 and under. For reservations, call 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Explore the Rocky Shore at low tide when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts “Tidepooling for Kids” on Saturday, November 2. Participants will enjoy fun activities and personal contact with marine life at Dike Rock in La Jolla. The class runs from 10 a.m. to noon, with the field trip from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee per child/adult pair is \$24. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK, LA JOLLA)

Layers of Seeing, artist Alexis Smith uses found images, objects, and sayings to create layers of meaning in her work. Participants will study Smith’s Marilyn Monroe mural *Men Seldom Make Passes at Women Who Wear Glasses* and then use interesting objects to create portraits of a

celebrity or friend during the Free-for-All activities planned at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla on Sunday, November 3. Events run 2 to 5 p.m. at 700 Prospect Street. For information, call 858-454-3541. Free. (LA JOLLA)

To the Tiger in the Zoo...everybody knows that Madeline said “Pooh-pooh.” The plucky Parisienne visits story time events slated for Sunday, November 3, at 2 p.m., at White Rabbit Bookstore (7755 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-3518. For children three and older. (LA JOLLA)

Follow the Trail to Quail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, November 5, at 10:30 a.m., for a general tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six). Meet at the visitors’ center located directly north of the parking lot, at 230 Quail Gardens Drive; 760-436-3036. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Children’s Discovery Museum of North County, the museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, mini-city, and renovated children’s marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

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 downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum 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 Hebard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the

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 construction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelwright 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)


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Shadow March
All around the house
is the jet-black night;
It stares through the
window-pane;
It crawls in the
corners, hiding from
the light,
And it moves with the
moving flame.

Now my little heart goes a beating like a
drum,
With the breath of the Bogies in my hair;
And all around the candle and the crooked
shadows come,
And go marching along up the stair.


The shadow of the balusters, the shadow of
the lamp,
The shadow of the child that goes to bed —
All the wicked shadows coming tramp,
tramp, tramp,
With the black night overhead.
— Robert Louis Stevenson

Spirits of the Dead
Thy soul shall find itself alone
'Mid dark thoughts of the grey tomb-stone;
Not one, of all the crowd, to pry

Into thine hour of secrecy

Be silent in that solitude,
Which is not loneliness — for then
The spirits of the dead, who stood
In life before thee, are again
In death around thee, and their will
Shall overshadow thee; be still.

The night, though clear, shall frown,
And the stars shall not look down
From their high thrones in the Heaven



With light like hope
to mortals given,
But their red orbs,
without beam,
To thy weariness shall
seem
As a burning and a
fever
Which would cling to
thee for ever.
— Edgar Allen Poe

The Little Ghost
I knew her for a little ghost
That in my garden walked;
The wall is high — higher than most —
And the green gate was locked.




And yet I did not
think of that
Till after she
was gone —
I knew her by the
broad white hat,
All ruffled, she
had on.

And is of ivy bare
She paused — then opened and passed
through
A gate that once was there.
— Edna St. Vincent Millay

Under the Harvest Moon
Under the harvest moon,
When the soft silver
Drips shimmering
Over the garden nights,
Death, the gray mocker,
Comes and whispers to you
As a beautiful friend
Who remembers.

Under the summer roses
When the flagrant crimson
Lurks in the dusk
Of the wild red leaves,



Love, with little hands,
Comes and touches
you
With a thousand
memories,
And asks you
Beautiful,
unanswerable
questions.
— Carl Sandburg

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. 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 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” pro-

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vides 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 “Skyscrapers 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 treasures 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 earliest-known Manila galleon shipwreck; Spanish silver and pieces of eight; and artifacts, documents, and hands-on 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.

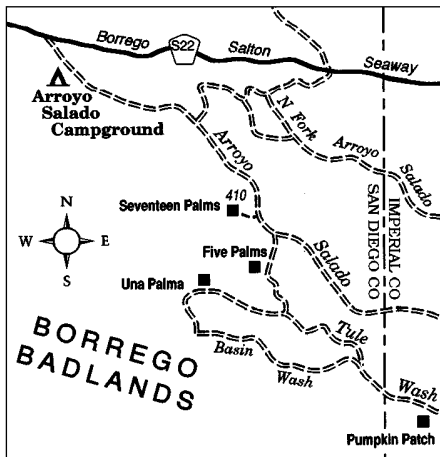
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Roam-O-Rama

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

Stone pumpkins numbering in the hundreds, baked beige and reticulated by exposure to the summer desert sun, lie in a patch of several acres at the Imperial County site known as Pumpkin Patch. The spherical or oblate-shaped “pumpkins” are actually sandstone concretions, a somewhat mysterious type of durable sedimentary rock. Concretions can be found in many places throughout the Anza-Borrego Desert region and are known to assume a variety of sometimes intricate but always rounded shapes.

Daytime temperatures are dropping fast in the desert, down from the 90s of October to the 80s of early November. It’s a good



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 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 “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.

time, a fairly quiet time in fact, to make the trek out to the patch for a look at these natural curiosities. The trek consists of a two-hour-plus drive east from San Diego through Borrego Springs and toward the Salton Sea. You’re going to need a four-wheel-drive vehicle, or at least a mini-SUV having more clearance and traction than the average sedan.

Turn southeast from Borrego-Salton Seaway (Highway S-22) at mile 34.9 onto the dirt road leading through Arroyo Salado Campground and down along the Arroyo Salado wash. Pass through the campground and continue 3.5 miles (from pavement) to the turnoff on the right for Seventeen Palms oasis (itself a worthy stop along the way). Our route to Pumpkin Patch continues southeast, curling up out of the wash and twisting over a low divide and past Five Palms. When you arrive at the next road junction, Tule Wash, stay left and follow the wide, sandy bottom of Tule Wash all the way to Pumpkin Patch on the right — a short mile east of the San Diego-Imperial County line. At the county line, signs announce that you are leaving Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and entering Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area.

There they are before you, concretions littering the ground and coating the low hills to the south. Concretions, it is surmised, form in wet sediment that consists of fine, sandy particles. In this watery environment, there’s a ten-



Pumpkin Patch

dency for particles of like composition to accumulate in onion-skin layers around some “nucleus,” or common point of origin. A cementing agent dissolved in the water — silica, calcite, or iron oxide — is necessary to bind the sand particles together. After drying, a bit of pressure perhaps, and thousands to millions of years, the durable concretions weather out of the softer sedimentary rock they’re encased in and reveal themselves to the world above. The Pumpkin Patch concretions originated in the sediments of the ancestral Colorado River delta some three million years ago.

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 locomotives, 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 recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and

also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 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 pre-framed 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 Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Cinderella at the Ball

The world is full of wonderful things.

Recently, I expressed astonishment at the existence of a San Diego Harpsichord Society (*HarpsichordSD@aol.com*). Even more unlikely was the way I spent last Sunday afternoon: attending a concert of theirs devoted to the clavichord, given at a private home in a charming rural area of Poway, across the street from a goat farm. The world is full of wonderful things.

The clavichord itself is a wonderful thing. This diminutive keyboard instrument was played all over Europe (although chiefly in Germany, Spain, and Portugal) in the 16th, 17th, and 18th Centuries. Along with the harpsichord, it fell into disuse in later times, shouldered out of the way by the more powerful and versatile piano. The harpsichord, as a medium for performances of Renaissance and Baroque music and (to a lesser extent) as a vehicle for modern composers, has undergone a splendid revival since the early years of the 20th Century. But it is only in recent decades that the modest little clavichord has made a noticeable comeback, attracting the attention of significant numbers of performers, instrument makers, and recording studios.

Harpsichord Society member Kemer Thomson, an amateur player and clavichord-lover (and operator of a clavichord website, (*www.clav-world.com*)), owns two finely crafted modern copies of German clavichords: an exquisite four-octave instrument from 1700 (after Johann Jacob Donat), and a larger, five-octave, late-18th-century instrument. On display in Thomson's home, where the recent event took place, were three additional clavichords. One, a copy of a 1796 Portuguese instrument attributed to Manuel de Sé do Carmo (from Oporto), had been brought there expressly for this concert, to be played upon by the guest recitalist, Judith Conrad — and Conrad's authoritative playing revealed it to be a treasure, full of character and subtlety. Of the other two, both after German models, the rather grand five-octave Hass-family instrument would no doubt have given a run for its money to the clavichord's rival in the late 18th Century, the fortepiano. (Curiously, a notable number of contemporary clavichord makers do their work in the Western United States. The "Portuguese" instrument was made only last year by Owen Daly

of Salem, Oregon; the "Donat" by Lyndon Taylor of Redlands; Thomson's five-octave by Dana Ciul of Colorado; and the ambitious Hass-family clavichord by the exceptionally skillful Paul Maurici, who has just moved to Escondido!)

To see all these excellent instruments together, and to hear what they sounded like (for the concert was preceded by a good deal of browsing and experimentation), gave one an insight into why the clavichord was so highly valued in the period of its widespread use. Christoph Daniel Schubart wrote in 1785: "The clavichord, this lonely, melancholy, inexpressibly sweet instrument, has, when made by a master, superior qualities to a harpsichord or fortepiano.... Sweet melancholy, languishing love, the sorrow of parting, the soul whispering to God, oppressive presentiments, views of Paradise through clouds rent apart, sweet tears... all this does the clavichord contain.... For the feeling player, a more perfect instrument does not exist."

With allowance for his somewhat inflationary style, Schubart is right on the mark. What is it that differentiates the clavichord from the other keyboard instruments? Its mechanism is extraordinarily simple. Depressing a key raises a slender brass tangent that strikes its string (actually a pair of strings tuned in unison), and remains there until the finger is removed. This contrasts with the piano (in which a complicated mechanism causes a felt-covered hammer to hit the string and immediately rebound) and the harpsichord (in which the string is plucked by a quill rather than struck).

As a consequence, the clavichordist, unlike the harpsichordist, is capable of varying the loudness of sound with ravishing delicacy and nuance. (In this, the older instrument resembles the piano, although on a drastically smaller scale). Additionally, the fact that the clavichord key is in direct and sustained contact with the string leads to a unique capability: by changing finger pressure, the player can slightly change the pitch, and can thereby produce an expressive vibrato. This feature, completely denied to both harpsichord and piano, enables the clavichord's expressive range to resemble that of the lute or the guitar (and much Baroque keyboard music is expressly

modeled on lute technique).

The sound of the instrument, metal on metal, with strings at a relatively low tension, has more color than the piano and less aggressiveness than the more brilliant harpsichord. (No one would say of the clavichord, as sharp-tongued George Szell remarked about the harpsichord, that it sounds like two skeletons having sex on a tin roof.) The clavichord's tone, although it cannot be changed by stops in the manner of a harpsichord, is of engaging attractiveness, offering something like the combination of pointed vigor and luminous warmth one can hear from an acoustic guitar fitted with silk-and-steel strings. It is an altogether lovable sound.

Unfortunately, it is also a very small sound — how very small, you cannot imagine unless you have heard one in person. Its dynamic range, judged by the standards of a modern piano, extends from *p* to *pppp*. The clavichord was intended exclusively for home use, or as a practice instrument for organists. In an ensemble, it would be totally overwhelmed. It cannot participate in concertos. In a large hall, it virtually vanishes. It is happy only as a solo instrument, and in an intimate setting, such as the Thomsons' spacious living room. But given the proper surroundings and a sensitive performer who has mastered its idiosyncratic technique, the clavichord is really a marvelous thing.

Judith Conrad is a performer of just this stamp. Organist of Calvary Baptist church in South Providence, Rhode Island, and a regular performer at the Boston Early Music Festival, Conrad has made a specialty of the clavichord, her preferred venue being the kitchen of the oldest house (1750) in her hometown of Fall River, Massachusetts, where she sets up the instrument in the large (and presumably unlit) fireplace. She seemed equally at home before the small but enthusiastic audience in Poway, playing a program that encompassed a comprehensive overview of the clavichord's repertoire.

Perhaps most indicative of the clavichord's unique qualities was Conrad's infinitely touching performance of an F Major Partita by Johann Jacob Froberger. Froberger (1616–1667) was an unusually expressive composer, seeking a maximum of affect, while at the same time providing the more external sensual pleasures of Baroque keyboard music. We last heard his works at an admirable concert by French harpsichordist Lau-



Judith Conrad

Judith Conrad, clavichord At a private residence in Poway

Works by C.P.E. Bach, Froberger, Pachelbel, Cabanilles, J.S. Bach, Seixas, Galuppi, Mozart, Albéniz.

rent Stewart. Fine as Stewart's Froberger was, Judith Conrad had the advantage of an instrument far more closely attuned to the composer's emotional character, since it permitted her to shape phrases through dynamic shading, and to color notes through minute pitch inflections, like a singing voice. She did not abuse this device, but she made bold and effective use of it, and also of the improvisatory rhythmic freedom that (above all in slow movements) is so typical of Froberger's style.

The singing quality and emotionalism were equally pronounced in Johann Pachelbel's set of variations on "Herzlich tut mich verlangen," that heartbreakingly beautiful chorale by Hans Leo Hassler that J.S. Bach uses pervasively in his *Saint*

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Matthew Passion. This was one of the works Pachelbel wrote to commemorate his wife and infant son, who died of the plague in 1683, along with half the population of Erfurt. The combination of the infinitely consoling tune with Pachelbel's virtuosic (and at times strikingly chromatic) explorations of its musical potential produced, in Conrad's performance, a moving experience of resignation and life-affirmation at once. There were also selections from the Iberian music that suits the instrument so well: a Sonata by the Portuguese Carlos Seixas, and a dazzling, intricately contra-

puntal *Gallardas* by the Valencian Juan Cabanilles, usually performed on the organ, but which Conrad proved to be not only viable but actually thrilling on the clavichord. She then turned to Mozart's familiar A Major Sonata, K. 331, whose "Alla turca" finale, played at a scintillating pace, sounded a lot more "Turkish" on the somewhat jangly and percussive clavichord (qualities Conrad intentionally emphasized here) than it does on the cooler modern piano.

If playing the classical Mozart work on clavichord (it was intended for a fortepiano) was going rather far afield, the following item, the brief Spanish dance, *Zambra Granadina*, by Isaac Albéniz, would have to be described as an instance of going out on a limb. Albéniz (1860–1909), a supremely pi-

anistic composer, composing at the low point of the clavichord's history and probably never having encountered such an instrument, cannot have had anything so exotic in mind. Never mind — the Albéniz piece constituted one of the most revelatory moments of the recital. Much of the composer's music was inspired by the spirit of the Spanish guitar, and, as Conrad's passionate and lyrical performance showed us, no keyboard instrument has a more idiomatic command of the sound and style of the guitar than the humble clavichord.

As is only natural in a clavichord concert, Conrad included works by the two most prominent members of the Bach family. Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, uncommon in treating the clavichord as a special instrument for composition (rather than as one among several possible keyboard instruments), was represented by a characteristically inventive variations set on the "Folies d'Espagne," played by Conrad with enormous zest. The sound of the clavichord may be gentle, but under the right hands its music is by no means small-scale. It is, moreover, ideal for the quirky, irritating, fascinating, and almost neurotically emotional music of the younger Bach. Hence, it has been the instrument of choice for Miklós Spányi in his ongoing project of recording all of C.P.E.'s solo keyboard

works: eight BIS CDs so far, with some 20 more to come. (Spányi is also recording all the composer's keyboard concertos, but there he has understandably forgone the clavichord for the harpsichord or fortepiano.)

Johann Sebastian Bach's attitude toward the clavichord as a performing instrument is disputed, although it is virtually certain that he employed it at home. Traditionally, the French Suites (nowadays almost always played on harpsichord, if not on piano) have been considered more likely than Bach's other keyboard works to have been actually composed for the clavichord. They certainly suit it well, and Conrad's spirited performance of the G Major (No. 5, BWV 816) made the most of its possibilities.

Much of J.S. Bach's non-organ keyboard music can in fact be played on the clavichord, although performers have mainly given precedence to the harpsichord. A showpiece like the Italian Concerto does seem beyond the simpler instrument's grasp. But Richard Troeger, president of the Boston Clavichord Society (yes, there is such a thing, as well as an International Center for Clavichord Studies in Italy, and a magazine for aficionados, *Clavichord International*), has been demonstrating through a series of recordings that the clavichord has something of considerable

value to tell us about Bach's keyboard music. If you listen, for instance, to his sensational CD of the seven Bach Toccatas (Lyricord 8041), you may never want to hear these great works on any other instrument. Nevertheless, while for C.P.E.'s solo works the clavichord is indispensable, J.S.'s keyboard music, although profiting from the clavichord's special qualities, does not fundamentally need them, just as it does not need the piano. (C.P.E. is stupendous on the piano, a truth you can be convinced of by Mikhail Pletnev's amazing Deutsche Grammophon CD.)

Aside from the two Bach series (J.S. and C.P.E.) mentioned above, clavichord CDs are currently rare commodities: a bit of Kuhnau, a bit of Wilhelm Friedmann Bach, some Iberian selections.... (If you want a good introduction to the instrument, I recommend Ingrid Grudin-Brandt's remarkable BIS recording devoted to J.S. and C.P.E. Bach, which includes some of C.P.E.'s most eccentric compositions, and instructively contrasts the sound of the clavichord with that of the fortepiano.) Few and far between these CDs may be; but I'd like to suggest that the future of the instrument belongs not only to private concerts in living rooms (and kitchens), of the sort exemplified by Conrad's exciting recital in Poway, but also — and perhaps more

so — to the recording medium.

André Malraux was one of the first to perceive that photography had radically transformed the way we perceive works of visual art. A pertinent example: photographs enable us to see and appreciate medieval church sculptures that otherwise, because of their distant or awkward location in the building or their lack of illumination, have been heretofore more or less invisible.

Recordings, in our fortunate era of mechanical reproduction, can revolutionize the clavichord in a similar manner. On a CD, there are no problems with audibility. Each listener can be seated two yards from the instrument, as I was in the Thomsons' living room. Every last nuance of dynamics, tone color, and expression is immediately available to the hearing, without strain. The clavichord, like Cinderella at the ball, assumes an entirely new aspect: not esoteric, not archaic, not the shabby sister of more glamorous siblings, and not pathetically pleading that you make allowances for its weaknesses. With proper microphone placement, it might even take its place as a *continuo* instrument and in concertos, its unique timbre and expressivity throwing a fresh perspective on the whole "harpsichord" repertoire. For some Baroque music — and maybe (sometimes) for Albéniz — it might come to be your favorite keyboard instrument. ■

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Spooky Silent Movies will be shown all night long in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD on Halloween, October 31, featuring the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films. The audience will help create the sound effects on a wind machine, the thunder sheet, rain wheel, and a theremin.

The 7 p.m. showing features short, spooky silent movies. At 8 p.m., see John Barrymore in *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Enjoy Lon Chaney in *The Phantom of the Opera* when it screens at 9:30 p.m. Organizer Scott Paulson claims, "These silent classics are superior to the talkies you've seen" — you make the call!

Free noisemakers for all! Admission is free, parking is not. Call 858-534-8074 for information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

The Jacobs Masterworks Series hosted by the San Diego Symphony continues with concerts conducted by Giancarlo Guerrero November 1-3. Soprano Jessica Jones and the symphony will present Ginastera's "Danzas del Ballet Estancia," the "Four Last Songs" by Strauss, and Stravinsky's "Petrouchka."

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)

"Fanfare for an Uncommon Season," these concerts by the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus begin with

works of three 20th-Century composers spotlighting different sections of the orchestra. The program includes Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," "Symphonies of Wind Instruments" by Igor Stravinsky, and Béla Bartók's "Music for Strings, Percussion, and Celesta." After intermission, get set for Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony."

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 3, in UCSD's Mandeville Center. Pre-concert lectures begin one hour prior to each performance. Tickets range from \$12-\$22. For reservations, dial 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Saturdays in Shadowridge, this concert series continues with a classical and "eclectic" program by harpist Catherine Espinoza on Saturday, November 2, at 3:30 p.m., at the Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). Admission is a \$7 donation. Call 760-631-7055 for information. (VISTA)

When Is a Toy Piano More Than a Toy? Find out when the Friends of the UCSD Libraries present an event on Saturday, November 2, at 2 p.m., in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Guests will learn about the history of the toy piano, see the extensive toy piano collection, and survey the performance repertoire. Featured performers include Scott Paulson, Ryoko Amadee Goguen, Linda Kernohan, Ken Herman, and Ruben Valenzuela. Admission and parking are free. For reservations, call 858-534-1183. (LA JOLLA)

Symphony 101, are you a novice to classical music? The Grossmont Symphony Orchestra presents this lecture/demonstration/concert geared to first-timers on Sunday, November 3. The concert concludes

with Haydn's "Symphony No. 104 (London)." The music begins at 7 p.m. at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$13 general. For reservations and information, call 619-447-8513 or 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Works by the Notorious P.D.Q. Bach are on tap — along with selections by Bach, Soler, Vivaldi, and Mendelssohn — when Fred Benedetti, Steve Cram, Lyn Patterson, Patricia Minton, and Melody Smith present a concert following the 5 p.m. evensong at Saint Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, November 3. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg) and by calling 619-298-7261. An offering will be received. (MIDTOWN)

Campra's "Rigaudon" may be heard when organist Tom Leonard and Lyric Brass perform at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 3, at 7 p.m. The program includes "March Triomphale" by Karg-Elert, the "Grand Choir Dialogue" by Gigout, and "Transcrip-

tions for Brass and Organ" by Gabrieli; Leonard alone will perform "The Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" by Dupré, Vienne's "Scherzo," and "Air" by Gerre Hancock.

Find the church at 320 Date Street (at Fourth Avenue). A free-will offering will be received. For more details, call 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Clarity and Precision are said to combine with beauty and dramatic intensity when the Sixteen perform. The choir opens the Saint James 2002-2003 Music Series with a concert of selections by Tallis, Victoria, Poulenc, and Byrd on Sunday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m. Find Saint James-by-the-Sea at 743 Prospect Street. Tickets are \$20 general, students and children free. For more information, call 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert, civic organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, November 3, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. For more information, call 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Saxy Classics, have you ever heard a saxophone play classical music? Head to the mini-concert planned when Jay Easton (saxophone) and Loie Flood (pianist) perform at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at noon on Monday, November 4. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Mozart's "Sonata for Piano and Violin in G Major," the "Sonata for Violin and Piano in A Major (Kreutzer)" by Beethoven, and the Ravel "Sonata for Violin and Piano" are all on tap when Los Angeles Philharmonic principal concertmaster Martin Chalifour and concert pianist Judith Lynn Stillman perform on Monday, November 4. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Presented by La Jolla Country Day School, tickets are \$12. To make reservations, call 858-453-3440 x190. (LA JOLLA)

"Music of American Composers" may be enjoyed when Lyric Brass performs on Monday, November 4,

at 7:30 p.m., for the Chamber Concert Series at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Ensemble members include John Wilds and Jay Posteraro (trumpets), Allen Grant (French horn), Sean Reusch (trombone), Ross Kallen (tuba), and Matt Armstrong (percussion). Free. Call 619-691-5164 x3 for information. (CHULA VISTA)

The Rachmaninoff Express performs at San Diego State University at noon on Wednesday, November 6, in Smith Recital Hall. For information, call 619-594-6060. Free. (SDSU)

"Voice and Violin," a choral performance of Bach cantatas intermingled with solo Bach partitas and sonatas for violin may be heard when the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus performs on Thursday, November 7, at the San Diego Museum of Art. The evening begins with wine and cheese at 5:30 p.m., with the concert commencing at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for nonmembers. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

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The Liturgical Hours:
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GALLERIES

“Casual and Familiar,” this photographic exhibition of work by Sonia Paulino includes an All Hallows Eve reception at 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 31. The show continues through Saturday, November 2. Find the gallery at the Visual Arts Facility on the UCSD campus. For information and directions, call 858-534-2860. (LA JOLLA)

Serigraphs, Etchings, and Lithographs by John August Swanson are featured when the artist showcases his religious- and secular-themed works on November 1 and 2 at the Gallery in Old Town’s Bazaar

del Mundo. The gallery will feature Swanson’s newest serigraph, *Francis and the Wolf*. Find Bazaar del Mundo at 2754 Calhoun Street; 619-296-3161. Hours are 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. (OLDTOWN)

“Celebrations,” an exhibit of work by the Pacific Quilt Artists, is on view through Sunday, January 5, 2003, at La Jolla Fiber Arts (7644 Girard Avenue). Meet the nine participating artists during the reception planned on Friday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 858-454-6732. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. (LA JOLLA)

“Show and Tell,” Linda Litteral’s master of fine art thesis exhibition, opens with a reception on Saturday, November 2, at 6 p.m., in the Everett Gee Jackson Gallery at San Diego State University. The show continues through Thursday, November 7. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The gallery is found in the lobby of the fifth floor of the art department building. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

“Sightings: Memories, Inspirations, and Dreams” is the master of fine arts thesis exhibition by Charleen Weidell. The exhibit opens with a reception on Saturday, November 2, at 6 p.m., in the Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University. See the show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday through November 7. The gallery is found in the lobby of the fifth floor of the art department building. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

“Grace in Motion,” this exhibit featuring new paintings by Gregory

Gioiosa opens with a reception for the artist on Saturday, November 2, 4 to 7 p.m., at the Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). See the show through Saturday, November 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and by appointment. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

Kiln-Formed, Hot, Panels, jewelry...all these categories of glass and more may be seen when the Art Glass Association of Southern California presents its 21st annual “Juried Art Glass” show and sale beginning with a reception on Sunday, November 3, at 4 p.m., in Gallery 21. The show closes on Thursday, November 14. For more information, call 619-702-8006. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Electric Fields of California” by Debby and Larry Kline will consist of five fluorescent installations stretching across California from the U.S./Mexico border to Sacramento. The ambient electrical fields beneath the high-voltage power lines illuminate the fluorescent light bulbs without direct electrical connections. Each site will be installed for six months.

Meet the artists during a reception and discussion planned on Thursday, November 7, at 6 p.m., at the Tr s Studio Gallery. The gallery features debut images from the project through Friday, November 29. Find the gallery at 3803 Ray Street; 619-297-8737 x4. Regular gallery hours are 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, noon to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. (NORTH PARK)

A One-Night Exhibition of work by painter Theresa Vandenberg-Donche and sculptor Joe Nyiri is slated for Thursday, November 7, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Via design, Old Town (3911 Harney Street). For information, call 619-220-0470. (OLD TOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, it’s time for Eloy Tarcisio’s seventh annual site-specific installation *Muerte de todos ofrenda de participaci n*/Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering. The installation consists of more than 100 wooden crosses, clay bowls — filled with grains, beans, and other organic materials symbolic of Mexico’s pre-Hispanic past — and votive candles,

which viewers are invited to light. This installation remains on exhibit for the entire month of November.

“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 “mysterious 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 headdresses, necklaces, and bracelets. 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, Sir John Herschel was a prominent mathematician, astronomer, and scientist of the 19th Century and a friend of William Henry Fox Talbot. Herschel began experimenting with the camera lucida, an optical device used for exact drawing, in 1816. “Sir John Herschel’s Camera Lucida Drawings,” continuing through Sunday, January 5, 2003, features a number of his drawings, as well as a camera lucida.

Photojournalist James Nachtwey has spent over 20 years photographing regions in turmoil throughout the world; his work has brought him close to war, racial conflict, famine, and all manner of human rights abuses. The 140-print retrospective “James Nachtwey: Testimony” covers Nachtwey’s long career on the front lines of suffering. View the horrors through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Several large- and medium-format photographs by contemporary South Korean photographer Bohncang Koo are on exhibit 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)

Oceanside Museum of Art, the biennial juried international exhibition “Quilt Visions 2002” opens at the museum with a preview reception on Saturday, November 2, at 5 p.m., and continues through Sunday, January 5, 2003. The 45 featured art quilts from seven countries were selected from nearly 900 submissions. Take in the exhibit at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, postwar designs in America were dominated by curvilinear forms inspired by nature. Just how ubiquitous organic form evolved and made its way into almost every facet of American life during the 1940s and 1950s is explored in “Vital Forms: American Art and Design in the Atomic Age, 1940-1960.” With more than 265 items, this exhibition organized by the Brooklyn Museum of Art includes painting, sculpture, architectural photography, fashion, textiles, ceramics, jewelry, furniture, glass, toys, and graphic design. The show, closing on Sunday, January 26, 2003, boasts paintings by Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning, furniture and sculpture by Charles and Ray Eames and Isamu Noguchi, and ceramics by Eva Zeisel, among many other items.

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 Al s, Sylvia Gruner, Monica Castillo, Rub n 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.

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: Destroyer of Time,” concluding on Sunday, January 12, 2003. The images are from the museum’s Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings.

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Goddess Tricks

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In one of his *Latinologues* at the San Diego Rep, Rick Najera enters, looking a lot like Orson Welles: a wide man, black hair brushed forward; trim goatee; discerning, devilish eyes. Then he speaks. The image fractures. Najera plays a “manic Hollywood Hispanic” film producer. Tinseltown’s shown an interest in the Latino market. The producer wants to convert this window of opportunity into “art.”

But there’s a catch. He wants “Hispanic,” not “Latino” movies. As Najera’s series of skits and monologues shows, “Latino” is an umbrella term that embraces enormous cultural diversity. “Hispanic,” the producer reveals, is a narrow catchall that verges on stereotype. He speaks a mile a minute, Rolodexes through possibilities. He talks the talk, but when he walks the walk he leaches life and difference from every idea. The irony-riddled piece is very, very funny. But, as in the best of *Latinologues*, we get a double take: Welles battled the movie establishment. Here’s a Welles look-alike, but envisioning commercial exploitation.

Najera cowrote *Latins Anonymous*, staged at the San Diego Rep in 1990. At the time, Hollywood only cast Latinos for stereotyped roles — maids, gardeners, villains, etc. One of the motives behind that show was to create new possibilities for Latino artists. Things haven’t changed: in a 1998 survey, only 4.4 percent of the

Screen Actors Guild was Latino, and only 1.2 percent of the Writers Guild.

Like Victoria Petrovich’s set — on moving panels, a sunset (or -rise) beams through a chain-link fence — *Latinologues* layers its portrayals of people. In one, Najera plays Benjamin Felix, cartel drug lord and nexus of ironies. As he snorts from a rectangle of cocaine, Felix complains that he’s so coke-

blown he can’t sleep; that he’s superrich but can’t leave his house, so he watches the world through CNN. Financial success has made enjoyment impossible. He’s surprisingly witty, with things to say. You almost feel for him.

The king of Najera’s hybrids remains Buford Gomez, U.S. Border Patrol agent. He’s a redneck, trailing clouds of xenophobia, and ever eager to shout, “Pull that car over!” Yet he’s got so many Latino links he’s his own border crossing, coming and going — *la migra* and the migraine it can incite.

Latinologues feels somewhat uneven only because the best are so good. They balance traits — Najera plays no favorites — as well as comedy and seriousness. Among those that don’t: the piece about protestor and Ché emulator Garth Garcia of the “*universidad de fiesta*” (“party school”) comes off as too SDSU-specific. In another, a phone call to Fidel Castro makes its point, again and again *otra vez*.

Rene Lavan showcases his versatility as “El

Macho,” a busboy who falls for a blonde woman, and as a janitor in New York who now cleans compulsively. Although her timing was a mite off on opening night, Lina Acosta did a nice job as the “Virgin of the Bronx.” She’s pregnant. It must be a miracle because the father “vanished like a vision.”

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My notes for Cirque EOS read like ancient Assyrian: “guy on back/right foot up/gx thu gy’s hd/or foot-upgrade.” This refers to a pair of circus gymnasts doing strength moves. One guy on his back. Second guy did a headstand on the first guy’s right foot. And there was none of the usual muscular quivering — insecure, tell-tale shakes — with most strength moves. They formed the position, then held it like marble.

It’s my notes that have the shakes. Cirque EOS — “a contemporary circus without animals” — performs so many breathtaking feats, so quickly, that taking notes is impossible. After a few legible words, they blur. And it’s a tribute to the Quebec-based company that I have pages and pages of squiggles and exclamation points. For example, I will probably never figure out “brig tall mavron thg (14?) lit ys.” I was too engrossed to write legibly.



Rick Najera in *Latinologues*

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Cirque EOS

Actually I can decipher the “brig tall” code. It refers to this gigantic, four-legged, maroon-colored owl, maybe 14 feet tall, with bright yellow eyes. It entered the big top’s circular stage late in the first act. Then it faded into the background as three women performed in a “floating cube.” They hung from their necks, then their ankles; they would sprocket outward, then spill down like spent fireworks. They moved with micro-choreographed precision like large fish, swimming past, often through, each other. And they did it 15 feet in the air.

An impossible act to follow. So, intermission? Nope. Two

guys come out with this long blue, red, and white flexible pole — a “Russian bar.” A woman enters (the program doesn’t name names). She climbs onto the bar and starts bouncing. The bar sags and snaps up, like a trampoline, springing her higher and higher. Then she starts doing flips and landing back down on the bar!

As with Cirque du Soleil, you watch a feat unfold and say, “I could do that”; then “I could never do that”; and finally, “No one could do THAT!”

And that’s just Act One. In the second half the company takes to the air, performing

“nexus straps” (lovers hang from a rope, fly around the ring, and embrace, 15 different ways) and “aerial silks” (four women entwine themselves in flowing blue sashes; they curl, spin, and unfold, in unison, near the top of the big top). Cirque EOS named itself after the goddess of dawn to call attention to marginal realms between day and night, dream and reality. Dressed in costumes that are themselves a mixture — of gymnast’s tights, furry woodland creatures, and circus clowns — Cirque EOS evokes an atmosphere where the real intertwines with the unbelievable. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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 melo-

drama 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 things 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 SATURDAY 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.

The Boys Next Door

Moonlight at the Avo opens its winter season with Tom Griffin’s comedy about “four mentally challenged men, sharing a house, and making sense of this mixed-up world.” Jim Strait directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.



Beehive

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; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Cirque EOS

Reviewed this issue. THE BIG TOP, PRESIDENTS WAY AND PARK, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 10; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-361-4595.

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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. Sean Murray directed. SHILEY THEATRE, CAMINO HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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Guys and Dolls

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical, based on characters by Damon Runyon. Ray Limon directed.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 9; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

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.

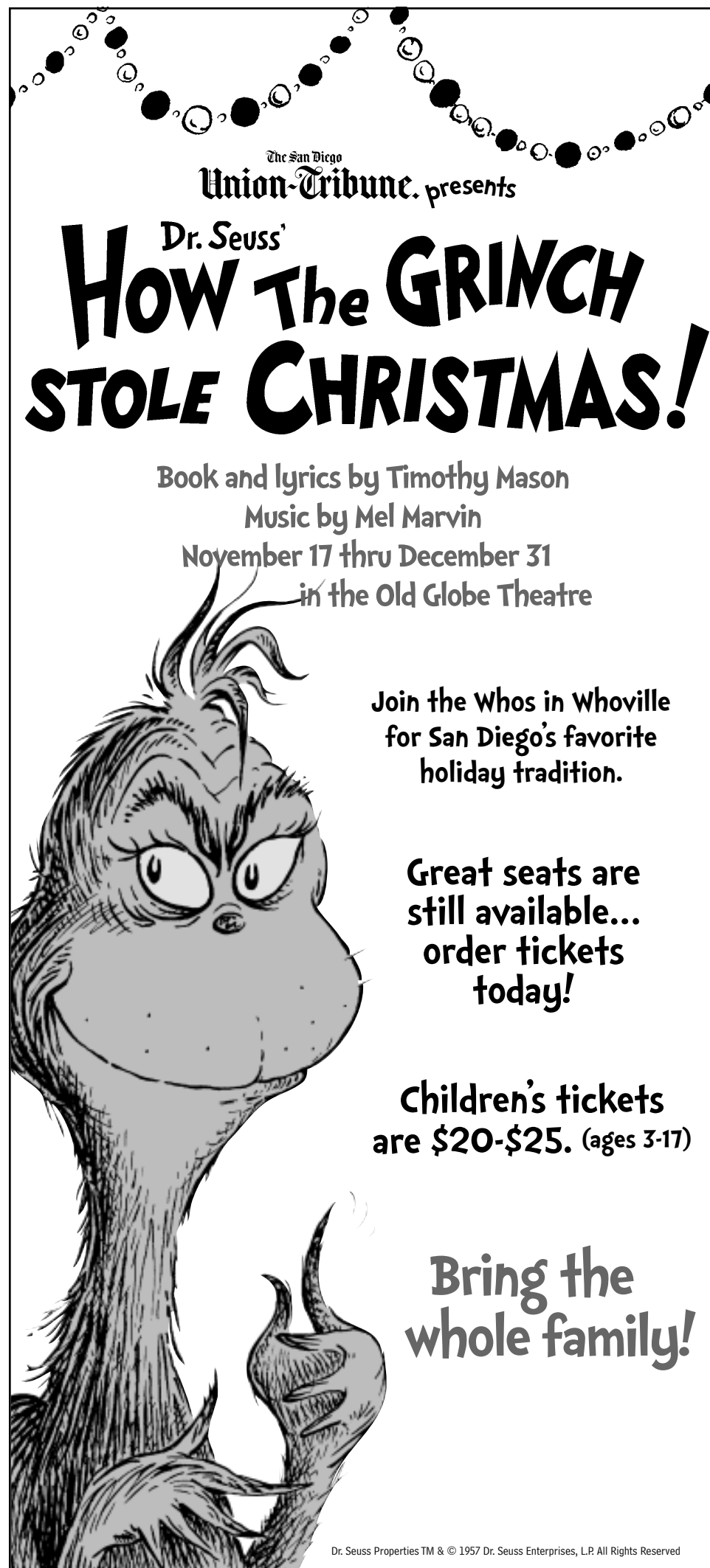
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A Knife in the Heart

Sledgehammer Theatre presents Susan Yankowitz's drama about "a mother's worst fear" coming to fruition. Kirsten Brandt directed. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

The Last Unicorn

San Diego City College presents a stage adaptation of Peter S. Beagle's popular novel: musical score by June Richards and Elaine Lang, choreography by Alicia Rincon. SAVILLE THEATRE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Latinologues

Reviewed this issue. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 24; TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.



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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 "municipations over morals" philosophy. Martin Benson directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE 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 language into the deaf, blind, and 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. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Miss Macinernie's Acquaintances

6th @ Penn Theatre's "off-night series" presents the world premiere of Mike Dempsey's "goofball comedy of self-discovery and little demons." Dempsey directed. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 6; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

More Fun Than Bowling

OnStage Playhouse stages this off-beat comedy about a champion bowler much more adept at converting spares than dealing with three ex-wives and prospective Wife #4. Jayscott Crosley directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Mystery of Irma Vep

Diversionsary Theatre presents Charles Ludlam's comedy in which two actors play all the roles, men, women, animals, and others. James Saba directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, THROUGH DECEMBER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00

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 AcroTurf. 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 Sym-

pathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one 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.

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A New Brain

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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 SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Passion and Honey

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Peter and Wendy
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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-and-a-half-hour tour de force almost unimaginable in scope.
Critic’s pick.
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Polyester
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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” (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.”
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Sherman Edwards and Peter Stone’s *1776* is a rich history lesson, but never feels like one. It’s also a Broadway musical, but never plays like one. Long sections have no music at all (though the debates, like songs without notes, unfold with orchestrated precision). It recalls the signing of the Declaration of Independence but makes it a mystery. Benjamin Franklin complains 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 grows: how’d this fetid menagerie of egos and agendas ever pull it off? The musical takes an unvarnished look, showing the paradox at the heart 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 Lamb’s Players Theatre has put its largest cast ever — 25, by my count — on the resident stage. Costumer Jeanne Reith outdoes herself with 18th-century knee-britches, roller-curled silver wigs, and brusque finery so accurate you’d swear the event itself was taking place. The night I caught the show, Act Two sagged (it could have been the 20-minute intermission after a 90-minute first act), and what was a very good performance became a fairly good one. The sag was probably a one-night micro-event. And the Lamb’s production has enough fixings to merit a recommendation. (Note: Lamb’s has extended the run of *1776*.)
Worth a try.

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ternutt, 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.

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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 values (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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"It's like being in the Twilight Zone. Who would have thought 20 years ago Mojo Nixon would be doing afternoons on KGB?"

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asks Nixon rhetorically.

Last week Mojo Nixon spent his first full week as the new afternoon DJ at classic rocker KGB (101.5 FM). The San Diego punk rock hillbilly drew national attention ten years ago for his tweaked novelty tunes like "Elvis Is Everywhere," "Bring Me the Head of David Geffen," and "Stuffin' Martha's Muffin." For the past five years he's been on Cincinnati radio — first as an AM talk show host, then as the "rabble-rousing malcontent" on a top-rated

three-man morning show on WEBN-FM.

"I was the third wheel," Nixon says. "We crushed Howard Stern [in the ratings]."

"Some guy called me up on the air [on KGB] and asked, 'Since when did you become such a corporate whore?' I said, 'Dude,

Singer/guitarist Nixon regularly opened for the Beat Farmers. The two acts defined the San Diego music scene in the '80s and early '90s.

Nixon, 45, said he owes a lot to the KGB DJ he replaced, Jim McInnes.

"I can't believe they got rid of Jim McInnes.... He's been my friend forever. He used to have a local music show [on KGB]. He gave me my first radio airplay.... He's not mad at me, but it does make it awkward." Mojo Nixon is heard weekdays on KGB 3 to 7 p.m.

— Ken Leighton

It took Mojo Nixon all of two days on the air to prove he has no tolerance for political correctness.

Nixon saw the arrest of Viejas tribal leader Steven TeSam on murder charges at an October 18 Nelly concert as a chance to break out his Native American joke book.

"What if the Indians had won at Little Big Horn, and we all had those Indian names.... We might be describing people...[like] 'One-who-lurks-near-restroom,' 'Fritters-away-savings,' 'Urines-in-



MOJO AND MCINNES — NOT AS TIGHT AS BEFORE

shower,' 'Longs-for-the-day-when-hair-was-shiny.'"

The joke wasn't so funny for Stephen Redfearn, Viejas's vice president of marketing and entertainment, who reports to TeSam and books the big-name acts at Viejas.

"I can't talk about what happened...I have no comment."

Redfearn would much rather talk about the Concerts in the Park series, which he oversees. "We had 22 major-name concerts this season.... We sold 96 percent of our tickets for the whole season." Redfearn pointed out that his venue hosted its

first general-admission concert this summer with headliner Billy Idol. "We took the seats out and found we could have a 2500 capacity. Our regular capacity [with seats] is 1500."

But when it came to discussing things like murder charges involving his boss, he said, "That's tribal stuff.... You'll have to speak with Nikki Symington."

Viejas public relations consultant Symington had a "no comment," referring me to TeSam's lawyers.

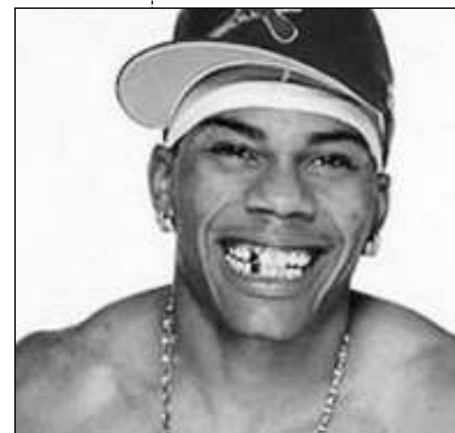
TeSam, 42, spent five days in jail in connection with a fatal stabbing at the Coors Amphitheater in Chula Vista. He was released from jail October 23. TeSam's 26-year-old nephew remains in custody, held for the stabbing murder that happened at a Coors VIP parking lot.

"I did hear that David Swift was very concerned about it," said one insider connected with

promoting live concerts in San Diego.

Swift oversees operations at the Coors Amphitheater, which is run by House of Blues Concerts. This is the second incident involving a hip-hop concert at Coors Amphitheater. A Snoop Dogg concert last year ended early over security concerns when members of the band's entourage reportedly went onstage waving guns. No shots were fired.

"At that point Coors had a moratorium on hip-hop events," said the insider.



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I think they thought [the Nelly concert] would be a bankable event."

The Nelly show drew about 7500 fans.

Swift did not respond to a request for comment.

Attorney Tom Warwick said last Friday that TeSam was not charged with the murder and that Warwick is only representing TeSam's nephew, Hank Banegas. "The investigation is continuing, and we have no information on the events at this time."

Frosty, leader and founder of the Icons hip-hop group, says generalizations should not be made about hip-hop events.

"Anytime you have a large gathering of young people, you have the same opportunities for disaster....

The culture of hip-hop music is what draws the attention of media."

And so does a murder. "Did Nelly go out and tell somebody to go stab someone?"

— Ken Leighton

"He's like the knight

in the Monty Python movie that keeps getting his arms and legs chopped off."



MIKEY LOSES ANOTHER DAY JOB

That's how one radio insider described the plight of Mikey Esparza, the raunchy DJ who just got fired from his second radio gig in four weeks.

Esparza can still be heard weekday nights on Rock 105 (KIOZ-FM).

For almost two years Esparza has anchored the

morning drive *Mikey Show* heard live on KEGL, "The Eagle," in Dallas. He then sent out his "voice-tracked" show, which would be rebroadcast the same day on KSJO (San Jose) and Rock 105.

Last month KSJO fired him. Esparza's agent, Paul Anderson, admitted it was over content. First Esparza told a joke involving a child murder, which drew a one-week suspension. Then he aired a parody of an R. Kelly rap song ("I'm feeling frisky, I know it's risky...I like statutory rape").

One might think Mikey was also fired in Dallas because of such antics, but KEGL says no.

Max Dugan, Mikey's boss at KEGL, said he canned Mikey and his morning crew for bad ratings. "It was a business move.... It had nothing to do with content."

This puts Esparza and Rock 105 in an unusual position. Rock 105 still wants to carry Esparza's show at night. But inside sources said stations pay only about \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually to carry voice-tracked shows. Rock 105 carried Esparza on a second-run, voice-tracked basis.

Esparza is coming back to San Diego with producer Eddie Pappani and sidekick Boy Blunder to do their 7 p.m.-to-midnight show live while they pursue a new

morning show gig.

Anderson said Rock 105 is actually paying Esparza and his sidekicks "a good deal more than \$15,000 [annually]." He would not say exactly what they are paying, but he admitted Esparza "can't live on what [Rock 105 is] paying him."

Local Clear Channel vice president Jim Richards said Esparza still has some time left on his contract with KEGL. He said Esparza will still collect his KEGL pay until that contract runs out.

"The ball is in his court," said Richards, who also said it is up to Esparza and/or his agent to find a permanent radio home to host his live show. He said Esparza and his two sidekicks are welcome to be based in San Diego while they look, but the station isn't interested in anything but a night-time show.

One exec at a competing station wondered if Esparza will be hired again.

"He's damaged goods," said the insider. "Things are different now. Look at Opie and Anthony [afternoon shock jocks who were fired from WNEW, New York four months ago for airing a sex act in church]. They were fired before for content and then got rehired in another town at another station. But it's a different ballgame now. It's been four months and they are still out of work."

— Ken Leighton

Java Joe's — touted as one of the early venues-of-choice for folksinger-turned-MTV star Jewel and now riding high on Jason Mraz's recent signing to Elektra Records (Mraz honed his craft here) — is leaving Ocean Beach.

Owner Joe Flammini has announced that he is selling his business at 1956 Bacon Street and will relocate to a new venue downtown.

The new Java Joe's will continue to host live music at a new address on Eighth Avenue between Broadway and C. The move will happen the first week in November, said a person close to Flammini.

— Ken Leighton

"We're a new kind of rap.

It's financial rap. It's not about girls unless the girl owes you money."

Rapper Dr. Cliff Mixtable explains the idea behind Bad Credit, possibly the world's first financial hip-hop band.

"The financial community is not known for spawning art," says guitarist EZ E-literate. "Art usually comes from a different place. Some people see a painting

and want to write a song. I pick up a *Wall Street Journal*, and I sit down, and I really want to rap."

Bad Credit does not use prerecorded tracks; they have guitar, bass, and drums. Their songs include "Punk Dot Com," "Balance Your Checkbook," and "Bill Gates Owes Me Five Bucks."

Yo, I got the dough and I'll spend it on a whim / 'Cause I got more cash than an ATM / Don't give me no check or no COD / I want cold hard cash, show me the mon-ey.... Drivin' fast cars and I'm wearin' a tux / Call up Bill Gates 'cause he owes me five bucks.

"Sometimes we read personal bank statements onstage," says Mixtable.

"We've been the house band at the most ironic of



BAD CREDIT INVENTS FINANCIAL RAP

places: the Blarney Stone in Clairemont," says rapper/keyboardist Optimus Rime. "We figure if we could go to a traditional Irish pub

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and kick out the jams with financial hip-hop, we could play anywhere."

"People work all week for the man, and they want to come to a Bad Credit show and let all that financial frustration out," says Rime.

"We're gonna be the first band to be publicly traded," predicts E-Literate.

Bad Credit appears with Anya Marina and Reeve Oliver 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Honeybee Hive downtown.

— Ken Leighton

"I wasn't going to go at all, but I got a call three hours before saying at least one of us should go because we were going to win something."

Rob Crow said he was tipped off that his band Pinback was going to win the Album of the Year Award for *Blue Screen Life* at the San Diego Music Awards October 15.

Crow said his partner in Pinback, Zach Smith, didn't want to go at all.

"I figured I better go,"

said Crow, but he was not impressed with the ceremony.

"It was really just a bunch of guys who make money off of creative people — people who don't really do anything artistic — telling each other how cool they are. I won't be going anymore. It was really mind-numbingly boring and pathetic to sit through all these people saying dumb stuff about how good they are."

Crow's award was the last award handed out. "There was nobody left." But those who were still there got an earful.

"I said if people want to help the San Diego music



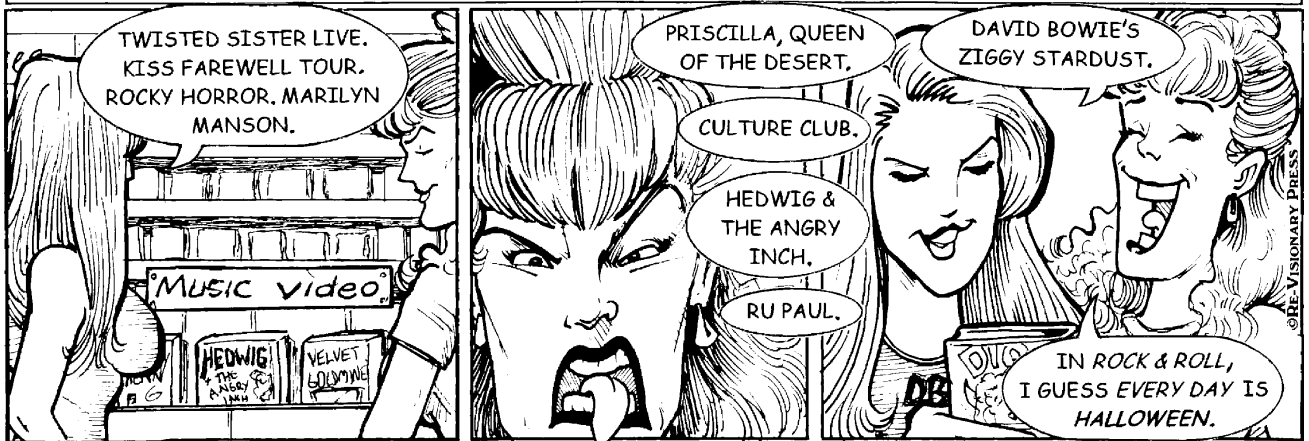
A LONELY AWARD WINNER

scene, they should help support any all-age venue except for SOMA."

SOMA was an all-age

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venue run by Len Paul at two different locations from 1987–1999. Paul is reopening SOMA near the Sports Arena next month.

What's wrong with SOMA?

"I was there when [Rocket from the Crypt's] John Reis got beat up.... Anybody who has been around that guy [Paul] knows what kind of guy he is. I don't want to make enemies, I just don't care to support that."

"I have never heard of the band, and as far as I know, I have never met them," said Paul. "They have never played for me. I can't believe he said that. It's sad somebody would say something like this. It's also sad that you can't think of anything better to write about...[when you consider]

all the potential things you could write about to help the local music scene."

Paul admitted he had heard of Smith's former band, Three Mile Pilot. Paul also admitted there was an incident at SOMA involving Reis. "That was in 1987.... John was kicking a mike stand three times into the crowd.... He got pushed off the stage by the sound company. There was no exchange of punches. I had nothing to do with that."

Crow, who has played in local bands Heavy Vegetable and Optigonally Yours, said he in fact has spoken directly with Paul. "Yes, I talked to him. One time for sure was when I was punched out by the bouncers at a Fishwife show at SOMA. He didn't do anything about it."

The sound technician, who said he was involved in the John Reis incident, said it happened "9, 10, or 11 years ago" and that he was responsible for any interaction with Reis, not Paul. The sound tech did not want his name used.

"John kicked the mike stand into the audience. It had something to do with his band getting introduced by a 91X DJ, and he didn't want that. He kicked the mike stand into the audience a second time. He spilled some water into my brand-new monitors. He hit me in the chest, and I wrapped my arms around him to get him offstage. But the stage ran out before we hit the wall, and we both fell off the stage. He said, 'I'm out of here.' I did not want to fight the guy....

It's been ten years. I would like to talk to John and hope there are still no hard feelings.... People may have problems with Len, but this was not his fault."

Pinback appears tonight with No Knife; the Dragons; Alice Pooper and the Billion Dollar Babies; Rochelle, Rochelle; the Furious IV; and Rotator at the Casbah Halloween Party at the Westin Horton Plaza Hotel.

Paul said SOMA's grand opening is November 16 with the Vandals, Tsunami Bomb, and Audio Karate.

— Ken Leighton

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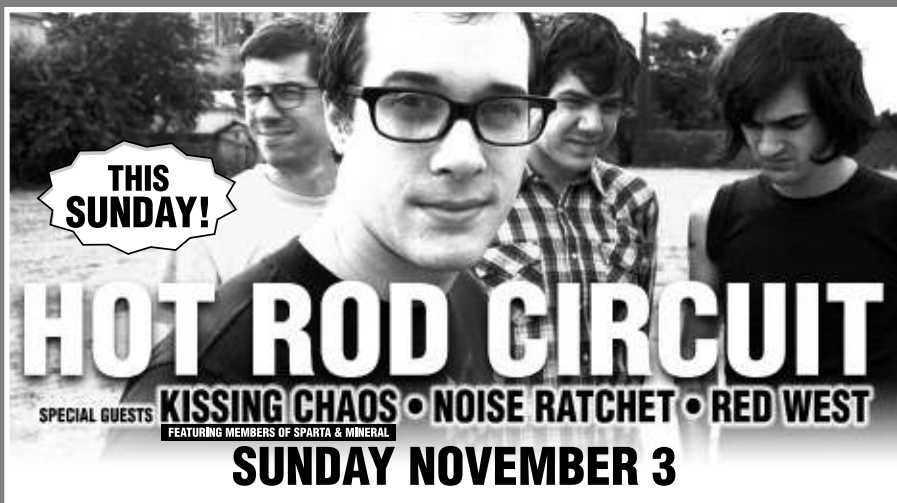
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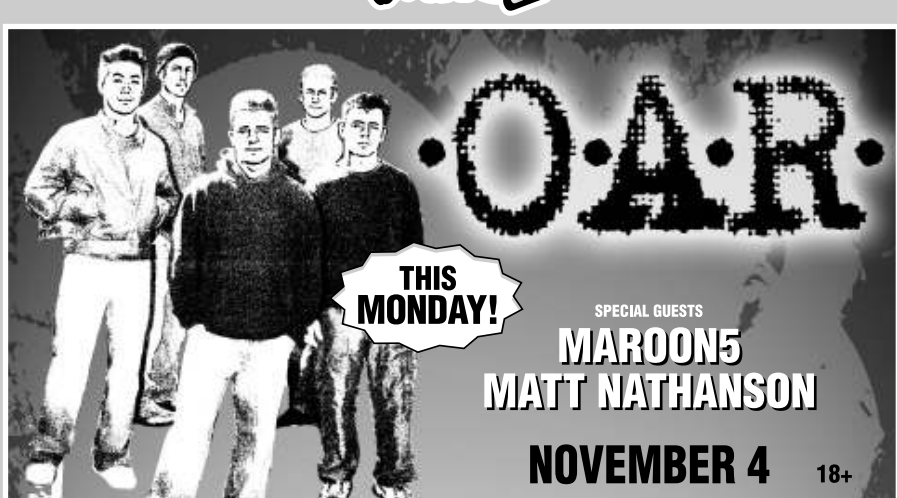
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"I found a box of 16-millimeter 'educational' films at a county auction."

North County record collector Ivan Torres founded and played guitar with one of the area's earliest dark metal groups, Bloodbat, from 1987 through the band's breakup in 1994.

"Our bass player was a member of this Satanic cult called Rainbow, so a lot of times we'd have actual factual animal-sacrificing devil worshippers in the audience! Sometimes we'd do covers of King Diamond stuff, but we were so sloppy nobody recognized the covers. The most common thing people would say to us after our set was, 'I can't tell your songs apart, they all sound the same.' Instead of being insulted, we told ourselves, 'Cool, we have a consistent theme...our own sound!' We didn't want to be compared with anyone, not even ourselves."

"We used to play the old downtown Soma building," says Torres, "and we'd project black-and-white horror movies on the walls around us while we played. Like 8mm loops of giant spiders and *Night of the Living Dead* stuff, way before Rob Zombie or Marilyn Manson came along. We weren't playing for laughs...we were seriously into serial killers and building replicas of torture devices to use onstage. I found a box of 16mm 'educational' films at a county auction, and one of them was that bloody driver's ed movie they used to show to scare the kids...with car accidents and ripped-up bodies, brains on the pavement, that kind of thing. Girls in the audience would be screaming and covering their eyes and crying, but those were the same girls who were first in line trying to get backstage and get closer to sick fucks like us."

Torres still follows the scene and says Club Xanth on 30th Street is one of the best venues showcasing local genre bands. "The Catacombs" is the club's monthly dark metal event, featuring area acts with morbid names like Gutrot, Nocutuary, and Crematorium. Blue Meannie Records in El Cajon is his pick for the best source for related recordings, as well as opportunities for face-to-face time with acts like Cannibal Corpse and Dark Funeral, both of whom appeared at the shop in April for a CD signing.

GORE BANDS

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"Dark metal started underground, and the real sincere stuff is still on indie labels or self-released," he says. "I'd rather go see any of the local metal bands than sellouts from the mainstream who try to imitate [dark metal]. Bands like Pantera and Anal Cunt are for rich suburban kids who desperately want to pretend they're 'alienated,' when really they're just looking for something guaranteed

to piss their parents off. Some kids think all you have to do is gross out your audience, and you're playing in the devil's league."

Alive you are no more.

Let them see what my anger's for.

Tempers rise — No disguise

I've done my deed — I'll watch you bleed.

— Lyric from "My Dying God," by Daemos

The four-piece band Daemos has been playing San Diego venues since the early 1990s, as well as opening for Judas Priest at L.A.'s House of Blues and for Testament at the Whisky A Go-Go. Guest appearances on local radio stations like KIOZ and San Jose's KSJO have elevated interest in the band's website, *Daemos.com*, which claims to receive over 275,000 hits yearly. The group theorizes that attaching themselves to projects with big-name headliners will reflect some of that fame back on them, which explains their repeated presence performing cover versions on tribute albums like *Megaded* (Megadeth songs — Daemos plays "Looking Down the Cross") and "SuperCharger Hell" (they do a cover of White Zombie's "SuperCharger Heaven").

Raise the battle-ax unto the skulls

In the bliss of spilling blood on enemy soil...

From a trail of churches burning.

Under the Haunting Moon, with sword in hand I ride and I exalt the horns of battle towards the sky.

— Lyrics from "Raise the Horns of Battle," by Crimson Moon

Crimson Moon is a recording unit only, made up of two members and a drum machine. Bassist/vocal-

ist/lyricist Scorpions and his bandmate Nocturnal Overlord (guitars, keyboards, drum programming) wear King Diamond/Kiss-style Kabuki makeup — whiteface with black patches curling and dripping around their eyes and mouths to present a patina of WWF-level ferocity. They first surfaced in San Diego in 1994 with a self-titled demo release, followed by



Daemos



Crimson Moon

1995's *Into the Nocturnal Forest*, earning both praise and notoriety for their obsession with all things occult.

Scorpions writes lengthy manifestos on medieval theology and astral projection that he posts on www.geocities.com/kthuluproductions and e-mails to fans by request. In songs like "The Stormbringer," Scorpions seems to be reading incantation spells directly from some arcane text, summoning "creatures of darkness and hatred" and intoning, "For I have consumed the blood that lives forever more, the blood of the Draconis; I drink the blood, the hate of Kingu rages on, the furious tempest unleashes black storms and the chaos crawls beyond the stars, to unleash fury amongst the blackened earth."

The end passage of "Raise the Horns of Bat-

tle," after praising the destruction of churches and synagogues and the murder of Jews and Jesuits, includes a nod to the unholy trinity of Lucifer, Beelzebuth (this spelling seems to be a northern European version of Beelzebub), and Astaroth and ends with a cheeky "Amen."

Crimson Moon's 1996 debut CD *To Embrace the Vampyric Blood* (Abyss Productions) contained nine tracks and was recorded on a four-track machine, as was a 1997 rehearsal performed with a third player on synthesizers, Khaija Ausar, which was later circulated as an "unofficial release" called *Under the Serpentine Spell*. With no new material and no stage performances over the ensuing years, it seemed the group had disbanded, but Nocturnal Overlord says Crimson Moon has recorded an album archiving all the music they have done to date, including rerecordings of their demos plus three unreleased songs.

"My lyrics in Crimson Moon are occult based and not from a horror movie or fiction book," according to Scorpions. "It is not an image. It is what we do, and we will not change this because it is getting too trendy or too hated. We do this for ourselves."

He says he rarely reads fiction and especially hates "vampire novels.... I have studied the myths, magic, and lore of not only Sumerian but Babylonian mythology as well. When I say study, I mean going further than just reading and practicing rituals from the *Necronomicon*. I have another ritual/acoustic project totally devoted to the deities of Sumeria/Babylonia called

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— Lyric from "Bludgeoned, Beaten, and Barbecued," by Cattle Decapitation

Local gorehounds Cattle Decapitation recently joined the roster of L.A.'s Metal Blade



Cattle Decapitation

"The Church of Satan is not much different than any other church, perhaps a bit more honest."

writer H.P. Lovecraft, and texts purporting to have originated in this tome are of recent construct or from other sources entirely.

Discussing his views about Christianity versus Satanism on the San Diego Metal website (www.geocities.com/s_b_resistor/local.html), Scorpios says, "They are actually very similar in many ways, and they both need each other to exist! Satanism is not what I am into. I have studied much about it, but it is basically a Judeo-Christian mutation of a religion. I prefer to go back much further in history to seek information."

Scorpios is familiar with *The Satanic Bible*, written by Anton Szandor LaVey (who formed the Church of Satan in 1966) but doesn't align himself with the philosophies set forth in this notorious book, which has sold more than 600,000 copies since it was first published by Avon Books in 1969.

"If you read Ragnar Redbeard's book *Might Is Right*, which came out much before LaVey was around, it is interesting to see how many of the same ideas LaVey had. I don't consider his form of Satanism to be...true Satanism. To me, true Satanism is a form of devil worship, not psychology. The Church of Satan is not much different than any other church, perhaps a bit more honest. They still feed off their followers' money."

Torn apart, upon a hook, limb from fucking bloody limb. Carbonized and oxidized, pancreatic ducts ripped out. Cleaned of all its organs,

Records. A press release announcing the signing says that "Cattle Decapitation brings forth the ideas of vegetarianism with the utmost brutal approach in expression."

The group is known for wearing masks made of beef jerky onstage. Originally formed as a member-swapping side project of the Locust (drummer Dave Astor founded the Locust, and former Cattle Decapitation guitarist Gabe Serbian now plays drums in the Locust), their newly remastered *Human Jerky* CD is enhanced with bonus CD-ROM content playable on any computer, such as live footage from the jerky mask shows, downloadable desktops, and a link to the band's website. Song titles on *Human Jerky* include "Roadkill Removal Technician" and "Parasitic Infestation (Extracted Pus Mistaken for Yogurt and Gargled)."

"To us it is an honor to be chosen by a label that is responsible for such greats as Rigor Mortis, Cryptic Slaughter, Cannibal Corpse, and King Diamond," says Cattle vocalist Travis Ryan. "Being on Metal Blade is going to allow us to reach a higher level of exposure and ability to play in places and in front of crowds that we wouldn't normally be able to, and that is something we need right now." The band's debut CD for Metal Blade, *To Serve Man*, is named after a classic episode of *The Twilight Zone* TV series, wherein nine-foot-tall alien "Canamits" utilize an intergalactic cookbook to make lunchmeat out of human beings. ■

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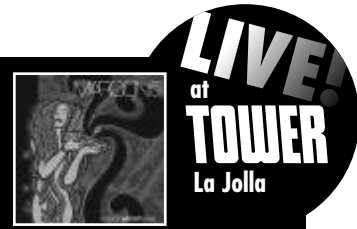
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She has written, as well, for the tuba, vibraphone, electric guitar, harp, celeste, and cowbells.

The feature attraction — i.e., the most exalted fellow — at the American Academy in Berlin when I was there recently was

the Franco-American composer Betsy Jolas. Mme. Jolas is of American parentage but has lived in Paris nearly her whole life. Nor are her parents any ordinary mom and dad. Her father Eugene, a distinguished journalist, was founder and editor of the literary review *transition*, which between 1927 and 1938 — 27 issues' worth — was the most influential avant-garde journal in English, publishing important names — in many instances then unfamiliar — in literature, painting, and music:

Gertrude Stein, Hemingway, Hart Crane, W.C. Williams, Gottfried Benn, Max Ernst, Braque, Jung, Picasso, Kafka, Eluard, Miró, Gide, Beckett, Bowles, Rilke, H.D., to name only a few. Probably most significantly, *transition* published large sections of James Joyce's *Work in Progress*, later to be called *Finnegans Wake*, a work hardly anyone would go near in the early '30s, including the other avant-garde journals of the time. Joyce and his wife Nora became close family friends, and Mme. Jolas remembers very well sitting on Uncle Jim's lap and having the author sing Irish ballads to her. Maria Jolas, the composer's mother, was a professionally trained singer who would continue to perform throughout her life, if mostly among family and friends. She was also a distinguished translator; she was the first to translate Nathalie Sarraute and Gaston Bachelard (*The Poetics of Space*) from French into English.

But it was her mother's voice, her singing, that was to most influence her daughter's development as a composer. Betsy Jolas is quite

clear about this in outlining her musical evolution. Throughout her career, voice would be central, with Jolas exploring the instrumental possibilities of the voice (timbre, register) while at the same time investigating those affinities among various instruments with the human voice.

Her father Eugene was also a poet, and as the daughter of a poet, in a household with poets regularly passing through, in a household filled with song, it should not be surprising that since 1949, Betsy Jolas has been setting the texts of poets to music: Reverdy (1949), Jacques Dupin (1959), Frédéric Eugene Il-louz (1995), among others. Jolas understands poets and poetry far better than most poets and professors of literature, in my experience. It's in her blood.

Over the course of her career, still very much ongoing at age 76, Mme.

Jolas has composed over a hundred pieces for instrumental solo, chamber, orchestra, solo voice, vocal ensemble, and combinations thereof. She has also written three operas. Her earliest composition, a mass, dates from 1945, when she completed her studies at Bennington College in Vermont, where she also, incidentally, had the good fortune to study dance with Martha Graham and literature with W.H. Auden.

Apart from voice, Jolas has evidenced a clear predilection for the viola, the saxophone (like her countrymen Debussy and Ravel), also the clarinet. But she has written as well for the tuba, vibraphone, electric guitar, harp, celeste, and cowbells. Like Debussy, she is an adven-

turer in tone color and unconventional harmonies.

The music of Betsy Jolas will sound very modern to most listeners, and harsh, even assaultive at times, especially to those most comfortable with a Strauss waltz. One will be hard-pressed, in most cases, to identify theme or repetition. The music is mostly atonal and exploratory. It does not set out to be pretty, although at times it can be ravishingly so. It is not aural wallpaper. It is not background music while one attends to a casserole. It makes large demands on the listener, demands that carry with them significant rewards.

Jolas's influences are uncommonly various, not surprising given her background with all those brilliant characters passing through the household when she was a child, all the vivid voices. But along with her mother's voice, Renaissance polyphony would have the most telling effect on her work, compositions by Schütz, de Lassus, des Prez, de Lasso, among others. She was exposed to these early com-

posers not long after her family fled to New York in 1940, where she got a position with the Desoff choir, singing and accompanying on organ.

Jolas describes her work as being mainly concerned with counterpoint and melody. The former she would have picked up from her Renaissance enthusiasms and Bach. The latter from all over the place. Jolas has a long list of enthusi-

asms: Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Berlioz, Debussy, and Honegger, for starters. She had wanted to study with Honegger at the Paris Conservatory on her return to Paris after the war but wound up working with Messiaen and Milhaud instead — not a bad trade-off. But it is perhaps Debussy, with his extraordinary tonal palette and what Jolas refers to as his manner of "breathing," that has affected her most deeply, at least among the moderns.

On her return to Paris in 1946, Mme. Jolas, along with contemporaries such as Boulez, Berio, and Stockhausen, would be caught up in serialism, Schoenberg's 12-tone row. Over time, each of these composers

would find his or her way beyond serialism, several of them through the scaled-down architecture and astringencies of Anton Webern's music. It was a generation in search of a new musical syntax, a "new rhetoric that would correspond to a new morphology." This has long been the challenge for every generation of serious young artists, be it music, literature, or the visual arts. But for this group of young composers coming to ma-

turity in the middle of the last century in the wake of the great modernists — Stravinsky, Bartók, Schoenberg — the challenge must have seemed overwhelming, the options for real innovation exhausted.

Betsy Jolas's music ranges from the serial, stripped-down, angular, and pointillist, à la Webern and Boulez: all edges, asymmetrical rhythm, and space, across the board to those opulent orchestral textures we might identify with a slightly older French contemporary, Henri Dutilleul. A characteristic worth noting while listening to her music, which is woefully underrecorded and difficult to find, is Jolas's continual probing toward a tonal center. Much of the drama in any given work of the composer is inherent in this heuristic activity. As for her methods of development, the composer favors the term "biological," as, for example, in cells splitting and dividing into new cells. This is not an unheard of notion in contemporary music and the related arts.

Betsy Jolas's celebrated contemporary at the Paris Conservatory, Pierre Boulez, writes of "a dialectic that establishes a moment of composition between a rigorous total structure and a momentary structure submissive to free will." I believe one can hear that dialectic at work in Jolas's music quite clearly. But *dialectic* is such a chilly word for music of such lyricism, intensity and bold invention. ■

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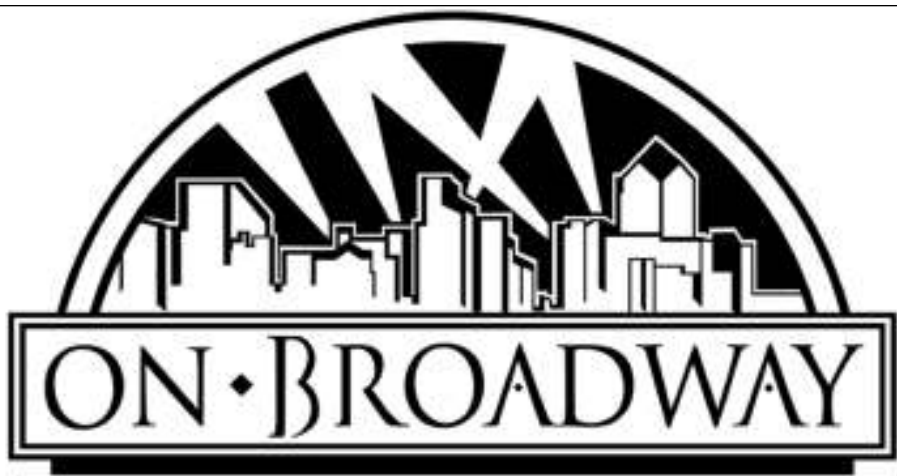
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SATURDAY

"The Dragons Unplugged" [115] and
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Merle Haggard [774] and **King
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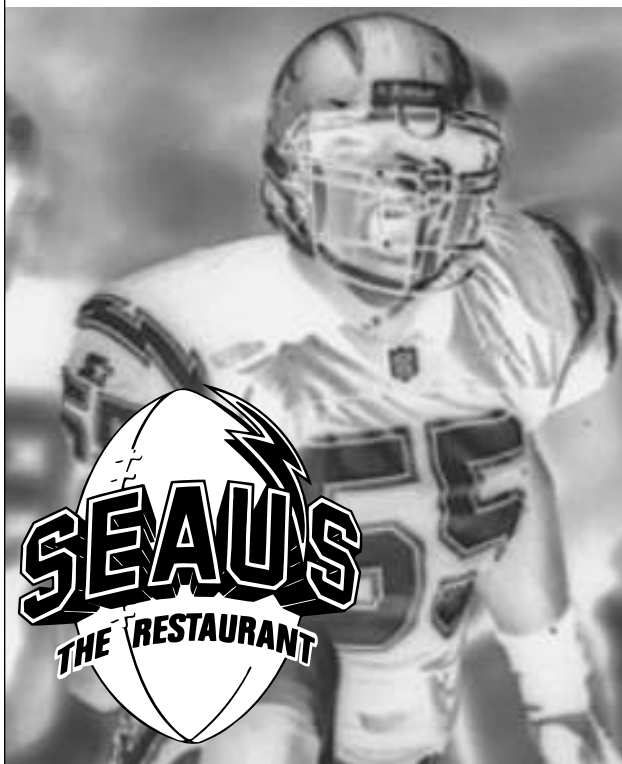
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Hoobastank [440] and **Greenwheel**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, November 11, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Rogers [785]: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, November 12, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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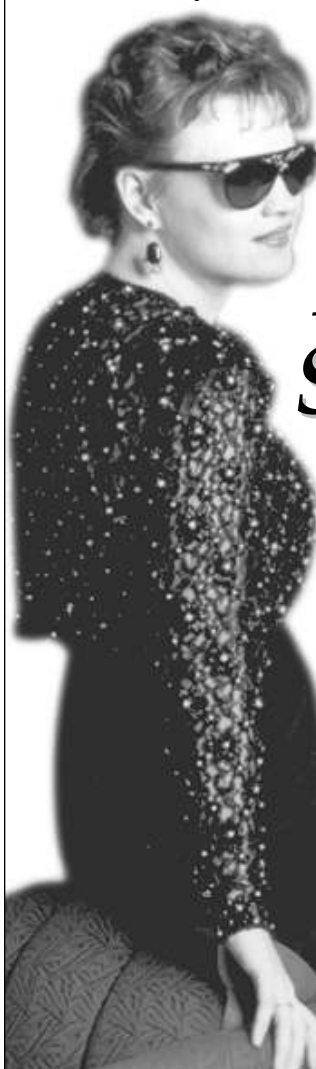
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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

At the New Country Format Seminar this year, broadcast programming targeted at male country-radio listeners was unveiled. Unofficially, it was referred to as the testosterone format. It included some of the old-schoolers like **Merle Haggard**, who has all but been ignored by music directors during the last decade. That's the problem with modern country — the swagger's gone out of it. No grit, no soul. Today's most popular country artists write droll tunes designed to play equally well on the pop, rock, R&B, and easy-listening charts. It's all about crossover, and the only format barrier they haven't broken yet is jazz.

Richard Nixon once admitted that Merle Haggard was his favorite country singer. The former president was said to favor Haggard's strong tempos and sentimental working-class ideals. Nixon wasn't alone. From 1973

through 1976, Haggard bagged nine consecutive number-one country records, putting him in league with Conway Twitty. By 1990, Haggard had amassed 95 country hits. Even so, he was broke. He soon filed for bankruptcy. In 1994, Haggard was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Merle Haggard was born in 1937 to Dust Bowl migrants in a boxcar just outside of Bakersfield. He got married at 17, fathered four kids, resorted to armed robbery to help turn the nut, and eventually went to jail for a few years. One day Johnny Cash performed for the inmates, which inspired Haggard to join a prison band. Back in Bakersfield by 1960, Haggard charted almost immediately. He wrote songs about home, work, family, and prison, and musically, he inherited the place that Bob Wills & His Texas Playboys left behind. He grew fond of model trains. Eventually, Haggard became a gold-plated cash cow for Nashville after he recorded "Okie from Muskogee," what may be his best known and most satirized work outside of country circles. "We don't smoke



MERLE HAGGARD

marijuana in Muskogee / We don't take our trips on LSD," he sings. "We don't burn no draft cards down on Main Street / We like livin' right and bein' free."

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'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Eek-A-Mouse*, reggae, with *Thicker Than Thieves* and *Voice of Reason*. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *Badfish*, CD-release party. Monday, *O.A.R.*, *Maroon5*, and *Matt Nathanson*. Tuesday, *Saves the Day*, *Ash, Kind of Like Spitting*, and *Saturday Looks Good to Me*. Wednesday, *Flickerstick*, *the Shazam*, and *the Dropline*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday and Wednesday, *Rockola*, classic rock. Also, Wednesday, *Lisa Campbell Band*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 pm, *Dead by Sunset*, *Mother Mae I*, and

Stolen. Friday, 9 pm, *Glorfindel*, *Idiot Wind*, *the Balladmongers*, and *Steven Cox*. Saturday, *Vampire*, *Ruckus*, and *the Grindtones*. Wednesday, 86'D, *Caustic Lye*, and *Socket Seven*.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Dora Hall & Mixed Company*, jazz, blues. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Judy Chamberlain*, jazz. Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Dejablue*, blues.

Il Forno, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Thursday, *Dave Warren's New Jazz*. Friday, *Afinity*, rhumba and Spanish guitar. Saturday and Wednesday, *the Wagnertorre & Christiano Novelli Duo*, Brazilian rhythm.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Friday, *the Dragons* and *Gregory Page*, alternative. Saturday, *Berkley Hart* and *Distant Cousins*. Monday, Wendy's open-mike night.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Sunday through Tuesday, *Larry Fogel*, singer, pianist.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *the Bastard Sons of Johnny*

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In the United States, we almost never hear anything about Northern Ireland unless it's about a bombing or an unraveling peace plan. So most Americans probably have a warped view of what life's like over there. Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised that while Britain's punks were singing about (and joining in) riots, Northern Irish new wave bands like the Undertones were singing about cars and girls. Now that things seem relatively calm over there, Northern Ireland gives us **Ash**, a band of three guys and girl who could teach the Beach Boys something about sun and fun.

The sound is full of the revved-up tempos and crunchy guitars of modern, California-style pop-punk or emo, but with

unusually artful arrangements (strings even!) and professionally slick production. In other words, it sounds like punk without the anger, without the D.I.Y., without the snot — without the punk.

I'm tempted to trash Ash for this, but I saw the movie *Bloody Sunday* a couple of weeks ago, and I feel like the Northern Irish people deserve a break. Besides, Ash's songs are good. The lyrics of guitarist/singer **Tim Wheeler** don't exactly call out for a collection in book form, but Ash's style of music isn't really the medium for deep thought. When Wheeler does try something heavier in *Nicole*, singing, "I killed my baby but I loved her," it sounds ridiculous. It's like Nick Cave showing up on a Muffs record. Ash's music is for playing at a party, or in a car full of friends, or on the radio when two teenagers are making out.

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ASH

ting, and **Saturday Looks Good to Me** also perform.

(To hear a sample of **Ash**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4110.)

ASH, 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, November 5, 7 p.m. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497. \$15.

Cash, country. Saturday, *Modern Rhythm*, rock. Sunday, open acoustic.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 9 pm, *Organix* and *Mystic Roots*, reggae. Saturday, 9 pm, *Cold Fusion* and *Ministry of Standards*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Psydecar*. Friday, *Vegetation and Grove*, roots, rock. Saturday, *the Fareed Hague Group* and *Basement*, jazz, funk. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, 8:30 pm, *the Funnies*. Monday, *Standing Wave*, rock. Tuesday, *the*

Agave Band, rock. Wednesday, *Zuvuya*, alternative.

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Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *the Scotch Greens*, *the Barnyard Ballers*, *the Bandits*, *Cockpit*, and *Drag Tribute*. Friday, *Atomic Hooligan* and *Stareyes*. Wednesday, *Eyes Adrift* with *Mike Watt & the Secondmen*.

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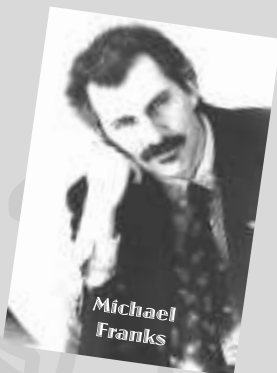
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Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. All music is alternative/rock. Friday, *the Rx Bandits*, *Social Status*, *the Slaves*, and *Nowheresville*. Saturday, *One Man Army*, *Ten Foot Pole*, *Pivit*, and *the Applicators*. Sunday, *Hot Rod Circuit*, *Noise Ratchet*, *Kissing Chaos*, and *Red West*. Wednesday, *CKY*, *Mike V.* & *the Rats*, and *Leisure*.

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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, 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*. Friday, 7:30 pm, *Diane Schuur*. Saturday, 6 pm, *Eve Selis Band*, 9:30 pm, *Detroit Underground*, rock,

soul. Sunday, 8 pm to midnight, *Jose Molina Serrano*, Latin jazz. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *the Soul Persuaders*. Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday and Saturday, live music. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Congress of the Cow*, *Skydiver*, and *Buckfast Superbee*, alternative. Saturday, *Tori Cobras* and *the Blood Suite*, alternative.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Friday, *Carlos Olmeda*, acoustic pop. Saturday, *She Blonde Swede*, alternative. Sunday, *Lisa Sanders*, acoustic folk. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Green Flies*, alternative.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Thursday, *Idol Train*. Friday, *Nectarine*, rock. Saturday, *Roxx*, rock.

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Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Coupe de Ville*, blues, swing.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Music is alternative/hard core. Thursday, *Modessa*, *Battering Train*, *Opus Majestic*, and *Kuatro Viente*. Friday, *Freak Out*. Saturday, *La Droga Electra*, *Lheal*, *Afixion*, and *Casino*, rock en español.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Call club for information.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, 7:30 pm, *the Dismemberment Plan*, *Engine Down*, and *Hot Like a Robot*.



Album name: *This Is Fun!*/Vintage Soundtracks (2002)

Artist: Tim Coffman

Label: Rolltop Records

Songs: 1) Monaco Nights 2) Highway 1 3) Slinky Feet 4) Fresh Roses 5) Vision of Greatness 6) With Hope 7) Secret Expectations 8) Low Tide 9) Sunset at Waikiki

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Names of band members: Tim Coffman (bass, strings, keyboards, bells, arpeggios), John Rekeviks (saxophone, flute), Mitch Manker (trumpet, flügelhorn), Greg Sardinna (Hawaiian steel guitar), Archie Thompson (piano, Rhodes, Wurlitzer), Anthony Da Luz (electric and acoustic guitars), Beau Mac Dougall (electric guitar and acoustic leads), T.J. Tindall (electric guitar), Brian Cantrell (drums), Nico Gutierrez (percussion), Andy Sharp (percussion)

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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.

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FOOD ► pretzels only (you may bring food onboard); food served at the resorts

ACCESS ► free parking at Bahia, with lots of spaces; \$4 parking at Catamaran

DRESS ► mostly slacks and nicer clothes were worn

DANCE FLOOR ► 10' x 30' (four couples dancing)

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BATHROOMS ► on first level; women's was very small, with two toilets and one sink and a big mirror; very clean; men's had one urinal and one toilet, two framed cigar pictures, and "soft soap" **CAPACITY** ► "200 comfortably," said a woman working there **SPECIAL AREAS** ► smoking on third level; band on second floor **FURNISHINGS** ► Victorian style, with oak and brass railings, wooden paneling, and etched glass; on the first floor, every seat has a view of the water **DECIBEL LEVEL** ► 83 during piped-in music, 94 during band's performance of "Brown-Eyed Girl" **QUOTABLE** ► "I need to get my sea legs. Hand me the Dramamine before I start feeding the fish."

The *Bahia Belle* has been on Mission Bay for more than 30 years, and although I was born and raised here (also for more than 30 years), I was on it for the first time a few weeks ago for a birthday party. The

view of the water was highlighted by the fireworks show you can see at Sea World. Unfortunately, they only do the fireworks in the summer. But you'll still have a view of the night sky, the bonfires, and the boats that line the beach. You can also see the lights of the roller coaster at Belmont Park.

The second time I rode the *Belle*, I brought a friend who claimed to get seasick, but he had no problem with the boat. It's a surprisingly smooth ride. When a drunk lady at the bar was being a bit loud, I asked the friendly bartender if being drunk and having the boat rock back and forth made it more likely for people puking. He smiled and said, "There's usually a month during the winter where, right before we pull into the Catamaran, it can be a bit rough, but not too bad."

— Josh Board

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In tourist-crammed Old Town, both visitors and locals look for a moderately lively atmosphere, good margaritas, and abundant portions of pleasant, if inauthentic, Mexican-ish food. Zócalo Grill initially seems aimed straight at satisfying these desires. Although the Brigantine family already includes two popular gringo-Mex restaurants (Miguel's Cantinas in Coronado and Point Loma), at Zócalo the aim is both higher and wider. Though many Mexican ingredients do indeed find their way into the dishes, don't look for fish tacos, tortilla-wrap combo platters, or great heaps of rice and refries; not only are there no Mexican food clichés here, there's no actual Mexican food! Zócalo just *looks* Mexican.

The cooking style comes from no particular nation except the Land of California, sweet home San Diego — the kitchen grabs individual ingredients from the Southwest and the Middle East, from Paris and Provence, from Italy, Hawaii, Seattle, and Southeast Asia, and kneads them together into new combinations. You'll also find several soups, salads, and pizzas in the normal style of California cuisine, complete with the requisite upscale ingredients. (For instance, pancetta, heirloom tomatoes, and goat cheese show up frequently, and the current seasonal pizza features local spiny lobster.) Several main courses lean slightly toward Mexico — not the real Mexico, but a Mexico of the mind.

We gathered up our "Mexi-food" buddies, Tom and Alma and Jerry (all frequent travelers south of the border), and showed up early to grab a terrace table and dive into a full indulgence of half-price happy-hour appetizers. These are more like large tapas (sized for sharing) than regular restaurant appetizers, a baker's dozen noshes and nibbles built from an international grocery list. A week earlier Jerry had enjoyed a meal of the appetizers here, and



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precisely as he reported, the two outstanding starters were the "sticks" and the "stacks," both showcasing shrimp. "Crispy Tropical Shrimp Sticks" are gently sweet, breaded with coconut and sugar, and deep fried on bamboo skewers. The points impale a pineapple bottom hollowed out and stuffed with a tangy fresh papaya salsa (the menu said mango, but that day it was papaya, which is just as good). There's a ramekin of dark, thick, tangy dip alongside, a honey-sweetened ponzu made with pickled ginger and Thai chile flakes. The "Jumbo Shrimp Stack" proved to be a classy vertical salad of flavorful Mexican white shrimp, avocado, and mango relish — cool, clean, and harmonious.

The crisp, well-seasoned, but heavy batter on the cornmeal-crusted calamari drew mixed reviews; the squid were tender and came with a well-balanced aioli and a standard cocktail sauce. Pupusas were weightier, their thick *masa* (corn flour) shells filled with chunks of smoked chicken and a touch of Spain's manchego cheese. Their flavor was uplifted, almost transformed, by a splash of the thin, vibrant, and sharply spicy tomatillo salsa from the ramekin

alongside. Risotto cakes crusted with *pepitas* (hulled, roasted pumpkin seeds) "read" better than they tasted. Officially, their contents included Dungeness crab and goat cheese. All we could taste besides rice was a massive overdose of salt, which functioned like a *burqah*, cloaking all other flavors; we could only catch a hint of possible deliciousness underneath.

On her way to the restaurant, Alma had missed a turn and stopped at a nearby hotel for directions.

Along with mapping her route, the desk clerk gave her a coupon for a free appetizer. The week's freebie turned out to be Hawaiian-style *kiawe*-smoked tuna with wasabi mousseline on insipid round matzoh-like crackers, so dry they were a desert to the tongue. (They may be upgraded to something better by the time you read this.) The menu calls the crackers "lavash," but I don't think many Middle Easterners would. You couldn't taste the smoke in the tuna, but you could certainly perceive the whack of wasabi. (How ironic that a freebie lost the restaurant about a quarter of a star!) An "Old Town Tapas" platter was even drearier. Among that

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Zócalo Grill

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HOURS: Open daily; lunch, 11:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; dinner, Sunday–Thursday, 4:00–9:30 p.m., to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.**PRICES:** Appetizers, \$6–\$12 (half price at happy hour, 4:00–7:00 p.m. daily). Pastas and pizzas, \$7–\$13. Main courses, \$14–\$28 (average \$17). Large "share platters" for groups, \$40–\$48.**CUISINE & BEVERAGES:** "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic, international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft (and five bottled) beers, familiar California bottlings at normal markups, and Brigantine's own custom-blended, affordable Chardonnay and Merlot.**NEED TO KNOW:** Heated outdoor terrace. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at the south side of the terrace. Casual, festive atmosphere. Reservations advised, especially for weekends.

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week's melange of Italian, Mexican, and Middle Eastern bites, the only morsels we really enjoyed were some tangy-sweet eggplant cubes. The other items were breadly or bland or blah.

One of the consistent virtues of the Brigantine chain of restaurants is the quality of its seafood (mainly bought locally, from Pacific Shellfish in P.B.) and its care in cooking it. With the local spiny lobster season just beginning, we couldn't pass up an entrée of "lobster Santa Maria." Zócalo serves monsters — 1½ pounders — so even at \$28, their shareable size makes them seem reasonably priced. Our capa-

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cious crustacean, grilled and split, was moist and unusually tender for its ilk, served with a ramekin of melted butter hauntingly seasoned with chile ancho (not *picante* but savory nonetheless). A mound of simple, luxurious avocado salsa adorned each half. With butter-grazed creamer potatoes and baby carrots scattered about, it was my idea of a "happy meal."

"Paella Yucatan" proved novel: it is the wettest paella I've ever encountered. "We gave it the paella name for recognition," says Brigantine Corporate Chef Mark Adair. "From there, everything else departs. We got a little more eclectic and crazy than a Spaniard would." It was closer to being a soup, with a light, aromatic broth similar to Mexican seafood chowders like *siete mares* ("seven seas") or *vuelve a la vida*

("return to life"). It abounded in sweet shrimp, mussels, clams, and spicy chicken sausage, a little papaya — which lent a subtle sweetness — plus a few bits of minced red semi-hot peppers. (While the menu refers to the latter as "fiery chiles," that must be gringo talk, since they didn't even singe Jerry's heat-shy palate.)

"I like the seafood but not the rice," said Tom, sipping the paella broth. Dotted with black beans and corn kernels, the grains were yellow, but I'd guess that their color came from *achiote* rather than Spain's costly saffron. "There's something 'off' about the texture of the rice, a roughness," Alma added, eliciting nods all around. We soon discovered that it was the very same yellow, beany, Japanese-style short-grain rice that came in mounds alongside several other entrées, here plopped into a seafood medium. As for the Yucatan attribution, blame the black beans. Nothing else about the dish suggests Mayan ancestry.

The carnitas, braised in

honey porter, were unconventionally sweet, very soft and tender, and just a bit dry. Unlike the familiar, less health-conscious taqueria product, the carnitas here don't have the requisite final frying in lard to crisp them. They're served in a basket-shaped round of Navajo fry bread resembling a thick flour tortilla, garnished with mango salsa and avocado. An order of "Sofrito-Roasted Free-Range Chicken" brought half a hefty Shelton bird, rubbed with a Spanish-style seasoning mixture of tomato, onion, garlic, and olive oil. The *sofrito* gave the skin a bright flavor, but the fowl flesh seemed a little greasy.

If you still have an appetite for dessert, the selections include tequila ice cream, a light pumpkin-pistachio cheesecake, and a chocolate lava cake.

Zócalo is still new enough to have the feeling of an experiment. Brigantine spokeswoman Amy Harbert confirmed that if the concept works, we may see more Zócalos around town in the

future — not as conversions from existing Brigantines, but in new sites. And I'm sure it will succeed. In this Cuisinart of ethnic cuisines, there is indeed something for everyone from O.B. surfers to visiting Nebraskans to Escondido day-trippers — and even for me. (I'll take the shrimp stacks and lobster, thank you.) But "something for everyone" can also mean for no one or nothing in particular. What you'll find here is corporate fusion food, not half bad but not particularly inspired or inspiring. Zócalo is finally just a casual, comfortable place to gather with your gang, sip a big, fancy margarita or two, and eat your way around an imaginary globe.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"What we're trying to get across is the idea of sharing different things on the menu," says Mark Adair, Brigantine's corporate chef. "When I go to dine, I usually just order from the appetizer menu, six or seven different things,

and share them with everyone at the table. To me it gives people a better feel for the restaurant — what the chef's trying to do and can do. I think that this idea will appeal both to locals coming to look for a simple dinner that's something a little out of the ordinary, and to tourists, because it gives them a chance to try some of these flavors and textures that they don't get at home. I first had this idea about ten years ago when I was working for the Westin Resort in Vail, Colorado. It didn't happen there, but I always held on to the concept."

The international menu draws from Adair's own experiences working in several countries. He apprenticed with legendary chef Paul Bocuse in Southern France, then interned at two hotels in Switzerland. "And in the off-season, I'd go work in South Africa," he adds. When he returned to the U.S., he became corporate chef for a series of major hotels, working in Vail, in Pasadena, and at a "five-diamond" luxury resort

on Oahu owned by Japan Airlines. When the airline divested itself of the hotel, Adair, rather than accept the company's invitation to move to crowded Tokyo, connected with the Morton family, which owns Brigantine. He has overall responsibility for the menu at all ten restaurants under the family's aegis (six Brigantines, two Miguel's, Azul La Jolla, and Zócalo).

Chef Rigo Gutierrez is the kitchen manager at Zócalo, and several menu items bear his name. "Around the middle of each month, he and I get together and start bouncing ideas off one another," says Adair. "We come up with seasonal items for the following month and look at what's selling and what's not selling. We develop recipes based on those conversations and work them into the menus. We don't make drastic menu changes like we do at Azul La Jolla — that'd be too challenging in Old Town — we just tweak it a little." ■

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"Oh, yes," Hank's saying. "Wow, That's hot. And from Cincinnati!"

Million-dollar view," says Hank. He's driving us along Harbor Island Drive. We pass the Hilton. "Yeah, and million-dollar price tag, right?" "Wrong."

Bunch of luxury yachts flashes by.

"You sure?"

"Have faith, my son. We're going where the real salts eat."

Hank hangs a right and pulls into a big parking lot. "This way." He strides down a gated ramp leading to the docks. The boats creak and bob around. Halyards slap their aluminum masts.

We bounce along the floating ramp till we come to this gi-normous yacht, *Meritage*. For sale, \$225,000.

"This it, dude?"

"Uh, not exactly."

Ten yards behind *Meritage*, a Texaco sign stands on a pole next to an American flag battering in the lunchtime breeze. A little gray timber shack sits on a floating pontoon with nine elderly fuel pumps lined up in front of it.

"A fuel dock?"

"Trust me, okay?"

"Support Your Local Hooker," says a sign. It's an ad for day-fishing boats.

"Watch out for Wallee," says the guy behind the counter as we come into the shack. "She's a Hawaiian guard dog."

He's joking, of course. Wallee slumbers right

across the entrance. She's a big curly-haired golden retriever. Doesn't lift an ear as we step around her.

"Food?" says the man, Steve. He points to a glass-fronted cooler next to a microwave. Inside I can make out bagel dogs (\$3.50), burritos (\$3.00), a Pierre jumbo flame-broiled jalapeño cheese-

burger (\$3.50). Turns out they come frozen all the way from Pierre Foods in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"What's most filling?" I ask Steve.

He comes over, points to a package I hadn't noticed. "That," he says. "Good slab of chicken, great taste. Slightly sweet."

Hmm. Pierre's jumbo barbecue chicken breast patty sandwich. It's \$3.50 too.

Hank's found the beer cooler. He hauls out two Miller cans (\$1.25 each; good price). I get the barbecue chicken sandwich, he gets the jalapeño cheeseburger. We pay up, throw them in the self-serve microwave, then haul them outside to one of two benches facing the water, followed by Wallee.

We pop the bags and chomp in. Must admit, mine does have a generous slice of chicken breast in the middle, and it delivers a dark, sweet BBQ taste that's really scrumptious with the seeded-bread sandwich.

I dunno. Maybe it's the salt air. Sitting here, with the water lapping, boats' hawsers groaning, on a bench on a pontoon with a dog, good eats, sunshine, and a *cerveza* — maybe Hank's right. Who needs anything more?

"Oh, yes," Hank's saying. "Wow. That's hot. And from Cincinnati!" Seems the jalapeño part in his cheeseburger has kicked in. We glug on the beers, lean back, and take in the view. Yachts swish past, heeling to the breeze; little working boats chug by, like *Sea Lube* and *All-Bay Pump-Outs*. Guys *putt-putt-putt* along in fishing outboards. I start mumbling Otis Redding's song.

"*Sitting on the dock of the bay / Watching the tide roll away...*"

'Course it doesn't do your gut a lot of good to stare at the pontoon while you're eating. The decking slabs move with the swell, but we decide on one more burger anyway. Split. Hank goes in to get it.

"Hey," he says as he comes back out. "Guess who runs this place?" Behind him this, like, *Bay-watch*-looking guy comes out: tall, tan, blond, incredibly good-looking, and iron-fit. Makes us look like candidates for Mr. Flab USA. Colin Smith. "One of the top pro surfers in the *country*, dude," hisses Hank. "Ranked ninth in the American Tour in the early '90s. In more magazine ads than Fabio."

"I was a professional surfer for eight years," says Colin. He surfed around the world. Now he has the lease on this business selling gas to boaters. He's happy. "Before, I always had to take camera guys with me whenever I surfed. For my sponsors. Now I can just surf, like everybody else."

He goes off to fuel up this huge, looming

60-foot diving boat that's come in. I chomp into my half of the jalapeño cheeseburger. "Great, aren't they?" says a gent sitting down on the next bench. "I have 'em just about every day." He's right. The chopped steak and cheese light up when you bite into the jalapeño. And it's nice and moist.

I notice the man's shirt and his boat are the same bright yellow. Name's Tom. Runs *Sea Tow*. "I'm a tow truck at sea," he says. "Rescued three boats this morning already."

On the other side, a couple of eight-man Navy Special Warfare jet boats pull up for gas. Wow. The petty officer in charge says they're "RIBs." Rigid inflatable boats. Can do 50 knots. And no, they don't stop for lunch here. "But what we do come for is Big Ed's ice cream," he says. "It's an ice cream sandwich. Can't beat it."

Big Ed's. I like that. "Hey, Hank," I say. We're at the cash register, by a cigar stand. El Producto queens, \$3.00 each. "Here's how we end this: we get two coffees (\$1.00 each), two Big Eds (\$2.00 each), and an El Producto each, and we go back out and slurp and chew and puff our way into the sunset. Take the rest of the day off! You were right! What better place?"

"Dude," says Hank. "You can't smoke cigars here."

"Why the heck not?"

"Hello!" says Hank. "Fuel dock? See the signs? Wanna see tomorrow?" ■

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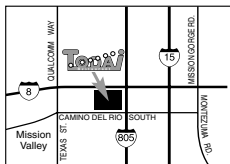
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Pharaoh had a cupbearer, a butler who served the wine at table and who presumably tasted it to make sure his master would not be poisoned. When the butler was imprisoned, Joseph interpreted his dream for him, assuring him that he would "place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly." King Solomon had cupbearers. The prophet Nehemiah was cupbearer to the Persian king Artaxerxes, a position that granted him sufficient status to entreaty the king to let him go and rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

Centuries later, long after the fall of Rome, the monastic (wine-producing) abbeys of France began selecting a particular monk to serve as *cellerier*, the man in charge of the vines and the cellar. The *cellerier* would in turn appoint *échanson* — cupbearers — who handled the actual serving of wine. The tradition was revived and made its way back into courtly life — there was still a need for men willing to prevent the poisoning of royalty. The 11th Century saw the first appointment of a *Grand Boutellier*, a position eventually replaced by the *Grand Échanson*. These courtly cupbearers formed a thriving order, but because of their association with the aristocracy, they disappeared amid the violence of the French Revolution.

More centuries passed and, in 1901, French law granted the right to award titles of nobility for the promotion of agricultural products, including wine. Three decades passed before the founding of the *Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin*, the Brotherhood of the Knights of the *Tastevin*, in Burgundy. ("Tastevin" refers to the silver tasting saucer that hangs about a cupbearer's neck.) From the outset, the founders, who were experiencing a rough patch in sales, noted that "in order to ward off ill fortune, we must take from Rabelais his good humor and raciness, and

from Molière his cheerful outlook on life and his common sense."

Other regions soon formed their own knightly orders, crusaders on a mission to promote their own particular wines. Inductions were accompa-

nied by such lofty proclamations as "In the name of Bacchus and Saint Vincent, for the glorification of the wines of our good Valley of the Loire, white, rose, red, and *roses fruites*, that everyone ought to drink, I make you *Chevalier de la Confrérie de la Puette et du Franc-Pinot*." And in 1939, with the

founding of the *Order Universel des Chevaliers de Cep*, the cupbearers were back in business, serving their new king, the consumer.

By 1964, the order had become the *Fédération Internationale des Confréries Bachiques*. The FICB served as an umbrella for many of the local *confréries* that had sprung up across Europe. Among its charter members was Norman Gates, an American who had been stationed in Europe and who had liked what he saw of *confrérie* life. The American *confrérie* he founded was named the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine.

I have long been leery of brotherhoods, though I admit my fear borders on the irrational. I can still recall the vague, unnamable dread I experienced when reading the passage in *War and Peace* where the Mason is filling Pierre's ears with talk of universal goodwill. I recalled rumors about a wealthy old village near my hometown where the elders were either Masons or Knights of Columbus. A deep enmity was said to exist between the two camps; surely there was more going on than pancake breakfasts and exhortations to universal goodwill. That dread rose up again during a recent wine-soaked interview that suddenly veered into a discussion of my joining the Rotarians. "Who's our man in La Mesa?" the man asked his

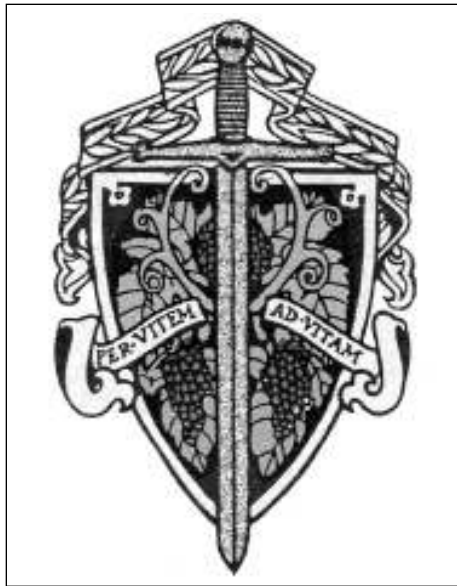
wife. I made my excuses and fled without a story.

Part of what alarmed me was the notion of secrecy — some idea or piece of information that could be shared only among fellow members. So, while I knew the French wine community was not above secrets — a little Languedoc in your Burgundy, anyone? — I was calmed by the fact that their brotherhoods were apparently devoted to straightforward digestible pleasures and pleased by the presence of such a brotherhood in these United States.

In his book *French Lessons*, Francophile Peter Mayle describes his own induction into a brotherhood devoted to the consumption of frogs' legs and a friend's entrance into the knights of Livarot cheese. Both ceremonies occurred during a city-wide festival; both included a parade and a band; both involved inductions that blended high pomp and high silliness.

As Carol Bade, executive director of the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine, describes it, some measure of that Rabelaisian spirit has made the jump across the waters. Members of the Brotherhood wear green robes and black tri-cornered hats; *tastevins* serve as the order's medals, though medallions are available. At Brotherhood inductions, such as the one that recently welcomed Tim Mondavi, "They always have a principal candidate, who has to pass the test of the wine and the test of the water. The water is always muddy and dirty. You have to promise nevermore to drink water, that you'll only drink the sweet nectar of the grape." A blindfolded tasting of beer and wine is also held; the candidate must choose correctly between the two. Then, "We have a ceremonial *tastevin* that is about eight or ten inches across. They pour wine into it, and if you're principal candidate, you have to drink it and then turn it upside down over your head. I was once the principal candidate in an area where they had a very sweet cassis. It was like drinking strawberry and raspberry syrup, but I had to drink it all. I thought, 'If I ever stop, I'll never start again.' I felt like a sticky mess." After the *tastevin* comes the actual knighting, complete with taps on the shoulder from an enormous ceremonial sword.

But unlike the French brotherhoods, says Bade, "We just represent wines of the entire United States, as opposed to one specific region.



Emblem of the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine

If we were to pattern ourselves after France, we would have one special brotherhood for Napa Valley, one for Sonoma, one for Monterey. They're more competitive in France, because they're one region versus another. They're always parading through towns and celebrating new vintages and things that we wouldn't necessarily do here, because we're not in the heart of a particular wine region."

Well and good, but the heart warms at the thought of a little lighthearted regionalism to set against the grim dollars-and-cents competition that colors the American wine world. (The Oregon Wine Brotherhood, formerly a Knights of the Vine chapter, may be on to this.) I like the image of a parade through Sonoma's Healdsburg or down Napa's Highway 29: traffic blocked, crowds marching, capes fluttering, horns tooting, wine flowing freely (and free of charge). The result might not be universal goodwill, but it would surely be goodwill towards ones' fellow Napa-knights, and toward the valley in general. And in an age of massive egos, environmental crises, wine gluts, and overpriced Cabernets, that might be a very good thing. ■

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plished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

JOHNNY MANANA'S 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

KIM'S RESTAURANT 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

KNOCKOUT PIZZA 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. All our pies are 18-inch. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and flavors like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "Whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives,

mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Maryland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — E.W.

NORTH INLAND

ABBEY'S REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the

poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. No wheelchair access to bathroom at the Miramar branch. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours week-ends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

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HERNANDEZ' HIDE-AWAY Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain-priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles*, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE WAYSIDE CAFE 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

TONY'S GIANT PIZZA 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (5/01)

GOLD COAST

ARTERRA Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is

situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bitter-sweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W.* (4/02)

MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL, AND BAKERY 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

SPICES THAI CAFE 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

AESOP'S TABLES 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

AZUL LA JOLLA 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/99)

BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, and entrées. Lively atmosphere. The Bibb salad and Max's Pizza are outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (3/00)

FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the

What the Chef Eats

CRAB AND AVOCADO PARFAIT

BY CHEF REAGAN MOORE JR.

Bali Hai Restaurant, Shelter Island

I met my wife at the California Culinary Academy, and, as a result, dinner at our house can get exciting. Our Christmas tradition includes osetra caviar with crème fraîche and buckwheat blinis, Malpeque oysters on the half shell, and Veuve Cliquot champagne. We have what my grandmother calls “the passion for food,” while others in my family definitely don't. So the first time my wife met my family, we needed something that would demonstrate that passion without being ostentatious. My wife assigned me the appetizer and off I went.

There is a farmer's

market in San Francisco that sells almost anything you could possibly want. After making an initial run through the market, I decided to make crab and avocado parfaits. I purchased some avocados, a fresh Dungeness crab, shallots, fresh water chestnuts, a bunch of cilantro, a mango, mint, two limes, and a red bell pepper. My family loved the appetizer and my wife!

HOW TO DO IT

Cook the crab in salted boiling water for 12 minutes, remove it, and let it cool. In the meantime, put together the mango salsa and avocado salsa.

For the mango salsa,

peel the skin off and cut the meat away from the large seed. Dice the mango meat into about 1/4-inch cubes. Put this in a bowl and add half of the red bell pepper, also diced small, and one minced shallot. Flavor the salsa with the juice from one of the limes and about 1/4 of the mint (also minced).

For the avocado salsa, cut two avocados in half and, after removing the seeds, scoop the flesh out of the skin and chop it a few times. Put this in a bowl and squeeze the other lime on it, then add one minced shallot, a couple dashes of Tabasco, and mix it lightly. Add salt and white pepper to taste.

cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA CANTINA 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. *Huevos rancheros* (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and *machaca* (*carne asada*, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or

French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

THE MARINE ROOM 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves

whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.* (9/02)

MICHELE COULON PASTRIES 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street

from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef/owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son preside in turn at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even “miniatures,” plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. At lunch there are European-style salads, house-made paté, fresh vegetables, and two or three substantial entrées — often including the family's famed cassoulet and a seductive quiche Lorraine featuring a light, satiny cheese custard in a crumbly crust. Wine and Belgian ales available. Open daily, breakfast through late afternoon; during the summer, dinners



Once the crab cools to a manageable level, pick the meat from it by cracking the legs open with a nutcracker, extracting the meat with a chopstick. There is also a lot of meat where the legs connect to the body, so remove the top half of the shell, break the crab in half, and pick the meat out of the joints with a fork. (The gray, flap-like “lungs” should be discarded.) Put all of the crabmeat into a bowl. Peel and rinse the water chestnuts under cold water

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and immediately small-dice them and toss them in with the crab. Mince another shallot, and wash and chop about 1/2 of the bunch of cilantro. Add these to the crabmeat, toss the mixture, and season with a little salt and pepper. Assemble the parfaits utilizing a biscuit cutter as a guide. It should be about 2-1/2 inches wide. Place it in the middle of an appetizer plate. The chunky avocado salsa

should go in first, and fill the ring about 1/3 full. Fill the next third of the biscuit cutter with mango salsa, and top it off with the crab mix. Lift off the biscuit cutter and drizzle some sweet soy sauce (Kecap Manis) around the plate and garnish with a sprig each of cilantro and mint. You should have enough prepared ingredients to repeat the procedure on five more plates, making six parfaits.

I prefer a Clos La Chance Chardonnay, Napa Valley, to accompany this parfait because it has a nose of honeysuckle, lime zest, and mango, with a light body and a long silky finish. The ingredients are available at 99 Ranch Market.

INGREDIENTS

1 Dungeness crab (or you can substitute 1/2 cup frozen crabmeat)

Salsas:
1 mango
1/2 red bell pepper
3 shallots
2 limes
1 bunch mint
2 avocados
Tabasco sauce to taste
Kosher salt and fresh-ground white pepper to taste
Final assembly:
6 fresh water chestnuts
1/2 bunch cilantro
Sweet Soy Sauce (suggest Kecap Manis)

available on Friday and Saturday nights until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

BACI RISTORANTE 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best zabaglione (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

EMERALD CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3709 Convoy Street, Pacific Gateway Plaza, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. San Diego's best Chinese restaurant for fresh seafood and fish. Live fish, prawns, and lobsters are kept in tanks and prepared minutes after you order. Superb dim sum, served daily, is especially fine on Saturday and Sunday, when 100 items are available. Open daily. Upper moderate to expensive. — E.W.

KING'S FISH HOUSE 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of

pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The

building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try mi ga, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order banh mi thit, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

SAM WOO BAR-B-Q RESTAURANT 7330 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #A103, Clairemont Mesa, 858-505-9888. Sam Woo is one of a

bunch of restaurants inside the "99 Ranch" Asian supermarket. Great idea — you're never supposed to grocery shop while hungry. Next to the checkout counter you can savor some primo Hong Kong delicacies — without busting the bank. BBQ pork and roast duck rice or the BBQ "Two Delicacy" Combination will fill you nicely. Tung kong salty chicken or soy-braised pork intestine are interesting. Honey-glazed walnut shrimp is easy to love. But the quickest, healthiest choice is probably jook, Chinese rice porridge. You can get it garnished with pork organs, beef, seafood, sliced pork, preserved egg with duck... this is not your mama's oatmeal. Then there's House Tea With Pearl — iced tea with boba (caramelized tapioca balls) floating in it. You suck the boba up with the tea through the triple-wide straw and chew. Isn't this the way shopping should be? Daily, 9 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

THE BEACHES

CAFE ATHENA Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont Street), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. The food is uneven but basically pleasant at this popular Greek destination. Good soups and appetizers (but skip the taramasalata), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting desserts. Rather noisy when crowded. Reserve for dinner, especially weekends (or risk an hour-long wait). Open daily,

lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

GO GREEK CAFE AND GRILL 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek cafe is better than it looks. The taramasalata (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, saganaki for additional starters; fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

LAMONT STREET GRILL 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restaurant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It's really romantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.W.

REUBEN E. LEE 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sister-restaurant Jared's. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

THE THIRD CORNER 2265 Bacon Street (at West Point Loma Boulevard), Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. On the former site of The Belgian Lion, Ed Moore and his long-time chef from Thee Bungalow (across the street) fo-

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THEE BUNGALOW 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore’s charming, comfortable historic “cottage,” where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre*’s, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W.* (11/00)

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AWASH ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT 4979 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-583-9225. Small eatery, but great place to sample some of Africa’s best vittles. Come off El Cajon Boulevard into clean white walls, Ethiopian art, haunting music, maroon cloth-covered tables, and white napkins. Awash (named after an Ethiopian river) serves pretty much everything on *injera*, the giant soft crumpet you rip and wrap around foods arranged in beautiful piles on top. (Don’t expect cutlery; the *injera* serves that function.) They have plenty of meat or vegetarian choices, among them *yebeg alicha* (lamb stew), *kitfo* (raw chopped beef with spices, red peppers, and Ethiopian cheese), or *yedoro wot* (spicy lamb cooked in red pepper *berbere* sauce and butter). For a late breakfast, try the *foul* (crushed beans, onions, tomato, and green peppers with French bread) or the *sambusa* (a pastry shell filled with lentils or beef). Ethiopian beers or the Awash’s *tej* (honey wine, with or without alcohol) go well with this food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/02)

EL MORELENSE 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sauteéd salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there’s fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it’s moister), but don’t overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what’s available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (2/01)

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue (at I-15), Kensington, 619-283-7546. This small, friendly café, a great favorite with the locals, is often

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SISTER PEE WEE’S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the

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ORCHID THAI AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle (“Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions”). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to plug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises “all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients.” Everything is prepared under the supervision of the “Va’ad Harabbonim of San Diego” — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include “Felafel, California Style,” balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

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THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as “Manolita,” a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

OWL CAFE 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sand-

wich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

ARRIVEDERCI 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combination. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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CAFE W 3680 Sixth Avenue (south of Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-291-0200. Chef-owner Chris Walsh combines world-ranging ingredients into eclectic, fusion-y “tapas” to mix, match, and share around the table in a lively, casual ambience. Three plates per person make a reasonably filling meal, particularly if you include some starches (e.g., pizza, polenta). Unfortunately, though, the number of menu choices has grown to a length beyond what the kitchen can execute with any consistency. Numerous vegetarian choices. Can be very noisy. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/02)*

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TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DOWNTOWN

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DUBLIN SQUARE 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 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 and cabbage, resembling the 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)*

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

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MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — E.W.

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honey-moon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — N.W. (9/01)

IL FORNAIO 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

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Curtness of comment can be explained in part, whether or not excused, by my getting my hands last week on a copy of the latest, the seventeenth, Kinsey Millhone case. Individual merit might have had something to do with it, too.

I Spy. The only notable borrowings from the Cosby-Culp TV series of the late Sixties are the title and the color combination: Eddie Murphy, Owen Wilson. (Too late now, though, to boast of any pushing back or knocking down of racial barriers.) And perhaps also, if you insist, the broad genre — although a stickler for accuracy might protest that the TV show stopped short of spoof and miles from slapstick. Irritating as the patty-cake repartee of Cosby and Culp could sometimes be, the hammer-and-tongs discord of Murphy and Wilson is downright painful. The two are no longer buddies, and only *ad hoc* partners; the black one is no longer a professional spy, let alone a masquerading tennis player, but a full-time horn-tooting prizefighter who refers to himself by proper name and current ring record (57-0); the white

one is no longer a master of his trade but the departmental bumbler and backstabber. (“Attitude Meets Espionage,” is the ad line meant to entice you.) The mission they are on — the black-market auction in Uzbekistan of a stolen stealth bomber, or more to the point an “undetachable nuclear delivery system” — is played strictly for belly laughs, even down to the topical references (e.g., “evildoers” as the accepted term for enemies of the United States). What it exclusively earns, on the other hand, are gas-trointestinal groans.

The Truth about Charlie. Ostensible remake and update of *Charade*, but really more of a private party thrown by director Jonathan Demme (*The Silence of the Lambs*, *Philadelphia*, etc.), who uses the date and place of the Stanley Donen original — 1963, Paris — to rationalize a French New Wave theme for the party: cameo appearances by Agnes Varda, Anna Karina, Charles Aznavour; a couple of clips of the last-named in Truffaut’s *Shoot the Piano Player*; a visit to Truffaut’s grave during the closing credits; even some rough simulations of the on-the-run,



The Truth about Charlie

shoot-from-the-hip, hand-held camerawork in vogue at the time. He also digs up a French poster of *The Birds* as a reminder of the exact year of the original, not to mention a reminder that it was classified as “Hitchcockian,” not to mention a reminder that the French in general (Truffaut in specific) were in the vanguard of

Hitchcock appreciation. Much of this will be missed by the average Mark Wahlberg fan, who will nonetheless be uneasily aware that he’s missing *something*. In any event, the pacing is too soporific to foster much of a party mood. Thandie Newton, who worked with the director in *Beloved*, at times echoes the peculiar speech patterns of

the original’s Audrey Hepburn, but she has charms of her own in addition. Wahlberg, meanwhile, never at any point evokes Cary Grant. Which is not a bad thing in itself. The bad thing, or anyhow the unexceptional, the unexciting thing, is that he never evokes anyone other than Mouth-Breather Wahlberg.



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Ghost Ship. Supernaturalism at sea, from the director of *Thirteen Ghosts*, Steve Beck. The opening scene depicts a snapped guy wire slicing across a crowded dance floor on an Italian ocean liner, slicing through bodies like a Weed Wacker through blades of grass, graphically illustrated with “realistic” computer effects of a torso dragging itself across the floor *sans* legs, the top half of a head sliding off the bottom half, and so forth. This constitutes a kindness to the viewer insofar as it informs him, right off the bat, of the level of taste and subtlety in store. (Irony that the title should be lifted from the canon of horrormeister Val Lewton, taste and subtlety personified.) Nothing thereafter can shock, least of all the would-be shocks, as when a can of baked beans transmogrifies into mouthfuls of maggots. (Ick.) “Somebody’s gotta say it,” somebody says, “and it might as well be me. This ship is fucked up.” He *would* put it so crudely.

Roger Dodger. It’s not only Roger who’s a dodger. It’s also the cameraman: he feints, he zigzags, he bobs and weaves. (Under instruction, presumably, from novice writer-director Dylan Kidd.) Like Roberto Duran in pursuit of Sugar Ray Leonard, the spectator might want to throw up his *manos* and say *no más*. The sexual tutorial of a sixteen-year-old Ohioan (Jesse Eisenberg) by his jaded and jaundiced uncle (Campbell Scott), on a night on the town in Manhattan, produces a babbling brook of glib patter, delivered glibly. But what’s the point of trying for punchy dialogue if the camera is just going to dance around it? Even if you could push the freeze-frame button, you would not have anything solid in front of you: wafer-thin faces slotted between a mushy background and mushy foreground, something like potato chips stuck in a mound of guacamole dip.

Lan Yu. A regretful gay romance between a shady middle-aged Beijing businessman and his college-age paid consort. At the end, there may well be a feeling of “So what?” And yet, in retort to that, there’s something refreshing, even liberating, about the mere existence of a gay film without politics — without diplomacy, without “spin,” without P.R., without Positive Reinforcement. That sort of thing seems next to unthinkable for filmmakers in America: the *Happy Together* sort of thing, to name another specimen made, like this one, in Hong Kong (by Wong Kar-wai). Director Stanley Kwan, of *Rouge* and *The Actress* and a lot thus far unseen, shores up the credibility, the autonomy, of his characters by dipping into their lives at wide intervals, as if at various ports along a river, coming at events from oblique angles instead of head on, staking out a convenient observation point and letting the action flow past, free of manipulation. Quite apart from all that, the film is undeniably underlit. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Abandon — Directorial debut of Stephen Gaghan, “Oscar-winning” screenwriter of *Traffic*. An unmoored, becalmed suspense film about a missing-person case on a college campus. Every now and then he does

a scene, or a shot, in blue or gold (more often blue), and every now and then he jiggles the camera — filmmaking tips he might have picked up from Steven Soderbergh’s handling of *Traffic*. You can tell he’s serious, because if someone on screen is going to do some recreational reading, it will be Graham Greene or Albert Camus. You can’t tell it, though, from the devious ways he sets up the unsurprising surprise ending. With Katie Holmes, Benjamin Bratt, Charlie Hunnam, and Zooey Deschanel. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20;

OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SWEETWATER 9)

Auto Focus — Paul Schrader recounts the life and death of Bob Crane (1928-78), ephemeral star of TV’s *Hogan’s Heroes*, obsessive womanizer (exploits he would copiously document in photographs and on primitive video), and unsolved-murder victim. This is a story of the Dark Side in which the lightweightness of the main character (very few would remember Crane for his public life if not for his private one) sanctions a light tone, a palm-rubbing approach of gossipy good fun. The moral decline of the hero thus becomes fodder for

spectator sport rather than for the analyst’s couch; the stereotypical Sexual Revolutionist of the post-Eisenhower Era, marching under the banner of “A day without sex is a day wasted.” (Greg Kinnear’s blandness and blankness in the role erase even the scowl lines from the real man.) The movie probably works best as an exercise, a light workout, in remember-when nostalgia: the Pop Art graphics and cultural icons of the opening credits; the Space Age décors; the prelapsarian strip club with its live “house band” (in which Crane liked to sit in on drums, to unwind after a day’s work); and above all the gradual advent of video, a sexual aid of truly revolutionary

proportions. At the approach of the Grim Reaper, Schrader feels obliged to clear his throat and put on a more funereal face. The candied color of the earlier chapters drains away to an ashen gray. The hand-held camera wavers in the grasp of an arm-weary cameraman. The music by Angelo Badalamenti enters his ominous *Twin Peaks* mode. And the movie limps, crawls, squirms to the finish line. To say it more succinctly, Schrader feels obliged to poop his own party. Willem Dafoe, Rita Wilson, Maria Bello, Ron Leibman. 2002.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 11/1; GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 11/1; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12, FROM 11/1)

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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 extreme to another. I overdid it." With Susan Sarandon and Geoffrey Rush; written and directed by Bob Dolman. 2002. ● (GASLAMP 15)

Bowling for Columbine — Michael Moore's engaging and enraging documentary on gun culture in America, and by extension violence, homicide, and the climate of fear in America. 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, selecting a free rifle as a bonus "gift" for opening a 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.) 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. His search far and wide for connections and causalities, 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. With Marilyn Manson, Dick Clark, Charlton

Heston. 2002.

★★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 11/1; GROSSMONT CENTER, FROM 11/1; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 11/1)

Citizen Kane — The perennial winner, at a trot, of all Best Movie Ever polls; it was hardly that awesome when it first appeared, but Time has been a favorable ally to this movie, which is, for one thing, a most convenient and crammed storehouse of cinematic tricks already executed or only dreamed of, up to that moment, 1941. As crammed as it is with sparkling ideas, it is inevitably more impressive for its individual

set pieces, or set-ups, or sleights-of-hand, than it is for overall sense, or strength. And the sinister Expressionistic ambience is surely more useful for what it hides about the limited budget than for what it reveals about the William Randolph Hearst-ian hero. The principal characterization is never solidier than in the perfect newsreel facsimile at the start of the movie; after that, it disperses into the shadows, the dramatic camera angles, the mummy makeup, the pop psychoanalysis. Starring and directed by Orson Welles, at age twenty-six; written by Herman Mankiewicz; photographed by Gregg Toland; with Joseph Cotten, Dorothy



Ghost Ship

Comingore, Everett Sloan.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 11/1, 7 P.M.)

Comedian — Documentary by Christian Charles on the comedy-club circuit, featuring Jerry Seinfeld and up-and-comer Orny Adams. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 11/1)

Ghost Ship — Reviewed this issue. With Julianna Margulies, Gabriel Byrne, Desmond Harrington, Ron Eldard, and Isaiah Washington; directed by Steve Beck. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Grey Zone — Tim Blake Nelson's filmization of his own stage play invites viewers once again to be ground under the Nazi boot heel. It poses the timeless question of how low the human animal will sink for survival — and not even for survival, necessarily, but just "for vodka and bed linens," and a postponed date of execution, at the Auschwitz death camp. The answer, in case you didn't know it, is that some will sink to collaboration with the enemy. A foredoomed uprising among the inmates holds out the hope of a Triumph of the Spirit, if of nothing else. The plot exposition is as murky and impenetrable as the photography. And why must stage dialogue still sound so stogy when moved to the screen? With Allan Corduner, Harvey Keitel, David Arquette, Steve Buscemi, Daniel Benzali, Mira Sorvino, Nathasha Lyonne. 2002. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/31)

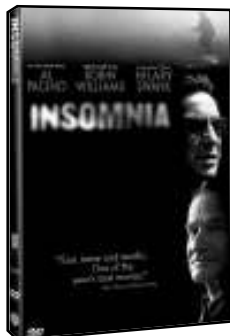
Heaven — Directed by Tom Tykwer (*Run, Lola, Run* and *The Princess and the Warrior*) from an unrealized screenplay by the late Krzysztof Kieslowski (*Red, White, and Blue*),

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MOVIES

George Hickenlooper. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 11/1; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/31)

Moonlight Mile — Strained chipperness in the face of tragedy: the innocent-bystander shooting of an imminent bride-to-be. (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.

● (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 easy-flowing 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* pop: 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)



I Spy

enough actor, for there to be any real edge to his temper tantrums, crying jags, bashful soliloquies, and whatnot. He always plays beneath himself; it’s only a matter of how far. Even so, Emily Watson’s romantic interest in him makes no more sense than Stella Stevens’s or Jill St. John’s in Jerry Lewis. The violent intrusion of a gang of phone-sex extortionists from Provo, Utah, is just a mark of Anderson’s poverty of imagination and core of conventionality. One clever touch: the blue suit, white shirt, and red tie which everyone who knows our hero expresses surprise to see him wearing (almost a Pee-wee Herman ensemble, except no bow tie) are the only things we viewers ever see him wearing — day after day after day. What’s his normal attire? With Luis Guzman, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Mary Lynn Rajskub. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 11/1; COVE; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15, FROM 11/1; GROSSMONT CENTER, FROM 11/1; HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 11/1; LA COSTA 6, FROM 11/1; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 11/1; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 11/1; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 11/1)

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 Ontiveros, Ingrid Oliu; directed by Patricia Cardoso. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

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

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★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Punch-Drunk Love — A comedy of knee-jerk quirkiness, from Paul Thomas Anderson, about a major-league misfit impersonated by Adam Sandler. (E.g., he stockpiles Healthy Choice puddings for the promotional offer of frequent-flyer miles, although he never flies, nor does he eat pudding.) One hardly knows which is more of a shock: that the star of *Billy Madison* and *Happy Gilmore* turns out to want to play Hamlet, or that the maker of the two-and-a-half-hour *Boogie Nights* and the three-hour *Magnolia* can be content to make a mere ninety-minute movie. It’s a cinch, in any case, that Sandler’s character is not far enough removed from his usual nudniks, and that Sandler himself is not a good

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Real Women Have Curves

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 prelude explanation of how Hannibal the Cannibal initially got himself incarcerated seems a good place to start, and a few seconds before Jodie 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 well-staged 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.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Ring — Heavily hyped remake of a little-seen Japanese horror film follows around a Nancy Drew reporter (Naomi Watts) 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. With Martin Henderson, Brian Cox, Jane Alexander. 2002.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Road to Perdition — Inflated, arty, but satisfactory reworking of an old gangster-film formula. The sense of raising the bar (in the fashionable phrase) seems quite ostentatious at the outset, with its unmistakable evocation of *The Godfather*. These are Irish gangsters instead of Italian, and they are gathered for a wake instead of a wedding; but the sanctity of the family and the strict demarcation between home life and professional life are very much the same: the pistol that Pa unstraps and puts down on the bed before supper is not meant for the eyes of his eldest (named, in a further echo of the Corleone clan, Michael), for whom the father has higher hopes. The film never loses its air of grandiosity, of outgrowing its trimly tailored britches; yet it does find its stride, right around half an hour into it, as a ritualistic genre piece, a twice-told tale of underworld revenge — you hit me, I hit you back, and back, and back — set in motion when an inquisitive twelve-year-old, his imagination stoked by Lone Ranger dime novels, stows away in the rear seat of his father’s car, to find out what the old man gets up to on those mysterious nocturnal errands. Director Sam Mendes, in his sophomore effort after *American Beauty*, unfailingly rises to the occasion in the scenes of violence, adopting a variety of approaches and vantage points to keep the scenes fresh, resisting the urge to charge into the thick of it. And although the anti-*Godfather* finale (at the end of a blessedly non-epic running time) may be a bit soft-hearted, even arguably self-contradictory, it doesn’t really ruin anything. There’s really nothing much to ruin. This is not, for all its striving, a “great” gangster film. But it’s at least a genuine one, a generic one. Its ordinariness, odd to say, is its primary source of strength. The striving for greatness weighs it down as much as pushes it upwards. With Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Jude Law, Daniel Craig, Stanley Tucci, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Tyler Hoechlin. 2002.
★★ (VOGUE)

Roger Dodger — Reviewed this issue. With Campbell Scott, Jesse Eisenberg, Isabella Rossellini, Jennifer Beals, and Elizabeth Berkley; written and directed by Dylan Kidd.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/1)

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

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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.

- (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

The Santa Clause 2 — Christmas fantasy starring Tim Allen and directed by Michael Lembeck.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/1)

Secretary — Naughty romantic comedy (punish it if you please) about a self-mutilator 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

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4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
Ghost Ship (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (2:20) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (2:20, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 2:30) 4:30, 5:15, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30; Sun. (1:45, 2:30) 4:30, 5:15, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15) 7:20, 8:00, 9:50; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:45, 5:25, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:20; Sun. (2:00) 4:45, 5:25, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (2:00, 4:45, 5:25) 7:30, 8:15, 9:45; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie** (G) Fri.-Tue. (1:15); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:35, 9:55; **Punch-Drunk Love** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 5:35, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. (1:20) 4:55, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (1:20, 4:55) 7:20, 9:50; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:15, 10:05; Sun.-Tue. 7:15, 10:00; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:05) 4:50, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (2:05) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (2:05, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:15) 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:10; Sun. (1:30, 2:15) 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (1:30, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00) 7:00, 7:45, 9:30; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Tue. (1:35, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **The Truth About Charlie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:35, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. (1:10) 4:35, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:10, 4:35) 7:40, 10:00; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:20; Mon.-Tue. (1:50, 4:20); **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; Mon.-Tue. (1:55, 4:25) 7:05, 9:35

DOWNTOWN
Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Abandon (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:45, 7:35, 9:55; Sun. (1:50) 4:45, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (1:50, 4:45) 7:35, 9:45; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 7:50; Sun.-Tue. (2:20) 7:40; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:25, 9:55; Sun.-Tue. 7:25, 9:45; **Ghost Ship** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 2:45, 3:35) 5:00, 5:45, 7:20, 8:10, 9:30, 10:20; Sun. (1:25, 2:45, 3:35) 5:00, 5:45, 7:20, 8:10, 9:25; Mon.-Tue. (1:25, 2:45, 3:35, 5:00, 5:45) 7:20, 8:10, 9:25; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 2:00, 2:50, 3:30) 4:40, 5:20, 5:55, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40; Sun. (1:05, 2:00, 2:50, 3:30) 4:40, 5:20, 5:55, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:35, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (1:05, 2:00, 2:50, 3:30, 4:40, 5:20, 5:55) 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:35, 10:05; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:15) 5:30, 7:55, 10:30; Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:30, 7:55, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:10, 3:15, 5:30) 7:55, 10:00; **Punch-Drunk Love** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 2:40, 3:20) 5:10, 5:50, 7:30, 8:20, 9:45, 10:45; Sun. (1:00, 2:40, 3:20) 5:10, 5:50, 7:30, 8:20, 9:40; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 2:40, 3:20, 5:10, 5:50) 7:30, 8:20, 9:40; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:50, 10:35; Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15) 7:05, 8:00, 9:50; **The Rules of Attraction** (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:05, 10:25; Sun. 5:05, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (5:05) 9:55; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:25) 5:25; Mon.-Tue. (1:15, 3:25, 5:25); **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (2:10, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30

Horton Plaza 14
457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:40) 7:35; **Formula 51** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20); **In Praise of Love** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:10, 5:30) 7:45, 10:05; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:20, 4:45, 5:30) 7:05, 7:40,

1:35, 4:15) 6:40, 9:10; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:00) 7:10, 9:30; **The Truth About Charlie** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:30, 10:00; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40

LA JOLLA Cove
7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404)

Punch-Drunk Love (R) Fri. 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
I Spy (PG-13); **The Santa Clause 2** (G); **Auto Focus** (R); **Ghost Ship** (R); **Jackass: The Truth about Charlie**; **The Ring** (PG-13); **The Transporter** (PG-13); **White Oleander**

(PG-13); **Red Dragon** (R); **Moonlight Mile** (PG-13); **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13)

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; **Co-median** (R) Fri. (2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; **Femme Fatale** (R) Wed.-Thu. (1:45) 4:30, 7:05, 9:45; **Heaven** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:35, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50; Mon. (1:50) 4:35, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (1:50) 4:35, 7:10, 9:50; **Real Women Have Curves** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (2:00) 7:20; **Spirited Away** (PG) Fri. (4:15) 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 4:15, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (4:15) 9:30

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Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
I Spy (PG-13); **The Santa Clause 2** (G); **Knockaround Guys** (R); **Ghost Ship** (R); **Jackass: The Truth about Charlie**; **Abandon** (PG-13); **The Ring** (PG-13); **Formula 51** (R); **The Rules of Attraction** (R); **Tuck Everlasting** (PG); **Brown Sugar** (PG-13); **The Transporter** (PG-13); **White Oleander** (PG-13); **Red Dragon** (R); **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13); **The Tuxedo** (PG-13); **Barbershop** (PG-13)

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7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
The Man from Elysian Fields (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:30, 9:35; **Mostly Martha** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:20; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 3:25, 5:20, 7:25, 9:25; **Punch-Drunk Love** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 3:30, 5:15, 7:15, 9:40; **Spirited Away** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 9:30; **The Weight of Water** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
I Spy (PG-13); **The Santa Clause 2** (G); **Ghost Ship** (R); **Jackass: The Truth about Charlie**; **Punch-Drunk Love** (R); **Paid in Full** (R); **Abandon** (PG-13); **The Ring** (PG-13); **Brown Sugar** (PG-13); **The Transporter** (PG-13); **Red Dragon** (R); **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie**; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13); **The Tuxedo** (PG-13); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG)

STATE UNIVERSITY
Cineraama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Abandon (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 5:35, 10:10; Sun. (1:10) 5:35; Mon.-Thu. (5:25); **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:20) 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:05) 7:35; **Ghost Ship** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:40) 7:40; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:30) 7:45; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:10) 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Sun. (1:15, 3:10) 5:25, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:15) 7:25; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:55) 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (1:30, 3:55) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:35) 7:55; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:45) 8:00

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Lan Yu (Not Rated) Fri. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

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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 tactless enough to remark, “It’s like *War of the Worlds*.” We wish! With Joaquin Phoenix, Rory Culkin, Abigail Breslin, Cherry Jones. 2002. ★ (VOGUE)

Some Like It Hot — In the later stage of Billy Wilder’s career, there is an evident pull toward the romantic and euphoric (*Love in the Afternoon*, *Irma La Douce*, *Avanti!*), and there is an opposing pull toward the caustic and raucous (*One Two Three*, *The Fortune Cookie*, the Ray Walston-Cliff Osmond bits, particularly, in *Kiss Me, Stupid*). This one belongs at the head of the second batch, for the impression made by Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in drag (among other things) is unhappily deeper, stronger, and longer-lasting than the impression made, in spots, by Marilyn Monroe. Curtis’s Cary Grant impression, when out of drag, isn’t bad, but why would someone be doing a Cary Grant impression in a 1920s setting? 1960. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 20, 11/1, 9:40 P.M.)

Spirited Away — Cancellation of the retirement of Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki, whose *Princess Mononoke* was a worthy valedictory to the traditional hand-drawn method. For this addendum to his career, he has made liberal, corner-cutting use of computer-generated backgrounds;

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CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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Auto Focus (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sat. (1:55) 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Tue. (1:35, 4:30) 7:00, 9:15; **Ghost Ship** (R) Fri. (1:15, 3:20) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; Sat. (1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:30, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (1:15, 3:15, 5:30) 7:40, 9:45; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 5:00, 8:10, 10:25; Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 7:10, 9:20; Mon.-Tue. (2:00, 4:45) 7:10, 9:20; **Jackass** (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:00) 5:05, 7:45, 10:00; Sat. (1:40, 3:45) 5:50, 8:20, 10:35; Sun. (1:05, 3:25) 5:55, 8:05, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:30, 3:25, 5:55) 8:05, 10:00; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie** (G) Fri. (12:55, 2:55) 4:50; Sat. (12:50, 2:50) 4:50; Sun. (12:50, 2:55) 5:05; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 2:55, 4:50); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. (1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05; Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:25, 9:40; Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Tue. (1:10, 3:20, 5:25) 7:30, 9:35; **Punch-Drunk Love** (R) Fri. (1:25, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50, 10:10; Sat. (12:55, 3:05) 5:20, 7:45, 9:55;



Tuxedo

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 home-grown 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 live-action filmmaking. The scene construction remains reliably solid, however vaporous the content. 2002. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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Plaza Cinemas 4
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
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Del Mar Highlands 8
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Ghost Ship (R) 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; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15,

from her redneck husband, plant her in the Big Apple, launch her on a career as a fashion designer, affiance her to a Kennedy-esque 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 chopping-up 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, no-waste 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, THROUGH 10/31)

2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 5:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 1:00, 5:45; **Punch-Drunk Love** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 3:15, 8:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 3:15

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
Ghost Ship (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 12:40, 2:25, 3:05, 4:55, 5:30, 7:25, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:35; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 3:50, 7:00, 10:05; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 5:00, 5:30, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 4:10, 6:50, 9:45; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 10:10; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45

Oceanside 16
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
I Spy (PG-13); **The Santa Clause 2** (G); **Punch-Drunk Love** (R); **Ghost Ship** (R); **Jackass**; **The Truth about Charlie**; **Abandon** (PG-13); **The Ring** (PG-13); **Brown Sugar** (PG-13); **The Transporter** (PG-13); **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13); **The Tuxedo** (PG-13); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding**



The Weight of Water

The Truth about Charlie — Reviewed this issue. With Mark Wahlberg, Thandie Newton, Tim Robbins, and Christine Boisson; directed by Jonathan Demme. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; 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 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;

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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.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Weight of Water — Turbid tale of parallel passions: a 19th-century double axe-murder on Smuttynose Island off the coast of New Hampshire, and a present-day photojournalist exploring the scene of the

crime on a boating party, with Elizabeth Hurley flaunting herself in a bikini under the basilisk eye of the photographer's husband, a Pulitzer Prize poet. A bit lopsided in dramatic interest, depending upon how you feel about Elizabeth Hurley in a bikini. Based on a novel by Anita Shreve; with Catherine McCormack, Sean Penn, Josh Lucas, Sarah Polley, and Ciaran Hinds; directed by Kathryn Bigelow. 2002. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 11/1)

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 hair-tearing women's picture (hair-hacking and hair-blackening, too), with some authentically messy emotion en route to the triumphal uplift. Alison Lohman, Michelle Pfeiffer, Robin Wright Penn, Renée Zellweger, Patrick Fugit; directed by Peter Kosminsky. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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CASINO. Sycuan Casino and Resort is a leader in the gaming industry, and we need to fill a variety of positions. Sycuan provides a great work environment with exciting advancement opportunities. We offer competitive starting wages, a 401(k) plan, health care and much more. Available positions include: Administrative Clerk, Bakers, Catering, Chef, Customer Care Representative, Dealers, Food Service Supervisor, Housekeepers, Line Cooks, Officer/EMT, Pai Gow Dealers, Registered Dental Assistant, Revenue Audit Clerk, Revenue Audit Supervisor, Servers, Shuttle Driver, Slots Soft Counter, Surveillance Investigator, Traffic Controller, Utility. Interested applicants, apply in person at Sycuan's Human Resources office Monday-Friday, 9am-11am and 1pm-4pm, or send resume to: Sycuan Casino & Resort, HR Department, 5485 Casino Way, El Cajon, CA 92019 Fax: 619-445-1806. Or visit us at www.sycuan.com.

CHILD CARE WORKER needed for overnight position for residential treatment center in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Fax resume attention Matt at 619-656-1429 or call Crystal at 619-397-6956.

CHILD CARE WORKER needed for adolescent residential treatment center located in Chula Vista. B.A. degree re-

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BUSINESS ADS

BUSINESSES include paid services or functions, rentals, and profit-making enterprises. For rates and discounts call (619) 235-8200, 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday.

DEADLINES: Business classifieds are accepted until 6pm Tuesday, two days prior to the issue. Call by Friday for early-placement discounts. Ads may be placed by phone using a credit

card (619-235-8200) or in person (1703 India Street, Downtown). Hours are 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday, and until 6pm Tuesday.

PLEASE NOTE: The *Reader* will not be financially responsible for failure to run an ad or for errors in an ad, except, if at fault, to the extent of the cost of the first insertion of the ad.

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ONE FREE CLASSIFIED ad per week is available to private parties and nonprofit organizations that do not charge for their services.

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Reader Free Classifieds, PO Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186.

INTERNET: Free ads can also be placed online at SanDiegoReader.com. Free ads placed online appear *only* on the *Reader's* Web site. The deadline is 6 pm Monday. See below for instructions on placing online ads that also appear in the paper.

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BY INTERNET: Go to SanDiegoReader.com and click on the link to place an online classified ad. Fill out the form and remember to check the box for your preferred billing method.

BY FAX: Complete the form below, photocopy it, and then fax it to us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at (619) 233-7907. Payment is with Visa, Discover, or MasterCard.

BY PHONE: With a touch-tone phone and a Visa, Discover, or MasterCard, you can use our 24-hour Ad Line. Fill out the form below before calling; then be ready to dictate the information into the system when requested. Call (619) 233-9797, ext. 8055.

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Deadline: 6pm Monday

Write your ad below, listing the item for sale first, followed by its description (including price) and ending with the phone number. Each phone number counts as one word; ads over 25 words

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This form is for \$8 ads only.

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quired in related field. Pay dependent on experience. Fax resume to Matt, 619-656-1429.

CHILD CARE WORKERS overnight, needed in a residential group home located in Point Loma area. Full time, part time and weekends positions available. Very flexible schedules from 11pm-7am. Minimum requirement, A.A. degree. Residential experience preferred. Fax resume to attention: Rolanda, 619-523-0249 or mail to 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT Counselors to work in a therapeutic setting with SED Children. \$9/hour. Merit raises, benefits. 619-421-6900. Fax New Alternatives, Inc., attention: Terry, 619-421-7742.

CLAIMS PROCESSING. \$12 per hour and up. Call Ultimate Staffing Services, 858-625-2025.

CLAIMS SERVICE Representatives. Geico Direct. Days or evenings. Starting salary \$26,500. Health, dental, life insurance, 401(k), profit sharing, paid vacation, holidays, tuition reimbursement. EOE. Drug test, physical, credit, background checks required. www.geico.com. E-mail: sdjobs@geico.com. Fax: 888-644-5775. Jobline: 858-513-JOBS.

CLASSROOM AIDES. Work with developmentally disabled children in a nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista and Lakeside. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1pm. \$8.14+/hour to start, depending on experience. EOE. www.vistahill.org or E-mail to HRDept@steincenter.org. Fax resume to 619-281-0164. Apply in person, weekdays, 9am-4pm, Stein Education Center, Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

CLERICAL/LEASING. Part time. Property management company looking for high energy, multitasking person with flexible schedule. \$10-\$12/hour. Fax resume to 858-536-1145.

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COLONIC THERAPIST wanted. Full time/part time. Experience a must! Must live in San Diego, or willing to relocate. Candidate must be reliable, honest, dependable and willing to work. 858-272-3112.

COMMUNITY TRAINING Specialist. \$8.38/hour to start, depending on experience. Assist developmentally disabled adults in the community. 32.5 hours/week. Benefits. Apply Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm: Stein Education Center, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego 92120. E-Mail: hrdept@vistahill.org. Fax 858-514-5195. www.vistahill.org.

COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR I, Storm Water. City of Chula Vista. \$3258-\$3960/month. Storm Water Compliance Inspector II: \$3584-\$4356/month. EOE. HR Department, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista 91910. www.ci.chula-vista.ca.us. Job Hotline: 619-691-5095.

CONSTRUCTION BUILDING TRADES. Multi-trades skilled construction professional. Drywall repair, paint, light plumbing and light electrical. Pays up to \$15/hour to start. Must have your own hand tools. Positions are in Carlsbad and City of San Diego. Drug-free workplace. Call 858-874-3336 for an application appoint-

ment at 8199 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Link Services.

CONSUMER HEALTH ADVOCATE. The legal Aid Society of San Diego needs a Health Advocate with strong oral and written communication skills. English/Spanish required. EOE. Send resume to: Interview Committee, Legal Aid Society of San Diego, 110 S. Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA, 92114.

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COUNSELOR, Child Development. Full/part-time positions available in Point Loma area. B.A. degree in related (psychology) field preferred. Fax resume to attention: Robert, 619-523-0249 or mail: 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

COUNSELOR/CHILD CARE Worker. Work with SED children, ages 6-12, East County Rehabilitation Training Center. B.A. Degree/senior status required. Various full-/part-time available. Training. Benefits. EOE. Fax resume: NAI#17, attention Kristi, 619-447-5386.

CREDIT SPECIALIST. Collections for North County manufacturing company. \$13/hour, temp-to-hire. E-mail: greg@securestaff.com or call Secure Staffing Service, Inc. at 760-510-6080.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE. Kaiser Permanente. A-Star Staffing now hiring Account Administrative Representatives, Kearny Mesa Kaiser processing center. Type 35wpm, data entry 7000wpm, MS Windows. Accounting experience preferred. Customer service skills. Long term, temporary, \$11/hour. Fax resume: 619-574-6700. E-mail: Jobs@AStarStaffing.com. Apply online: www.AStarStaffing.com.

CUSTOMER SERVICE: Mayer Reprographics is now hiring for our Hillcrest location. No experience OK, we will train. Apply 8am-5pm Monday-Friday: 1065 University Avenue, Hillcrest.

CUSTOMER SERVICE, Call Center North County company. 1st shift, temp-to-hire. \$13/hour. E-mail: greg@securestaff.com or call Secure Staffing Service, Inc. at 760-510-6080.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS. Professional bilingual/Spanish sought by International consumer goods company. Data entry skills, typing, Word, Excel required. Train 11/02-12/02. 20-30 hours/week. Full time starting January. \$12/hour. Inter-

views 10/25. 619-409-1401; fax resume, 619-409-8927.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE. Paging company seeks full-time Customer Service/Clerk. Computer knowledge/retail experience required. Kearny Mesa. Fax resume/sales history: 858-974-0505. Call Pamela, 858-974-0500.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Immediate full time work for busy motorcycle distributor. Good phone skills, self motivation, friendly outgoing voice, data entry, type 35wpm, motorcycle knowledge preferred, computer literate, hourly rate, great benefits. Fax or e-mail resume, 858-560-4626; grichardson@southernms.com.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE/ASSEMBLER. Required for dry cleaners in Pacific Beach. Ask for Nicola, 760-855-0522.

DATA ENTRY OPERATORS. \$10/hour, 1st and 2nd shifts! Short and long-term positions. Westaff, 4411 Mercury Street #207, San Diego 92111. 858-576-1001. casandiego@westaff.com.

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Andy Anderson
Singer/Real Estate
Hillcrest

I was on a spaceship — I swear to God — and we had to take a picture of something on the earth. And I was hanging on for dear life while everybody else was totally cool with it. And I was freaking out because I thought I was going to fall off the spaceship.



Mario Chiuz
Landscape Gardener
Southeast San Diego

When I was a little kid, around 12, I had a nightmare with a lot of monsters in my bed, and I screamed a lot. I could feel the monsters grabbing my legs, my arms. Now, I have my wife and my kid, so when I get in bed, I hug my baby and my wife, and all my nightmares are gone.



Kathryn Fisher
Doctor
Mission Valley

I accidentally killed three of my patients, and no one sued for wrongful death, but I was so overwhelmed with guilt that I confessed.



Donna Fremed
Human Resources Consultant
UTC

Someone asked me to play water Spolo, and I don't know how to. I kept getting bumped. I didn't know what I was doing; I didn't know how to throw the ball. It was pretty bad.



Sherrill Kinsler
Event Planner
Rancho Bernardo

I dreamt about a coworker and her ex-husband. It was his last day on earth, and he chose to spend it with her and everybody she hates was in the room — it was like her hell on earth. It really wasn't my nightmare; it was a nightmare for her.

DELIVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Independent Contractors, flexible hours. Must have own vehicle and cellular phone. Professional driving experience necessary. Call 619-572-9536.

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DEPUTY SHERIFF/Detentions/Courts. San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Exam date: Saturday, 11/2/02, 7:30am, Southwestern College Cafeteria, 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista CA 91910. Work in Detentions and Courts. \$33,216-\$51,382 plus benefits. U.S. citizen or applied for citizenship; 20-1/2 years old; U.S. high school graduate or G.E.D. No felonies, no probation (misdemeanors may disqualify). Vision 20/100 uncorrected, corrected to at least 20/30. Valid California driver's license prior to appointment. Effective oral and written communication in English. ID required. www.SDSheriff.net. 858-974-2013.

DEPUTY SHERIFF/Detentions/Courts. San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Exam date: Saturday, 11/9/02, 7:30am, Miramar College, lower half of Campus Building A-200, 10440 Black Mountain Road, San Diego CA 92126. Work in Detentions and Courts. Current annual salary: \$33,216-\$51,382 plus benefits. Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien who has applied for citizenship; 20-1/2 years old at time of application; U.S. high school graduate or G.E.D. No felony convictions, not on probation (misdemeanors may be disqualifying, depending on the number, type and recency of violation). Vision 20/100 uncorrected, corrected to at least 20/30. No minimum vision requirement for soft con-

tact lens wearers. Valid California driver's license prior to appointment. Effective oral and written communication in English. Applications available at the door. ID required. www.SDSheriff.net. Call 858-974-2013.

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DRIVER, CLASS B. Local delivery driver with airbrakes endorsement. Must be familiar with San Diego geography. Up to \$11.50/hour to start. Drug-free workplace. Call 858-874-3336 for appointment at 8199 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Link Services.

DRIVER/COURIER. Hesco Couriers. Drive own pickup/van. Earn wage plus mileage or route available in company vehicle. Clean DMV. 24-hour jobline. 858-571-7398. 800-574-3726.

DRIVERS needed for large reprographics company. Drive our vehicles. Full benefits. Bring current DMV printout. Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, Saturday, 9am-1pm, 7584 Metropolitan Drive, San Diego. 619-297-8300.

DRIVERS wanted immediately, \$8/hour. Must know San Diego County. Apply in person with clean DMV printout, 7-10am at 525 34th Street, suite F.

DRIVERS. Day/night shifts. Experienced/inexperienced. All welcomed. We train. North County/San Diego City. North City Cab Company, 4896 Voltaire. Call 24 hours, 619-260-0100.

DRIVERS. Laidlaw Transit Services is rapidly expanding its local Paratransit service and has immediate openings for 30 courteous and safe drivers. Must be at least 21 years old, with a good driving record, good customer service skills, and pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. We offer excellent benefits and paid training. Apply in person 9am-5pm Monday-Friday. Bring your H-6 DMV printout and social security card to 800 Fesler Street, El Cajon.

DRIVERS. Trader Distribution Services is looking for part time drivers. Earn extra money delivering free publications to distribution sites throughout the San Diego County area! Please call 858-279-3137 x243 or e-mail: routesupersd@unitedad.com.

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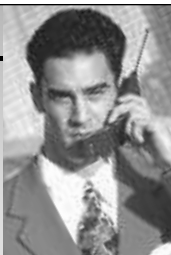
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ELECTRO-MECHANICAL Assembly. \$8.50 per hour. Miramar location. Must have experience. Call Ultimate Staffing Services, 858-625-2025.

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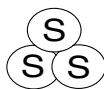
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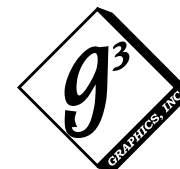
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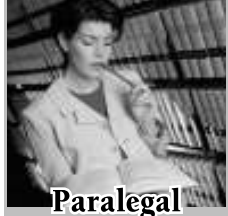
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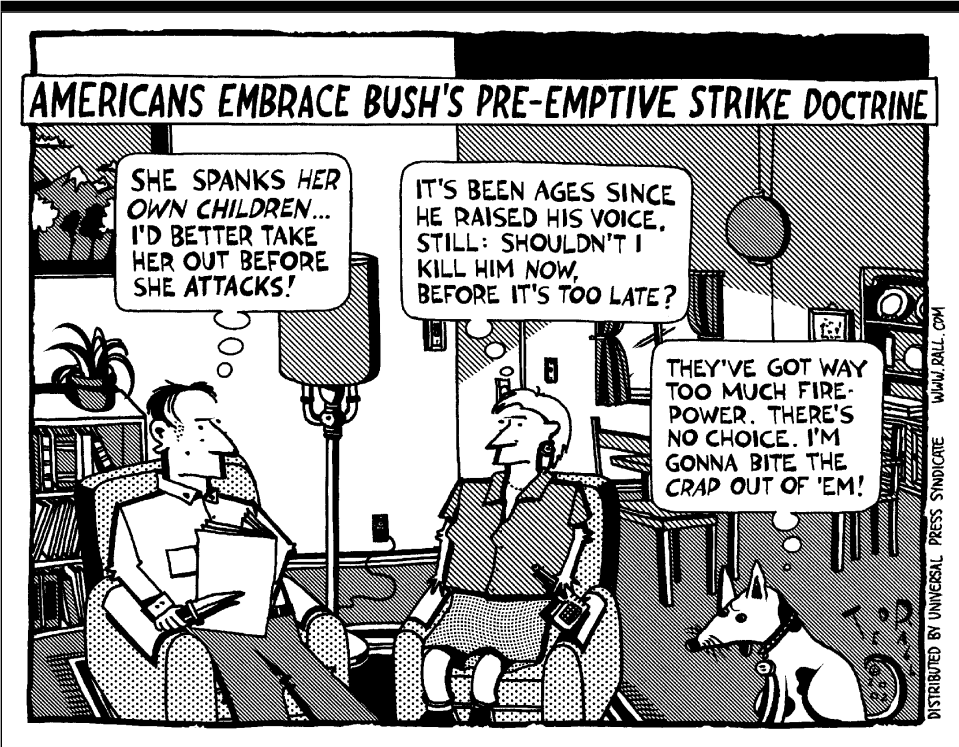


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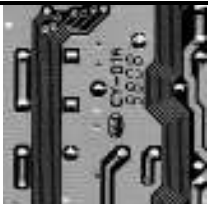


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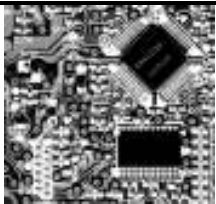


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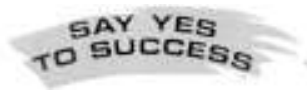
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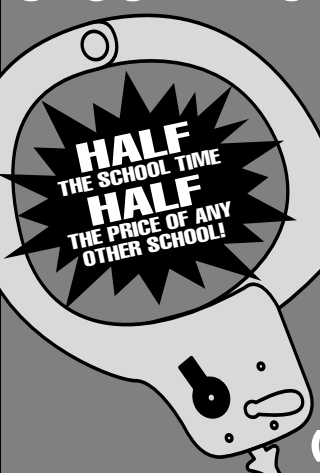
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- King of the Huns
- Mitch Miller's instrument
- 1/4 mile, maybe
- "Boo! Hiss! 57-Across kept this clue from reading 'Really enjoy'"
- Many a Monopoly property: Abbr.
- Responsive to the helm, in nautical lingo
- "Follow me!"
- Make do
- "Boo! Hiss! 57-Across kept this clue from reading 'Affect deeply'"
- Leave 50%, maybe
- Souvenir stand items
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- Place for seagulls to sit
- Greek column type
- Censor's judgment, at times
- Something to take in
- "Boo! Hiss! 57-Across kept this clue from reading 'Have sudden financial success'"
- Rams' ma'ams
- Natural history museum display
- Campus locale
- Tiny Tim played one
- It has affected 17-, 26-, 35- and 50-Across
- Collected splinters, so to speak
- "....____ saw Elba"
- Designer Pucci
- Venusians, e.g.
- Depositor's holding: Abbr.
- Unverified story

Down

- Start of a Chinese game
- Greek vowel
- Off-road goer, briefly
- It's spotted at a casino
- Oil of ____
- Sushi condiment
- Fancy mushroom
- "Shogun" apparel
- Apollo approval
- Alumna bio word
- Hubbub
- Prance about
- Uses money

- Word with sand or speed
- Windy City, for short
- Dot follower
- Shape of the president's office
- Home of the writer Mario Vargas Llosa
- Idle of the Python troupe
- P.O. boxful
- ____ were (so to speak)
- Darling, in Dijon
- East Asian capital
- Ballad's end?
- Navel buildup?
- Groucho-type look
- Actress Skye
- Was able to answer on a test
- James Joyce's Ireland
- Artist Twombly, et al.
- Kind of angle
- Speak to gruffly
- Comes down in icy bits
- XX times VIII
- Riffraff
- ____ Hill (UNC's home)
- Employee's angry cry
- Bit of change
- Co-star of Betty, Rue and Estelle
- Parabola
- Eggnog mo.
- Offshore apparatus
- Suffix with percent
- Palindromic diarist
- Word on all U.S. coins

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JJC. Scurry in your best dress — at my time.

OFFICER KT, I loved you then, I love you still, I will love you forever and ever. Keith.

THANK YOU Holy Spirit for prayers answered. All.

THANK YOU! St. Judas Tadeo for prayers speedily answered and sur-

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MARRY ME! I'm 38, 5'10", 174lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable, homeowner with a nice body/smile. Seeking relationship, marriage with fun, friendly female. (11/13) ☎49199

HIKE, HIKE, HIKE, nice smile, kind, strong, thoughtful. 40, 6', 200lbs., never married. Easygoing, smart, fun, desert, beach, mountains, motorcycling, home improvement, adventuring, wine, laughing. (11/6) ☎49141

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GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR, white male, 43, 5'9", 170lbs., financially secure, romantic, honest, athletic. Seeking female for dining out, travel, dancing, concerts and fun. (11/6) ☎49126

TALL, BLONDE! Emotionally available, down to earth, intelligent, attractive, well adjusted, athletic, adventuress, sought by handsome, sexy, passionate, fun,

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BLACK MALE, seeks white female who is independent, professional, warm, fun, attractive, 34-48, height/weight proportion, few extra pounds OK, childless, for possible relationship. (11/13) ☎49189

ACTIVE, NORTH COUNTY, Coastal, single, white male, enjoys tennis, biking, walking, sailing, movies, concerts, travel. Seeking fit, single, white female, 50's with similar interests. (11/13) ☎49181

MID 30s, ATTRACTIVE MALE, seeks attractive female, 25-40, for romance, beach, golf, movies, hiking, exercise, more. Let's get together, become good friends. I'm healthy/simple. (11/6) ☎49127

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ATTRACTIVE, LOVING, affectionate, sincere, white male, 5'1, 6', 190lbs., blue eyes, easygoing, unencumbered, unpretentious, positive, financially, emotionally secure. Seeking female for romance, love, togetherness, intimacy. (11/6) ☎49097

CLASSY, SASSY, SEXY, attractive, 30-48, single white female, nonsmoker, monogamous, sensual, sweet, virtuous, fashionably sassy, personality who likes a mature, 6'2", 180lbs., 52, nice looking, successful entrepreneur, with great personality, kind, caring, wholesome integrity who likes being a provider, protector, friend, counselor, lover. Likes all activities with a touch of class. I will amaze you. (11/13) ☎49232

DON'T WANT TO GROW OLD alone. White, Lakeside homeowner, 60, 5'11", 150lbs., enjoys music, movies, honest talking, sharing feelings, your caring companionship. Lots of time. (11/6) ☎49117

CHRISTIAN MAN seeking christian lady who enjoys country living, for dating and marriage. Must be slender and loving, between 35-50 years old. (11/13) ☎49210

BLACK MALE, 6'3", well built, great sense of humor, open-minded, looking for a new friend, maybe more, race unimportant, must have nice personality, thanks. (11/6) ☎49139

REDHEAD WANTED! Boston guy, 31, brown/blue, healthy, fit, fun, friendly, faithful. Enjoys running, beach, life. Seeking fit, 25-34, nonsmoker, affectionate, warm smile, truthful, caring. (11/6) ☎49110

GOOD LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, 6', 180 lbs., 45. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43. For balanced, long term relationship. (11/13) ☎49169

FUN, ADVENTUROUS, JEWISH male, 33, likes being outdoors, movies and great conversation. If you like to laugh and enjoy cats, then call for more information. (11/6) ☎49129

37 YEAR-OLD MALE, 5'11", blue eyed, brown hair, fit, fun, intelligent, dog lover, into the arts and outdoors. Looking for woman with similar interests. (11/6) ☎49133

HANDSOME DOCTOR, 39, low-key, blue eyes, tall, fit, down to earth, creative, plays acoustic and electric guitar, piano, Jewish, seeks intelligent, sensitive, single female. (11/13) ☎49222

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SEEKING ATTRACTIVE, petite, young female who's intellectually, spiritually, musically, and physically adventurous and emotionally stable. I'm 38, monogamous, 6'4", tall, 215lbs., and in shape. (11/6) ☎49114

ROMANTIC, AFFECTIONATE, educated, fit, easygoing, down to earth. Seeking a nice full figured or medium build Caucasian, 18-35, for friendship or relationship. Let's share together! (11/6) ☎49146

SEEKING SINGLE, WHITE, Christian, nonsmoker, slim to moderate, 38-50. Green eyes a plus. I am single, black, 54, 5'9", 175lbs., looking for love/relationship. (11/6) ☎49137

ROMANTIC, FRENCH, 25, 6'2", blue eyes, fun, attractive, big heart, love to meet sweet and funny soul mate, 22-30, to share friendship and more. (11/13) ☎49223

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COOL, TATTOOS, BUFF, great sense of humor. Smart for being blond. Divorced dad, loves kids, music, sports. Great cook, 35, look younger. (11/6) ☎49102

ARE YOU READY for the country? 50, feel/look younger, 5'10", slim, Portuguese, creative type, likes graphics,

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YOUNGER, BLACK FEMALE sought be attractive, white male, 40, 5'10", 160lbs., blond/blue, nonsmoker, social drinker, childless, Mission Valley, enjoy motorcycles, gym, rock, blues, jazz. (11/13) ☎49201

I JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN, maybe romance, 6', brown/blue, honest, caring, looking for same. Perfection not required. Kind, sincere, willing to share. (11/6) ☎49132

UNIQUE LADY WANTED: fun loving, fit, emotionally available, with depth and sense of humor. Honesty a must! Love the outdoors and extra adventurous a plus! (11/6) ☎49121

NEW WIDOWER, North County, 46, seeks compassionate woman for solace, comfort and possible long term relationship. Are you out there? (11/13) ☎49193

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LARGE HISPANIC FEMALE, 40-57, voluptuous, attractive, sexy, wanted by attractive, black artist, green eyes, for passionate lifetime commitment/marriage. I will love you always. (11/6) ☎49091

SANTA'S HERE. Looking for overweight woman to keep him warm. Old movies, candlelight, a kisser, will share experiences, rub feet. Beauty from inside. Santa. (11/13) ☎49228

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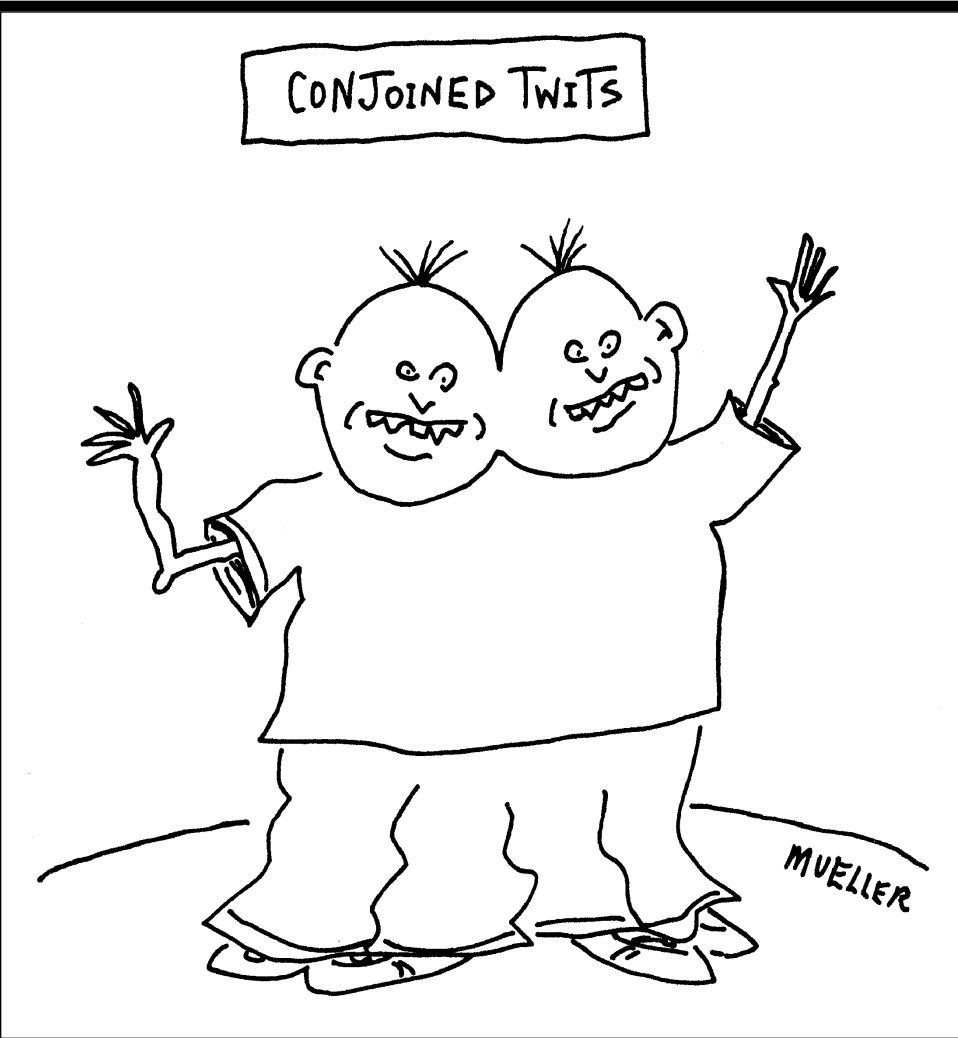
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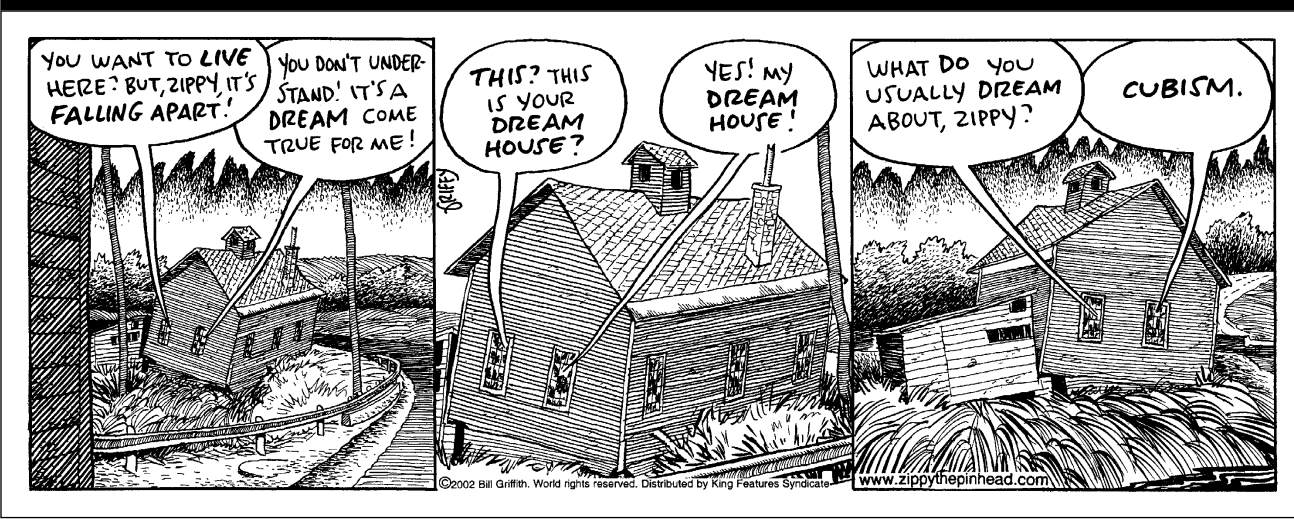
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CLAIREMONT. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$500 deposit. Gated complex with pool. Parking and laundry. 4290 Mt. Abernathy Avenue. Betty, 858-279-3091; 619-243-4000 x0.

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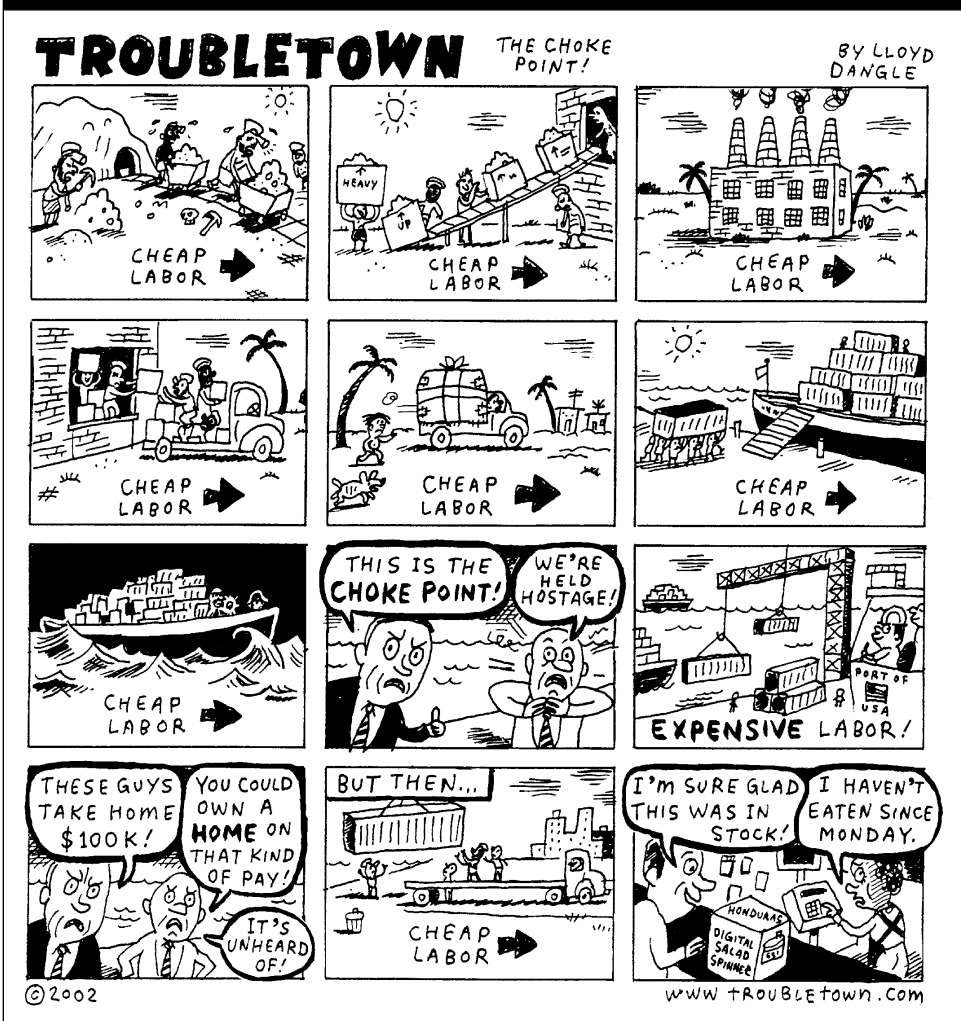
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MISSION HILLS, \$2650. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, beautiful inside and out, garage, fireplace, hardwood floors. Available immediately. 2027 Sunset Boulevard. 619-985-2631 or 619-291-2425.

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MISSION VALLEY. 1/2 off first month's rent! Large upgraded 2 bedrooms, 2 baths starting at \$1175. Close to everything! Intercom system, pool, spa, sauna, fitness center, central air/heat, balcony/patio, controlled access garage, assigned parking, laundry. Mission Pacific Apartments. 4424 44th Street. 619-282-1191. www.pacificliving.com. Visit website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

MISSION VALLEY. Up to 1 month's free rent! From \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury condominiums. All new, fully refurbished! Balcony/patio. Fireplace. Central air, heat. Alarm. Washer/dryer. Parking. Elevator. Pool. Spa. Fitness center. Near shops, restaurants, trolley. River Colony, 2090 Camino de la Reina. 1-888-800-5685. www.sdreader.com/rent/2040.

MISSION VALLEY/SDSU/San Carlos. \$99 moves you in! Brand-new 1, 2 bedroom gated community. From \$1270. Spectacular views! Lush landscaping. Sparkling pool, spa. Play center. Built-in computer niche. Large closets. Washer/dryer. Fitness, business centers. Garages available. Canyon View Apartments, 7149 Navajo Road. 866-574-5245. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2011.

MISSION VALLEY Rim. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, view, gated, fireplace, air conditioning. New washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator and microwave. Cat OK. 4790 Arizona Street. 858-292-1773.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Top floor in River Colony. Newly upgraded, new carpet, tile and countertops. All new appliances, washer/dryer, fireplace. 858-213-5029.

MISSION VALLEY, \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath view condo on river. New appliances, cabinets, tile counters and floors (kitchen, dining, hall, baths), carpet, blinds, etc. Includes washer/dryer, fireplace, alarm, and 2 garage spaces. Pool, jacuzzi, new fully equipped gym. 858-232-6893.

MISSION VALLEY. \$875-\$900. Large 1 bedroom apartments. View. Secure gate. Near Qualcomm Stadium and trolley. 619-284-0171.

MISSION VALLEY/USD. Studios from \$650. Bright and airy. Private. Gated. Nonsmoking. No pets. 5411 Linda Vista Road (near Mildred Street). www.info101.net. 619-294-4376.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1125. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo on river. Refrigerator, dishwasher, air-conditioning. Cable paid. 2 parking spaces. No dogs/smoking. 1305 Caminito Gabaldon #B. 858-292-6248.

MISSION VALLEY. Call for move-in specials! \$99 deposit special! 1 and 2 bedrooms available now. 4 tennis courts. Lap pool, spa. Basketball court

paint, flooring, fixtures, balcony, pool, spa and barbecue. Call 619-203-1339.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1100. Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath, hidden in greenery, custom kitchen, newer appliances, freshly painted, extra storage space. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom condo. Air conditioned. Centrally located. One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

MISSION VALLEY. \$800. Large, bright studio apartment. Great location. Air conditioned, upper unit with balcony. 310-379-8417.

MISSION VALLEY. River Colony condo, newly refurbished, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, first floor. Covered parking, fireplace. Best view. Available immediately. \$1695. 714-264-8723 or 714-974-6655.

NATIONAL CITY. \$695/month, 1 bedroom fully furnished. Low \$150 deposit. No SD&E deposit or hookup required. 624 East 24th Street. Office open daily. 619-474-3787.

NATIONAL CITY. 3 bedroom, 1 bath single-family home. \$1300/month. Nice yard, 1-car garage. No pets. Biggs Court near Plaza Bonita. 619-235-5440; matt@giacalone.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/KENSINGTON. \$750. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Small fenced yard. No pets. 2 minutes from freeway. 5 minutes to SDSU. Agent 619-293-7653.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, \$1200, includes gas, electricity, and water. Remodeled 2 bedroom 1 bath house. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer. On 36th street, available 11/1. 619-284-6979.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$2150. 1926 restored bungalow! Hardwood floors, French doors, Berber carpeted bedrooms, coved ceilings, fireplace, and modern kitchen with garden window. Bright and sunny 3 bedroom, 1 bath house, newly painted inside and out with detached garage, large backyard and patio with new irrigated lawn and mature palm trees on a wide street in walkable neighborhood. Includes refrigerator, washer/dryer, dishwasher and gardener. Cats OK. Must see at 3327 North Mountain Drive. Available 12/1. Louis, 619-284-9411.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Phase 2 sold out! Now leasing Phase 3. Newly renovated 1 bedrooms, beautiful new and features. Small pet OK. Garage available. 619-269-0333.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Newly refurbished 1 bedroom, 1 bath, gated courtyard, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Call 619-255-7492.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$875. Triplex. 2 bedroom, clean and very quiet, gardener, no dogs, 4577 34th Street. 619-444-2645.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$100 off first month. \$745. 1 bedroom. Gated. Barbecue. Off-street parking. Air conditioning. New carpet. Laundry. Available 11/6. 4724 32nd Street. 619-584-7790.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$795. Unique 1 bedroom apartment. No pets. 4737 West Mountain View. McKee asset Management. 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$900. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, lower unit, bright, new paint/carpeting/vinyl, large closets, on-site laundry, parking. No pets. 3773 Ward Road. 619-281-4698.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. Spacious 1 bedroom. Close to all. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. Cat OK. 4586 Hawley Blvd. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$920. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Cottage like. Private patio, hookups. Near Adams. No pets please. Available November. 4564 Bancroft. Centre City Property Management. 619-296-6699.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, upstairs, newly remodeled, quiet. No pets. Available now. 4639 Bancroft Street #7. Call 858-483-5111.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. Immaculate 1 bedroom, 1 bath, older with a lot of charm. Pet negotiable, private yard. Low deposit. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1395. Craftsman 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, hardwood floors, laundry, built-ins, new paint, no pets, non-smoking. Available November 1. 4776 Hawley Boulevard. Agent, 619-685-3960.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725-\$915. Recently renovated 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated courtyard with pool. Laundry. Off-street parking. Near Adams. 4637 34th Street. Sandra, 619-563-1310.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. Deposit \$800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with off-

street parking and on-site laundry. No pets. 4625 35th Street #9. 619-843-7827.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$800 plus deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house with stove, refrigerator, laundry. 4174 Wilson Avenue. Pets welcome! Please call 619-843-7827 or 858-273-8800.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$700. Deposit \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with stove, refrigerator, laundry on-site, off-street parking. 4389 39th Street #3. 619-843-7827.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. New carpet, laundry, gated, parking. Quiet. 3744 Ward Road. Agent, 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS near Adams. \$745 1 bedroom, \$845 2 bedroom, 1 month security. Includes hot/cold water, stove, refrigerator. New: carpet, paint, blinds. Off-street parking. Gated carport. On-site laundry. Extra storage w/fee. Small pet considered w/extra security deposit. 4645 East Mountain View Drive. 858-682-1063.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom house, \$1085. Available now. No pets. 4412 35th Street. www.ajprop.com. A&J Property Management. 888-389-1052.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$965. Deposit \$1000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hookups. Fireplace in quiet gated complex. No pets. 4648 Ohio Street. www.jesselproperties.com, 619-282-3583 or evenings and weekends, 619-255-8389.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in bright, immaculate complex. Beautiful built-in bookcases. Quiet, managed complex, controlled access, garden complex, laundry. No pets. Near trendy Adams Avenue. 4626 Bancroft. Manager, 619-280-6050.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs with balcony. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry hookup, single-car garage. No pets. Available now. Call 858-292-1427.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1050 plus deposit. Bright, specious 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Remodeled. Laundry, off-street parking, Berber/Pergo. 4557 36th Street. Available 12/1. 949-929-2453.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$920. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. \$990/month. Large unit with in-unit laundry, dishwasher, stove/oven, refrigerator, off-street parking. 4585 36th. 619-235-5440; matt@giacalone.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. Extremely clean 1 bedroom, 1 bath with carpet, ceramic flooring, new paint, walk-in closet, dishwasher, new refrigerator and stove. Also, off-street parking and laundry room. On Felton above El Cajon Blvd with easy access to I-805 and I-15. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$925. Large 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath duplex. Clean, well maintained. Appliances included. Off-street parking. Patio. No pets. 3178 Adams. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated complex with laundry. No pets allowed. \$500 deposit. 4342 Idaho. 619-243-4000 x0.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath newly remodeled. Pets OK with deposit. \$1100/month, \$900 deposit. 4366 Felton. 619-563-1386.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Remodeled within last year. Newer carpet, paint etc. 4031 Hamilton Street. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

NORTH PARK. \$685. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Fresh carpet/paint. Quiet. Laundry, parking. No pets/smoking. Deposit \$600. 858-458-9462.

NORTH PARK. \$850-\$1050. 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom, 2 bath deluxe apartments with garages. New carpet, flooring, appliances. Fresh paint. Squeaky clean! Gated, coin laundry. Fireplace. Air conditioning. Microwave. Patio. No pets/smoking. 4158 Utah. 858-454-2024.

NORTH PARK. \$825. Charming 1 bedroom cottage style duplex hideaway hovering above the treetops. Enjoy the fountain in the soft evening light of the lush secret garden. Gated. Laundry. Squeaky clean! No pets. Available now. 4146-1/2 Utah. 858-454-2024.

NORTH PARK. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 4541 Texas Street, #1. Available 11/15. Call agent, 619-286-1503, x121

NORTH PARK. \$840. Near Park Blvd. Cute 1930s 1 bedroom, 1 bath, refurbished. Hardwood floors, new appliances. No smoking/pets. 2219 Polk. Available 11/4. 805-794-6631.

NORTH PARK, WEST. \$947. New interior, 2 bedroom, lower, patio, verticals, dishwasher, disposal, closets; walk-in/mir-

rored, carport/storage, laundry. No pets. 4225 Florida. 619-491-1548.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedrooms from \$775. Also, 3 bedrooms from \$1500. Beautiful landmark highrise. Palisades Pointe, 2828 University. Call 619-297-3600.

NORTH PARK. \$1495. 3 bedroom, 2 bath Craftsman on shared lot. Hardwood floors. Built-ins. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Gardener included. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$875. Quiet, 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, hardwood floors, newly remodeled, parking. 3393 31st Street. 619-954-3169.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Extremely, large, deluxe 1 bedroom, fine North Park Location. Sheltered patio, near all. Controlled entry. Parking. 4016 Ohio. 619-280-7788; 619-461-9415.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD, \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, laundry room, hardwood floors, built-ins, fenced yard, off-street parking, pet negotiable. 3780 Arizona. 619-203-1382.

NORTH PARK. \$675. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Security gated. Laundry. Quiet. No pets. Near all. 4261 Swift Avenue. Manager #15. Section 8 OK. 619-255-0695; 619-257-0038.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$1000. Large, bright 2 bedroom, appliances, carpet, on-site laundry, split-level parking, quiet, access entry, underground parking, no pets. 619-295-0656.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath, lower unit, new interior, bright, clean, gated complex, carport, no pets. Available 11/3/2002. 4020 Louisiana Street. 858-232-7586.

NORTH PARK. \$1700. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Fireplace, hardwoods, quiet, private yards, lawcare, storage, pet OK. 3370 Felton Street. Available November 15. 619-889-0230.

NORTH PARK. \$700. Large 1 bedroom, refurbished bath, downstairs unit, gated parking, laundry, courtyard. Clean complex, convenient location. No pets. 4354 Utah Street. 760-721-1672.

NORTH PARK. \$1285. Nice renovated 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Dining area, fireplace, washer/dryer hookups, tile floors, covered patio, 3-car parking. No pets. 4251 Swift. 619-299-6841.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Nice, quiet 8-unit property with garage, all appliances. Freshly painted, new carpet, ceiling fan and more. 619-296-2787.

NORTH PARK/BALBOA PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Spacious, second floor, vaulted ceilings. Pristine! 3934 Hamilton Street. Available 11/4. Marty, agent, 858-456-4077.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$1495. Lovely remodeled 2 bedroom house with fenced front and back yard. New tile/carpet/appliances/dishwasher. Washer/dryer. Garage plus tandem parking. Quiet street-near freeway. Small pet considered. Available 11/15. Frank, 619-253-4824.

NORTH PARK. \$825 and \$800, \$875 and \$850 deposit. Adorable cottage, small yard, centrally located. Small pets OK. 1-car garage. 4510 and 4514 Idaho Street. Available 10/25. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom. Quiet complex. Laundry. Parking. 4155 Alabama Street. 619-297-1483 x100, or 291-2058.

NORTH PARK. \$1700. New/never lived in, sunny 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, stainless steel appliances, view, 2 parking spaces. Spacious, nicest in area. 619-203-3296.

NORTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Central area. 3919 Mississippi Street #5. Available approximately 11/7/02. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

NORTH PARK. \$805. 1 bedroom, balcony, off-street parking. No pets. 3929 Kansas. Call for appointment. 619-543-0730.

NORTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautifully redone upper unit. Refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, laundry facility. Off-street parking. No pets. No section 8. 4035 Utah Street. Agent, 619-683-5422.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom apartment. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 3766 Swift. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$795. Charming 1 bedroom apartment with on-site laundry. No pets. 2860 Lincoln. McKee Asset Man-

agement, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Unique 1 bedroom condo in gated community, patio, fireplace, washer/dryer, air conditioning. No pets. 3932 Hamilton. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Charming 1 bedroom condo. Washer/dryer, off-street parking. No pets. 3950 Louisiana. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$695. Large 1 bedroom apartment in smaller complex. Laundry room on site, off-street parking. 4379 34th Street. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK, SOUTH. \$1385. 3 bedroom house. Garage, yard. Pet OK. Very large with hardwood floors and large formal dining room. Agent, no fee. 619-223-2524.

NORTH PARK. \$685. 1 bedroom duplex. Cat OK. Stove, refrigerator. Agent, no fee. 619-223-2524.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Historical 1 bedroom apartment. Unique design, wood floors. No pets. 3783-1/2 Park Boulevard. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$995. 2 bedroom house, pet OK. Yard. Stove, refrigerator. Agent. no fee. 619-223-2524.

NORTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Microwave. Ceiling fan. Dishwasher. Air conditioning. Gated. Off-street parking. No smoking. No pets. 4459 Arizona. 619-282-4054.

NORTH PARK. California bungalow. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large living room, dining room with French doors, yard, off-street parking. \$1295. 3330 31st Street. No dogs. 858-467-1776.

NORTH PARK. \$1300. Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath house with yard. Private parking space. Will consider small pet. Available 11/1. 4042 34th Street. Mitch, 619-665-9497.

NORTH PARK. \$785. Big 1 bedroom, upper unit in quiet complex. Great location. West of I-805. New paint, covered parking. Small pet OK. Agent, 619-246-7715.

NORTH PARK. \$850 rent, \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. One off-street parking space. No pets. 4541 Hamilton Street #4 or #5. 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK. \$700 rent. \$500 Deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Off-street parking. No pets. At 4178 Kansas Street #11. 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom in gated building. Downstairs. New carpet and tile. Large kitchen. Plenty of storage. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. \$500. Studio. Pool, laundry facility, gated. \$500 deposit. 4747 Hamilton Street #28. Deborah, 619-733-7652.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom. New paint. New carpet. New stove. Large bedroom. Off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. 4527 39th Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$650. Studio. New paint. New carpet. Off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. 4527 39th Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$875. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. Quiet. Close to all. No pets. Laundry on site. 4122-1/2 Arizona. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Large, lower 1 bedroom condo. New carpet, blinds, paint. Indoor cat OK. Parking, laundry room. 4635 Texas. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK. \$695. Spacious, 1 bedroom upstairs apartment in classic older well maintained building. No pets. 2533 University Avenue #6. 619-298-1493. 858-272-9547.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, upstairs, newly remodeled, quiet. Laundry. Close to all. No pets. 4361 Ohio. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK/BURLINGAME. \$1400. Rommy 2 bedroom house. Stove, refrigerator, gardener. Water percentage paid. Parking. No pets/smoking. Open Saturday, Sunday 11-3pm. 2936 Bancroft. 858-560-5322.

NORTH PARK. \$800. 2 bedroom, large lower, gated courtyard building, upgraded apartment. Available 10/1/2002. No pets. 4245 34th Street. John A. Reis and company Inc. 858-272-1348.

NORTH PARK. \$900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, very large upper gated building. Court-

yard. Upgraded. No pets. Available 11/10/2002. 4245 34th Street. John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Charming secluded cottage, newly renovated, fenced yard. Off-street parking. Pet negotiated. 3733 Cherokee Avenue. 619-688-6911.

NORTH PARK. \$1695. Beautifully remodeled, Craftsman house. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, all new appliances, washer/dryer. Huge, private, fenced yard with deck, gardener. Close to park. Small pet ok. 619-282-1818.

NORTH PARK, WEST. \$995. Safe, well-kept neighborhood. Very large intercom-gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment plus security garage. Redecorated, always maintained in top shape. Large living room, balcony, dishwasher, microwave, ceiling fan, blinds. No pets. Move-in now, pay no rent until December. 619-683-7850.

NORTH PARK. \$900+. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, beamed ceilings, track lighting, washer and dryer hookups. Quiet street. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

NORTH PARK. \$575. 1 bedroom duplex. Near University/805. Walk-in closet, high ceilings. Laundry. Parking. Available now. No pets. 3817 Wabash. 858-539-0044.

NORTH PARK. Rent at Saturday 11/2 open house, 4-5pm for \$100 holiday shopping spree. 4138 Illinois. Hurry! 858-536-1900.

NORTH PARK. \$1300. Quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium, charming garden balcony, tile floors, all appliances, fireplace, central air, covered parking, 1200 square feet. No pets. Nonsmoking. 3405 Florida Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

NORTH PARK. Move-in special, \$100 off the first month's rent. Newly remodeled. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. 4525 Texas Street. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$875. Charming cottage with 1 bedroom and 1 bath, plus dining room near Morley Field. Beautiful hardwood floors. Like new paint, blinds, and appliances. Wrapped in a lovely 1930s style fenced courtyard. Perfect for you and your cat. Located at 3366-1/2 Grim Avenue. Please call 619-298-4256.

NORTH PARK. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, quiet area, walk to park, very large, new carpet/paint. Ask about special. 760-439-1163.

NORTH PARK. \$650. Deposit \$600. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with stove, refrigerator, laundry on-site, off-street parking. no pets. 3805 Boundary #1. 619-843-8168.

NORTH PARK. 50% off rent special!! \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Available now. Pool. Parking. Controlled-access building. Clean and quiet. Dishwasher. Ceiling fan. Laundry rooms. Centrally located. Small pets OK. Good credit required! 4133 Kansas Street. Viewing by appointment only. Call between 8am-6pm, 619-640-0112.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath granny flat, \$995. Secure, quiet, quaint. Located off cul-de-sac, with shared garden courtyard, koi pond, and waterfall. Professionally designed, completely remodeled. Everything new, many upgrades. Lots of windows, wooden shades. Crown molding. French doors to private 10x15 patio. Washer/dryer hookup, much more. Available now. Pet negotiable. By appointment only. 619-980-0125. www.TurningPointInvestments.com.

NORTH PARK. \$825. South of University Avenue. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, new paint, hardwood floors, nice neighborhood. No pets. Call 619-307-0386 or 619-232-6686.

NORTH PARK. \$950, includes utilities, cable. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, front load washer/dryer, refrigerator, stove. 33rd and Nutmeg. Adjacent to St. Augustine's. 619-221-0898.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Ask about move-in special! Charming spacious with lots of storage, assigned parking and laundry facilities. 4020 Kansas #3. 619-281-0703.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Huge 2 bedroom, 1 bath in garden setting. New carpet/paint. Assigned parking. Laundry facilities. 4611 Ohio Street. 858-270-5500.

NORTH PARK/Morley Field. \$1025. Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, with

garage. Fireplace, dishwasher, laundry, controlled access. No pets. 3736 Arnold. Manager, 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$700. Bright, spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, upstairs unit. Beautiful built-in wooden shelving. New carpet, vinyl. Parking, laundry. No pets. 4170 Alabama. Manager, 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom apartment. \$700/month. Upper floor unit. Stove/oven, refrigerator, off-street parking. 4033 Texas. 619-235-5440; matt@giacalone.com.

NORTH PARK. Alabama Street Senior Complex. 1 bedroom condo. \$650/month. Small unit. Must be 55+ years. Complex has laundry and other amenities. 619-235-5440; matt@giacalone.com.

NORTH PARK. \$800. 1 bedroom with garage. Quiet community. No pets. Laundry on site, pool. Close to all 3051 Meade Avenue #5. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$800. Completely remodeled studio. Brand new kitchen, bathroom, windows, flooring. Centrally located (University/Iowa), second floor. 619-795-9712 or see Frank at 3148 University.

NORTH PARK. \$1200/month. 2 bedroom Victorian. Pets on approval. Fireplace, off-street parking, hardwood floors and new carpet, new paint, appliances. Main lobby entrance plus back door to fenced yard. 5 blocks east of Balboa Park. Non-smoking. Days, 619-427-0700; evenings, 619-426-3699.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom, off-street parking. No pets. Texas Street. 619-296-0273.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom. Spanish-style casita. Oak floors, tiled kitchen and bath, skylights, breakfast bar, den, laundry hookup, small yard. Dog OK. \$1250. 619-231-6960.

NORTH PARK. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Upstairs. Washer/dryer. Garage. 4485 Idaho Street #5. Agent, 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled. 3864 35th Street. Gated, wheelchair access, elevator, parking, Senior complex. Contact Ray Murphy, 619-563-7845.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$775, new carpet. 2 bedroom, \$975. Pool. Laundry. Parking. Cats OK. 4120 Kansas. Irma or Rafael, 619-282-3050; 619-243-4000 x0.

NORTH PARK. \$700. Refurbished 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$350 deposit. New carpet. Quiet complex. No pets. Available now. 4152 32nd Street. David, 619-584-4956; 619-243-4000 x0.

NORTH PARK. \$825. Large, clean, bright 1 bedroom apartment, on site laundry, yard, garage. Nonsmokers, pet considered, available 11/1. 4409 Idaho Street. 619-318-4717.

OCEAN BEACH. Beautiful beachfront ocean view, spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Serene security garden building. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, laundry. Garages available. Furnished or unfurnished. 5085 Saratoga. \$950-\$1500. 619-224-1748; 619-501-5553.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Bay view. Off-street parking. Laundry. No pets. 5072 W. Point Loma Blvd. Call agent, 858-273-4820.

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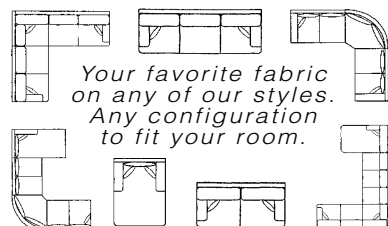
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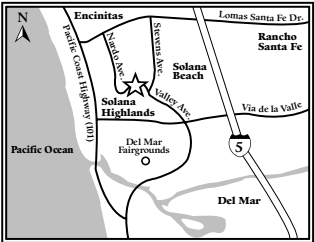
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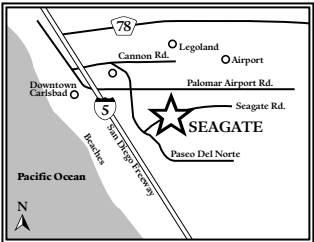
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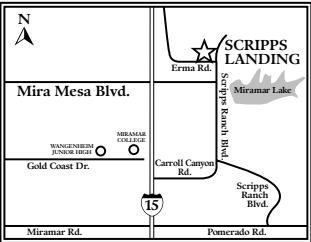
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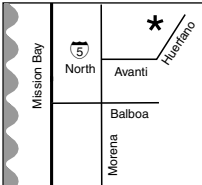
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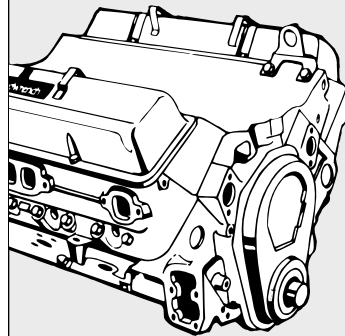
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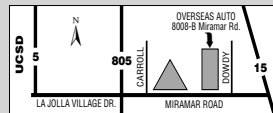
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LEAD STORIES

— University of Wisconsin-Madison veterinarians said in September they now have the technology to detect the fraudulent use of three udder-enhancing schemes employed on show cows at dairy exhibits. Forty percent of a cow’s grade is on how full, symmetrical, and smooth her udders are (but unlike in, say, human beauty contests, cow udders are important only for their financial, milk-producing potential). Tests of the milk can detect whether saline was injected into the udder, and ultrasound can reveal whether the udder has received isobutane gas “foamies” or a liquid silver protein that does for the udder what Botox does for human wrinkles.

— In recent months, at the same time that the Bush administration was mobilizing support for a military invasion of Iraq, other administration representatives were working with Iraq (and Iran, Libya, Sudan, and the Vatican, and against almost all of the U.S.’s traditional allies) to resist the United Nations’ worldwide support of “reproductive health services” (including abortion), sex education (except “abstinence”), and gay rights. One critic called it “pervers[e]” to blame Iraq for “unspeakable acts of terrorism” while joining them “in the oppression of women.”

Contemporary Holy Shrines

— (1) A Mud Puddle— in the shape of Buddha’s footprint, attracting pilgrims to Thailand’s Pungna province and “guarded” by a frog whose skin is being fondled by people searching for lottery numbers (September); (2) A Potato— in the shape of the Hindu god Ganesh, attracting pilgrims to a private home in Bombay, India (September); (3) An Outline in a Dead Tree Trunk— in the likeness of the Virgin Mary looking down at her baby, attracting pilgrims to the property of nonbeliever Bill Gaede in Fresno County, Calif. (September); (4) The Condensation on a Greenhouse Wall— in the image of the Virgin Mary, attracting pilgrims to a private home in Ile-a-la-Crosse, Saskatchewan (September).

Can’t Possibly Be True

— In September, Washington state Sen. Joe

Zarelli acknowledged to *The Columbian* newspaper that he had collected \$12,000 in unemployment benefits in 2001–2002 without declaring that he was also being paid \$32,000 a year as a senator, but he blamed the state bureaucracy for not catching him and explaining to him why that was wrong. Sen. Zarelli said he “had no clue” that he was supposed to report his legislator’s salary (which would count against any benefits he might receive) and said he thought the reason the Employment Security agency was after him was because he is a Republican.

— Medell Banks, a retarded, poor black man from Butler, Ala., is serving a 15-year sentence for manslaughter as a result of his confession that he killed his newborn baby in 1999, despite strong evidence that there was never a baby in the first place. While in jail in an earlier incident, Banks’s estranged wife claimed she was pregnant, hoping for lenient treatment, but refused to be examined except cursorily by a local doctor who said he thought he heard a fetal heartbeat. When Mrs. Banks’s “baby” vanished, authorities assumed it had been born and killed. Mrs. Banks had been sterilized four years earlier, and doctors say she remains sterile. (In August, a state appeals court ordered a new trial for Banks, but he remains in prison through the obstinacy of the district attorney, Robert Keahey.)

Police Blotter

— From Montana’s *Bozeman Chronicle*, 9-24-02: “A caller reported at 7 p.m. Sunday that a man was holding a knife to a woman in a car parked in the Albertsons parking lot. Officers responded and determined that the woman was actually using the man’s knife to clean her teeth.”

— From the Orem, Utah, *Daily Herald*, 9-4-02: “Orem police officers responded to a report of someone seeing a man dragging a woman into a residence.... The woman explained that she had been ‘playing hard to get’ and had been running around until her boyfriend could catch her, and he then played like a caveman and dragged her into the house, [a police] spokesman said.”

— From the August 2002 Alta, Utah, town newsletter (as featured in the *Salt Lake Tribune*): “July 14: At 12 p.m., the deputy on duty responded to

a report of a man chasing a moose in Albion Basin. It is suspected that this is related to a subsequent report of a moose chasing a man.”

People with Issues

— “Shy,” “brilliant” (according to colleagues) neurologist Joseph James Warner was arrested in Gainesville, Fla., in August (following a domestic altercation) and charged with illegally storing numerous human heads, brains, and other body parts in his home. Warner was teaching at the University of Florida but was immediately fired because the body parts belonged to the school’s lab and could not be lawfully removed. A former girlfriend called the Warner home a “hellhole” because of the organ-containing tanks and jars strewn around the house, and a *St. Petersburg Times* reporter said many of Warner’s co-workers described him as a “deeply troubled man.”

Recurring Themes

— As *News of the Weird* has reported, sometimes workers accidentally fire their nail guns into their heads, and often they survive just fine, thanks to skilled surgeons (and luck). In August, Denver firefighter David Lilja’s gun kicked back, propelling one 3 1/2-inch nail through his jaw and another through his cheek, but they missed vital parts (except for an artery, but the position of the nail kept the artery from hemorrhaging); he’s fine now. A few days later in Santa Clarita, Calif., an errant nail went through construction worker Jorge Hernandez’s eye socket, into his brain, but he remained conscious and didn’t realize what had happened until he looked into a mirror; he’s fine, too.

Updates to Recent News of the Weird Stories

— Swaziland’s King Mswati, who decreed last year that virgin girls proudly wear wool tassels signifying their purity, was sued by the mother of his prospective 12th wife, objecting to the king’s “authority” to snatch girls from their families (his father had 125 wives) (September). And British composer Mike Batt, who issued as a song a minute’s worth of absolute silence, caved in, paying off the estate of John Cage, composer of

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SUZUKI INTRUDER 800, 1992, light metallic blue, very clean, lots of chrome, beautiful bike, \$2800/best. 619-234-5136.

TRIUMPH SPRINT, 1995, 900cc, 6-speed, 3 cylinders, 29K miles, hard luggage, well maintained, have papers, registered through August 2003, \$3595. After 5pm, 619-226-8274.

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BMW 325e, 1986, runs great, recent smog (10/07/02), registration paid through 2003, new brakes all around, \$200/best. 619-741-3047.

BMW 325is, 1994, 5-speed, 122K miles, 2 door, Arctic gray, light gray leather, like new, all power, sell or trade, \$9900/best. 619-276-4100.

BMW 320i, 1979, 4-speed, sunroof, am/fm stereo cassette, new tires, very clean, smogged, \$1390. 858-672-1566.

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We got a kitten today. We've had a kitten before. Four years ago when my fourth child and first son Johnny was an infant, we got a cat. My three girls named him Gabriel. Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy loved Gabriel. They loved him too much. They never let him alone. My husband Jack, in his own way of loving Gabriel, gave the cat baths. Gabriel ran away. The girls cried.

"We'll get another cat someday," I comforted them.

"How old will I be when we get another cat?" then-five-year-old Rebecca asked.

"We can get another cat when you're ten," I said. "You'll be old enough then to understand that you have to leave a cat alone sometimes."

Rebecca will be ten in another month. In September, Rebecca came home from school. "Guess what?" she asked me in the breathless you'll-never-guess-in-a-million-years-the-fabulous-news-I'm-going-to-tell-you way nine-year-old girls do.

"What?" I answered as I gathered up the lunch boxes from where the girls had dumped them beside the front door.

"Haley's cat had kittens. She said I could have one when they're old enough to leave their mother. Can I have one, oh, please, Mom? Ple-e-e-e-e-ez? I promise we won't bug it like we bugged Gabriel. Please? I'm almost ten."

I called Haley's mother. "The kittens will be ready to leave their mother in mid-October," she said. "This is really the cutest litter we've ever had. Rebecca can have first pick when they're ready."

Last Sunday after Mass, we drove to Fallbrook and parked in Haley's driveway. Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, Johnny, and two-year-old Ben piled out of our van. Soon, they were caught up in the confluence of Haley and her three younger siblings, a dog, and various cats. After many greetings, we stood in the family room and *oohed* and *ahhed* over first one then another fuzzy, furry, mewling kitten. After consulting with Angela and Lucy, Rebecca chose a gray and black and white tabby. We named him Toby on the drive home.

The bickering over Toby began almost

before we'd waved good-bye to Haley and her family. Sitting in the far back seat between Johnny and Lucy, Rebecca cradled Toby in her lap. From her middle seat beside Ben, Angela asked, "Can I hold Toby now?"

"NO," Rebecca shot back. "We just got him."

"He's not only your cat," Angela countered. "He belongs to all of us."

Rebecca made a pouty face. Angela turned to Jack, who sat in the passenger seat. "When can I hold Toby? Rebecca's totally hogging him."

"He just got settled down, and he seems happy," Jack told Angela. "Let's let Rebecca hold him for now. You can have a turn when we get home."

Tears welled in Angela's eyes. "I'll never get to hold him."

When we got back to San Marcos, but before we went home, we dropped Lucy off at a friend's birthday party. Lucy gazed at Toby as she climbed out of the van. "Can I hold him when I get home from the party?" she asked.

"Of course," I reassured her.

"But not for too long," Rebecca interjected. "We have to leave him alone sometimes, remember?"

Tears welled in Lucy's eyes this time. "But you just got a really long turn holding him. I'll never get as long a turn as Rebecca," Lucy said and began to cry.

Jack kneeled down by Lucy. "Sweetie, you don't need to get so upset. We'll have Toby for a good, long time. You'll have so many chances to hold him. This is only the first day."

Lucy went off to her party. We went home and ate lunch. Angela took a turn holding Toby. He mewed plaintively, and his skinny little kitten legs shook as he crawled up Angela's chest. "He's so cute," she said rapturously and rubbed her cheek against his impossibly soft ears.

I took Angela to a birthday party. Jack disassembled his computer keyboard and tried to scrub off the red marker Ben had scribbled on virtually every key while we'd been eating lunch. Johnny and Rebecca took Toby out to explore the back yard. When I got back from dropping Angela at her party, Johnny ran into the house and shouted, "Toby knows his name. He comes to us when we call him. Come watch, Mommy."

I walked out into the back yard. Johnny plopped down on the ground and spread his legs in a V. "Come here, Toby Toby Toby," he crooned like he'd heard the girls do.

Toby stumbled toward Johnny. The stubby grass came up to his belly. He climbed up onto Johnny's leg while Johnny looked at me and smiled. We spent the rest of the day picking up Lucy and Angela from their respective parties, buying cat supplies at PetsMart, and loving Toby. While we ate dinner, Jack put Toby in the downstairs bathroom. He put Toby's litter box, food dish, and a big, warm towel on the bathroom floor. The girls kept popping up from the table to go check on the cat.

"Haley said to give him lots of attention," Lucy reminded me.

I don't think lack of attention will be a problem.

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