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# He Turns Out Hometown Heroes

house built about 1900 on an acre of land, right in the middle of town. It was parklike, with huge trees. I didn't have brothers or sisters. But all my cousins would come and hang out. We grew up close."

About Kuhlken's grandmother, he said, "Without her, I don't know if I would have ever become a writer. She had stories, stories, and stories. She was a painter. She studied with Charles Fries, who was famous. They got to be friends. She would go off up in the mountains on painting day trips with Mr. Fries. Watching her paint, I learned a lot about writing. She'd start off with one color all over the canvas. Then she'd come back and layer on other colors, and scenes would start to develop. I always had this idea, even from the first time I started writing, that you didn't just sit down and write something, but that you built scenes in stages."

When Kuhlken was 9, his father recouped his financial losses. He bought a house in La Mesa, where Ken Kuhlken still lives. In this house Kuhlken has written four published novels and several unpublished novels. "I started writing, or toying with it," he said, "when I was 13.1 wrote a novel inspired by the movie High School Confidential. It turned out to be 12 pages long. I thought, 'How do these guys make

these big books?' '

# THE Venus Deal

CHAPTER ONE Ten days ago, before Cynthia Moon had run off on her mysterious errand, Clyde McGraw's orchestra blew like crusading angels. Now they sounded like they'd spent the weekend playing at a funeral and they were battling just to stay alive for the next one. The four-man horn section might've had lung disease; the two violins, string bass, electric guitar, and drummer looked arthritic. Clyde could barely lift his baton. The only one who appeared alive was the singer, Billy Martino. Dressed in a burgundy dinner jacket, slippers to match, black pin-striped trousers, his shiny hair poofed up high except for the spit curl

> that adorned his forehead, he crooned "White Christmas" as passionately as a French legionnaire condemned to an outpost in Tunisia.

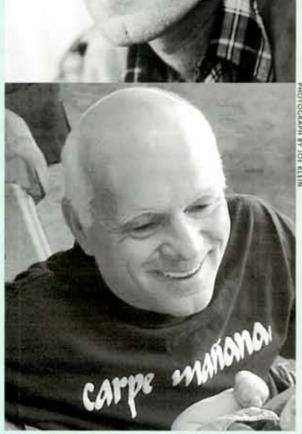
Tom Hickey sat on a stool, leaning on the bar at the opposite end of the nightclub, across the dance floor under its flickering chandelier and beyond the dining room furnished with oak tables and leatherupholstered booths. Hickey was a big man, shoulders so broad he didn't use padding in his suit coats, or else he'd appear monstrous. He had a ruddy complexion and thin,

scraggly hair beginning to gray. His nose was long, his chin cleft, his eyes steady and quick, azure blue. He gazed around at the clientele.



# VENUS DE

Ken Kuhlken



Top: Ken Kuhlken, 1970; bottom: Kuhlken, present

NO LOCAL WRITER is more local than Ken Kuhlken. Born in Mercy Hospital on September 4, 1945, while celebrations for World War II's end were still in progress, Kuhlken only rarely and for short periods has lived away from San Diego. "When I was born," Kuhlken said, "we lived in Rolando, by San Diego State University. When I was two my dad's business went broke. We sold our house and moved in with my grandma - my mom's mom - in La Mesa. That's where I grew up, in this nifty two-story

#### LETTERS

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#### **Slinky Error**

I have a few comments after reading Laura McNeal's very interesting story on the death of Judy Huscher (November 7). I think she has a couple of anachronistic errors in the story. She says that the Slinky ---- that's a toy — came in in 1957 and also that Oklahoma! was showing at the movie theater in Fallbrook in 1957. First of all, the Slinky came in around 1944, '45. I remember playing with it, letting it go walking down my grandparents' basement stairway in East St. Louis, Illinois, in 1944 or '45, playing with my brothers, with the Slinky I got for Christmas — I'm pretty sure it was Christmas of 1944...which was 13 years before 1957. I also remember my parents taking us to the French Village Drive-In theater in the summer of 1942 to see Oklahoma! That was right before we moved out to San Diego. If it was showing in Fallbrook in 1957, it was already 15 years old by then. It's a good story, though, McNeal's story.

One other comment: by the time I got halfway through McNeal's very long story, the cover of my Reader was coming off because those staples you use, half the time they're defective — they're bent and they don't hold the Reader together properly. I wish you would consider investing in some sort of a binding machine that would stitch the Reader together with some kind of strong thread. Name Withheld

Laura McNeal responds: The Slinky was first sold in 1946 and remained popular throughout Judy's childhood. Oklahoma! premiered in 1955 and, according to the Fallbrook Enterprise, played at Fallbrook's Mission Theater on the weekend of Judy's death.

#### Somber And Sickening

I'm a federal employee of the V.A. Hospital in La Jolla. For the last couple of weeks, you guys have been running pretty somber and sickening covers — people's feet in the morgue, and today about the death of a young girl ("The Death of Judy Huscher," November 7). I mean, come on, lighten up on the cover stories there. Maybe the next one can be something brighter. If you could brighten the cover stories for the next couple of issues, I'd appreciate it. I've been reading your paper for 20 years.

Mike Remondi

#### Film Harassment

Distressed to hear that the latest Mike Leigh film may not open in San Diego ("None but the Brave," November 7). Is there someone we can harass in order to push for its release?

Ananyo Bhattacharya

Duncan Shepherd replies: Looks as if no harassment will be necessary. See last paragraph of this week's column.

#### **Endless Paragraphs**

Is it the way you edit and lay out your letters to the editor, or do people really write letters of more than 250 words in one lo-o-oo-o-o-o-ong paragraph? The latest example is from Valerie Woodfill (an English teacher, no less) in the November 7 edition. I'm just curious whether some people need a refresher course in Composition 101. PMC

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#### S.D. Bike Joke

Re "A Bicycle Isn't a Toy" ("City Lights," October 31). The article pretty well sums up the sad state of affairs that is bicycling in San Diego today. Jim Bolen does his best job of acting like the roadhogging motorist that thinks bicyclists should be relegated to areas outside of traffic flow for their own good. I wonder how many left turns he has made on his bike from "outside the pocket" in heavy traffic, encouraging cars to sweep by him in the middle of the intersection. As a motorist, continued on page 78



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more across the country

Hillcrest resident and a reg-

istered Democrat. "I'm not

happy that more Republi-

cans won than Democrats.

My biggest surprise was be-

fore I went to bed, to hear

that Gray Davis was losing.

I'm glad about how many

people participated in the

election, the voter turnout."

Republican from Claire-

mont. "I'm pretty upset that

Paul Pfingst appears to be

losing. It's not final yet, but

that would be my only dis-

Robert Dilley

David Stephenson

Robert Dilley, 38, is a

Jeff Hansen, 39, is a

than locally."

An archive of City Lights stories can be searched on the Internet at SanDiegoReader.com

Ink by the barrel Once again, the first Tuesday of November turned out to be a dismal day for the Union-Tribune's high-profile editorial endorsements. The paper's choice for district attorney, Paul Pfingst, was beaten in an upset by Judge **Bonnie Dumanis**. The *U*-*T*'s two San Diego city council candidates, Dwayne Crenshaw and Kevin Faulconer, were also soundly rejected by voters. In the race for San Diego Unified school board, billed by the paper as a life-or-death struggle for the controversial policies of Superintendent Alan Bersin, the paper got down and dirty and managed a split. Bersin critic John de Beck triumphed easily over Clyde Fuller, a retired FBI agent whom the paper and the local Republican establishment had endorsed. Jeff Lee, the retired Navy officer repeatedly excoriated by the *U*-*T* for an allegedly abusive military record dug up by the paper, fell to U-T choice and Bersin backer Democrat Katherine Nakamura. Not content to rely solely on the paper's editorial attacks, U-T editorial chief Robert Kittle went on KPBS radio and Cox cable television to further sully Lee's reputation, and neither broadcast outlet gave Lee a rebuttal. In the end, first-time candidate Lee, his military history repeatedly pummeled by a barrage of last-minute direct-mail hit pieces paid for by Los Angeles billionaire Eli **Broad** — along with a volley of radio spots funded by downtown real estate mogul Malin Burnham — failed to counter with any mail of his own and lost by a healthy margin. Meanwhile, over at San Diego city hall, Mayor Dick Murphy also had egg on his face after his school-district endorsement of the failed Fuller as well as his backing of losing Second District council candidate Faulconer. Some attributed that defeat to Murphy's announcement the week before the election that he would appoint Second District council two-term incumbent Byron Wear to a salaried position on the new regional airport commission. The move galvanized anti-Wear forces to further work against Faulconer, who was widely seen as a Wear clone. Only Charles Lewis, Murphy's choice for the Fourth District council seat being vacated by George Stevens, managed to get elected.



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Democratic Ass e m b l y m a n Juan Vargas also managed a failed endorsement with a reelection flyer featuring himself standing alongside D.A. Pfingst in Chi-

Vargas reelection flyer cano Park underneath a large

headline that said, "Vargas and Pfingst take on the Gangs.'

Mike's money The strange case of Mike Madigan has taken yet another intriguing turn with the revelation that he purchased yet another downtown redevelopment-area condo last summer. The saga began a few weeks ago when it came to light that Madigan, the city's so-called Ballpark Czar, was departing city hall, allegedly

because he had purchased a condo in the Park Loft project next to the new baseball stadium. But county property records show that the condo was actually purchased by his wife Laurie, who paid \$731,000 in a transaction that closed on September 25. The same day, according to the records, Madigan executed a deed that gave Laurie sole ownership of the unit. A month before, on August 29, records show that Madigan closed escrow on a new condo as his "sole and separate property" at the Porto Siena project in Little Italy. The deed shows that the sale date was February 25, 2002, and the price of the unit was \$335,000. Also on August 29, documents show, Laurie deeded her interest in a unit on Kettner Boulevard, the couple's third downtown condo, to Madigan as his "sole and separate property." Laurie Madigan is a registered lobbyist who has represented some of the city's biggest special interests, including landowner and construction-materials giant H.G. Fenton, Inc. She is listed as a "senior partner" on the website of her company, MNA Consulting, along with her fellow senior partner David Nielsen. According to Nielsen's lobbying disclosure statement on file at city hall, he just happens to represent the Padres, along with a long roster of regional heavy hitters including Sea World, Pardee Construction (Mike Madigan's old employer), the Roman Catholic Diocese, and the San Diego Zoo.

Wearing out Departing city councilman Byron Wear, who was forced by Mayor Dick Murphy to abandon his appointment to the new regional airport authority board after he agreed to settle charges brought by the ethics commission, can no longer count on that six-figure salary to tide him over as he looks for new work, presumably as a consultant or Sacramento lobbyist. But at least his wife, Bridget Cantu, is bringing home the bacon. According to financial disclosure reports, Cantu, a former fundraiser for the Old Globe, makes between \$10,000 and \$100,000 as an employee of the Lux Art Institute of Rancho Santa Fe. The nonprofit foundation is building a \$4 million museum and exhibition center designed by Santa Monica architect **Renzo Zecchetto** near San Elijo Lagoon in Encinitas. The museum also produces traveling exhibits to offer children "the transformative experience of real art," according to its tax return. "We currently have three traveling valises. The bird hub steamer trunk, the naturalist's suitcase, and the bird palace," Presided over by North County socialite Ramona Sahm, the board features the likes of Joanne Warren and Chris Calkins, a lawyer for Carltas, the real estate development company owned by the flower-growing Ecke family. Among donors to the foundation are Warren, who gave \$40,000; Suzanne Figi, who kicked in \$20,000; the Wells Fargo Foundation, \$40,000; and Sempra Energy, which came up with \$10,000.

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### **Ballot Box Blues**

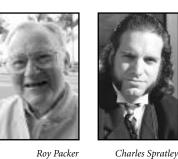
By Robert Kumpel

The day after the November 5 election finds some San Diegans sad, others elated, and many just indifferent. At the time the governor's office in Calithese interviews took place, the race between Bonnie Dufornia. I'm not a big fan of manis and Paul Pfingst was his." still undecided, and many Dr. Kirk Wachtmann, other races were not fully 53, is a Democrat who lives counted yet. in La Mesa. "I'm pretty dis-

William Garrison, 34, lives in North Park and considers himself an indepen-



William Garrison



dent."I was disappointed by

what I perceived to be the

quality of candidates for cer-

tain offices. I don't think I

was particularly surprised

about anything. I was glad to

see that Bill Simon didn't win

Mary Hannify

Jeff Hansen

appointed that there isn't

anything to balance out

George Bush. I was a little

bit surprised that Simon came as close as he did to Davis and that Mondale lost in Minnesota. It was good that the voter turnout was somewhat better than I had

anticipated it would be

appointment. I was surprised that the Republicans gained control of the Senate - I didn't think that was going to happen. I was very happy about that."

Michelle Wright, 27,



Michelle Wright



Todd Way

Anissa Hannon

lives in Encinitas. While not registered with any party, she is registered to vote. "I'm still waiting for the results to be officially in and the absentees to be officially counted before I decide what the actual results were. The governor's race wasn't important to me, but I know Davis won. I voted for somebody in the Green Party for that one. I didn't really like either candidate. I'm tired of the party politics of Republicans versus Democrats. It's not directly related to the election, but I was surprised by everything that happened with Jesse Ventura in Minnesota. I'm glad that the numbers of Republicans and Democrats in the Senate are still fairly close."

Roy Packer, 83, is a Democrat from Chula Vista. "I just didn't like the mudslinging. Instead of saying what they would do, they criticized what the other guy didn't do, and that, to me, is completely wrong. My biggest surprise was the small

Denise Edmund

Angel Salazar



Sarah Hallock Doug Downing

> turnout. I'm glad they didn't split the city of L.A. apart. The best thing I can say

> about the election is that is was a nice day." Charles Spratley, 32, is a Democrat who lives in Golden Hill. "My biggest disappointment is that somebody won! I was disappointed with a lot of the candidates' character, in one form or another. I really didn't have anybody I was overall pleased with, so I had to choose the lesser of the evils that I could. I was actually surprised that Davis got reelected. I wasn't exactly for Simon, but I was at least hoping that [Davis] would step down from office. Honestly, I'm not pleased about anything in the election."

> Mary Hannify, 50, lives in Poway and is a Republican. "I don't have any disappointments. I'm happy with the results. I'm glad Daschle's out [as Senate majority leader]. Republicans need a break. They need to be there. The biggest surprise was



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Mondale. I thought he would win because of his background and reputation. The biggest result is that the Republicans have won the Senate and the House, and I'm happy with that. We need a

change in government." David Stephenson, 48, is a Hillcrest Democrat. "My biggest disappointment is probably that I didn't vote. To tell you the truth, I don't even know who won what." I tell him some of the major race results. "I wish Gray Davis wasn't in office. I know there was a lot of mudslinging in the campaign for governor, but with the energy crisis and all that, I think the governor really screwed up. He dropped the ball, as far as I'm concerned. I'm not really surprised about anything or pleased."

David Murphy, however, is quite pleased by the results. A 65-year-old Republican from Allied Gardens, he is only disappointed by one race. "Doofus Davis got reelected. What an ass-



#### Joyce McLaughlin



Fernando Reves

hole. People talk about how much he spent, what about how much he stole? The turkey came in with a \$14 billion surplus, and he put us in debt \$24 billion. You'd fire anybody running a company who did that! My biggest surprise was the Senate and House elections. I was so pleased. We got rid of that moron Daschle! I was especially pleased by the Minnesota race after that big rally [Senator Paul Wellstone's funeral] and all that B.S. Seeing Mondale get his ass kicked made me happy. Watching the Senate — now we can get some honest judges instead of liberal judges. Look at Proposition 187. It went to a liberal judge

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and he just — I mean, those people have no conscience."



Nora Mally

Joe Brown



Todd Way, 60, is a Republican who lives in University City. "I was pretty upset with Gray Davis winning ... and all those bond issues that passed. I was really surprised by the gains of the Republican Party. That's highly unusual in a midterm presidential election. That's also what pleased me. But I don't know what people are thinking about when they sign up for these bonds where they think the money's going to come from. They can look for increased taxes very soon, I'm sure."

Robert Gordon, 46, is an independent from Point Loma. "I was disappointed with the poor choice of candidates. What surprised me the most is that the Republicans did as well as they did, since the economy is weak and a lot of people oppose

the war with Iraq. The best thing about it is that we're a free country and we have the opportunity to vote."

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Democrat. "My biggest dis-

appointment is the Republi-

cans getting the Senate. I

think the national Republi-

can success is the biggest sur-

prise. I'm at least glad that

Democrat who also lives in

Loma Portal. She sums up

her disappointment with one

word: "Davis. I think he's

stupid. He was also the

biggest surprise for me. I was

hoping other people would

realize what a moron he is,

but apparently not. Every-

thing kind of turned out how

I thought it would, except for

Davis. That's the biggest dis-

appointment there could be."

in Point Loma and considers

himself an independent. "I

Doug Downing, 22, lives

Sarah Hallock, 23, is a

Davis won."

Gale Hertz, 49, lives in Mission Valley and is a Democrat. "Walter Mondale's loss was a big disappointment. and Mitt Romney's win in Massachusetts was unfortunate too. The biggest surprise was Gray Davis, that he won at all. I really thought people were going to go with Simon just because they were tired of [Davis's] antics, but we had two not-so-good candidates. I haven't really taken it all in yet. I'm almost indifferent to this election because of California. We just didn't have great candidates running." Thomas Moreno, 46, is

a Democrat who lives in





Forrest Johnson

Rod Bass



Susan Bailey

I was kind of disappointed there. I thought Simon was going to be just crushed, but he made it really close with Davis. I was actually pretty impressed with how efficient they were at the place I voted. The people in there did a really good job getting people in and out and explaining everything. Results-wise, nothing really stood out."

Aubree Green, 27, is a Democrat who lives in Point Loma. "The biggest disappointment is that the Republicans now have the ma-  $\frac{S}{2}$ that Mondale lost. I'm glad <sup>6</sup>8 that some of the that some of the propositions  $\frac{7}{8}$ passed, especially the after-school proposition for v kids — I think it was 49."

Greg Stecher, 29, is a Republican from Point Loma. "The worst thing is  $\frac{20}{22}$ continued on page 6 U

Randy Belknap



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Point Loma. "It's kind of hard to say what was worse. Both of the people running for governor I wasn't real happy with — kind of a rock and a hard spot. Nothing surprised me. Nothing pleased me. I voted, but I'm not real happy with it. What are you gonna do?"

Donna Roberts

Judy Wright, 53, also lives in Point Loma and is a Republican. "I'm disappointed that so far Pfingst hasn't been reelected and also that Kevin Faulconer is running behind. I'm not surprised that the Republicans gained seats at all. I'm glad Davis got reelected. I'm a Republican, but I don't like Simon. All that mudslinging — I know they all do it — but I think he did it more than Davis."

Anissa Hannon, 35, lives in Loma Portal and is a

Keith Miller

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#### Ballot box blues

continued from page 5 Gray Davis winning again, because he...it seems like he rides the glory of other people. They'll do something and he'll say, 'Hey, that looks like a great idea,' and he'll take credit for other people's accomplishments. I'm not surprised at anything at all. I'm glad that there was a lot of competition. Especially in the local areas and the

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governor's race. It shows that whoever votes makes a difference."

**Nora Mally**, 75, is a Democrat and lives in the College Area. "I didn't like the Republicans getting the Senate. I just feel that there won't be any check and balance now. The biggest shock was that Mondale didn't win. I'm glad there weren't any problems like there were in Florida the last time."

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**Joe Brown**, 69, lives in Boulevard and is a Demo-

crat. "It seems like nobody realizes what's going on in the world, so the Republicans won. I don't think I had any surprises. Everything was close. I'm at least glad that we got rid of Simon."

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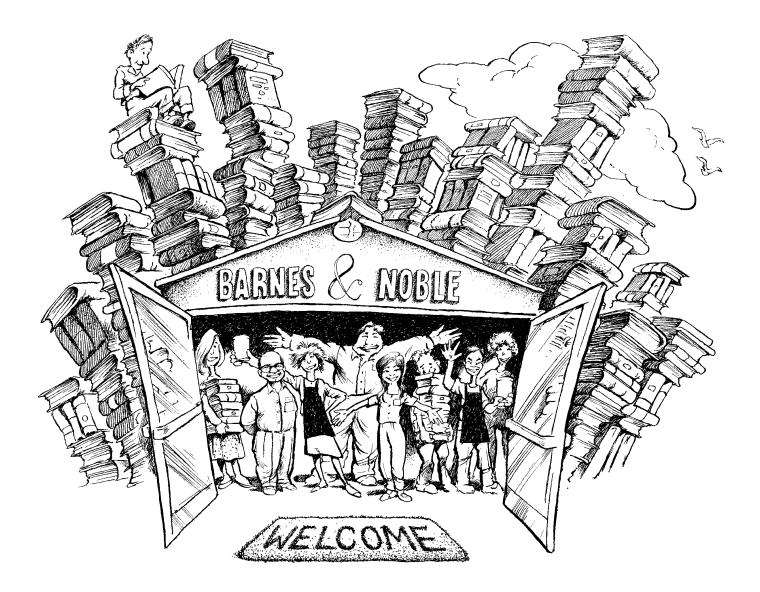
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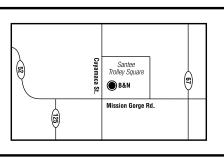
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Aldan Gomez, 66, is a Republican from El Cajon. "My biggest disappointment was the governor's race. I'm

not real happy with Simon, but I'm very unhappy with Davis. I'm real surprised how the Republicans did overall. It's an unusual event. I guess that's also what pleased me the most."

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Democrat Forrest

Johnson is not pleased at all. Johnson, 80, lives in Julian and found watching the Republicans prevail in the House and the Senate hard. "I don't want to see them give Bush free reign. The only pleasant surprise was Gray

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Davis. For a while it looked like he might lose. San Diego County was almost two-toone for Simon. I guess the best thing is Gray Davis being governor again. Another disappointment was Ray Haynes being reelected for

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our area. He was a state senator, and I think he could no longer run for Senate because of term limits, and now he'll be in the Assembly for two years and then he'll run for state senate again. He's a John Bircher."

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Rod Bass, 80, is a Republican who lives on Mount Helix. "I'm satisfied with the election. I'm really surprised at most of the races. I didn't expect the Republicans to come through as well as they did. I'm pleased with the turnout and, of course, the Republican sweep."

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Karen Young, 42, lives in Del Cerro. "I'm registered Republican, but I never vote that way. I'm pretty upset that the Republicans took over the House and Senate. I don't like Republicans. I've just been too lazy to change parties. I'm surprised that Dumanis didn't come out way ahead of Pfingst, and it's so close. I thought she would win by a slam dunk. I'm glad that Davis won and that some Democrats got their seats. I was also very pleased that Proposition 49 and the schools won. We should have after-school programs and put our money into that. I'm hoping Vince Hall pulls ahead in the Assembly race."

Richard Klotsche, 50, is a Republican who lives in Granite Hills. "My biggest disappointment was with the two fools that were running for governor. I was surprised that it was so close. For a while, while Simon was ahead, I thought maybe all of Davis's money was working in reverse! I'm just glad I got it over with. It was that bad."

Donna Roberts, 58, of Spring Valley describes herself as a "sort of Democrat." "My biggest disappointment is that not many people voted. The low turnout. I was surprised with the district attorney's race. I expected Pfingst to win big. I was in favor of the school bond issues, and I'm glad they went through. We need to have all those buildings repaired."

Susan Bailey, 31, is a La Mesa Republican. "I didn't really have any disappointments. Even Davis...if that's what the people want. I'm surprised how extremely tight the Dumanis race was. I thought she would be a lot stronger at the polls than Pfingst. Overall, I'm pretty happy with the results."

Keith Miller, 56, is an independent who lives in the College Area. "I was disappointed with the way the news didn't report how the smaller parties were doing. All we got was Democrat and continued on page 13



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Republican. Nothing surprised me. When it comes to government, nothing surprises me. I was pleased with the people at my polling station. They were upbeat and interested in what they were doing."

Denise Edmund, 43, is a Democrat from San Carlos. "I was disappointed that Davis won. He's a moron. I'm not really surprised at anything. I'm not very pleased with anything either. I would have liked a few people to have won that didn't...other Senate races — except Mondale! God! Not him! There's a few Democrats who I think are morons."

La Mesa Republican Ron Kawecki will only admit to being older than 39. "I was disappointed with the Democratic chairman McAuliffe. He was such a bitter loser. Instead of being gracious about the whole thing, he was extremely bitter, and that was my biggest disappointment. I was surprised by Jeb Bush winning. I thought he was going to have a really tight race and maybe lose. And the secretary of state in Florida — what's her name? Katherine Harris! She was elected to Congress. And they took control of the Senate! I wasn't surprised about the House, but the Senate was something else! I'm most pleased that George Bush was given a mandate by the people by winning everything. The people respect him and his job as president. They feel that they have a good president with a decent outlook on things.'

Louise Hall, 62, lives in Southeast San Diego and is a Democrat. "My biggest fear is that Simon was going to win. I'm glad he didn't. Nothing really surprised me — well, I expected the Democrats to keep control of the Senate. I guess I'm surprised about that. I'm most pleased and surprised that Gray Davis won."

Randy Belknap, 47, lives in Lemon Grove and is a Democrat. "My biggest disappointment was the governor's race, how they were hacking after each other. It seems like when you want to vote for somebody, they

never keep their promises. It's a waste of money putting the polls and paperwork out. I wasn't really surprised at anything. I expected it to be slow, and I expected the Republicans to win the Senate back. I'm most pleased with the

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Joyce McLaughlin, 65, is a Democrat who lives in Southeast San Diego. "I was most disappointed that Garamendi was reelected insurance commissioner. He

was commissioner before, and he got caught taking insurance money and was forced to resign, and I'm surprised the people reelected him. I'm a little surprised that in Maine they elected a Democrat as governor, be-

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cause they're always Republican. I visit Maine quite a bit. I'm most pleased that Simon didn't get elected governor. Gray Davis hasn't been the greatest, but I don't think Simon would have been any better."

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Angel Salazar, 29, is a Chula Vista Democrat. "It's very disappointing that the Democrats lost the House and the Senate to Republicans. I was surprised at the Democratic leaning here in San Diego, because it's tradicontinued on page 14

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Jeffrey Obayashi, 21, is a Democrat who lives in Clairemont. "I'm pretty much upset that the Democrats lost control of the Senate. I was pretty surprised by Walter Mondale losing Minnesota. I was actually surprised that the Democrats swept the California administration. I'm also pretty pleased about that."

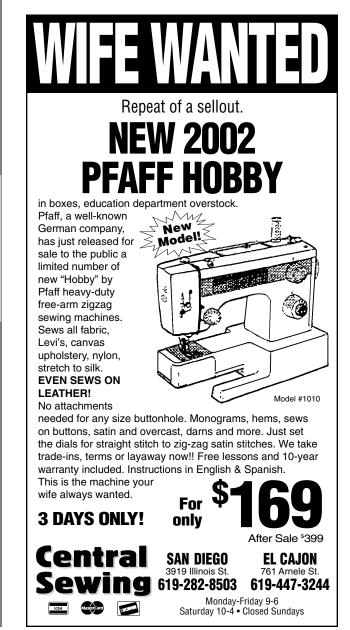
Matt Swerdlin, 22, lives in Ocean Beach. He describes himself as a registered Democrat who doesn't have any loyalty to a particular party. "I'm most disappointed that I didn't vote. Walter Mondale losing that disappoints me. I'm registered in Maryland, and I was just a slacker and didn't take care of my stuff to get an absentee ballot. I was sur-

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prised that the Republicans got control of the House and Senate. I'm glad that Bill Simon lost. If I had to choose between Republican and Democrat, I would choose Democrat, and it pleases me that the Democrats have taken control over certain governorships they haven't had control over in a long time."

**Shawn LaConta**, 43, is a La Mesa Democrat. "I'm disappointed that not enough Democrats voted to make a difference. I was surprised that the Republicans had such a dominating win. I think that most people who didn't vote now realize that if they had voted, it would have made a difference."

Fernando Reyes, 22, lives in East San Diego and has no party affiliation. "I was disappointed that Gray Davis won. Everything went just the way I thought it would. I thought the Republicans would take over the Senate and they would hold on to the House. I'm really glad that the Republicans have control over the full Congress."



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#### Matt:

Is there a socially correct or at least a medical term for, uhmm, nose goblins? Sinus boulders? You know. Boogers? We all know the correct terms for most of our body parts, pieces, and excreta, but this one escapes me. The one thing that is never discussed on TV after everything else has been exposed. — John Neumann, Houston, Texas

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#### Hey, Mat

I was just doing my own thing when my phone rang this morning. It's my sister with another stupid question. Why is there no canned broccoli? I searched your archives for this but could not find the answer. Can you please tell me?

#### — The Smart Sister, the net

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#### Hey, Matt:

Why is it that when I'm just beginning to drift off at night and fall asleep, suddenly, BOOM, in my dream I trip or fall or get hit by a bus, causing my body to respond by jerking spastically, which wakes me up?

#### — Dreamer, Encinitas

Ve-e-e-ery interesting. Come into the Alice Institute for Dream Analysis and Advanced Spackle Research and curl up on the couch while we poke through your psyche. That just-falling-asleep, surfing-thealpha-waves time is an odd blend of sleep and waking. Dream content and bodily sensations still interact to some extent. This is unlike dreams experienced in deep sleep, when motor neurons fire but are normally blocked from activating our muscles (so we won't dream about driving to Cleveland, and then actually get out of bed and do it). Speculation is that either an external stimulus or intense dream image can wake us more easily in the first stages of sleep, and in response we suddenly reestablish full brain-body connection with that characteristic jerk.

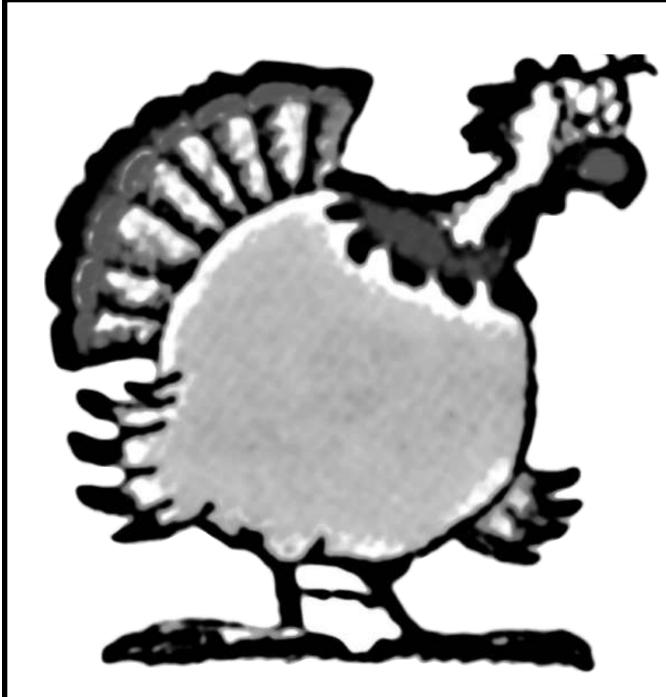
#### Matthew Alice:

This showed up in our company e-mail. "A terrible diet and a room with no ventilation are blamed for the death of a man who was killed by his own gas. His diet had consisted of beans and cabbage. It appears that the man died in his sleep from breathing in the poisonous cloud that was hanging over his bed. The man was shut up in his near-airtight bedroom. He was 'a big man with a huge capacity for creating [this deadly gas].' Three of the rescue workers got sick and one was hospitalized." — Mike, Carlsbad

And before there was e-mail, this twaddle was faxed from office to office. Before that, snail mailed. The natural history of an urban legend. There is no lethal intestinal gas. The story's as improbable as someone sleeping in a truly "airtight" bedroom. True, methane, a fart component, can burn. And there are true stories of intestinal-gas explosions in surgery. But even then, only about a third of the population can produce intestinal methane. That aside, nobody ever died from inhaling 'em. But urban legends don't have much to do with the truth. Come to think of it, most e-mails don't either.

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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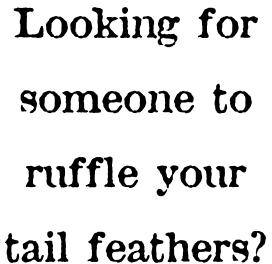
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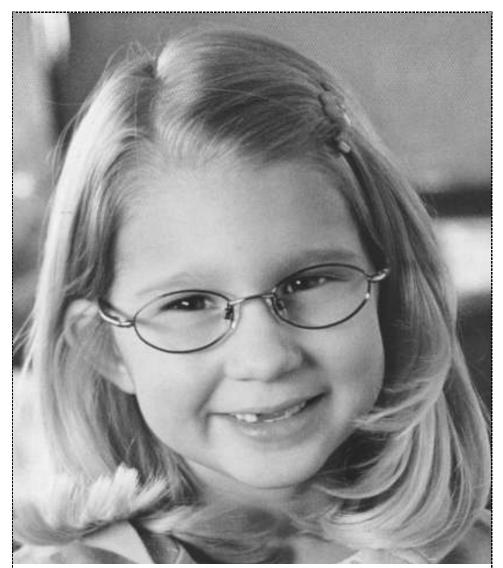
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# I Am Shocked, Shocked I Tell You

had no knowledge of or any involvement in the exchange of money between any of our players and Ed Martin."

So said Steve Fisher, San Diego State University basketball head coach and former University of Michigan basketball head coach on Friday. This is his reaction to the University of Michigan's Thursday announcement that it had imposed sanctions on itself as a result of a series of scandals that started in 1996 and only now, six years later, seems to be hitting full stride. Steve Fisher was Michigan head coach from 1989 to 1997 and an assistant coach at that fine institution from 1982 until 1989. A 15year run.

In hopes of avoiding more serious NCAA sanctions, U.M. penalized itself by going on probation for two years, banning postseason play this season, forfeiting their 1992 and 1993 Final Four appearances, as well as all games won during the 1992-1993 season and all games won from the start of basketball in 1995 until its close in 1999. The school will also write a \$450,000 check to the NCAA in order to pay back money it received from tournament play.

I think we can safely say, since colleges are at least as greedy as the typical investment banker, that Michigan did not penalize itself for any other reason other than there was absolutely nothing else they could do. By the way, Michigan did not offer to give up any basketball scholarships.

The person whose money SDSU basketball coach Steve Fisher didn't know about was Eddie L. Martin. It seems Mr. Martin loaned \$616,000 to Chris Webber, Robert Traylor, Maurice Taylor, and Louis Bullock — a.k.a. the Fab Five — while said student athletes were playing at Michigan for Steve Fisher. This is against NCAA rules and a particularly egregious violation since Martin was caught. Last May Martin pleaded guilty to conspiracy to launder money and admitted that he lent money to players and their families. He also said Fisher did not know of his activity.

Mr. Martin was a simple man, a retired Ford Motor Company electrician who loved U.M. and also loved to run numbers at Ford plants. Steve Fisher was the piano player in the whorehouse.

Here's how Fisher got the job. On the eve of the 1989 NCAA tournament, then-Michigan head coach Bill Frieder bolted Michigan for Arizona State. Fisher became interim head coach and was in place to take all the credit when Michigan won the national title that year. Said national title is what made him head coach.

Meanwhile, little wheels are grinding. The university hired the Bond, Schoeneck & King law firm to investigate their basketball program. No smoking gun was found or, at least, announced, but discrepancies arose about Fisher's statements concerning complimentary tickets and Ed Martin.

Fisher was fired on October 11, 1997, two days after Bond, Schoeneck & King issued its report. Firing a coach, rather than giving him the option of resigning, is extremely rare. Firing a head coach days before basketball practice begins is unheard of.

Fisher, speaking about the mess at Michi-gan, has said, "That, as captain of the ship, I have some responsibility of what happens to a program, but that I had no part in any illegal action with anyone.

Let's set aside, for the moment, Fisher's manly acceptance of some responsibility. Although I do set this aside with regret, since accepting partial responsibility in hopes of avoiding actual responsibility is the Ameri-can way and a lot of fun to watch. But, we'll move on.

Chris Webber, now facing federal charges of lying to a grand jury and conspiring to obstruct justice, is alleged to have taken \$280,000 of the \$616,000 Ed Martin freewill offering. Pretty good money, even for a student athlete.

Now, let us consider the fact that big-time college basketball teams consist of 14 players, 5 starters, and if you're exceedingly lucky, 3 NBA prospects. In other words, there are not a lot of student athletes to keep track of. Unbiased observers might be forgiven for thinking that, over the course of several years, a head coach

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NFL - Week 11 [Home Team in CAPS]

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might notice the kind of expensive vehicles, necklaces, earrings, clothing, housing, dining, and entertaining his five-star players were enjoying. Indeed, one would think that a head coach might wonder, "Gee, where did these fine lads get all the money?"

Instead we have, "I had no part in any illegal action with anyone," which avoids the point of all this; namely, what, exactly, did Fisher know? Still, I hope the man continues his SDSU career unmolested, as most likely he will. College sports, particularly basketball, are so corrupt, so hypocritical, that breaking NCAA rules has become part of the job. It's something you have to do and do well.

Bottom line, San Diego State won the Mountain West Tournament last year and played in the NCAA tournament for the first time in 16 years. Therefore, Coach Fisher is here for as long as he wins and as long as he does not commit a violent felony on live TV. Go, Aztecs.

The Sporting Box solicits your comments via the Internet: sportbox@ix.netcom.com.

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#### **SHEEP** AND **GOATS** PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

**Prince of Peace Abbey** 

Oceanside

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delivery .....★★★

congregational ......  $\star \star$ 

choir.....★★★

Snacks.....★★★

Flowers ......no flowers

Architecture......★★★★

Sermon

Music

Good .....

Very good .

Excellent ..

Extraordinary.

Poor to satisfactory ....

**Denomination:** Roman Catholic **Address:** 650 Benet Hill Road, Oceanside, 760-430-1305

Year founded: 1958 Abbot: Father Charles Congregation: 24 monks, many visitors Staff: 24 monks Annual budget: \$200,000 Singles program: no Diversity: white, Hispanic, Asian Dress: dressy

Services: Mass, Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Early last week, when the nation was bickering about politics and the government was taking baby steps toward war, I called Father Abbot Charles at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside.

I asked him what was at the center of the abbey's daily life.

"Prayer and praising God," he said. Father Charles explained that every day

he and the abbey's 24 monks engage in about six hours of public and private prayer.

"The brothers can of course pray more in their spare time. We encourage an active spiritual life. The Order of Saint Benedict has always emphasized prayer. Saint Benedict taught that everyone can find transcendence, experience the Divine, touch infinity, through prayer. And the more you pray, the more you realize that prayer is less about petitioning God, talking to God, and more about simply listening. The more time you spend listening, the closer you draw to God. I think our motto should be, 'Don't just do something, sit there!"

Father Charles described a life radically different not only from that of laypeople, but from that of diocesan priests as well. "In addition to

chastity and obedience, we take a vow of poverty, and we live in com-

munity. I'm in no way disparaging diocesan priests when I say that when you become a diocesan priest, you tend to move up a little in the social scheme of things. Monks don't move up. A monk surrenders his will to the rules of monastic life. He lives with the same people 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He really has to learn how to *love* and how to *forgive.*"

Last Friday morning when I drove to Oceanside, thick mist obscured the freeway. Drivers accelerated toward the cars braking in front of them. As I drove up the long, winding two-lane road to the abbey, freeway nuttiness receded from my mind.

"We're smack dab next to Camp Pendleton," Father Charles had told me. "And we're called, after all, Prince of Peace Abbey."

Eighty or so visitors had navigated nasty roads and freeways to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We passed through hefty teak doors into the nave, a soaring space designed by a Benedictine father from Mexico City. Huge windows fill the nave's north and west walls. Long, wide, gleaming teak pews fill the nave. Beyond the altar hangs a brilliant ten-footsquare icon of Jesus.

The brothers filed into the church and sat at sleek high-backed seats flanking the sanctuary. (Father Charles later told me that these seats had been crafted in the abbey's own workshop.) The brothers sang much of the liturgy in Gregorian chant. Their plaintive, uninflected voices were as striking as their long, brown, hooded robes. The church's dazzling modernist interior emphasized the brothers' remarkable appearance, their stark apartness from the world at this time.

Brother Ricardo gave the morning's brief homily. He spoke about Luke 16, the parable of the "twisted steward" who squandered his master's property. Brother Ricardo told us that we are like the steward, that we squander God's great love for us.

"We are in complete indebtedness to God. But God doesn't only cancel our debts. No. God paid for our debts with his own

life. No debts were cancelled. No debts were reduced. They were all paid off by the one whom the debts offended in the first place."

The crowd, half Hispanic, half Anglo, sat quite still. The brothers' composure, the nave's impressive architecture, the liturgy's solemnity, inspired a sense of calm I hadn't experienced in any other church in the county.

After the service, Father Charles treated me to a lunch of tuna fish sandwiches, salad, and lemonade. He told me that the abbey receives no money from the diocese, that it supports itself through its retreats; retreat rooms can house up to 33 guests.

"Our weekends are booked solid through 2004."

He took me on a tour of the enormous abbey, including the cloister, the "monks

only" area. He showed me the room where the monks eat, on weekdays, in silence. He showed me the brothers' recreation room, its fireplace, chess sets, and pool table. He showed me the abbey's 40,000-volume library. All these places, despite their beauty, were made mostly from cement block, polished teak, a few tiles.

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Sixty-seven-year-old Father Charles entered the abbey not long after it was established in 1958. He told me that in all his time there, perhaps only two or three monks had left for secular life. He told me that in recent years, older men have started showing an interest in joining.

"On the one hand, they've lived for decades in the secular world. They know what it's all about and they want something different. On the other hand, someone who's lived with freedom for so long may have trouble adapting to communal life. It takes a very special sort of person to become a monk."



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#### Dear Aunt Trudy,

My sister and I have reason to believe that our 68-year-old mother is having an affair with a man in his 70s whom she and our father met on a Caribbean cruise. This man lives in the same area that my mother lives in, near Los Angeles. She called me up and told me that she had "a date" and would I say to our father that she had driven down to San Diego to visit our house? I told her that I could not do this, because what if something happened to her? Then she called my sister and asked the same thing. My sister, reluctantly, said yes, she would lie for her, but only this time and only because my mother was crying and crying over the telephone, saying she just had to see this person (I will call him "Carl") because they were very good friends and he was not feeling well. Luckily, she got back home in one piece, and our father, who is a super sweetheart and entirely devoted to our mother, apparently is none the wiser. But what are we going to do?

DISTRAUGHT DAUGHTER IN ENCINITAS

#### Dear Distraught,

Refusing to help your mother pull the wool over Dad's eyes was the right thing to do. Lying for her would just muddy waters that are terribly murky already. Explain to Mom that you love her dearly and you love your father too but that you will not lie for her. It's dishonest and really unfair to all concerned for her to ask you to do so. If she's gotten a case of late-in-life hot pants, she doesn't need to drag you and Sis into the mess by making you complicit in her "affair," if that's what it is. Marital problems can occur even in relationships that have endured for decades. I know this is causing you great pain, and my heart goes out to you. Your mother must work out her marital problems without manipulating her daughters into providing false alibis.

#### Dear Aunt Trudy,

A year ago I married a man with a nine-yearold daughter. Celia spends half her time at our house and half her time at my husband's first wife's house. His first wife has also remarried. Lately it has come to my attention that Celia has been stealing. She stole from my purse (not money, but some lipsticks and a key chain), which my husband found in her desk. When I first asked about the lost items, Celia told me several times she had no idea where the things were and begged me to call the police. After we took Celia to visit her cousin Phillipa, who Celia likes, I noticed that Celia seemed to be in possession of some toys that I thought belonged to Phillipa. When I asked her about this, Celia

denied taking the items and said she had some toys "just like Phillipa's" and that these items were hers, not her cousin's. When I got on the phone and checked with Phillipa and her family, it turned out that yes, these items had gone missing right around the time of our visit. It took a long time to get Celia to admit she'd taken the toys from her cousin and to agree they must be returned. When I quizzed her gently about why she would take these things, she said she didn't know. My husband and I would like to see a child psychologist with Celia, as we're alarmed by her behavior. Celia's mother says that she forbids us to take her to a psychologist and we're making "a big thing out of nothing." Do you have an opinion about this?

LA JOLLA STEPMOM

#### Dear Stepmom,

I too am very concerned about Celia. Repeated stealing and lying when confronted about it is worrisome in a child her age. Ideally, if you could continue to talk with Celia's mother and address her fears and objections to getting Celia some help, Mom would come around. In the bestcase scenario, this would be a decision and process all four parents would be involved in jointly. I think Celia may be asking for some serious attention and help by taking things that don't belong to her. It would be a shame to have to take Celia to a psychologist against her mother's wishes, but if you and your husband feel as you talk more to Celia and each other that she and you need professional help with this problem, you may have to do just that. In such a situation you should inform Celia's mother you are going to do this, so that even if you can't win her consent, you're not taking her daughter to a child psychologist without the mother's knowledge.

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# BestBuys

#### -EVE KELLY

A family friend, at the promising age of 26, was killed in a drunk-driving accident. The friend was sober; the other driver, blitzed. I was in middle school at the time and the memories of the funeral have lingered with me.

With the holiday season and its many toasts of good cheer fast approaching, I am interested in finding out about breathalyz-

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ers. No, I am not going to whip it out to test every guest as I bid them adieu (unless they're really stumbling). I'll merely set it on the entry-hall table and they can use it if they have any doubts. But I want to get some hard facts on breathalyzers and

other signs of overindulgence. Luckily, I have a brother-inlaw who is a California Highway Patrolman. For

purposes of anonymity, he asked to be called Rufus. "You need to wait 15 minutes after your last

drink before using a breathalyzer," explained Rufus. "If you test too soon after drinking,

you'll have mouth alcohol and you'll get erroneous readings. The legal bloodalcohol limit is .08. That number is the measurement of the percentage of alcohol in your blood, the bloodalcohol count, BAC. We [California Highway Patrolmen] use the Intoxilizer IV, which is a little mechanical device. Some tests are chemical paper and you get a change in color in the paper."

Rufus says the breathalyzer tests are very accurate, though he warns that the rate at which your body absorbs alcohol can lead to deceptive readings. "The problem," he explains, "is people don't have an understanding about alcohol absorption. If you drink on an empty stomach, you have almost immediate absorption. If you have a meal and then drink alcohol, the absorption rate is much slower. If you are at a party, drinking and eating the whole evening, it is hard to tell. What I would do is use a breathalyzer, wait a half an hour and then use it again. If it is staying the same or going down and you're under .08, then you are fine. But if your BAC has increased over the half hour, then you should wait another half an hour and see what is going on because in another half an hour, you may very well have increased over the legal limit."

Is there a way to estimate your blood-alcohol count without the device? "If you are my weight, around 220 pounds, you can have four drinks. A drink is either a shot, a cocktail with the same amount of alcohol, or a glass of wine or a beer. But there is a differ-

ence between males and females.

Women don't have the same volume of water and so their blood-alcohol level goes up more quickly. Men are able to dilute more. So if you have a man and woman of a comparable weight and size, the woman would have a higher BAC with the same amount of alcohol because she has less water to dilute it."

How long do you have to wait to sober up? "The rate of elimination is .02 per hour," Rufus explained. "Your liver gets rid of most of it, and so does going to the bathroom. So, say you are at .08 and you have done your breathalyzer and you "Women don't have the same

volume of water and so their blood-

alcohol level goes up more quickly."

are too high to drive. You can wait an hour and you should eliminate about .02. These are rules of thumb and they are generally pretty true."

What is the patrolman looking for when they pull someone over?

"The patrolman is looking at the driving, objective symptoms, and then he will do the field sobriety tests. The objective symptoms of alcohol or intoxication would be red, glassy eyes, odor of alcohol, and slurred speech. The field sobriety

tests are designed to test to see whether the driver is able to do simultaneous tasks. Alcohol limits your ability to do multiple tasks at once, and in driving you are doing multiple tasks."

One of the field sobriety tests is checking for the onset of nystagmus, which is when the eyes will not stay trained on an object to the side of the head. "Nystagmus for me is the biggest test," Rufus said. "About 50 percent of the population has some nystagmus naturally. The eye will bounce a little bit when looking all the way to one side or the other. When you drink, that nystagmus is increased. If someone doesn't have it naturally, they will have it when they've been drinking. The more alcohol you have in

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ing. The more alcohol you have in your blood, the earlier the onset of that nystagmus. I will

sweep it to about a 45degree angle and, if they've had plenty to drink, the eyeball bounces."

What happens if you are pulled over and determined to be under the influence? "The license is taken away. They have to go through court to get

their license back. We issue them a paper, a 30-day temporary license. Their license is suspended for six months. If they have to drive to make a living, sometimes the court will allow conditions, so they can drive to and from work or during the course of employment."

Rufus recommends using a breathalyzer with caution. "If you are going to use it because you think you might be really close, I would suggest not driving. If you are just going with what is technically legal and you are at .075, don't drive. Because you can still be proven guilty. Legally, if you are .08, you are automatically presumed under the influence. However, if you are a .05 to .079, you can be proven to be under the influence. It is only a .049 or below where you are presumed not to be under the influence."

I found no local stores that sold breathalyzers, but online I found the CA 2000/DT by Viper Technologies (*www.vipertechnologies.net*). It runs on a nine-volt battery and has a cigarette lighter adapter. The breathalyzer reads from 0.01 to 0.40 and costs **\$69**.

AlcoScan CA 2000 Premium Digital Electronic Alcohol Breath Analyzer (*www.craigmedical.com*) costs **\$85** and a four pack of extra mouthpieces costs **\$2.50**.

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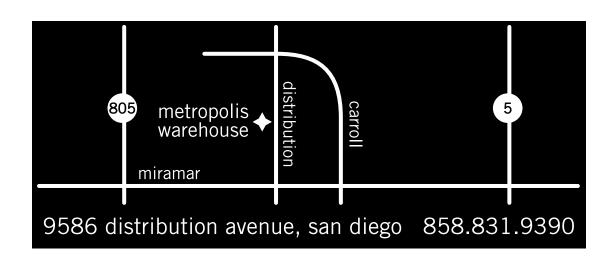
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# He Turns Out Hometown Heroes

bout his father, Kuhlken said, "My father was a hero of mine. He was an artistic guy, a musician who never had a chance to be an artist.

> He was an orchestra leader, and before that a rhythm guitar player, and before that, a rhythm banjo player. He went belly-up soon after the crash. He knew, once the Depression sank in, that he'd better concentrate on making money. So his artistic gift was stifled. He had a violin, but I never once saw him play it. It was like it hurt too much for him to have given that up.

> "Right after Pearl Harbor, my father tried to join the Navy. They wouldn't take him because he was borderline diabetic. Then my dad and his half brother opened a restaurant in downtown San Diego, and it was quite successful. But a year after the restaurant opened, my dad got drafted. While he was in the Army, they lost the restaurant. When he got back he was broke and everything had fallen apart.

> "My dad went broke in three businesses, maybe four. In each case he ended up with a load of debt, and in each case he spent several years paying it off. He never went bankrupt. People nowadays would see that as foolish. I think he largely went broke because he trusted people too much and he wasn't enough of a hardnose. He didn't care about finding a business that would make him money; he wanted to create something. So he did businesses that probably weren't wise decisions fiscally.

> "In 1957 my dad built this little golf course — Sun Valley Golf Course, off I-8 between Spring Street and Jackson Drive exits. It was nice because it forms a greenbelt in La Mesa that by now probably would be condos if it wasn't a golf course. He also was the instigator of the rebuilding of a Little League field right next to the seventh hole of the golf course, on University Avenue in La Mesa, that became one of the nicest fields anywhere."

> Asked if his father looked like Tom Hickey, the shamus/club owner/sax man/military policeman who is at the center of three Kuhlken novels, Kuhlken said, "He looked just like Tom Hickey."

"Hickey," Kuhlken writes in The Venus Deal, "was

a big man, shoulders so broad he didn't use padding in his suit coats, or else he'd appear monstrous. He had a ruddy complexion and thin, scraggly hair beginning to gray. His nose was long, his chin cleft, his eyes steady and quick, azure blue."

Christmas Day, 1960, Kuhlken's father suffered a fatal heart attack. He was 54. Ken was 15. Six months after Kuhlken's father died, his mother, a schoolteacher, contracted spinal meningitis. "She got sent," Kuhlken said, "to the isolation ward at the county hospital, where she ended up spending months and months."

I asked about Kuhlken's mother. "My mom," he said, "was born in 1904 in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, a town not far from Chicago. She arrived in San Diego in 1906, lived in San Diego and in Julian before coming to La Mesa in 1915. She wanted to become a lawyer like her dad, but with seven kids in the family, she being the oldest, she didn't think she could afford law school. She was the practical one in our family, while my dad was the dreamer. She taught junior high, at La Mesa Junior High, for 30-some years and retired about the time I started college. She and my dad met through my Aunt Woody. Her girlfriend was married to my dad's half brother. They were both 39 when they married, my mom for the first and only time, my dad for the second time."

While Kuhlken's mother was in the hospital, Kuhlken's friend Eric moved into the La Mesa house. "We were trying to figure out the meaning of life. We read Nietzsche and Bertrand Russell. Mostly people we read were atheists or had anti-Christian perspectives. Then, on February 17, 1963, when we were both 17, Eric died in a car crash. I staggered around trying to figure out what was going on. A woman invited my friend Cliff and me to a Billy Graham Crusade down at the old Balboa Stadium. Billy Graham sucked me in. We went down to the front and did the accepting-Christ thing, and then nothing happened. I didn't follow up. But starting with the crusade I took a strong interest and kept moving toward being a strong believer. I still had this phobia, though, about churches."

In fall 1963, after graduating from Helix High School in La Mesa, Kuhlken started college at San Diego State. "I wanted to write, but college was preferable to the Army. Also, I was getting Social Security because my dad died, so I made about as much money as I would have made working."

Kuhlken married in 1967. In 1968 he received his B.A. in English. "When I graduated I didn't know what to do to bring in dollars, so in 1971, from State, I got a teaching credential. In 1972-'73 I substituted for the Grossmont Union High School District and wrote my first novel — Like an Old Green Flatbed Truck — and, again, at State, worked on my M.A. in English, which I received in 1972. Then I won money on a radio station contest. I wrote about that in a story, 'The Giveaway.' My wife and I took the money and went to Europe. When we were there we ran out of money, so for part of 1974, I substituted at the American Community School in Athens. When we came back, I substituted one more year and then got sick of it and took a job working at a camp up in the mountains for boys on probation. That was crazy. Then I went to work for the welfare department and started thinking about graduate school. I ended up at Iowa, where I got an M.F.A. in creative writing in 1978. From then on I've been teaching and writing.

"After *Midheaven* [a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award] came out in 1980, everything seemed to cave in — my marriage broke up and I wasn't selling anything except short stories. By 1989 I was teaching eight classes at five different schools, trying to make a living. My kids [Darcy and Cody, born in 1976 and 1979] were mostly living with me. In the years since 1980, I'd written several books that I hadn't had any luck publishing."

However, something good did happen to Kuhlken in the early 1980s. He explained. "A friend was drawing cartoons for a local swingers' magazine. The editor was looking for a short story and my friend referred me. The guy said he'd pay me a hundred

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Top: author's paternal grandmother and mother (third and fourth from left), c. 1948; middle: La Mesa home where author lived from ages 2 to 9; bottom: author's father and mother, 1944 Six months after Kuhlken's father died, his mother, a schoolteacher, contracted spinal meningitis.



## THE Venus Deal

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Castillo had miraculously got what or whoever he wanted in spite of the wartime rationing. In the half-empty dining room were a few couples, two small gangs of secretaries, a family with whiny kids. They ate and drank heartily, disregarding Martino. The only couple on the dance floor had stopped to gab. One fellow at the bar sat with his hands over his ears.

All through November, until ten days ago, every night the place had been jammed. At midnight the line outside used to run a short block down Fourth Street toward Broadway. Over the weeks since Clyde discovered Cynthia Moon, word had reached L.A. Carloads of men trekked a hundred miles to gawk at her.

By now the military brass, flyboys, enlisted fellows who'd been saving all month or won big at poker — the crowd that until last week made Rudy's Hacienda the hottest club in town — had found better action than Martino.

As "White Christmas" faded, Hickey admired the rich baritone, no matter if he made Billy for a vain weasel who wouldn't know an honest emotion if it tried to strangle him. He faked the passion as well as most crooners. But he wasn't fooling this crowd. They must've been saving their goodwill for Christmas, 11 days off.

Christmas and New Year's Eve were already booked full. If Cynthia didn't show up by then, Hickey might



pack up his wife and daughter, flee to Lake Arrowhead, and leave his business partner to make the apologies. Castillo deserved the aggravation.

When the singer bowed, a few paws clapped dutifully. A kind secretary whistled. A man at the bar, three seats from Hickey, hollered, "Send the pansy back to Mars."

Gold Room, U.S. Grant Hotel, 1940

Hickey sighed, rose, and stepped in front of the loud-



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mouth, a tipsy banker with jowls that quivered and a bow tie. Hickey'd seen him around, usually in the Playroom in the basement of the U.S. Grant Hotel. "Be nice," Hickey said. The banker held his smirk about a second, then gulped and wilted.

Returning to his stool, Hickey wondered if a host who owned the place ought to let himself act like the bouncer. His partner would've sent the doorman over. Castillo wouldn't risk getting his pointy nose busted — if the Cuban was going to fight a guy, he'd sneak behind him first.

On nights like this one, the whole past week, when the best they could hope was to break even, Hickey wondered why he'd gone into business with a shark like Paul, as if he didn't find enough trouble in his day job, junior partner in Hickey and Weiss, Investigations.

The musicians got livelier as they hopped off the



stage, lighting cigarettes and heading outside for air or to a booth to charm a secretary and take her for a stroll around the block.

Clyde McGraw dragged his patent-leather shoes across the dance floor, his head down, mumbling like a priest. Without looking up, he shuffled around the tables and booths, nudged the stool next to Hickey out of his way, and leaned both elbows on the bar, chin in his hands. "Double Manhattan." Clyde had skin like milk chocolate, mahogany brown hair parted in the middle, a gray-flecked pinstripe mustache. He wore a beige cotton suit, his lime-green silk shirt buttoned at the collar, jeweled rings on six of his

long pianist's fingers. Finally he raised his head and turned his bloodshot eves on Hickey. "Mister Castillo comes back in the kitchen while I'm taking supper, says if the girl don't show by the weekend, we gonna be blowing on the corner with the Salvation quartet. Merry Christmas, no? I tell him, 'We got a contract till Valentine's Day, if you recall.' The cat winks, that's all. I jump on the phone, gripe to Arlo down at the union. He's got to check with somebody. When he rings me back, here's what I get. 'Somebody mess with Paul Castillo, somebody be hurting.' Looks like you got a mob behind you, Tom. That a fact?"

"Naw," Hickey said, and meant it, but a grain of doubt made him shiver. He'd checked as far as he could on Paul Castillo, and the man came up clean. But that was half a year ago, and a dozen times since, Castillo had miraculously got what or whoever he wanted in spite of the wartime rationing. Creamery butter, lobsters still shivering from the waters off Maine, a quintet of Stan Kenton's musicians away from their booking at the Pacific Ballroom.

"You let him break the contract, Tom?"

"It's a tough business," Hickey said. "Guys'll pay a cover to see the girl. All you got now is Martino. Maybe we have to drop the cover charge. We don't make enough to pay a whole union orchestra; we got to find a three-, four-man combo instead."

"Girl wasn't specified in the contract, Tom."

"Maybe she was implied." "Ah, you gonna step on me too."

"Not if I can help it," Hickey said. "You go find the girl, or get another one like her."

"Like her, yeah." Clyde turned to his drink, ate the







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cherry. "Where I'm gonna find one like her? No such thing. She's a crackerjack, Tom. I'm losing my wits, ringing up her landlady, fretting, you'd think I was her pop."

Hickey snatched his pipe and tobacco pouch out of a coat pocket, filled the pipe, tamped, and fired it up. "Where's she live?"

McGraw's eyebrows lifted, his chin jiggled. "There we go, you find her. That's your game."

"Yeah," Hickey said. "For 20 a day, plus."

#### CHAPTER 2

McGraw wasn't the only fellow worried about Cynthia Moon. An admiral, pilots enough to make a squadron, stockbrokers, a San Diego Padres shortstop who'd led the Pacific Coast League in stolen bases — men pestered Hickey about her every night. The orchestra, in mourning for the crowds that used to jump and shimmy with the music when they had Cynthia, now could turn "Goody, Goody!" into a lament.

Each evening since she'd failed to show after the week off Clyde gave her, Hickey'd met the band as their cars pulled up, hoping Cynthia would climb out of one. Whenever he called his answering service, the message he most hoped for was about the girl. A tremendous loss, Cynthia Moon. A slender, high-cheeked face, milky skin, emerald green eyes, all of which set off her wavy ever she did would be admired and imitated. In heels she stood over six feet, eye to eye with Hickey. Most of her was legs. Modest

Most every kind of adult human except bigshots milled around the Horton Plaza movie houses, smoking, storytelling, flirting, nipping from flasks.

red hair, a mix of burnt orange and auburn. Smallish mouth, lips full and restless. She moved regally, selfconscious but poised as if it were natural law that whatbreasts and hips, a small waist, broad, square shoulders, a long, graceful neck usually trimmed with pearls. Her voice was sultry, smooth, and aloof when she spoke to the men who sent her flowers, offered her drinks, invited her for weekends at swank resorts up the coast or in Palm Springs. She kept the flowers, turned down the drinks, fielded and tossed off the seductions without blinking.

Onstage, it seemed her insides caught fire, as if she were in love or pregnant. When she sang old standards, you heard passions in them that had slipped past you before. Listening to Cynthia Moon, you could believe she'd been everywhere, done everything, yet magically kept her innocence. Nobody would've guessed she was only 17.

The age was a secret.

McGraw had confessed it to Hickey and Paul Castillo after the audition, before they wrote the contract for three months, six nights a week. Hickey's first impulse was to send Clyde packing, but Castillo outtalked him. The girl was a star on the rise. Boys her age were screaming at God in the Tunisian desert, on the beaches of New Guinea and Guadalcanal, and the cops had bigger chores than running kids out of nightclubs. Besides, Castillo said, if she got them in a jam, he'd talk to a pal of his.

For three weeks Hickey watched her sing and gabbed with her between the last set and closing time, after



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Castillo disappeared, the way he always did about midnight. Hickey drank scotch while the girl sipped ginger ale. He would've given her a cocktail or two if she'd wanted, but she never did. He guessed she feared losing her head. From the talking and because they both had music inside them, he'd gotten to know her at least as well as anyone seemed to. Slight gestures --- cocking her head at the wrong instant, a tiny grimace where there should have been a smile, a word out of place ---told him she was hardly the unflappable, worldly character she played. She was a girl. Only something, maybe the war, made her grow up

too soon.

Hickey wheeled his '41 Chevy coupe, a frisky little number with a radio and camel hair upholstery, out of his reserved spot in the public parking behind Rudy's, tossing a quarter to Skeeter, a buck-toothed kid wearing a Yankees cap, who kept an eye on the cars. Hickey turned up Fourth Street, driving slowly until his eyes dilated. Like all the West Coast cities, San Diego was running on dim so the Japs would have to squint to bomb it. Neon signs, streetlights, theater marguees all dark. The only lights seeped from behind shaded windows and from the bottom half of headlamps

painted brown or black across the top.

At Broadway — the intersection between his office, above the Owl Drugstore, and the U.S. Grant would've seen moms out gift shopping, tugging the kids by the hands so they wouldn't stagger into traffic while gawking above at the giant red stars and strings

By the Greyhound station beneath the Pickwick Hotel on the corner of Second, he got stalled by about a hundred marines.

Hotel—he cut right, toward the docks. The view ahead looked as if mobs of looters had invaded a ghost city. Not a single Christmas light sparkled. Two years ago, before Pearl Harbor, you of pastel lights that hung across Broadway four stories up, or at the lighted trees on every corner from the harbor to a mile inland. Dads would've been carrying armloads of glittery packages out of Marston's. Carols would've echoed up side streets from blocks away.

Christmas season 1942, if you went out after dark, more likely it was to drink or pray than to shop. All that stayed open after dusk were nightclubs, movies, coffee shops, the burlesque and peep-show arcades, tattoo parlors, the bus station. The chiropractor who moonlighted in abortions, across the hall from Hickey's office.

The sidewalks, dark except when moonlight sneaked through a break in the foggy clouds or where the glow spilled out of a doorway, were jammed with soldiers and sailors, country girls who'd moved to the city to type and wear scarlet lipstick, burly stevedores, Swedes, Mexican hustlers, salesclerks wrapped in shawls and mittens. Most every kind of adult human except bigshots milled around the Horton Plaza movie houses, smoking, storytelling, flirting, nipping from flasks while they waited sometimes three hours to watch a two-hour-long movie at the Cabrillo or Plaza Theater.

On a corner on the north side of Fifth and Broadway, a gospel quintet of Negroes in top hats and capes sang "O Holy Night."

Hickey paused too long at the stop sign, listening. From behind him a horn





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trumpeted. He jumped an inch and snarled. One of the fastest ways to earn Hickey's wrath was to blast him with a horn. Even a toot sparked his temper these days, since he'd bought into Rudy's, begun working 18-hour shifts, and watched Madeline turn from his darling to a nag, as though she'd finally lost hope and started hunting for reasons to forsake him.

He knocked the shift lever into neutral, pulled on the hand brake, bounded out, and strode toward the Buick behind him. The horn blower resembled a tortoise. Wide, flat mouth, head sinking fast between his shoulder blades. He reached out and slapped down the locks on both doors. Hickey walked up close, grinned at the fellow, turned back, and strolled to the front of his Chevy. He leaned on the fender and watched the carolers.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoiceth, for yonder breaks a new and glorious... The Buick shot around him, the tortoise-man yelling, "I got your number, hot stuff, and I'm calling a cop." Hickey ambled into his car and continued down Broadway. By the Greyhound station beneath the Pickwick Hotel on the corner of Second, he got stalled by about a hundred marines parading across the street to join the line outside the Spreckels Theater. Six blocks farther, at the far end of Union Station, bells clanged, red lights flashed, and the arm dropped in front of the railroad tracks. The Santa Fe crept past, slowing to deliver its load to the docks at the foot of Market Street. Hickey counted 46 bin cars full of oranges, carrots, lettuce, and onions.

He cut north on Harbor Drive, past the docks where tuna fishers sprayed down their nets, and workers like gangs of ants plodded with their crates and skids stacked with boxes up and down the gangway of a merchant ship flying the Union Jack. Ships usually anchored in midharbor until after dark when they got tugged in to load, as if the Japs had no spies or maps and couldn't judge except in daylight where the docks and warehouses might be. Hickey figured the Port District ought to build docks in the South Bay, as far down

as you could take the ships without them running aground, and spread the action instead of clustering it all within a mile of downtown where a single raid of half the bombs they used on Pearl would ravage the tuna fleet, flatten the heart of the city, sink a dozen ships, and knock out aircraft factories, three military bases, and Lindbergh Field.

No one consulted Hickey on military strategy. Except when Admiral Van Vleet asked him whether to order the filet or New York cut, and Colonel Creaser sought his opinion about what kind of flowers Cynthia Moon would like best, the military had passed on its opportunity to benefit from Hickey's wisdom. Last year, along with the millions of other patriots who'd swarmed the recruiting offices in the weeks following Pearl Harbor, Hickey had volunteered for the Navy. They ran him through a physical and determined that 35 was too old, at least for a borderline diabetic.

The same week they'd turned him down, a chilly evening in March just before dark, he'd been fishing off his pier on Mission Bay when





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Madeline called him inside to introduce a fellow she'd brought home from the Del Mar Club in La Jolla. He was new in town, had plans, needed a partner. A couple hours and tumblers of scotch later, Hickey decided that if Uncle Sam didn't want him, he ought to go ahead and make a killing off the war, like any bigshot would.

Four thousand dollars and a couple months of labor — carpentry he'd learned on weekends and on vacation from high school when he was trying to save the money to study at USC - he'd sunk into Rudy's. They got the place ready in about the time half

the poor sailors and GIs who remained stateside landed in San Diego. During 1942 the population had doubled. After six months, Hickey's share of the club was worth ten times what he'd invested. It added a decimal to his income. At Rudy's he could make two, three hundred dollars on a good night, just for gabbing with folks, mediating a squabble between the chef and a waiter, watching Cynthia Moon. If he could find her.

Beneath a cargo plane that sounded doomed to explode before it dropped the last few hundred feet to Lindbergh Field, Hickey swung onto Pacific Coast Highway. Just as he'd hit cruising speed, he had to slow for a wailing fire truck that crossed Harbor Drive in front of him and turned into the main gate of Consolidated Air, a quarter-mile long of factory surrounded by a cement wall and a chain fence, all of it draped in camouflage netting, even the walking bridge over the highway. Through the open gate, Hickey caught glimpses of welders' torches sparkling. He drove under the bridge through the echoing whack and clang of machines.

He turned on Bay Street, rattled across the tracks and a couple blocks east, cut north again on India Street,

and rolled over the hill into Old Town, where the houses were mostly Victorian, the landscaping desert - hillsides of aloe and agave, palm trees, stunted yuccas that barely survived the fog.

Four-sixty-three Jones Street was a shabby Victorian a block and a half up Presidio Hill, high enough to overlook the harbor, the naval training center and beyond, the private marinas of Shelter Island, and Moorish villas on the inland slope of Point Loma. The paint had faded to appear like whitewash tinting the redwood slats. The green trim was chipped, spotted with white primer. Each

window had a different style and shade of curtain, most of them frilly. The balconies were strung with clotheslines, one adorned with ladies' slips, pearl-colored in the mist, hanging all in a row like a chorus line

Hickey climbed the steps, crossed the rickety porch, and tapped the knocker on the door. Heels clicked inside. The door flew open and a doll face gazed at him. A button nose. Eyes glittering like polished china. Cherry gumdrop lips. The girl wore a green dress with hat and gloves to match.

"It's about time. Oh...." She recoiled as though Hickey held an ax raised.

He stepped into the foyer. After he introduced himself and got the girl's name, Loraine, he apologized for being the wrong guy and asked for Mrs. Ganguish, the name Clyde had given him.

Loraine sauntered down the hallway, knocked on the second door. In the minute or two Hickey waited, three young women appeared two at the top of the stairs, one peeking out of the first door in the downstairs hallway. Each of them eyed him closely and brightened for a second before she disappeared. Since the war had carried most of the young men

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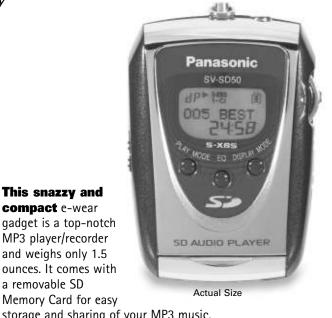
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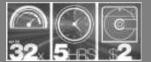
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overseas, those left behind, even if they weren't so young, got attended to. Hickey was no pretty-boy, but his face was strong, clothes fit him well, his manners were smooth.

The place, Hickey decided, was either a storybook whorehouse or one of the dormitories spinsters or widows ran for young ladies on their own, shelter from the cruel world full of devious men. Loraine had gone into the parlor, probably to watch the clock. It was 9:30. If the dame who ran this home was as strict as some Hickey'd known, Loraine's boyfriend could show now and only get a half hour to give her candy, beg her forgiveness, and smooch on the porch before her curfew.

A woman stepped out of the second doorway in the hall. Mexican or Spanish, small, tough. Her arms swung stiffly. She had eyes of pure white and obsidian black, breasts like the mother of 20, long black hair pulled back sternly.

Hickey gave his name, offered his hand, said he was looking for Cynthia Moon.

The woman squeezed his fingers hard. "Call me Dolores. You run that bar?"

"Rudy's is a supper club." "You serve booze?"

"Sure."

"It's a bar." "You got me. Cynthia around?"

The woman shook her head, wearily, turned, walked into the parlor, and collapsed into a faded love seat. She motioned to the sofa where Loraine knelt on the cushion, leaning on the backrest and staring through the front porch window. Hickey took a seat beside her.

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"All the time I'm worrying about my girls," Mrs. Ganguish said. "If they don't come home two hours after they supposed to, I don't get no sleep. You think they care? Not much, they don't. Cynthia, she promises to come home last Friday. Maybe somebody kills her, I don't know. Say, how many of you guys I gotta tell this to?"

"Somebody else's been asking?'

"Sure, this crazy man calls me over and over. Every time I forget to worry, a couple minutes later, he calls. Now you?"

"Crazy man?"

"His name's Clyde." "McGraw. Why do you say he's crazy?"

Dolores's hand sliced the air in front of her face. She wagged her head as if remembering some knowledge too hard or complex to

explain. "Musicians, I know about them."

"Uh-huh. How about a boyfriend? She got one?" "No, sir."

"Girlfriends, family?" Hearing the shuffle of bare feet and skirts rustling, Hickey glanced through the parlor door. Beyond the foyer, atop the stairs, two young women leaned on the rail. One looked dwarfish, not so short but as if she'd once been taller and gotten squished. The other had a crop of golden curls bouncy as springs. When Hickey spotted them looking, they turned to each other, bent into a huddle, and whispered. A second later Loraine slapped the back of the couch."The hell with him!" She jumped up and rushed out of the room, up the stairs.

"Ay, Dios," Mrs. Ganguish whispered.

"Cynthia got friends or family?"

"She been here two months, mister. Nobody calls her except this Clyde. I think she don't give nobody her number. Family I don't know. First thing, when this Clyde brings her here, I ask, I want to know what kind of family my girls are from. She says they are all dead. No aunties or cousins, nothing. I don't believe her. Everybody has somebody. I almost don't take her because maybe she lies too much. But I think I give her a week or so watch what kind of girl she is."

"She's behaved herself?" "You bet. She's working two jobs, you know? One with a lawyer. Six days a week, she's leaving at 20 to nine o'clock, to run for the bus; Maybe you never seen her in the morning. She don't wear perfume, smells like Palmolive, no kind of makeup except a dab of lip rouge."

From upstairs came a giggle. Dolores heaved herself out of the love seat, marched to the parlor door, and yelped, "Scat, you vixens!" She leaned against the door frame and sighed. "Every day she wears a nice plain dress and flat heels so she don't look like no giant. By six o'clock she's home just long enough to dress fancy and speed off in the taxicab. I don't know what she's eating."

"Usually a T-bone, swordfish on Fridays, and a salad. At Rudy's. How about the other girls? They her friends?"

"No, sir. They don't like her because she don't want no friends. When she got time for friends? On Sunday she goes to church or shopping for a new fancy dress or shoes."

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"What church?" "Catholic. I don't know which one she's going to." For a while Mrs. Ganguish had seemed to warm to his questions. Now her voice was getting brusque, and when Hickey asked to have a look in Cynthia's room, she woodened her lips and squinted at him as

though he'd asked to bor-

row her underwear. When

he argued that the girl, who'd

always acted responsibly,

must be in a jam, Dolores

suggested they call in a cop.

He told her he used to be one

and gave her a Hickey and

Weiss business card. Finally,

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dubiously, she led him toward the stairs.

The two girls who'd eved him and a new one, a frizzy brunette in a white robe stretched and belted so tight the resulting bulges above and beneath made Hickey's eyes water, glided out of the first upstairs room to meet him on the landing. Stiffly, as though on a dare, the dwarfish girl stepped forward.

"You're Moony's boss, huh?"

"Yep." "Lucky her."

The brunette squirmed forward. "Take us out for a

drink, cutie, we'll tell you what you need to know."

"Wash your mouth, Brenda," Mrs. Ganguish snapped. She tugged Hickey's

of her housecoat until she found the passkey. Like a burglar on her virgin outing, she needed both of her hands, one steadying the

He found more bottles of makeup, a stack of sheet music, receipts from Marston's. A drawer half full of crucifixes and rosary beads.

arm, hustled him down the hallway to the third door. She kept a tight grip on his arm while her other hand fumbled in several pockets

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other, to turn the key in the lock and shove open the door.

The room was as small as those in old hotels. A single bed required half the floor. On the faded oncerose-colored wall above the bed hung the portrait of a handsome man about 40 with dark hair and worried

eyes bright blue as Cynthia's were green. The portrait was so expert that Hickey looked for the signature. Joshua Bair. Better known for the landscapes Hickey'd seen when his daughter Elizabeth dragged him to the art museum.

The bed was piled with a half dozen large pillows, each with a differently flowered pillowcase. The bedspread was solid black. The small window had no curtain, only a lowered manilacolored shade. Beside it sat a small mahogany desk with a vanity mirror on top and drawers left open, same as they were on the oak dresser against the opposite wall, next to the door. The dresser top was littered with stacks of clothes, a towel, and a flatiron. To the side of the

dresser was a hat rack on the wall, every post occupied, ladies' hats with lace or flowers, beside the cowboy sombrero, sailor's cap, marine campaign hat, fedora, and panama, which she'd worn as costumes at Rudy's. In place of a closet, a clothes rack stood in the corner. A dozen or so dresses and a few coats hung there.

Hickey reached for a pull chain, flicked on the overhead light. He stepped around Mrs. Ganguish and into the narrow space between the bed and the desk. On the left side of the desk, leaning against the wall, were three stuffed dolls — a ragged teddy bear, a dusty white elephant, and the remains of what must've been a raccoon. Between the makeup and the ani-







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mals he found the stuff that chilled his brain and fingers. A drawing in what looked like pencil and crayon, and an open tin of bullets.

Dolores wedged in beside him. "What you got there?'

The bullets were .22 caliber. The tin looked about half empty. A few of the bullets had spilled out onto the picture.

"She have a gun?"

"No sir, I don't allow no guns. I only got ladies here. They are good girls, except Brenda, who only gets to stay because she's my cousin's daughter. By marriage," she added, as if that explained Brenda's libertine behavior.

Hickey swept the bullets off the picture and picked it up. He dug into a coat pocket for his glasses and put them on.

The sketch was on legal-

size white paper, above a note a few sentences long written in a stylized hand at the bottom. The drawing was no Joshua Bair, but its message seemed clear. On the dirt floor of a room with cracked brown walls, a female lay. From the awkward angle of her arms, out to her sides and turned upward at the elbows, and from the way her face fell sideways, cheek against the floor, she looked dead.

A thin person stood over her. A smallish longhaired man or shapeless female, leaning down, hands pressed on the inside of the fallen woman's knees as if to push her half-spread legs farther apart.

Both faces were turned away. The fallen person had dark hair with flecks of yellow and red crayon. She had broad shoulders, a long waist, legs so long they looked to

have been stretched. Wide, flat breasts with dark nipples. Behind the hipbone, where the flesh of buttocks started, it looked like the woman had a tattoo. Eleven tiny circles in three upright rows, five circles in the middle one. Each was connected to the closest on every side by a branch. The lowest circle on the right was colored green.

The standing person was less defined. Even the lines were blurred, as if the artist had intentionally smeared them, implying that this might not be a person at all but an apparition, a spook or vision out of a half-lost dream.

Mrs. Ganguish, who'd been gazing over his arm, reached tentatively for the picture. Hickey nudged her hand away and read the note on the bottom.

"Beloved, you saw

through him from the start. He truly is a Fiend. You must rescue us, before your wife and daughter are lost. Otherwise, I have been deluded these many years, and loved a cowardly, pitiful man. Every day the Fiend grows bolder. Soon I may die."

Hickey checked the back. A blank page, no signature or date. "Whew. What the hell?" He passed the picture to Mrs. Ganguish.

She read the note first, her lips buzzing as they moved, and sat back onto the bed as she studied the picture. The fingers of her free hand lifted to her eyes as if to pluck them out.

"Make any sense?" Hickey asked.

Dolores wagged her head fast like a tremor, and Hickey started rifling through the desk drawers, looking for an envelope with an address, or something. He

found more bottles of makeup, a stack of sheet music, receipts from Marston's. A drawer half full of crucifixes and rosary beads. Another full of tags that came off flowers and gifts, greeting cards from her admirers. Most of the names Hickey knew from Rudy's. Captain Mitchell. Barney Pottinger, the stockbroker. Both of the Schwartz brothers.

Hickey gathered the cards and tags to sort through later, crammed them into a coat pocket.

"You gonna steal them, mister?"

"Borrow," Hickey said, and plucked the picture from her hand. He folded it carefully along previous folds and stuck it into a separate pocket inside his coat. He stood up, squeezed past Dolores, and went around the bed to the dresser by the door. Three drawers, the top one open. He slid it farther out.

"Get out of here," Dolores snapped.

Hickey lifted the scarves and shawls, found nothing. The second drawer had leather purses, small ones in a half dozen colors, and all the sweaters Hickey'd seen her wear. The bloodred angora was his favorite, the way it tucked snugly around the waist and the short sleeves form-fitted her graceful white arms. "Looks like she didn't take much with her, except a couple dozen bullets." He lifted a hot-water bottle and a heating pad. Nothing.

Mrs. Ganguish whacked him from behind with her elbow."I tell you stay out of there, mister. You already got a dirty picture, what else you need?"

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stuffed with bras, stockings, garter belts, and panties, cut low with lacy designs, mailorder stuff, Hollywood- or Paris-style. Dolores grabbed his bicep and tugged. "That's far enough. You're no police. Out of here, now, you don't got to paw her dainties."

With his free hand, Hickey scooped underthings while the landlady grabbed the hat off him and slapped him on the crown with it. Still he kept rooting in the drawer until he found the red ledger.

By the time he got it out and shut the drawers, his head stung and his hat was limp and shapeless as a hobo's. He snatched it from the landlady, mashed it onto his head. Mrs. Ganguish tried to grab the book. He had to keep nudging her back while he leafed through it. A journal or diary.

"You give me her stuff, mister," Dolores shouted furiously, her brown face turning a color like redwood, her eyes bulged and sparking. "Maybe Cynthia walks in here tonight. What do I tell her, I let a man go stealing her secrets? Give me!"

She grabbed for the book. He pressed it to his chest and made for the door. He had to use his shoulder to move her out of the way. When he got past her, she socked him in the kidneys.

The dwarf, Brenda, and Goldilocks, all in pajamas, suddenly blocked his way. Instinct told him to bend his knees, lower his head, and run that gauntlet like when he played fullback for Hollywood High, yet he tried to slither gently between them. For thanks he got his cheek clawed and coat sleeve ripped. He raced down the stairs, outside, and away. He yelled from the car, "Simmer down. Jesus. Blame it on me. Tell her I picked the lock."

Goldilocks heaved a flowerpot that crashed on the sidewalk as he pulled away.

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continued from page 37 bucks to write a porno story. A woman I knew from high school was a cheerleader and on the surface a real straight arrow, but on weekends she went down to Tijuana and stripped in the nastiest club in Tijuana at the time. It wasn't a matter, actually, of stripping. She just walked out on the stage naked and got

mauled. I was interested in the psychology of this girl. I started writing a story I called 'The Blue Fox.' I didn't give it to this swingers' magazine because I didn't think it was pornographic. I published it in a magazine, and with that and another story, I won an NEA grant, so that one story paid off a lot more than a hundred dollars. The other

story was 'Cars,' which came out in Esquire, and that paid me a thousand dollars. The NEA was \$12,500. That was in 1983. That was the most money I ever made on anything."

By the late 1980s, Kuhlken wasn't getting much down on paper. "I couldn't stomach not writing, so I started getting up at five in the morning and working

on the book that would become The Loud Adios. When I completed the first draft, I sent it to several writer friends. They advised me to send it to this contest. I was pretty discouraged, but I sent it off the day before I went up to Lake Tahoe with my kids and several of their friends. While I was up in Tahoe, these four kids were raising hell in

the room and so I went out and walked on the beach and the idea for the other two novels came in a flash. Within half an hour, I had them plotted. Then, we got home from this trip and I learned that *The* Loud Adios had won the contest, which was the St. Martin's/ Private Eye Writers of America Best First Novel award, and I had these other books

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ready to start, so it was a real high point. That's one of the fun things about writing. You never know when somebody will call you up and say this or that, and you're all of a sudden in another whole world, another category."

Kuhlken's novels The Loud Adios (1991), The Venus Deal (1993), and The Angel Gang (1994) form a trilogy of mysteries set in and around San Diego and over the border in Mexico in the era before, during, and after World War II.

"At the time I wrote these books," Kuhlken said, "I was approaching the age when my father started getting heart trouble. I'd always identified with him, just because he was my father. I wrote these books about him, I think, to be with him, in a way. I developed something like an adult relationship with him that I never had because he didn't live long enough. I figured out a lot better who he was." We talked about

The Venus Deal, the second novel in the trilogy. "I was 46," Kuhlken said, "when I wrote The Venus Deal. I sat in the room that had been my parents' bedroom. I was working at San Diego State, full-time. I would get up in the morning, before my kids. Cody was 13 and Darcy 15 or 16. I would shoot down coffee and start writing away on my Toshiba laptop."

The novel's femme fatale is a woman Kuhlken calls Cynthia Moon. This is how he describes her.

"A slender, highcheeked face, milky skin, emerald green eyes, all of which set off her wavy red hair, a mix of burnt orange and auburn. Smallish mouth, lips full and restless. She moved regally, self-conscious

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After Kuhlken's friend Eric was killed, Kuhlken started visiting Eric's mother, a woman who shares characteristics with the fictional Cynthia Moon. Kuhlken said, about Eric's mother, "I became a helper for her because she was crippled. She was a brilliant woman who had hung around with jazz musicians, and she was deep in a way. You couldn't pin her down. She was a

real enigma to me. She was fascinating and I loved being with her. But in other ways she was draining and difficult and somebody you wouldn't want to be with. She had a tragic life. Eric died in the car wreck, and Eric's father died in a plane crash when he wasn't even 30 and Eric was 2. She never remarried. She lived off a V.A. pension, plus she'd sell parcels of land that she owned in Mount Shasta.

"She told me stories that revolved around the grounds that are now Point Loma Nazarene University and before that belonged to the Theosophical Society that Madame Katherine Tingley ran. During that earlier time, Eric's mother's mother, a real



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estate agent, first met Paramhansa Yogananda. Eric's mom, when she was a girl, also met him, and she said he was the sexiest man who ever lived. From all these things and many, many more, this story that became *The Venus Deal* came into my mind."

We talked about money. Kuhlken said, "Ever since I started writing, the trick has been to finance it. What goes on in my head is 'How can I get more time to write and how can I get everything done that I have to do?' Unless you make big money, you have to do stuff on your own. If your house gets painted, you paint it yourself, and when your car breaks down, you fix it. You are relegating yourself to a certain level — not poverty, but pretty low income. That's if, like me, you're not making a big splash commercially.

"So then comes deciding whether you're going to write commercial stuff. Because I'm writing mysteries, I'm leaning toward the commercial. I think, 'Okay, I'm going to write this next novel, and I'm going to try to do it in a commercial way,' but this never works. As soon as I start writing, I start doing things that I know aren't going to be commercial, but I do them anyway."

"When," I said, "you finished *Mid-heaven* and Viking accepted it and set a pub date, you must

you're being relegated by your publisher to the libraries and a few other sales. When *Midheaven* came out, I would go

"They can make \$10,000 or \$15,000 profit on each one of these books, and if you do a hundred of them

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have had hopes that the book would do well and your life would change." "Sure. You're naïve. You don't realize that

into bookstores and think, 'Where is it?' I'd maybe find it back in the stacks, or maybe I wouldn't find even one

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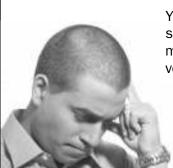
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stars-in-your-eyes feeling. But the first two books, I thought I was going to be on easy street. When I sold The Loud Adios and it won this contest as best first private-eye novel, for which the money award was \$10,000, I presumed this was going to make me a whole new life, even though my editor at St. Martin's warned me not to quit my day job. I thought that was just being pessimistic. But she was in fact giving me an assessment of what my future was at St. Martin's, because they simply threw the books out there and then didn't do anything with them." St. Martin's paid

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each for The Loud Adios and The Venus Deal. The print run was 5000 copies. "The trilogy was not a good idea for marketing, because the three books were never available at the same time, and when they were, hardback was the only way you could get them, and nobody wants to spend 50 bucks on a trilogy from somebody they don't know. But publishers know they'll get a certain number of library sales and a certain number of sales generated by the author. They can make \$10,000 or \$15,000 profit on each one of these books, and if you do a hundred of them a year, you can with that

money finance some of your bigger books. People tend to think that the big books finance the smaller books, but that's not necessarily true.

"So you get yourself in a situation where you sell a book, but it may be the worst thing you could do, because if you sell a book to somebody that doesn't promote it, then it's unlikely it will sell. Lately, responses I've gotten from editors are something like this: 'We can't really go with somebody with a hitless track record.' What they look for is somebody who is brand-new or somebody with huge sales on his last book. It's a big-money game. So you have to ask

yourself, 'Am I playing this for the money or am I not?' I've chosen to not do that and to be willing to support myself doing other stuff in order to be able to

want to write, then I've got no call to squawk about not making money for it.' If I'm going to write things that I prefer, then if I make money on them,

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write what I write. Some people get bitter, and I've felt bitter at times. But for the most part, I think, 'If I'm going to write what I

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I've noticed that when I write about characters from the 1960s and people in New York read about these characters, they don't get it. Almost by definition, the people who work in publishing houses and live in New York City are driven and ambitious. People whom I write about from the '60s and '70s in California often have completely different motives and goals and values. Sometimes they don't even ring as real with people in New York because they don't know people like the ones about whom I write, or at least they don't hang out with them. I've also written a lot about Mexico, and

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I've gotten responses from New York folks that Mexican characters didn't ring true in certain novels, whereas people who live here and know Mexico didn't respond in that way. Many of these editors have had no contact with Mexico, and they have stereotypes. If you don't write about somebody wearing a big sombrero and snoozing under a saguaro cactus, then they think you're writing about somebody who doesn't exist. They're more convinced

by stereotypes than they are by real people."

"Do San Diego mystery writers get together?"

"Not much. Alan Russell and I get together occasionally. Others of us bump into each other at conferences. There was an attempt at one point to get together every few months to inspire action from bookstores. I think we met one time and then never got together again. The 'we' was Alan, Bob Wade and Abby Padgett and Janice Steinberg and maybe Martha Lawrence, and there were others.

"I've been president of the San Diego Book Awards for several years. I discovered that there are lots of San Diego writers. But I'm afraid that many are either self-published or writing in fields that I don't pay attention to, like romance and action thriller. And there are a lot of science fiction writers and also quite a few horror writers. The literary writers mostly

collect around the universities. One thing with these book awards that I was trying to do was to create more community, but most authors don't have time to hang out with each other. And then there are cliques: there's the literary writers who don't think much of anybody except people who do literary stuff, and sometimes fiction writers don't think much of poets, and poets don't think much of fiction writers, and these animosities get in

the way."

"Did any of your editors help you with your writing?"

"Yes. The first editor I had, with *Midheaven*, gave me a whole world of confidence, and she gave me specific ideas for revision. The mystery novels, I don't think I got anything. For the most part, they just took them and copy edited them and published them.

"The best thing in the world for me, besides my family being healthy, would be to have an agent who was enthusiastic and who could give me good advice and to have an editor who would tell me when I'm going wrong. If I had that, I think that my career would take off. I've seen that happen to other people, and I think in many cases that's the final touch that makes people become successful.

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anything. One problem that I've had with agents is that if you give a book to an agent, then you're going to sit back and presume that it's being taken care of, and very often it isn't. Very often it's only lethargically being sent out. And to try to get anybody to push your reprint rights is just virtually impossible. I'm with my sixth agent now, and I like him, but as agents go, he's not all that experienced. He's a copyright attorney who took to agenting and mainly has dealt in nonfiction. I've had some of the best agents around, and they were so busy with people who were making them money that they didn't



have time for me. I've had five agents before, and not one sold anything for me. I sold them on my own, basically. With agents, you

have to have one that's well connected but also is enthusiastic about you. Just because a person has an agent doesn't mean a whole lot. But

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on the other hand, where the market is now, you can't get through to anybody without an agent." "When you go out in the world and people learn you're a writer, what do they say?"

"Mostly annoying things. I have a gregarious friend who strikes up conversations with strangers. If we're playing golf, he will be talking to somebody in the clubhouse and he'll tell them I'm a writer. Then they try to find out if I am famous and if I make money. If I get in a conversation where I work, at State, I won't usually let them know. If they see one of my books and say, 'Oh, you're a writer!', I'm usually uncomfortable. Sometimes I'm not. Sometimes it makes me feel good. But other times I don't like the way conversations go.

"Before I published anything, somebody would tell somebody at a party that I was a writer and so they'd ask, 'What are you writing?' I would say, 'Novels.' They'd say, 'What novels?' and expect me to say romance novels or history novels. At that point, I couldn't put a category on the novels and that would seem to bother them. So I'd start explaining a plot and maybe it was more than they wanted to hear. And, too, when they found out that I wasn't famous, didn't make money, well, then they would drift away. "A pet irritation is

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will really be good because it's about my grandma or my cat or whatever.' They think they have a really interesting story, which is probably true. Any story, told right, can be gripping. But I don't know if people have any idea how insulting it is to say that to somebody who has been writing as his primary occupation for many, many years. I commonly make some comment like, 'When I retire I'm going to build a spaceship and fly to the moon.' They don't understand you have to learn the craft. You see this at writers' conferences - hobbyists who have no intention of working enough to succeed at what they're trying to do."

I said that nonwriters tend to regard writing, unless the writer writes best-sellers, as

something of a charming hobby.

"People don't realize how hard something is until they try to do it. You sit down at a piano and monkey around and suddenly your appreciation of somebody who can play Mozart goes way up. With writing, people tend to feel, 'I can make a sentence. I can write.' "

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crazy too, but in a different way. I get real intense. The last month, I haven't written much because I've been trying to get the house painted. I'm starting to get on edge. I can give myself one more week, and then I need to jump back into writing again, or who knows

what will happen. Maybe I'll just go out and speed around in the mountains a hundred miles an hour. But I think it would be better for me to write. I can't imagine not writing. Maybe it's because I've been doing it so long."∎

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### **"TEENAGE BODIES ARE** NOT EXACTLY WELL-HONED **INSTRUMENTS.**"

eminiscing about high school evokes memories of homecoming football games, classes that were less than interesting, eccentric teachers, and not being able to use the restroom at will. Though most high school graduates are able to relate to all of these memories, that last reference may sound peculiar. Teachers at certain senior high schools throughout the San Diego Unified School District have adopted a policy that penalizes students who use the restroom during class time. According to teachers practicing this policy, students who go to the restroom during class lose participation points, points that help or hurt the student's scholarship grade.

"I have heard of this practice from time to time, but it is not district policy," said school-board member John de Beck. "I would say that such a policy could only be that of a teacher, and if a principal supported it, I would be very surprised."

Approximately 10 to 15 percent of students' scholarship grades in an academic class is dependent on their participation in that class. Teachers quantify student participation by the number of times a student raises his hand or adds to the class discussion. Some teachers record the number of times a student speaks up or contributes to the class during a grading period. Because the

deduction of points for using the restroom does not fit in under any other category of a student's grade (such as tests, classwork, or homework), teachers practicing this policy subtract points from the participation portion of a student's grade.

Students in the San Diego Unified School District attending Clairemont, La Jolla, Mission Bay, Point Loma, and San Diego High Schools acknowledged the existence of this policy to some extent at their school; however, all declined to be interviewed, fearing retaliation from teachers. Some teachers and principals asserted that this policy does not exist at their school, while most denied having knowledge of such a policy. At Point Loma High School, some individuals were willing to address this topic.

Chris Brannen, an art history and American literature teacher at Point Loma, practices this policy in her classroom and has added a twist to it. "I issue three free bathroom visits in each grading period," said Brannen. "If the three passes aren't used, the student gets extra credit...sort of an incentive to stay in class. I put this policy into effect as a result of student abuse. I stole the idea from another teacher at another school. Students will do anything to get out of class...it is very disruptive."

Brannen, who began using this policy two years ago, said she finds it effective. Yet, it is not outlined in her syllabus. "It is verbally expressed to students in the

beginning of the school year...you can't put everything in a syllabus," she said.

Michael Price, principal at Point Loma High, has no knowledge of this policy being practiced at his school. "I haven't seen anything definitive in any syllabus this year. If indeed this is occurring, it is the policy of individual teachers who do not openly acknowledge it," said Price. "Teenage bodies are not exactly wellhoned instruments. What it comes down to is teachers using professional judgment.... Bathroom visits are not a true scholastic issue, but in a way it does make sense that a student is losing class-participation points because he is obviously missing something while he's gone."

De Beck, who is school-board representative of District C, the zone in which Point Loma High School lies, said, "This case [at Point Loma High School] should never have gone this far because a good principal would have encouraged teachers to stop it. While grading is the right of teachers, and principals should not generally interfere, teachers should know that their unfair actions toward students could result in low evaluations from their principal for poor evaluative practices. Sometimes, in an effort to support teachers, principals overlook what constitutes fair grading in their evaluations....

"From my point of view," continued de Beck, "this policy is on very shaky legal ground.... I believe a judge would find this improper. I never did this in my 36

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years of teaching, and putting a student in the position of choosing between discomfort or embarrassment and a grade is inappropriate at best and dogmatic authoritarianism at worst....

"A student's work can be evaluated more fairly by the results of tests, student projects, term papers, or reports than by restroom trips. An investigation may find that this teacher is penalizing a child more for going to the restroom than for being absent!"

Just as there were conflicting accounts over the existence of this policy from faculty members at schools, there is disparity concerning the fairness of this policy among schoolboard members.

"There is no connection between academic grades and bathroom passes," said school-board member Frances Zimmerman. "High school classroom rules are set by teachers to assure a positive, calm, and respectful learning environment for everyone. If a class rule is deemed controversial or punitive, a student or their parent should discuss it first with the teacher, then with the principal, if necessary. Should misunderstanding remain, the complaint should go to the school governance council or the school district itself."

As a student who was in a class in which this policy was enforced, I recall an incident in which a foreign object found its way into my eye in the middle of the class period. As anyone who wears contact lenses knows, this is painful and in most cases can only be remedied by removing the contact lens in a sanitary manner and rinsing it with water. Normally, I would do everything in my power to avoid using the restroom during this hour to maintain my participation points. However, this was an emergency. I had no choice but to use the restroom. Though my vision was blurred, I saw my teacher glare at me as she pulled out her grade book and marked me down for that day. – Mary Montgomery,

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## Poodles Aren't **Dogs**

f any poodle-grooming shop had a name to fit the popular perception, it would be Snooty's in La Jolla. Snooty's does not exclusively groom poodles, and the owner, Tiffany Johnson, isn't who you'd expect to meet in a poodle groomer. "I've only seen a few white poodles in the five years I've been here," Johnson says, "and no one

has asked me to dye their hair. I don't think anyone who comes in my shop would even consider something like that. That's a whole different realm of dog ownership! Honestly, here in La Jolla, we do a lot of just puppy cuts we keep their hair cut short for the summer. It's a pretty typical standard haircut where the hair is cut short all around.

"There's nothing different about poodle owners," Johnson continues. "They love their dogs just like other dog owners love their dogs. Poodles are a bit different, though. They're easier to groom, because they're used to being groomed quite a bit, so they're much more relaxed. Other than that, every individual dog is different."

Johnson finds most poodles to be anything but fancy dogs for ego gratification. "Most of them are short-haired, athletic, beachgoing dogs. I get a few own-



Sheila Fowler

hair is cut or the way we treat the dog. People are a bit more likely to let poodles sleep in their beds because they don't shed the way other dogs do. But for the most part, I've got mostly normal poodle owners down here."

Karen Healy owns the Exotic Pooch, a Pacific Beach grooming shop. Healy has owned her shop for 22 years. She estimates that one-third of her customers bring in poodles. "I once calculated how many dogs I've serviced in my lifetime, and the number was something like 125,000."

Healy got into the grooming business by accident. Her mother expressed interest in purchasing a dog-grooming shop as an investment. Between jobs at

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maybe two out of ten. It's

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the time, Healy owned two Irish Setters and enjoyed training them. When her mother told her about the shop, Healy said she knew nothing about grooming dogs. Her mother told her about a dog-grooming class that was to begin the following week. She enrolled. "I never thought this was what I would do for the rest of my life. It really suited me because the hours are flexible. I got a job right away."

Healy's mother never purchased the shop for her daughter, as Karen's doggrooming teacher advised her not to make such a commitment until she had worked in the industry for a few years. After five years at a pet shop and working as a mobile groomer, Healy bought the Exotic Pooch.

Unlike Johnson, Healy believes poodle owners are different from other dog owners. "It's a wider spectrum of people. They're not like the Labrador or the terrier or the Afghan owners — they're all predictable types. If someone calls me up and says that they have a pit bull, I kind of know what type of person I can expect to come walking in. Labrador people and the sporting breeds tend to be more athletic people. I think poodle owners come in a broader walk of life."

According to Healy, poodle owners also differ by the type of poodle they choose. "Usually people who have the little tiny dogs are people who cuddle and like little babies. Someone who owns a standard poodle might be more rugged or not quite so fussy.

"I do know that the poodle takes on the personality of its owner. If the owner is whiny, the dog will be that way. Some people will hand me their poodle real positively, like, 'Okay! You're here for grooming!' and they're not worried about their dogs, and the dogs are more relaxed and

confident. I once saw a bumper sticker that read, 'Poodles aren't dogs, they're poodles.' They really are different than other dogs. They think more like humans. They're very, very smart. Now, my German shepherd is very smart too, but she's very doglike. She's

very protective. You have to understand the dog mentality to see that poodles are a separate breed entirely. They're hardly like dogs. They're nice and clean. They don't shed because they have hair instead of fur."

Unlike Johnson's experience, Healy has encoun-

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person asked me to cut a mohawk on his poodle's head. One lady actually tried to make me put a poodle trim on her Yorkshire terrier. I refused, telling her it was a Yorkshire terrier. She just kept saying, 'No! It's a poodle! It's a poodle!' She showed me this fancy show clip that just wouldn't work for her dog.

in Anaheim where they have a creative-styling contest for standard poodles," Healy explains. "A white standard poodle is like a blank canvas, and they'll shave in and scissor out designs or dye it. They use washable coloring. I've only been asked to dye poodles a couple of times. Once someone wanted her dog green for St. Patrick's Day, and I did it. We used to get a lot of people who asked for toenail painting, but lately the styles have changed away from that.

"If you know anything about the history of the

"There's a trade show

Tiffany Johnson

tered the more demanding poodle owners who make a great fuss over their dogs. "There's a big group of people like that, but they don't come to my shop. Sometimes they try to tell me to groom their dog in a certain way, where I know it wouldn't look good. One

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poodle, you know they were sporting dogs or hunting dogs that went through the brush. That's how that fancy clip originated; it was a way to keep them from snagging on the brush, but rings of fur were left around their joints and chest to keep them warm. They're real rugged. I used to have a standard poodle mixed with an Airedale, and he was the smartest, best dog ever and *really* rugged."

No matter how rugged a poodle may be, everyone that Healy grooms gets a shot of cologne. "That's unless people ask me not to do it. There's a lot of different scents to choose from. I get the most expensive scents. It costs me \$10 for a fourounce bottle. It comes in a glass bottle too. Other pet colognes just don't smell as good. It's called Le Pooch and La Pooch, for males and females. The male cologne smells a bit like men's aftershave. People really love it and always

comment how good their dog smells."

Every poodle groomer I spoke to said that the ultimate poodle grooming shop in San Diego was the Dapper Dog in La Jolla. Noted for top-level grooming of show-quality poodles, the owners did not want to be interviewed, although they referred me to other poodle groomers.

Lynette Brossard's Pacific Beach apartment doesn't leave much room for a dog, but her white teacup — or toy — poodle, Savannah, doesn't take up much space. "We also call her Doodles. We've had her for eight years."

Teacup poodles are the tiniest of the poodle breed. Doodles weighs maybe four pounds and seems incapable of sitting still. Her tail is in a perpetual wag, and she investigates everything around her, especially strangers. Brossard says her size will help insure a longer life. (Teacup poodles have



an average life span of 20

one breed," says Brossard.

"They just breed different

sizes. They have teacup, toy,

"Poodles are all really

years.)

Karen Healy

tiny, and standard. I saw a teacup one night when we were walking through Hillcrest, and it was so cute, and I wanted one really badly, so I bugged my exhusband until he got her."

Brossard's public relations job keeps her away for long hours, but her son helps take care of Doodles. "They don't have fur, but hair, which is another reason I got her. My son has asthma, and poodles are ideal for people with allergies. You can't be allergic to them, because they don't have dander like other animals. She was ideal for me because she was clean."

The search for the perfect teacup poodle led Brossard to a breeder in Mission Valley. "You go in her house, and the whole place is dedicated to breeding these dogs. Most of the dogs she had at that time were gray, and they followed her around like a flock of little sheep. The person that wanted her changed her mind, and the lady wanted to place her in a home quickly, so we got a discount on her. It was close to a thousand dollars. But teacups are more expensive. She's registered and has a stupid show name."

The remark reveals Brossard's contempt for the stereotyped show-dog culture. "They got mad at me, because [Doodles's] whole lineage all had names related to candy, and I refused to name her that way. Like, her dad's name is Sugar something. They all have those long, obnoxious names — like in that movie *Best of Show!* It's that bad."

Brossard had owned other dogs before but never a poodle. "I always had mutts, never a purebred dog. I didn't know it was a poodle the first time I saw one and wanted it. I was embarrassed. I don't go for those real poodly haircuts."

As much as Brossard loves her dog, there's some embarrassment about Doodles. Brossard describes her dog's idiosyncrasies sheepishly, as if the dog could hear her. "She's kind of disproportionate. Her legs are too short for her body. Even





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though she's a purebred dog with papers and everything, I think when they bred them down so tiny, they were more concerned with the overall size than the proportions. You'll see that most other poodles have really long legs; she's so tiny, I couldn't even show her. They'd laugh her right out of there. Doodles was supposed to look just like the dog I saw in Hillcrest, but she looks nothing like it. When I went to get her, I wanted to get one in apricot, and the lady said, 'We have one in dark cream,' and when I got there, she was just white. But she was so cute. There were several poodles there, but I just had to take her.

"One of the reasons I wanted a female dog is because I don't like that

whole 'lifting up the leg' thing. Only [Doodles] never learned how to do it right, so she kind of lifts her leg but does it frontward and squats — it's the weirdest thing. She just doesn't know. They're supposed to be the smartest dog there is, but I think that when they bred her down..." Brossard laughs nervously. I ask if Doodles seems more intelligent than her previous dogs, and Brossard shakes her head, giggling, afraid Doodles understands what she's saying.

"I've worked and worked and worked with her, and the only tricks she ever learned are 'sit' and 'stay.' I saw those poodles in the circus who leap through rings, and we thought it would be really cute if she would jump through, but



She doesn't go outside. We

walk to the beach some-

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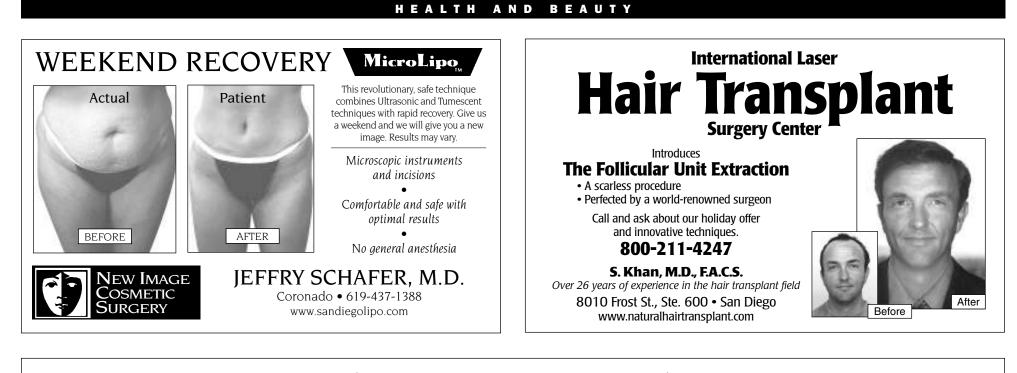
me to pick her up. It's a

long walk for her."

Lynette Brossard and Savannah (a.k.a. "Doodles")

While Brossard finds dog-show culture pretentious, those feelings don't apply to poodle owners. "Poodles are so foo-foo looking and everything, but since I've had her, the other poodle owners that I've met haven't been like that. I don't know if it's a misconception or what. I tried to paint Doodles's fingernails once, and she wanted no part of it."

Grooming is Brossard's biggest maintenance task. "I never knew how much upkeep there was involved with poodles. You have to cut their hair. My friend has beagles. They're nice, short-haired dogs, and you wash them once a week or maybe once a month. But with Doodles, if we go a couple of days without washing, she starts looking pretty nasty. It's expensive to get them groomed all the time, but it's worth it. I take her to the Exotic Pooch. They charge me \$35, and that place is pretty rea-



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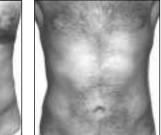
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sonable. One time when the owner, Karen, was out of town, I really wanted to get her groomed. Her hair had gotten so long that it was matted, and I noticed one morning she was pulling on her hair and it was hurting her. I took her someplace else, and they dropped her. She's limped ever since, and now I'll never take her anywhere else. It was another poodle parlor around here. They had all kinds of pictures of professionally groomed show dogs, so I thought they must be good. And I shopped around. I didn't want her going anywhere where there were lots of dogs barking, all excited, and I didn't want her left in a cage, because she's my baby. So I took her to this place, and about a half hour later, the lady there



called me and told me that my dog's hair was really matted — which I knew. She then told me that she had to cut it all off and was thinking about calling animal protection or something like that. I said, 'What?' Then she says, 'And your dog is limping. I don't know what you did to her.' I told her I would be right over,

and I took my husband with me. I was flipping out because she hadn't been limping. I know that they left her unattended on a table and she fell. It just

makes my blood boil to think about it. I always tell people, 'Don't bring your dog there.' "

Like other poodles, Doodles is very sociable. "She does not like to be left alone; she gets really pouty if you leave her alone. Maybe it's because she came to us when she was so young, and she was raised by us and a cat. One of my criteria when I got her is that the dog had to be userfriendly, because I was doing day care. Doodles is really nice. She's like a little person. That's what's different about poodles; she doesn't have that attitude that some dogs have, like, 'I'm going to do this, and I'm going to get away with it, and you're just going to have to put up with it.' She cares about what you think, and

you can hurt her feelings if you're not careful. I gave her a bad haircut one time. I used to be a hairdresser, so I thought, 'How bad can this be?' I gave her a total weird Neanderthal thing in the front, and somehow she knew. She walked around for days with her head hanging and glaring at me."

Doodles has brought enough pleasure to Brossard's life that she says she would probably choose another poodle if Doodles were to die. "She's a great dog. I like her because she's not all doggy. She doesn't stink and she doesn't lick you. She snorts, but that's about it. I always thought that poodles were kind of snotty, but the ones that I've met haven't been. I always thought the fancy haircuts





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were so pretentious and wondered why people would do that to their dogs. But I've read up on the history of poodles, and I've learned that a lot of it is practicality.

"She's dumb in that you can't teach her things, but I feel like she knows what we're talking about. Since I've had her, I've realized that dogs have a much bigger personality than I thought they did before. She's intuitive. I just wish she had learned more tricks, because all of my other dogs learned tricks."

Sheila Fowler is one of the world's foremost breeders of show poodles, with customers from as far away as Japan and Sweden. Fowler's poodles have won so many awards that she has storage boxes filled with ribbons, trophies, and certificates. At Summermist Breeders in San Marcos, Fowler has been breeding award-winning standard poodles for 30 years. "In 1969, when we lived in Los Angeles, my husband brought me a newspaper ad for a kennel searching for a kennel girl. I loved animals and they hired me. That's when I was first introduced to the standard poodle. I thought poodles were tiny little things and were yappy. But the original standard poodles were well-rounded, balanced, very intelligent, very devoted companions, almost with the intelligence of a five-year-old child. They are very devoted to people.

"I started out as a kennel girl, and they noticed that I was pretty talented with the dogs, and the dogs seemed to enjoy my company. I began interacting with the dogs when I was cleaning their stalls. The owners invited me to go to a show with them, and I said, 'Sure!' It was my first encounter with a dog show, and I took a puppy in for them and happened to win with the dog. I started



Debbie Vachal and Nomad

the showing, the handling, and the training of all my dogs." Fowler's dogs are

exquisite poodles but every

miles, come back, and do another six. Poodles are just an active, intelligent, very athletic breed." The difference in showquality poodles is in the details. "Every dog has a fault, but the qualities of the dog are superior in its

fault, but the qualities of the dog are superior in its confirmation, temperament, and disposition. Confirmation is the dog's bodily structure. These dogs were originally bred to be retrievers, and in showing them, you still have to have a dog that's capable of swimming, running, and retrieving. You have to have a certain type of head — a long muzzle with a nice chin but not protruding. You want

an almond eye [color]. You

bit as athletic as their breed-

ers attest. "They have to be

very athletic to show. For the

competition, they have to

show lots of stamina, and

I take my dogs for a six-

mile run every morning -----

they can run six miles very

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year-old that can go six

want a nice, strong arched neck to carry himself proudly, so he could carry a duck or other fowl back. You'd want a nice confirmation of the shoulders of equal range. You want a nice, flat back and a deep girth so they can run. You don't want to have a 'herring gut' but a deep chest with a big, wide girth through the waist. You don't want it to come up very shallow, because you want them to be strong for running and working. Poodles need to be functional and not just for showing and hunting."

Examples of some of Fowler's poodles can be found at Summermist's website, *www.standardpoodle.net*. One of her recent champions, Picasso, is shown from puppyhood to adulthood, detailing his growth and development. His haircut supports the prissy-looking poodle stereotype, but an explanation from Fowler clears

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grooming for them and

going to shows and finally

got my first standard poo-

dle. And that's how I started.

Now I do the grooming,



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up any misinterpretation. "There are several reg-

ulation show clips. For the puppy under one year, it's the puppy trim. That's the only trim for a puppy, from the face to the tail. Once they're over a year old, you put them into either the continental, which is a trim where most of their body has no hair, with rosettes

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on their hip joints and pompoms on their four paws. There was a function for that many years ago: the hair kept them warm; however, some of the hair would drag them down and get in the way, so it was removed, and that's how it started. There is also another trim called the English saddle, where the hair is grown

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more on the sides of the dog, but I don't have any dogs with that trim right now."

When Fowler praises her dogs, she is obviously proud, but without any arrogance. "When people around the country see these dogs, they know they are Summermist dogs. I'm known for very athletic and outgoing dogs. That's Summermist. I don't have kennels. My home is their home, and they are my family. My

whole life, my passion is these dogs."

If Fowler's mission in life is to breed the ultimate show poodle, Jan Gelin's mission is to make standard poodles available to the average person and their families. Gelin has owned a breeding business, Meringue Poodles in Oceanside, for five years. "My dogs are show quality, but that isn't our specialty. We breed for size and temperament for the common public to

get to know this animal. They're not a real common dog, and you don't see very many on the street. When we walk our four poodles, we stop traffic."

Like Fowler at Summermist, Gelin is meticulous about finding the proper pedigree lines to breed and about testing her poodles for common diseases. Her approach to distribution differs, however, from the standards of most show-poodle breeders. "A lot of people who breed show dogs have contracts for neutering and spaying of their dogs, which prevents more poodles from being on the market. That's probably a good thing for them, but there are so many people who are into poodles now that want to have dogs, and they're just outpriced." Gelin's poodles fall at the low end of pedigreed pricing and sell for \$850. "It's the same dog that the show breeders have. It's a lot of work to show dogs, and I commend those who do it. But the [poodles'] tem-

perament is somewhat different. The showdogs aren't allowed to be dogs, because they have to keep their show hair during show season – all summer and spring and they have to be oiled, braided, and knotted. And if you're really showing, you pack up the RV and travel. Some people have one dog that they pay \$5000 for, and they show it, and they let that dog run when it's not show season, but most people who show dogs have a kennel with three or four dogs, and those dogs are crated a lot of the time.

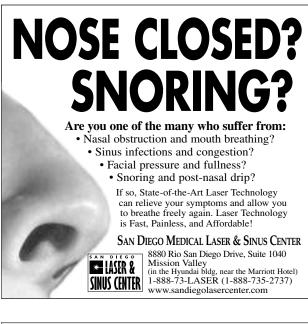
Another test that is run on pedigreed poodles is having their hips "OFA'd." "That stands for the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals — they're in Missouri. You have their hips x-rayed by your veterinarian. There are some who do exclusively poodles - you know, show dogs - and they send the X rays off to the foundation, and they are looked at by a veterinary radiologist and classified as 'excellent,'very good,'good,'and













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Dogs have long been a part of Gelin's life. Besides her four poodles, Gelin has two new litters that are already sold: a group of red standard poodles and the other black. She also has a dachshund and an overweight Chihuahua. "I used to breed Norwegian elkhounds in the beginning. The last two I had were getting very old and were dysplastic — their hips were not very good. I went to Dog Beach in Del Mar, a great place to see every variety of dog, and saw a lady come over the hill with one white and one black standard poodle. There were Labradors and other dogs retrieving in the water ---the waves were really high that day. Well, the black male poodle would charge into the waves to retrieve. We must have counted 20 retrieves that he made in the waves. I thought, 'What an athletic dog! There's one of those in my future.' I became friends with the lady, and when my elkhounds died, I went to see her, and I got one of the puppies from that black male. I bought my first poodle from her, Willow. She's my white one, the mother of this litter. I put Willow into agility right away." (Agility is a training class for dogs where they jump through hoops, walk narrow planks, climb ropes, and learn other behaviors.) Gelin's kitchen table

has stacks of snapshots, all of them poodles. She shows me several photos of poodles carrying fowl retrieved in a hunt. "They do beautifully in the field for duck hunters, just like a lot of retrievers. I had a friend who was interested in a hunting dog. I took him over to watch my friend's black poodle retrieve, and he bought a big white poodle, Glacier."

Gelin is familiar with the fanatical grooming that some owners demand for their poodles, but she refuses to say anything bad about it. "My dogs are dogs. I don't

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dye their hair or paint their nails. You can do that. My grandchildren dress the dogs up and have tea parties, and the dogs love it. They have a competition in Long Beach for groomers. They dye them all sorts of different colors, and they trim them wildly — even putting hair extensions on them. It's quite a fun thing, but many people think that that's all that a poodle is, but a poodle is many other things."

Unlike Brossard, Gelin insists that there are only three breeds of poodle: standard, miniature, and toy. She believes that standard poodles are mellower dogs than the toy or miniature poodle. "When a dog is tiny, they are a little more frightened, so they make a lot more noise." She also believes that the color of a standard poodle reflects something in its personality. "White dogs are supposed to be more sensitive,

the black ones - which are the prototype for all standard poodles — are more realistic and human, and the brown ones are the clowns."

As Gelin describes what makes poodles different, I hear a familiar story. "They're more human than other dogs. They are more bonded to people than any dog I've ever seen. They're playful, like circus dogs. They love to entertain, and they won't give you a

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moment's peace! They'd rather be around human beings than other dogs. It's been said that poodles understand the spoken word better than any other breed, and I think they are more sensitive to your tone of voice. They know when you are angry, and they know 'no.' Before my pups are adopted out, they learn to do their business outside, and they learn 'no,' and they learn 'come' at six weeks old." This is proven when she calls the puppies in for a photograph, and they all file in through the doggy

"I work nights at the Tri City Medical Center and

sleep days, and the poodles get used to whatever your routine is. They are very adaptable. When I come home from work and lay down, my brown poodle, Tutti, will bring her toys and lay them all around me. She's ready for me to wake up and play."

In Gelin's view, the type of people who buy poodles runs the gamut. "I love the middle-aged women who are looking for something beautiful and showy to attract attention to themselves. You have families with children who have read and studied about poodles - poodles are coming back; they were very pop-

ular in the '50s - and they want a fine family dog in the house. And poodles are very intelligent and very poised. They don't run around or have big wagging tails. They know how to act in the house.

"I have holistic people who don't want to have its tail doctored or its claws removed --- "cutting a por-tion of the tail is a common practice in poodle breeding "---- which is the norm in England too. I always tell them that they have to let me know a litter ahead of time if that's what they want in a dog." While Gelin breeds

dogs for "regular guys,"



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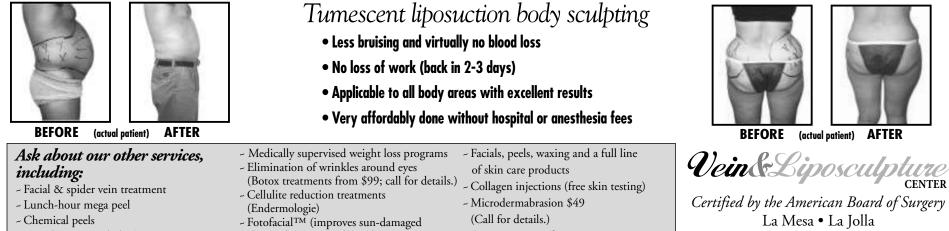
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many of her poodles end up in expensive neighborhoods. "I have dogs in La Jolla, Beverly Hills — very wealthy people buy my dogs some from as far away as New York City. But I field people to other breeders, depending on what they're looking for. The thing that I am most asked for is temperament, and that's what I breed for: very sweet family dogs that get on well with children and other dogs. My dogs are primarily bred to compete in field activities."

Gelin is careful about whom she sells her poodles to. "I sold a puppy to an older couple who lived in Topanga Canyon. They had a running area for the dog, and they let him out the doggy door one night and a screech owl got him. They called and asked for another puppy, and I had to really think about it. I finally told them that I didn't want to sell another puppy to them if they had that much wildlife. I've only refused customers twice in five years, and that was one of them."

The Del Mar woman who sold Gelin her first poodle, Willow (the daughter of Cinder, the dog Gelin was impressed with at the beach), is now one of Gelin's best friends. Debbie Vachal is the proprietor of Full Moon Poodles in Rancho Peñasquitos. "I wanted dogs that were intelligent and really athletic. I work together with Jan, because our poodles come from the same show line. I've been breeding them for seven years now."

When Vachal comes in the house with her poodle, Nomad, Gelin's poodles get excited at the prospect of a family reunion. One of the dogs marks his territory by peeing on the floor, which Gelin and Vachal notice moments later. Vachal grabs the suspect, Nomad, by the chin and says, "If I find out you did that, I'm going to kick your ass!" Then she looks at me and confesses that she could never hurt him.

The word "human" comes up again when Vachal

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describes poodles. "They're more humanlike than other dogs. They are so bonded to me, I can take six of them off leash anywhere I want, and they will stay with me. I have had every kind of dog imaginable growing up. Every dog we ever had was rescued from a pound or off the street. When I finally wanted to go out and find a dog, I chose standard poodles." Vachal reports an unusual example of hunting and retrieval she witnessed with one of her poodles. "I have some friends who live in Rancho Santa Fe — they have lots and lots of money. They came over to our house, and we have a doggy door in the family room. Tahoe, who is Willow's mother, was there, and we were talking when suddenly a huge rat comes through the doggy door. Tahoe pounced on it, broke its neck, picked it up in her mouth, and took it to our guests to present it to them! She climbed up on the coffee table! It was terribly embarrassing.

"Tahoe's terrible! She can pull the tops off cans of cat food with her mouth. I came down one morning and she had eaten half a case of cat food! There were cans everywhere. She had opened the pantry door with her mouth."

Like Gelin, Vachal has had some unique requests for her poodles. "Boy, you can get some nutcases! One woman was a psychiatrist, and she got a puppy at seven weeks old. I knew she was neurotic from day one, but she comes back the next morning at 6:00 a.m. in her pajamas — with mascara

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tearstains running down her face — crying, 'I can feel his pain!' because he was whining his first night away from me. I sat her down for coffee and told her that he was not going to spend the rest of his life with me, and at some point he would have to go through it, and it's a natural process. She just whined [Vachal mimics a dramatic voice], 'I don't know if I can take his pain anymore!' She was pretty intense."

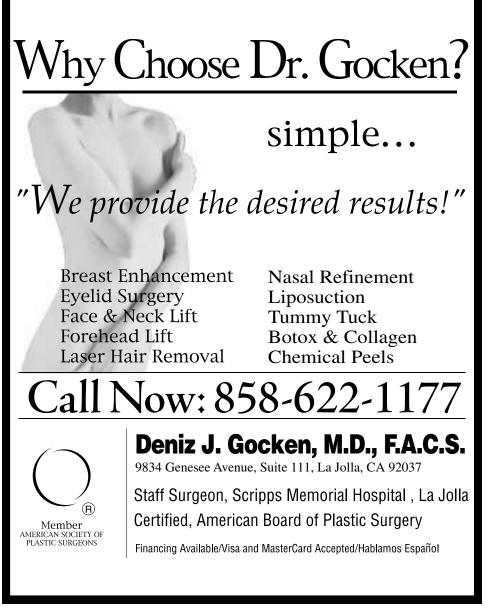
Training a poodle requires great patience. Vachal recalls an incident when her daughter went to Simi Valley to pick up a poodle for another friend. "She brought him home, and my husband said, 'Bring that dog into my back yard, and we will be divorced!' " she laughs. "So my friend picked him up, and the first thing the dog does that night is take a giant dump on her bed. Her husband's, like, 'Oh my God!' He marked everything in the entire house, and on top of that, he had severe separation anxiety." Finishing the story, Gelin offers a possible explanation for the behavior. "The dog had been from Florida to Simi Valley, and this was his third home."

Gelin and Vachal agree that you will never find a standard poodle in an animal shelter. "You won't even find a smaller breed in a shelter," Gelin says. "Poodle rescue would snap



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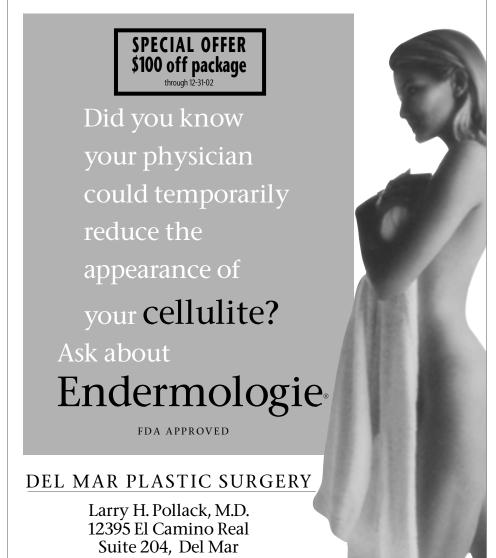
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them up!"

Vachal explains. "A lot of breeds have a rescue that will take up any lost or unwanted dogs."

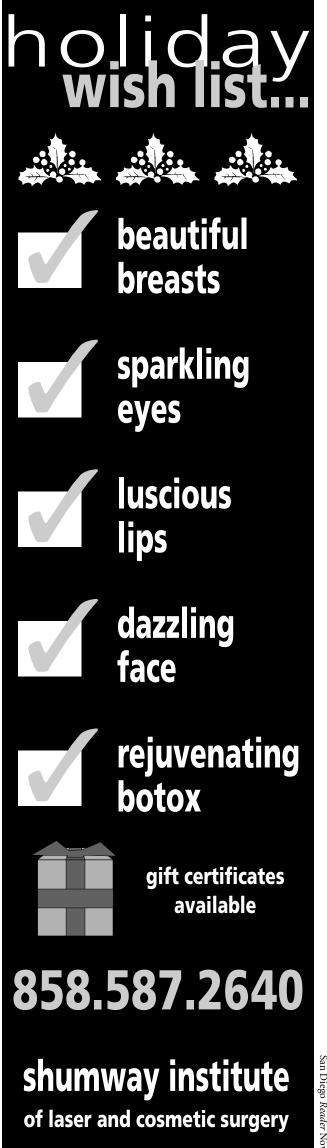
"We have contracts that say we have first right of refusal whenever we sell a poodle," Gelin adds.

"There are a lot of different kinds of contracts," says Vachal. "I don't demand that my dogs get spayed or neutered, and neither does Jan. I'm just not a control freak. People who buy a poodle are not like people who go out and buy a Lab. They usually have a lot of money. They usually buy it as an extension of their own ego, so the dog has to look good. They won't buy a dog if the area is dirty or if the puppies aren't groomed. Presentation is everything."

These two women have remained friends rather than competitors and often refer customers to each other when their own litters are spoken for. Vachal believes that being cutthroat doesn't pay. "In the dog world, if you screw somebody, it's the kiss of death. If you have a genetic problem come up, the best thing you can do is replace the dog. Just like any other business, if one bad thing comes up, everybody knows about it. Does everybody hear how all your puppies are wonderful? No. They hear about the one time when people spent all this money and got a bad puppy. I always do a guarantee for a replacement. And if I don't have a litter, then Jan will supply the puppy and vice versa. It's just bad karma to do otherwise. Some [breeders] demand a spayneuter contract, not because the dog is not breedable, but because they don't want the competition. And that's about 95 percent of them."

"That way they can keep their dogs at \$3000," says Gelin, "because they have a show title to them." "A person who has one

poodle for 20 years really doesn't know poodles," Vachal concludes. "They know their poodle, but they really don't know poodles." - Robert Kumpel



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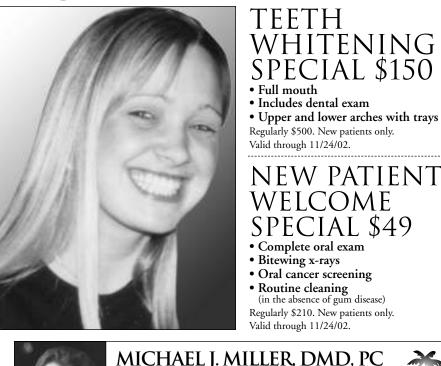
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With a state that has one of the highest bicycle fatality rates in the nation, you would think that Mr. Baross would focus his misguided and outdated agenda/opinion on issues that would possibly save lives, versus "promoting" exposing cyclists to a dangerous environment unnecessarily. If, in fact, the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition is advising our city and county leaders as Mr. Baross stated in the article, there is a serious problem that should be addressed immediately. The SDCBC are not traffic engineers, street designers, community planners (ask the community of Tierrasanta about these guys... a.k.a. "peddle pushers"), or anything even *close* to that, but just a bunch of "gearheads" with a cycle agenda gone bad because of its poor leadership. As far as the \$100 to save

\$6000, good luck, buckwheat. Like I said, he's living in the '70s. I'm sure it was an honest oversight that Mr. Baross failed to mention that there is a fee (I'm not talking about 20 bucks either) for his Bicyclists' Effective Cycling Program that he so shamelessly promoted in your article. Puts a whole new meaning into "nonprofit." Besides, Officer Jim Bolen

of the San Diego Police Department is right on target: we are killing ourselves. We must stop blowing off stoplights and signs, riding with no lights, riding on the wrong side of the road, using drugs or alcohol while cycling, not using some type of hand signal to indicate your intention of movement, the list just goes on and on and on. The issue at hand is basically respect for both the law and our fellow man. When we clean up our act as reasonable operators on the public streets and highways, there may be a better understanding on both sides of the lane and the issue.

Steven G. Shawver San Diego Bicycle Transportation Alliance

### **All The Rules**

Thank you for the fine article by Joe Deegan about bikes and cars sharing public roads ("City Lights," October 31). One excellent point it demonstrates is the conflicting information about safe cycling that is given out by

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cyclists, drivers, and authorities. Everyone has strong and often inaccurate feelings and opinions about what is safe for cyclists, as demonstrated by the fear-filled advice of Community Relations Officer Bolen on making left turns. Such opinions are not reflected in traffic law and are not the reality for most cyclists.

For most people, cycling ed ended in third grade with "Don't slow the cars" and "Stay out of the way"; neither

of which is safe for adult cyclists. Most simply don't know that studies of safe cycling, and the knowledge of the most experienced cyclists, are well represented by the standard rules of the road for drivers of vehicles (that includes bicyclists). Standard rules of the road were created to allow users of differing vehicles, traveling for many purposes, and at different speeds, to safely share our roads. These rules work just fine for everyone when

followed.

Bicyclists who use all the rules find their riding reasonably safe and present absolutely no danger to anyone. They occasionally need to slow drivers behind them; just as all car drivers do when making turns, parallel parking, and more, every day. If temporarily slowing other drivers were a crime, we'd all be jailed.

Standard rules have always required that when following and overtaking drivers, "adjust speed for pedestrians, bicyclists, slow-moving vehicles, blind curves, and hills. These conditions make the posted speed limit unsafe. By law, you must drive slower. It is the overtaking driver's responsibility to adjust their driving to assure everyone's safety" (Va. DMV).

Millions manage to "drive" a bicycle in traffic throughout their lives without collision or trouble. Cooperative bicycle drivers have taught themselves to

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to politely cooperate with the other drivers: not only to signal, but to politely merge, yield, change lanes, use bright lights at night — ALL the rules. As Mr. Baross correctly mentioned in the article, such cyclists enjoy traffic and find it a cooperative and far safer experience than other cyclists. A DMV-approved cycling ed manual can be studied at *www.cyclemedia.org.* Ms. Lauren Cooper,

use all the rules of the road

professional bicycle commuter Chief J.W. Rittenhouse, retired chief of police, Equal Rights for Cyclists campaign

### **Unitarian Thanks**

I'd like to thank Abe Opincar for visiting our church, the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, and providing us with a newcomer's view of the experience in his column ("Sheep and Goats," October 24). Hopefully, we can learn from his experience and improve our interaction with visitors. In fact, in recent months we started a new program to do just that.

Had Mr. Opincar gotten a chance to meet and talk with many of our members and friends, he would have found for each of his criticisms at least one person who would agree with him. However, I doubt any person would have agreed with all of his points. Additionally, many would disagree with his assessment entirely. As a group, we value diversity in many forms, including philosophy, religion, race, gender, age, ability, orientation, politics, outlook, and opinion (though, of course, some will disagree with me on this!). We haven't achieved everything we've set out for yet, but we work at it.

Thanks for the exposure and the opportunity to invite new people to experience and, perhaps, join our community of "free-thinking mystics with hands," as one of our recently retired ministers called us. Scott GrantSmith

### Huge Punk Chunk

I read the article "Real Hardcore True Punk" by Daniel Ridge (October 17) with enthusiasm because the *Reader* 

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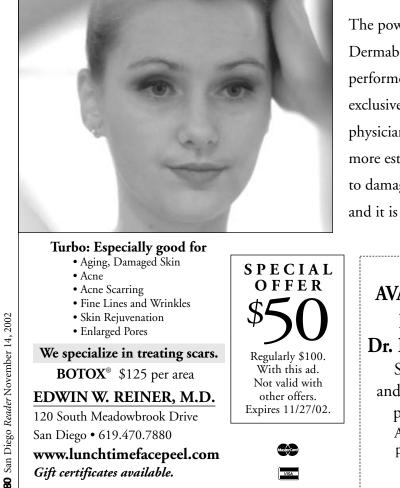
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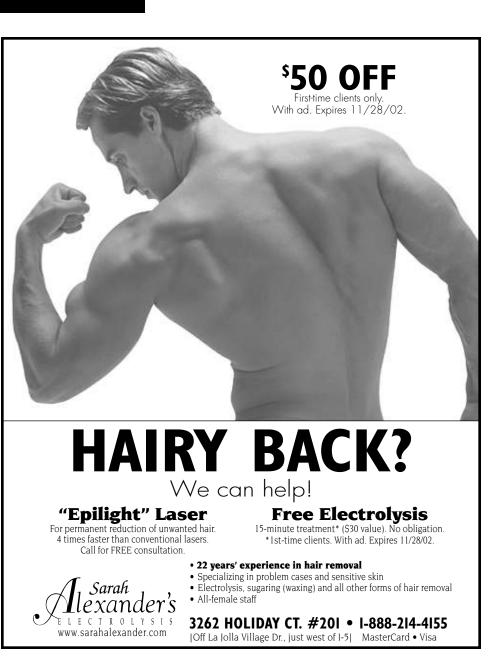
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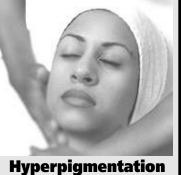
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(and most other major media) never had the guts to publish such a story back when it mattered, in the late 1970s. Now that hardcore has gone mainstream, I guess it's okay to explore this phenomenon.

Back when the genre was only on the periphery of the San Diego culture (but certainly on the prohibition list of the San Diego Police Department), it wasn't the Nutrons (a.k.a. Battalion of Saints) that shaped the San Diego punk scene as Mr. Ridge tries to point out. It appears he's left out a huge chunk of San Diego punk history.

It was the Penetrators, the Exterminators, the Injections, the Executives, and the Standbys, among others, who first added color to the San Diego scene.

Along with these local bands, other California groups, like Circle Jerks, X, the Bags, Fear, Dead Kennedys, the Go-Go's, and Black Flag in the late 1970s would regularly share the stages, along with local bands from the San Diego area. So we had a real influx of artists from throughout California. We also got bands from other places, like Pere Ubu from Cleveland, Penetration from the UK, Iggy Pop, John Cale, and, of course, major headliners like the Ramones, Devo, Talking Heads, and the Clash.

And as I recall, the problem at shows wasn't as much the skinheads, as Ridge pointed out, as it was the San Diego Police Department closing and/or interfering with shows at various venues and surfers getting into fights with punks.

I attended shows in San Diego from 1978 through the mid- to late 1980s on a regular basis. Back then it was a tightly knit scene because it was so small. Everyone knew everyone. Now I think the scene has fragmented and become less personal because of its expansion. But that's just my opinion, as I only infrequently attend shows today, and they are usually by older punk bands who were the original innovators. Name Withheld

Daniel Ridge responds: You brought up some important bands, and I regret that I didn't discuss them in the article. Unfortunately, the majority of the rockers I talked

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to in conjunction with the story got their start in the mid- to late 1980s, and I didn't get a hold of anyone as thick in the late-'70s and early-'80s scene as you were, which accounts for the historical gap. As for your comment about the interference of police and the conflicts between surfers and punks, that seems a debatable point. As there is no written record of the events, I had to depend solely on what people told me, and the point they returned to again and again was the violence involving skinheads and other rough groups, which may actually have involved surfers.

### Hate Apology

I am writing this in response to your article on hardcore punk rockers, in particular, skinheads in the '80s ("Real Hardcore True Punk," October 17). I was one of these hateful, angry kids who thought it cool to hate others and project violence on minorities, gays, and other punks. When I got to be in my 20s, I changed. I grew and became very ashamed of that hateful, scared kid I was. I would like to apologize to any victims of hate and violence. Now into my 30s, I have tested HIV-positive and am welcomed and received by the very people I believed I once hated. God has a funny way of teaching us life lessons. Keep up the work against hate and persuading any kids from going down that path.

> Name Withheld Hillcrest

### **Be Afraid**

Bravo Zulu to you regarding that article titled "Burn Him Alive" ("City Lights," October 10). I hope that the SD Reader is distributed as part of the acceptable reading material for inmates at the jail and at local prisons! And please send Westerfield a copy, with my compliments (I'll even pay for the postage). He needs to be afraid; very afraid. This article verifies what I have been saying all along! Even criminals have their own code of justice, and as we all know, what goes around, comes around. My fondest desire for him (and others of his ilk) is that his last sexual encounter be a violent and painful one.

Bets Kimble

### Thoroughly Disgusted

Patrick Daugherty's column is usually quite good, and I read it almost every week. However, the October 3 column ("Sporting Box," "110 Commercials and Counting") was dead-on! I, too, settled down to watch the Chargers and N.E. game but was thoroughly disgusted. The number of commercials and breaks was stupefying. I could not follow the game. Again this week, against the Chiefs, I was revolted by the number of commercials. It is almost impossible to have any continuity. I also called Direct TV about their NFL package but was disappointed by their admission that they broadcast the feed commercials. At least the ESPN evening game is superior in every way to the CBS game. The Fox game is only slightly better than CBS.

I have fond memories of a bar in TJ that we used to frequent in the mid-'80s. On Sundays they would show NFL games on a direct feed with *no* commercials.

Mark Gracyk

### **Squid Towns**

Re "Octopus Devours Chula Vista" ("City Lights"), October 10.

This article is a masterpiece showing how the building industry has, with few exceptions, taken over city planning departments and local governments.

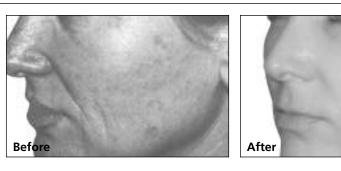
Similarly, if you look at the state propositions, most of them have huge giveaways to the building industry (like channeling rivers hidden under a water-quality proposition), while containing some positive things (wetlands purchase) to gain support of environmentalists. Someone could write a book on how these propositions use taxpayer money to make billions for developers.

Regarding San Diego, the article could have been titled "Giant Squid Strangles City." On October 22, the mayor and city council (with Councilmembers Stevens, Frye, Maienschein dissenting) approved the City of Villages Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) authorizing 37,000 new condos with densities up to 110 units/acre. In the few days before the public hearing, the mayor issued a memo/ press release stating that the 37,000 added condos were being deleted from the General Plan update in light of recent SANDAG 2020 forecasts stating that the added units would not be needed. This so-called deletion effectively defused the substantial public opposition to the village plan expressed by hundreds of angry citizens at the September hearing.

The recent hearing had only about 20 percent the turnout of the September hearing, and many were misled into thinking that a significant victory had been attained, that the mayor was listening and the added units were long gone.

However, since the FEIR approved unmitigated traffic/air pollution impacts (an I-8's worth of daily added traffic; 14 to 29 tons/ day added pollution), this contradicts one of the mayor's top ten goals of reducing traffic congestion. Since the FEIR approved more density in the Mission Valley floodplain, this contradicts his campaign pledge to stop floodplain development (and his previously perfect voting record on this issue). In light of this "say one thing and do another" action, the City of Villages has the potential to be this mayor and council's Charger ticket guarantee. In comparison, the billions in costs and impacts of the villages makes the Charger ticket guarantee a great deal in comparison. Randy Berkman San Diego

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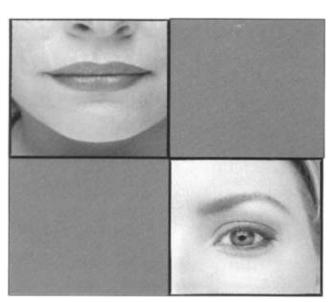
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# **Mr. Math Faces the Seven Mysteries**

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he Math Guy," as he's known on National Public Radio, admits to an "evangelical streak." That's why he popularizes mathematics. He reaches out to the laity in his Weekend Edition commentaries and in other media-friendly ways. "That's why I'm talking to you," he says by phone from his office at Stanford University, a few days before the start of his new-book tour.

His real name is Keith Devlin, and perhaps partly to democratize himself, he claims to have disliked mathematics as a student. "I wasn't particularly good at it. I found it boring, as it was in that stage." He means the lower forms, not the super mathematics that has become his subject. He went to high school in the United Kingdom, starting "the year after Sputnik



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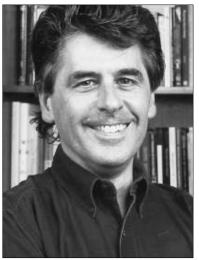
wanted to be a scientist." But science required that he study math. "That was the motivation." Soon he switched to studying math exclusively, having found its upper reaches much more interesting

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than science. The new book's subject is a set of seven problems so difficult that Devlin doesn't attempt to explain them to the hoi polloi except in a cursory way. Selected by an international committee, the problems have been around a while but are called the Millennium Problems because the prizes for their solutions were announced in 2000. They might as easily be called the Million-Dollar Problems; that's the sum being offered for each solution by the Clay Foundation of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

How many people on earth right



Keith Devlin

now does Devlin reckon are capable of solving these problems?

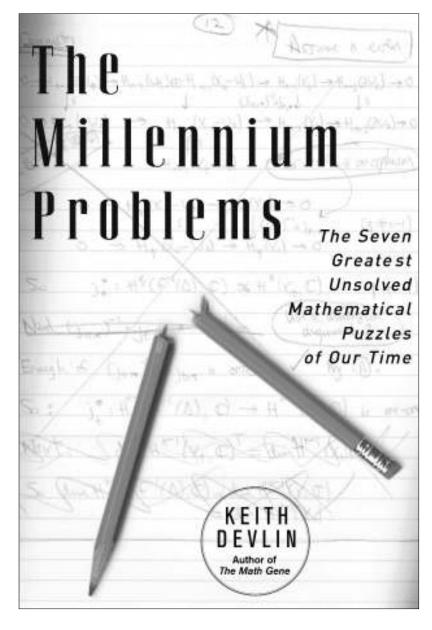
'It's not clear that *anybody* is capable of solving them," he says. "A better way of looking at it is: How many people, if a solution were advanced, would be able to say, 'This might be right'? Probably 200 or 300 in the world."

Recently, Martin Dunwoody, who teaches at the University of Southampton, England, proposed a solution to the problem called the Poincaré Conjecture. (French physicist and mathematician Henri Poincaré [1854–1912] formulated it.) Asked about Dunwoody's proof, Devlin says, "Every 20 years or so, someone claims to have solved that one. Dunwoody is a respectable mathematician, but most people, when they saw the announcement, said, 'We don't think he's done it.' It was a bit unfair - a snap judgment. They thought, 'No. It just doesn't seem that he would have it.' And, indeed, he hadn't. The proof wasn't valid. But it took a while for people to be sure. In modern math, it can take months."

The Poincaré Conjecture deals with topology. Even topology's definition is difficult to comprehend. Suffice it to say that proving mathematically that two objects — say, a golf ball and a tennis ball — are topologically the same is easy, relatively speaking; proving mathematically that two objects are not topologically the same has yet to be done. In a video filmed at a bakery (accessible on www.claymath.org), Devlin stretches bread dough to explain this concept in a visual way.

A problem called P Versus NP is about computation — i.e., computers. Beyond that simple statement, it's a quagmire for the uninitiated. Still, P Versus NP is the only one of the seven that Devlin believes could possibly be solved by "some unknown person," rather than a current superstar of math. "It is possible" — not probable — "that some kid of 20 years old will come out of India or Pakistan or somewhere and solve it. That's because what its solution may take is a clever new idea." (The others problems, he writes, "are buried deep within a mass of heavy-duty mathematics, which has to be mastered before you can begin working on the problem itself.")

Devlin often compares mathematicians to athletes. "It's a young person's game," he says. "Very few have done great work beyond their mid-40s. By the time you've been doing mathematics for 15, 20 years, you begin to get in mental ruts and can't look at a



problem with fresh eyes anymore. In other disciplines, philosophy and so forth, you become more revered and perhaps better as you get older." Math doesn't benefit from the

wisdom we associate with age? "In mathematics, wisdom may, if

anything, be a bit of a dead weight. Could it be that what

mathematicians need is something we associate with youth?

"Oh, lots of cockiness, yes. Some of the best are cocky, self-assured, brash.'

Devlin doesn't claim cockiness for himself; in fact, he sounds humbled by math. "For many years, I did nothing but mathematics and was good at it, in the sense that I could see problems quickly. I had a good feel for it. Then as I grew in seniority [in academia] I

became a department chair, then a dean, and spent less time doing mathematics itself." During that time, he also began his career as a popularizer. "Now I find it very hard to concentrate on mathematics.'

— Ieanne Schinto

Book signing by Keith Devlin, "The Math Guy" The Millennium Problems: The Seven Greatest Unsolved Mathematical Puzzles of Our Time Tuesday, November 19, noon-1:30 p.m. UCSD Bookstore, Price Center 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla Free Info: 858-534-3149

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*Events that are underlined occur after November 21.* 

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### BAJA

The Ninth Annual Hispanic Guitar Festival continues at the Tijuana Cultural Center with a performance by Hopkinson Smith from the USA on Thursday, November 14. Dominic Frasca from Italy takes the stage on Friday, November 15. Daniel Navarro, hailing from Spain, performs on Saturday, November 16.

The concerts begin at 8 p.m. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Tickets range from \$15 to \$20 U.S. For reservations and information, call 011-52-664-687-9600 x9566. (TIJUANA)

There's a Piano Recital planned by David Rodríguez and the Orchestra of Baja California on Thursday, November 14. The concert starts at 8 p.m. at the Pueblo Amigo Hotel (Salón Premier, in the Zona Río). Tickets to this benefit are \$20. For information, call 011-52-664-683-5030. (TIJUANA)

**Rondalla de Saltillo** performs in concert on Friday, November 15, at 9 p.m., at Mezzanine (on Boulevard Insurgentes). Admission is \$15 U.S. Call 011-52-664-621-3936 for information. (TJJUANA)

**Banda Music** is promised when Julio Preciado performs at Las Pulgas (on Avenida Revolución) on Sunday, November 17, at 11 p.m. For tickets and details, dial 011-52-664-685-9594. (TIJUANA)

**The Comedy** *William Shakespeare's Short Stories* is being presented on Monday and Tuesday, November 18 and 19, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Dial 011-52-664-687-9600 for further details. (TJUANA)

**Get Off-Road** when the 35th Score Baja 1000 off-road race — boasting more than 220 entries in 24 pro classes and five sportsman classes for cars, trucks, motorcycles, and ATVs — starts on Wednesday, November 20, in front of the Riviera Convention Center in Ensenada from 6:30 to 8 a.m. Competitors travel approximately just over 1000 miles through the desert, finishing on Saturday, November 23, in La Paz. For information, call 818-225-8402. (BAJA CALIFORNIA)

**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

**Santa Ana Winds** in San Diego County often reach their greatest intensity during November, particularly at the mountain passes, where dry air from a high-pressure area over the interior deserts swoops coastward toward a low-pressure area offshore. The subsiding air warms rapidly while it descends, resulting in 80° to 90° temperatures close to the coast. While passing over the mountains, though, the dry air can be surprisingly cool —60° or less in the daytime.

Svcamores, found in San Diego's coastal and foothill canyons as well as in suburban and park landscaping, stand at their autumnal best this time of year. Stroll beneath their crispy, rustling canopies and catch the sunbeams scattering among their mottled trunks and yellow-brown leaves. Some of San Diego's biggest native sycamores reside in Lopez Canyon, a part of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve near Sorrento Valley. Hundreds of sycamores can be also be seen in Marian Bear Park (San Clemente Canyon) along Freeway 52 between University City and Clairemont.

Friday Frolic, did the locals watch with dismay when the first Europeans came ashore here? Imagine the scene while taking a moderate, flat walk along the harbor with Walkabout on Friday, November 15. The walk starts at 9:45 a.m. at Spanish Landing Park (at the signals off Harbor Drive, just west of Harbor Island). 619-231-7463. *Real rain cancels.* (DOWNTOWN) **Clark's and Western Grebes,** whitetailed kites, California and blue-gray gnatcatchers, cactus wrens, osprey, and golden eagles are all possible sightings during the Audubon Society adventure to Lake Hodges slated for Saturday, November 16, from 8 a.m. to noon. Meet the trip leader in the parking spaces just past the Joslyn Senior Center (18402 West Bernardo Drive). 619-692-3246. Expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature; bring a scope and a field guide. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Migratory Species and Winter Residents** will provide a "feast for a birder's eyes" during the birdwatching event planned on Saturday, November 16, along the lagoon trail at Batiquitos Lagoon. Led by a docent, the walk starts at 9 a.m. at the Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. Free. For information, call 760-943-7583. (CARLSBAD)

**Look for Migrating Birds and Ducks** during the nature walk planned by the Friends of Famosa Slough on Saturday, November 16. The easy walk promises a good view of a variety of birds and the salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Famosa Boulevard and West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Look at Some Reptiles during a program planned on Saturday, November 16, at 4 p.m., at William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). The day-use fee is \$2. 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

**In Search of Grassland Birds,** David Kisner, Kerry Kenwood, and Jay Rourke lead a bird walk on Saturday, November 16, at 8 a.m. Free. The walk starts at the corner of Bushy Hill Drive and Father Junípero Serra Trail. For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE) **Track and Sign**, join an experienced tracker from the San Diego Tracking Team for a tracking walk on Saturday, November 16, at 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Beginners are welcome. To reach the Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road and follow the signs to the ranch house. For registration and information, call 619-294-9618. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

**Birding the Marsh,** the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on November 16 and 17. Saturday's outing starts at 8 a.m., with the Sunday adventure beginning at 11 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

**They Only Come Out at Night,** Sycamore Canyon Preserve comes alive at night with sights and sounds of nocturnal inhabitants. Ranger Patty Heyden leads a night hike in search of nighthawks, owls, poorwills, tarantulas, scorpions, bats, and creatures that "go bump in the night" on Saturday, November 16, 5 to 7 p.m.

Park at the staging area and walk a mile down to the ranger station found in the grove of trees; the staging area is found at the end of Sycamore Canyon Road (off Garden Road). For information, call 619-561-0580 or 858-668-1850. Free. (POWAY)

A Guided Nature Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on November 16 (and on the third Saturday of each month), in Tecolote Canyon. 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. The walk begins and ends at the Fox Run entrance to the canyon, located at Boyd Street off Genesee. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

**Tree Time**, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees on Saturday, November 16, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. Dial 619-235-1121 for additional details. (BALBOA PARK)

**Explore Mud Caves and Slot Canyons** when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this outing through "Slot Canyons and Caves of the Carrizo Badlands" on Saturday, November 16, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The \$69 fee for nonmembers includes transportation. Recommended for agile hikers. To reserve a spot, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk on the Wild Side, see the San Diego Wild Animal Park from a new perspective during a walking tour slated for Saturday, November 16. Guides take participants to areas including elephant and tiger bedrooms, the off-exhibit area for okapis, and more. The fee is \$14 for members; nonmembers are welcome but must add the park admission fee. Find the park at 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road. To make the required reservations, call 760-738-5057. Tours continue on various dates through December 15. (ESCONDIDO)

Help With Native Plant Restoration at the Calavera Mountain Nature Preserve on Sunday, November 17, from 9 to 11 a.m. Bring gloves, shoes with tread, and water. Find the preserve south of Tamarack Avenue, east of College Avenue; park at Strata Drive and walk to the dam at Calavera Lake. To reserve a spot, call 760-720-2003. (CARLSBAD)

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Lagoon Reserve, also home to great egrets, osprey, and migrating water birds. Bring your binoculars when the Canyoneers head out for an easy walk along the lagoon on Sunday, November 17, 8:30 to 10 a.m. To reach the trail, take the Lomas Santa Fe Drive exit from I-5 and head west; turn right (north) onto Rios Avenue. Continue to the end of the road and park. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Observe the Fall Season** when naturalist/botanist James Dillane leads an easy walk on Chaparral and Creek Crossing Trails in Daley Ranch on Sunday, November 17. The walk starts at 1 p.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). To make the requested reservations, call 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

**Hike It? Help It**, volunteers are invited to join ranger staff for Daley Ranch trail maintenance on Sunday, November 17. Meet the group at 8 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Get Outside, outdoor enthusiasts are invited to enjoy the San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, open September through July. Silverwood offers ten miles of hiking trails, a self-guided nature walk, an observation area filled with bird feeders, and many resident birds and wildlife to observe.

Silverwood is open to the public on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with guided nature walks conducted at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 619-443-2998. The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from the Ashwood-Mapleview turn). (LAKESIDE)

This Year's Leonid Meteor Shower, which peaks between 1:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, November 19, is expected to be the last in a several-year series of excellent Leonid displays. Observations of this year's Leonids will be greatly hampered by the full moon. Even so, rates of one or two hundred visible meteors per hour could be realized from any clear location in San Diego County.

Normally it is advantageous to et as far away as possible from city lights to see the best of the show, but this year's full moon will light up the backcountry sky almost as much as urban lighting does. Wherever you go, choose a spot with an unobstructed horizon. Be prepared to head inland to escape any nocturnal overcast that might invade the coastal areas late at night. By the wee hours of the 19th you'll want to be facing northeast, which is away from the direction of the full moon and toward the direction of the "radiant," or apparent origin point of the meteors, which lies in the constellation Leo.

**The Oddly Illuminated Full Moon** you'll see rising around 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday evening, November 19, will be undergoing a penumbral lunar eclipse. This distinctly nonspectacular event involves the moon's passage through the outermost shadow of our own planet Earth. As a result we see one edge of the moon slightly darkened in comparison to the rest of the moon.

Get to Know the Gaslamp Quarter when Downtown 92101 Tours leads informative evening walking tours on Tuesday nights. Free. To make reservations, call 619-239-1766. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Wintering Specialties are expected when the Audubon Society birdwatchers head to Kit Carson Park on Wednesday, November 20, from 8 to noon. Possible species to spy include American pipit, cedar waxwings, Hutton's vireo, acorn woodpecker, and more.

Meet at the El Arroyo picnic area

in the park; find Kit Carson Park at 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. There will be easy hiking; restrooms, water, and picnic tables are available. Call 619-692-3246 for information on this free outing. (ESCONDIDO)

### DANCE

**Skewed Shrew,** Eveoke Dance Theatre presents its take on Shakespeare's "misogynistic, patriarchal display of oppression and cracks it wide open into a hilarious tragicomedy" in performances continuing through December 1. In this version of *The Taming of the Shrew*, directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg with choreography by Gina Angelique, "Men play men in the women's roles and women play women in the men's roles."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 7 p.m. on Sundays (dark on Thanksgiving) at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$18 general, \$12 for students and seniors. For reservations, call 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

**Zydeco!** The Bon Temps Social Club hosts a dance party at the Balboa Park Club (take Presidents Way off Park Boulevard) on Thursday, November 14. Dance workshops (beginning and intermediate/advanced) run 7:30 to 8 p.m., followed by a CD mix of zydeco and Cajun tunes for dancing from 8 to 10 p.m. The requested donation is \$3; kids are free and welcome. Partners are not required. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Bring Your Instrument and join the community band to play for the contradance planned on Friday, November 15, with calling by Graham Hempel, at the Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

**Calling All Jitterbugs**, Downtown Reuben Brown from L.A. is the swing DJ on Friday, November 15, at Cafe Savoy, found at the Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard, near College). Doors open at 8 p.m., with swing lessons at 8:15 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight to vintage jazz and swing music. Admission is \$6. 619-729-2900. (COLLEGE)

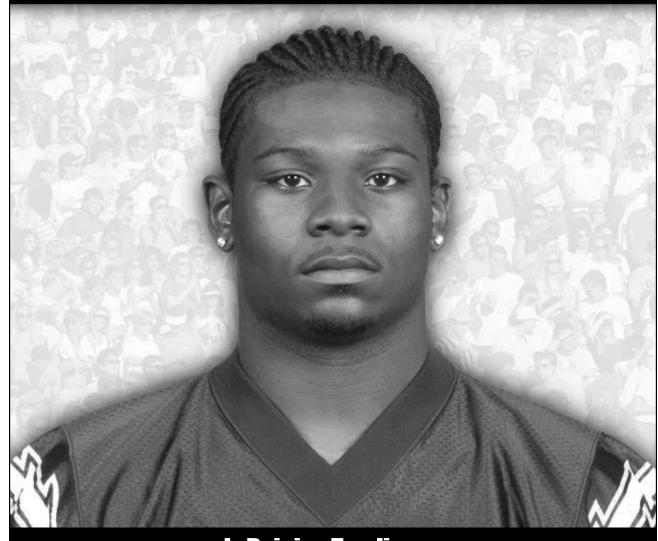
**Born Over 100 Years Ago** in the brothels of Buenos Aires, the tango only became a socially acceptable ballroom dance at the turn of the (last) century. Thirty singers, dancers, and musicians present the Argentine dance musical *Tango Pasión* at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Saturday, November 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway) and by dialing 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**"20/20,"** the Patricia Rincon Dance Collective celebrates its 20-year anniversary with performances on Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16, at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla. The program includes the premiere of Rincon's Un Lé Sourire, set to four concertos by J.S. Bach. The concerts include Against the Hype, featuring live music and original compositions by the Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra; and Life is pleasant. Death is peaceful, It's the transition that's troublesome.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Call 619-632-5340 for information. (LA JOLLA)

**Dance in a Day,** a holiday dance workshop is slated for Saturday,

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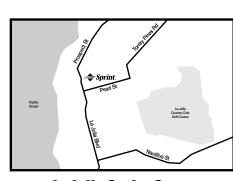
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November 16, 3 to 5 p.m., at Dance Connection Studio (2710 Garnet Avenue). Instructors will teach swing and nightclub two-step. Partners are not required. The fee is \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door, 619-291-3775. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Repertory to Go, Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theater presents Swiss Preview Concerts on Sunday, November 17. The "all-Isaacs" program includes A Geography of Risk, Little Passions/Heartbreak, and an expanded version of Easter Oratorio.

The concerts begin at 5 and 8 p.m. in the SDSU Studio Theatre, ENS-200. Tickets are \$18 general, available by calling 619-594-1696. For more information, call 619-255-3274. The company performs at the Tanzin Olten Festival in Switzerland on November 24. (SDSU)

**Bevond Bellydancing Stereotypes!** Middle Eastern dance fusion is on tap

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during "One Enchanted Evening," a show slated for Sunday, November 17, 4 to 6 p.m., at the San Diego Women's Club (2557 Third Avenue, between Laurel and Maple). Tickets are \$18 general, \$16 seniors, \$12 for children. Questions? Call 619-295-0637 for answers. (BANKERS HILL)

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

Dance Argentine Tango every Wednesday night, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., at the Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Admission is \$5. There's an introductory dance lesson from 7:30 to 8:30 for no additional charge. Call 619-970-6620 for details. (HILLCREST)

The Goal: To Demystify Dance Performances! Students in beginning and intermediate dance classes will be dancing modern, ballet, tap, jazz, ballroom, and world dance styles when Dance Studio Hour takes place on Wednesday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m., in room 204 of the San Elijo campus of MiraCosta College (3333 Manchester Avenue). Free. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (CARDIFF)

Fall Dance Concerts are being presented by the Grossmont College dance department Wednesday through Friday, November 20-22, at 7:30 p.m. each night, at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). A variety of dance styles including modern, jazz, tap, hiphop, swing, and ballet will be featured in these works choreographed by faculty. Tickets are \$11 general, available by calling 619-644-7766. (EL CAJON)

Work It! Dance instructor Prince who teaches the latest dance moves "to the hottest music" for beginningintermediate 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. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

### FILM

Mistaken Identity! The Italian comedy Johnny Stecchino stars Roberto Benigni, and it screens for the International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, November 15, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 on campus, at One Barnard Drive. Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free. In Italian with English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

Veterans of the 1910 Mexican Revolution led by Emiliano Zapata are featured in *The Last Zapatistas, For*gotten Heroes, which also documents the continuing struggle to preserve the lands and rights of the people in Mexico. See the film when it screens on Friday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard); there will also be information booths and music. The suggested donation is \$3. For information, call 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

The Many Aspects of Love and Relationships are reflected in the tan-gents of Monsoon Wedding. Enjoy Mira Nair's wonderful film – in En glish, Hindi, and Punjab with English subtitles - when it screens for the

Sunday matinee on November 17, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Filmed on Location in Oaxaca, Animas Trujano stars Toshiro Mifune as "a drunken and abusive Mexican Indian." This 1961 film directed by Ismael Rodriguez may be seen on Monday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m., at Back from Tomboctou (3564 Adams Avenue). Free. For information, call 619-282-8708. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Celebrating the Power of Commu nity and the limitless possibility of love, Italian for Beginners tells the story of a young minister who inspires a class of isolated singles to reach out to others in their search for greater happiness. Catch this 2001 film by Lone Sherfig when it's shown on Monday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m., for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Danish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

American Movie Classics are being screened at the San Diego Museum of Art. Each evening includes a classic film, an actual newsreel, and cartoon from the same time period as the featured film. The series contin-

ues on Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p.m., with Robert Rossen's 1949 film All the King's Men, loosely based on the life of Huey Long.

This week's newsreel is Lowell Thomas Remembers (1949); the featured cartoon is The Power of Thought. 619-232-7931. Tickets are \$7. (BALBOA PARK)

"It's All in the Mind" is the theme for the Carlsbad Library's film series this month. The series continues with Iris on Wednesday, November 20, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Audi-torium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Once an Eyesore and Health Hazard, Famosa Slough has become a model of conservation and restoration in a developed urban area. When the Friends of the Famosa Slough meet on Wednesday, November 20, producer Henry Shenkman will premiere his documentary film Famosa Slough — Where the Natives Return to the Neighborhood. The screening begins at 7 p.m. in the Loma Riviera Clubhouse (3115 Loma Riviera Drive). Free. 619-224-4591. (POINT LOMA)

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tional Park in *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees*, opening on Friday, November 15. Within the 20-squaremile park, Goodall established what has become the longest continuously running study of animals in the wild. In her studies, Goodall has revolutionized our understanding of chimps, and of human behavior itself. The film continues through April, 2003.

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

**"Is Attorney-Client Privilege Dead** or Just Wounded?" Find out when Lynne Stewart, described as a "defense attorney targeted by Attorney General Ashcroft," speaks on Thursday, November 14, at 6 p.m., in the Moot Court Room at California Western School of Law (350 Cedar Street, at Third Avenue). Stewart was charged in April 2002 with committing criminal acts for her efforts in representing a client convicted of terrorist activities. Free. Call 619-235-5656 x111 for more information. (DOWNTOWN)

Human Transformation has been a recurring theme of great myths and literature. When Ronald Cole-Turner speaks on Thursday, November 14, he'll focus on "The Genetic Revolution and Designer Babies: Moral and Religious Implications." He's professor of theology and ethics at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The lecture starts at 8 p.m. at UCSD's Institute of the Americas. Free. Questions? Call 858-452-0285 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

Hailing from the City University of Hong Kong, Professor Longxi Zhang will focus on the differences between Western concepts of utopia and the Chinese secular tradition when he speaks on Thursday, November 14. "Utopia: East and West" starts at 4 p.m. in the deCerteau Room, 3155 Literature Building, at UCSD. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

Whaddaya Know About Cymbidiums? Increase your knowledge when Loren Batchman from Casa de Orcideas speaks for the Palomar Orchid Society on Friday, November 15. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m., following a culture class at 5:45 p.m., at the Women's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Free. For more information, call 760-735-8494 x104. (CARLSBAD)

**"The Galapagos Islands** and the Tropical Mainland" provide the subject when wildlife biologist Renée Owens speaks for the Sierra Club on Friday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). Call 619-299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

**Learn to Sprout** when Coastal Sage hosts this organic gardening lecture by John Noble on Friday, November 15, at 7 p.m. Participants will learn to grow alfalfa sprouts and wheatgrass. The fee is \$15. Find the shop at 3685 Voltaire Street. 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

**Folding Fun,** Arnold Tubis leads a class in origami at the Japanese Friendship Garden on Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The nonmember fee is \$20. Call 619-232-2721 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Lighting for Video Interviews"** is discussed during the next workshop hosted by the Media Arts Center San

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Support Your Local Genealogists when the North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets this week. National Archives archivist Bill Doty discusses "Modern Military Records" from the Civil War through World War II during a lecture set for Saturday, November 16, at 10 a.m.

Bernice Heiter focuses on "French Exploration and Migration in the New World" when the group meets on Tuesday, November 19, at 10 a.m. Both talks take place in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive), and admission is free. 760-723-1342. (CARLSBAD)

**Polly Has Pizazz**, learn about the widely differing personalities of parrots commonly kept as companion birds when the Parrot Education and Adoption Center presents a seminar on Saturday, November 16. Get the

skinny on all aspects of avian diseases during the seminar planned on Sunday, November 17.

Both talks run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way, off West Mission Bay Drive). Admission is \$10 per seminar. For information, call 619-287-8200. (MISSION BAY)

"Writing Chick Lit" is the subject when "Harlequin Desire" series author Cathy Yardley speaks for the Romance Writers of America on Saturday, November 16. Self-Promotion for the Creative Person is both the name of Lee Silber's book and the topic for his talk to the group. Finally, Sharon Sala will discuss strong characters.

The group meets from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn Resort (875 Hotel Circle South). The fee is \$25. For reservations, call 619-444-1688. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Souper Supper**, the Peace Resource Center hosts this event on Saturday, November 16, at the First Church of the Brethren (3850 Westgate Place). Supper starts at 5:30 p.m., with Keith Taylor asking, "The Drumbeat of War: Do Facts Count?" at 6:30 p.m. Admission is sliding scale: \$22 general, \$5 for kids under 12. For further information, call 619-263-9301. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

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stands for the equality of all people. Guest speaker Miriam Clark focuses on "Iraq: Past, Present, and Future" on Saturday, November 16, at 11 a.m., in the Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

**"Art in the Landscape:** A Collection of Landscape Architects and Artists" is the topic when landscape architect Patrick Caughey speaks for the Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, November 16. The talk begins at 9:30 a.m. at the New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street. For information, call 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. A \$3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

Using Old Bits and Pieces of wrapping paper, create reusable package decorations when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts "Recycling Package Decorations" on Saturday, November 16, 9 a.m. to noon. The fee for this paperfolding class is \$17 for nonmembers. To register, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**"A Quiltmaker's Collection"** is the focus when Del Thomas speaks on Saturday, November 16, at 2 p.m., at the Oceanside Museum School of Art (219 North Coast Highway), in conjunction with the current "Quilt Visions 2002" exhibit. Admission is \$15 for nonmembers. To make the required reservations, call 858-385-0212. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Verismo" Operas,** typical during the second half of the 19th Century, combine "superb spectacle with mar-

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velous tunes," according to Claudia Tornsäufer. She'll present "A Taste of Opera" on Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. to noon, in the auditorium at West City Center (3249 Fordham Street). Participants will discover and explore famous works, history, lore, and singers, with recommended recordings and listening to arias and overtures. Free. For information, call 619-221-6973. (POINT LOMA)

**Good Life, Good Death,** it's the motto for the Hemlock Society, which gathers for "Aid in Dying: Methods Within the Law; The Caring Friends Program" on Sunday, November 17, at 1:30 p.m. The speaker is Richard MacDonald, M.D. The group gathers at 1:30 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

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

Billed as the World's Leading Teacher of "remote viewing (RV) and spiritual transformation," David Morehouse will speak for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) when it meets on Sunday, November 17, at 6 p.m., at the Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Morehouse is the author of *Psychic Warrior: Inside the*  CIA's Stargate Program and Nonlethal Weapons: War Without Death. Admission is free. Call 760-753-2456 for information. (MISSION VILLAGE)

**"The Accelerating Pace of Human Evolution"** is explored when Christopher Wills speaks on Sunday, November 17, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor Wangenheim Room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Books by Wills including *The Runaway Brain, The Wisdom of the Genes: New Pathways in Evolution,* and *The Human Genome Project,* among many others, will be on display and available for checking out. Free. For information, call 619-670-4159 or 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Talk With the Artist"** when artist Lynda Muse presents a talk and demonstration of watercolor painting techniques on Sunday, November 17, 1 to 4 p.m., at the Cottage Gallery (2523 San Diego Avenue). Free. 858-755-7206. (OLD TOWN)

### Without an Indigenous Population

and "unsettled" until the 1600s, Reunion Island later had waves of settlers, slaves, pirates, and political refugees. Curator Javier Guerrero presents a multimedia presentation of music, images, and video entitled "Reunion Island, Indian Ocean: A Convergence of Culture and Identity" on Monday, November 18. The talk commences at noon at the San Diego Museum of Man. Admission to this 12 O'Clock Scholar talk is \$6 for nonmembers. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK) "The Wonderful World of Opera," this discussion series with opera his-

this discussion series with opera historian Ridgely Allison Muller continues on Monday, November 18, at 2 p.m., at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2881. (LA COSTA)

Hollywood Columnist Tells All! Local author Jackie E. used the *nom de plume* Jackie Manne while working as a Hollywood columnist for the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* in the late '60s. She'll sign her autobiographical novel *Never Tell Mommy* when the San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meets on Monday, November 18. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$5. For information, call 858-576-3800. (HILLCREST)

**"Mini-Creatures of the Chaparral** and Desert" provide the subject when macrophotographer Bob Parks speaks for this luncheon slated for Monday, November 18, at 11:30 a.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The fee is \$7. Call 619-255-0203 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

**Continuing Drought Conditions** and the presence of much tinderdry brush suggests that brush management needs to be a year-round activity in our area. Biologist Lisa Wood and Deputy Fire Marshall Eddie Villavicencio will focus on "Brush Management in Environmentally Correct Areas" when they present a slide-illustrated talk for the California Native Plant Society

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The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in room 104 of the Casa del Prado. For information, call 619-685-7321. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Life in Iran, 1976 to 1981; The Departure of the Shah to the Arrival of Khomeini" will be illuminated when Judith Shadzi speaks for the North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council of San Diego on Tuesday, November 19. The program begins at 10:05 a.m. in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Thru-Hiker" Greg Hummel presents "Pacific Crest Trail: A Perspective of 25 Years" on November 19 and 20 at the Adventure 16 stores. Hummel will contrast current perspectives on hiking strategies, gear, resources, and preparation with "then" ideas.

Take in the talk on Tuesday at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374) and on Wednesday at 143 South Cedros Avenue (858-755-7662). The programs begin at 7 p.m. Free. (MISSION VALLEY, SOLANA BEACH)

"Launch Your Book's First Year's Sales and then keep them going for a lifetime," says "book coach" and author Judy Cullins. She'll present "Three Sure-Fire Ways to Sell More Books Than You Ever Dreamed Of" using traditional and "e-commerce' on Tuesday, November 19, at 12:30 p.m., at the La Mesa Senior Center (8450 La Mesa Boulevard).

Free. To reserve a spot, call 619-466-0622 or 619-466-0020. (LA MESA)

What Bird Was That? Birding expert Claude Edwards shares techniques for identifying and distinguishing local birds in this slide-illustrated program planned at the San Diego Natural History Museum on Tuesday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. The lecture is followed by a field trip to Guajome Regional Park in Oceanside on November 23. The fee for nonmembers is \$29. Call 619-255-0203 to register, (BALBOA PARK)

What Gear Is Needed to Stav Warm while playing in the snow? Find out when REI hosts a "Gearing Up for Winter Sports" clinic on Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400. Free (KEARNY MESA)

The Time Is Near, Dave Weller from the S.W. Fisheries Center presents a multimedia program focusing on "Grav Whale Migration" for the Buena Vista Audubon Society on Wednesday, November 20. The free program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

"Up, Up, and Away! X-Ray and Gamma Ray Astronomy from High-Altitude Balloons" is explored when Iim Matteson from the UCSD Center for Astrophysics and Space Sciences speaks for the Eyes on the Universe series at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center on Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$6.75



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"Amazing Grace: The True History of Legendary Irish Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley (1530-1603)" will be divulged when Francesca Miller speaks for the San Diego Independent Scholars on Wednesday, November 20. O'Malley made her living, in her own words, through "maintenance by land and sea." She's preserved in the archival records because of her meeting in 1593 with Queen Elizabeth I to bargain for the release of her son, Tibbot-ny-Long, from the grasp of a British overlord.

This intriguing talk commences at 7:30 p.m. in room 111 of the Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. Call 760-603-8930 for information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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and clinical psychologist Dr. Milton Richlin speaks for the Master of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences lecture series on Wednesday, November 20. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Aztec Center Council Chambers at San Diego State University. Free. For information, call 619-594-4426.

"New Perspectives in Judaic Studies," the series continues with a look at "Jewish Jokes and Sigmund Freud" by Maggie Jaffe on Wednesday, November 20. The talk starts at

3 p.m. in 100 Nasatir Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-5338. (SDSU)

"Paul, Shakespeare, and the Literature of Citizenship," it's the topic when UC Irvine associate professor of English and comparative literature Julia Reinhard Lupton discusses her work on Wednesday, November 20, at 4 p.m., in UCSD's 3155 Literature Building. Lupton is co-author of Af-ter Oedipus: Shakespeare in Psychoanalysis and Afterlives of the Saints: Hagiography, Typology, and Renais-

sance Literature, Free, Call 858-822-0204 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Everybody Needs Style (Sheets), style sheets are considered the groundwork for good editing. Editors Kathi George and Joni Harlan will share tips for constructing style sheets when the San Diego Professional Editors' Network meets on Wednesday, November 20. "Style Sheets: Five Tips for Professional Ed-







itors" starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Clairemont Community Room at Clairemont Square Shopping Center (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-3266. (CLAIREMONT)

Special Speakers, this San Diego Zoo series continues with "Chasing the Giant Panda" on Wednesday, November 20. Journalist and author Michael Kiefer reveals the story of the Chinese-American brothers who helped American adventurer Ruth Harkness in her quest to find the giant panda in the 1930s in Chasing the Panda.

Signed books will be on offer. Admission is \$15. For the required reservations, call 619-557-3962. The talk begins at 7 p.m. in the zoo's Otto Center Auditorium. (BALBOA PARK)

Back-Yard Habitat Gardening is the subject for a class planned on Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The field trip on November 23 explores a few certified backyard habitats. The fee for nonmembers is \$69 (and includes transportation). To register, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

What Does "Going Bankrupt" Really Mean? Find out when attorney Mark L. Miller conducts an educational seminar on many facets of bankruptcy at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, in the auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5894. (DOWNTOWN)

"Can a Computer Teach Physics?" Find out when associate physics professor Graham Oberem discusses and demonstrates the process of making physics-tutoring software "intelligent" and how he and others apply the technology at CSU San Marcos. The talk starts at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, in Academic Hall 102. Free. The campus is found at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

You've Finally Finished Your Novel — Now What? Literary agent B.J. Robbins shares insights on how to find an agent and what material the publishing industry is currently interested in when she speaks on Wednesday, November 20, at 1:30 p.m., in room 2203 of the Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. 619-594-4991. Free. (SDSU)

Methods and Barriers for collecting data on race and ethnicity will be dis cussed by UCLA professor Abel Valenzuela on Wednesday, November 20, at 3 p.m., in room 107 of UCSD's Social Sciences Building. Free. 858-534-3276. (LA JOLLA)

Art Talk, assistant curator Rachel Teagle presents an art talk focusing on Ieremy Blake's "digital paintings" included in the current "Cerca Series" exhibition on Thursday, November 21, at 6 p.m., at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Admission is free. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Axis Mexico" Exhibition will be discussed by curator Betti-Sue Hertz on Thursday, November 21, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Admission is \$10 for nonmembers, 619-232-7931, (BALBOA PARK)

"In the Public Realm: Alternative Perspectives" is the theme for this year's "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. Noted ecological artists and collaborators Helen and Newton Harrison present "Ecology and Landscape as Mediums of Preservation and Revitalization" on Thursday, November 21. The duo is currently engaged in a multi-nation environmental project titled "Peninsula Europe" for the revitalization of water resources across Europe.

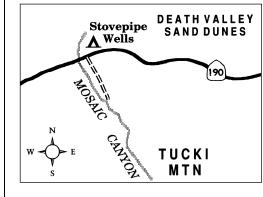
The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. Admission is free. For information, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Eco Wave: A Conference on the New Wave of Ecological Architecture and Construction" will be sponsored by the San Francisco Institute of ArRoam-O-Rama

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Death Valley's spaciousness is a big part of its appeal, but there's something here for claustrophobic individuals as well. In a few places, infrequent but powerful flash floods have carved narrow, sinuous channels into the bedrock of the mountains that border the valley. Mosaic Canyon is the most accessible of these deep, slot-like ravines,

The three-mile drive to the mouth of Mosaic Canyon, by way of a gravelly, unpaved road, starts just west of the village/campground of Stovepipe Wells. All but low-slung passenger vehicles can normally negotiate this road. As you rattle south, the sharply rising Tucki Mountains loom ever



chitecture when it convenes November 21-23. Events begin when Biosphere 2 architect Phil Hawes focuses on "The New Wave of Ecological Design" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 21. Admission is \$75.

"Leading San Diego architects" will examine "Ecological Design and Planning" on Friday, November 22; the subject is "Ecological Construction, Materials, and Systems" when technical consultants, builders, and experts in alternative systems take the floor on Saturday, November 23. Both of these seminars run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission is \$120 for either day. The conference takes place at the

Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue. To enroll, call 800-634-7779. (DOWNTOWN)

The Length and Breadth of Thurgood Marshall's career is the subject when "controversial" writer, scholar, and Harvard law school professor Randall L. Kennedy speaks on Thursday, November 21, at 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Kennedy is the author of Race, Crime, and the Law; Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word; and the upcoming Sex, Marriage, Identity, and Adoption. Admission is free. Questions? Call 858-534-4004 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

larger ahead. At road's end you set off on foot toward the nearby mouth of the canvon by following a normally dry, sandy wash. Only during rare periods of rainfall is the porous surface of the wash actually wet.

As you work your way up the increasingly narrow and deep ravine, notice the mosaic pattern of rocks embedded in the canyon walls. This type of rock, known as breccia (the Italian word meaning "fragments"), consists of jagged pieces of many kinds of rock incorporated into a matrix of marble.

Within a quarter mile, your passage through the ravine is highlighted by the sight

of polished marble walls ascending nearly vertically. High above you, in a few spots, you might see bits and pieces of trees and shrubs left by the cresting waters of some past flash flood. Flooding has certainly done the carving, but the direction in which those waters traveled was controlled to a large extent by preexisting rifts, or faults, in the mountain slope.

Your hike into Mosaic Canyon can take as little as 20 minutes - or as much as a couple of hours or more if you're willing to use your hands as well as

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nication and Digital Culture" is the

overall subject at UCSD's Center for

Research in Computing and the Arts

on Thursday, November 21. Geoffrey

7012. (LINDA VISTA)



Mosaic Canyon

your feet to climb over several "dry falls," or steeply inclined chutes, worn into the bottom of the canyon. Take along plenty of water if you intend to spend a lot of time in the upper canyon.

> Bowker will talk about database standards and representational complexity; critical approaches to new digital anatomies and physiognomes will be presented by Lisa Cartwright, and Brian Goldfarb will look at how sensory ability is defined, regulated, and organized in relation to the adoption of media technologies.

> The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the main event hall in building #408 on the campus of UCSD, Free, Call 858-534-4383 for further information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

### **IN PERSON**

Latin Jazz Jam, this event hosted by Bill Caballero takes place at Voz Alta on Thursday, November 14, from 8 to 11 p.m. You're invited to bring vour instrument and jam onstage with local Latin jazz musicians. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues): 619-230-1869. Admission is \$7 general, \$3 for musicians. (DOWNTOWN)

A Member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, author Debra Magpie Earling based her acclaimed debut novel Perma Red on the story of her aunt, who was "wild and vivacious and sexy" and murdered at the age of 23. Earling will read from her book for the Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series on Thursday, November 14.

The series concludes for the season with a reception and bilingual reading of Across the Line/The Poetry of Baja California on Tuesday, November 19. The anthology includes work by 53 Baja poets, as well as selections from surviving Indian traditions and corridos.

Both events begin at 7 p.m. in room 2203 of the Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Call 619-594-5318 for more details. Free. (SDSU)

**Desperately Seeking Spiritual So**lace, author Susan Quinn explores the process of balancing personal practice with religious community in The Deepest Spiritual Life. Quinn plans to sign and discuss her book on Thursday, November 14, at 7 p.m., at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del

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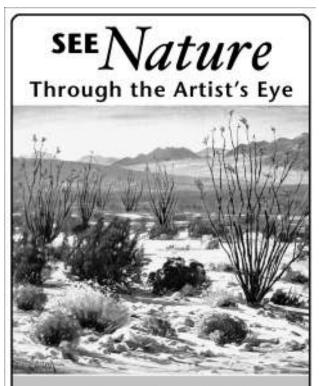
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Traditional Music and Dance of the Ewe, Ahsanti, Ga, Frafra, and Dagomba people of Ghana, west Africa, may be enjoyed when the SDSU African Ensemble known as Abaa Koma presents a fundraising concert on Friday, November 15. New dances as well as instruments from northern Ghana will be showcased, along with fontomfrom drumming from the palace of Togbe Afede Asor II. Abaa Koma will be joined by the San Diego State Aztec Choir for a medley of Borborbor songs, as well as two songs from Kenya.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$10 general. Call 619-594-7452 for information. (SDSU)

"Wonderland Is a Lot Like the Theater Itself," according to Palomar College Theater Arts associate professor Michael Mufson, who directs Alice in Wonderland. Based on William Glennon's adaptation of the Lewis Carroll tale, the production features the silly characters that make Alice an enduring favorite.

The curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, and November 22 and 23 and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, November 17 and 24, in the Howard Brubeck Theatre, Find Palomar College at 1140 West Mission Road. Tickets are \$6 for children and students, \$10 general, \$8 for seniors. For reservations, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Making Their Mark in Experimental, Improvised and electronic music, Lisle Ellis and Chris Brown perform for the Fresh Sound concert series on Friday, November 15. The concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Spruce Street Forum, 301 Spruce Street. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-295-0301. Tickets are \$20 general. (HILLCREST)

Beyond Botox? Head to Borders Books and Music when Brandith Irwin presents a discussion and workshop based on her book, Your Best Face: Looking Your Best Without Plastic Surgery, on Friday, November 15, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive; 858-618-1814. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Busy on Friday? Irwin repeats the workshop on Saturday, November 16, at 7 p.m., at the Borders Books and Music located at 1072 Camino del Rio North, Free, Call 619-295-2201 for information. (MIS-SION VALLEY)

Take a Culinary Tour of World History and culture when Mark Kurlansky signs and discusses Choice Cuts: A Savory Selection of Food Writing from Around the World and Throughout History. He'll visit Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 15. Free. For more details, dial 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Author Sharon Sala signs her latest book, Dark Water, on Friday, November 15, 5 p.m., at Nina's Books (6165 El Cajon Boulevard). Free, 619-287-3000, (SAN DIEGO)

Singing Classic American Songs, Steve Tyrell will perform on Friday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$21 and \$26, available by dialing 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

A Variety of Klezmer, Yiddish, and Hebrew songs may be heard when Deborah Davis, lead singer of Second Avenue Klezmer, performs with pianist Ellen Weller on Friday, November 15, at 12:45 p.m. at the College Avenue Senior Center (inside the Beth Jacob Synagogue, 4855 College Avenue). Free. 619-583-3300. (COLLEGE AREA)

You're Invited to Slam, Judge, or just watch when the Mid-Month Friday Slam starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. November 15, at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). Cash prizes are awarded to the first and second place poets. Sign-ups start at 7 p.m. 619-294-2920. The requested donation is \$2. (HILLCREST)

"Angels Watchin' Over Me" is the theme for the annual fall concert planned by Anointed Praise on Saturday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. Gospel greats including the Rev. James Cleveland, Thomas A. Dorsey, Kenneth Morris, Margaret Pleasant Douroux, Edwin Hawkins, and others will be represented. Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Be Opened," Patricia Riley-Cota presents her unique "orchestration of mime, sign, music, and dance" on Saturday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). "Be Opened" was written by My Haley, with a theme from the Bible's Gospel of Mark. Tickets range from \$40 to \$55, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS) or at 619-235-0494. (DOWNTOWN)

"Can You Hear Me Now?" The tour hits 4th & B on Saturday, November 16, and doors open at 7 p.m. Bands and artists include Ilya and Likemillions, Max Stromberger (photographer), Joshua Krause (illustrator). Gabriella Fuentas (ieweler), and Andrew Pates (filmmaker). Find the club at 345 B Street; call 619-239-4626 for information. Admission is a Toys for Tots donation. The event is for those 21 and older. (DOWNTOWN)

Seattle Singer Jill Cohn uses both piano and guitar to perform her songs. San Diego Folk Heritage hosts a concert by Cohn on Saturday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are \$12. For reservations, call 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

He's Writer in Residence for the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, and former rector of St. James by-the-Sea, and on Saturday, November 16, Blayney Colmore will read from and sign his new book, In the Zone: Notes on Wondering Coast to Coast. The appearance begins at 1 p.m. at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). The signing is included in regular museum admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

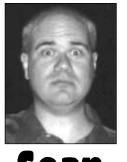
Blues, Rockabilly, a Torch Song all may be heard when the Creative Urges Improvisational Comedy Troupe invents comic sketches and songs on the spot, based on audience suggestions, on Saturday, November 16, at 8 p.m., at the Swedenborgian Church theater (1531 Tvler Avenue). Admission is \$10. For further information, call 858-581-0050. (HILL CREST)

Knighted in 1995, Sir Martin Gilbert is considered one of the foremost historians of the 20th Century. Gilbert visits D.G. Wills Books to sign and discuss Forty Years in Search of Churchill on Saturday, November 16, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 7461 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Classical and Jazz Selections may be heard when flutist Holly Hoffman and pianist Kay Etheridge perform on Saturday, November 16, at 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at the University of San Diego. The duo will be joined by Rob Thorsen (bass), Duncan Moore (drums), and Mike Wofford (piano). Tickets are \$8 general. Find USD at 5998 Alcalá Park; 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)



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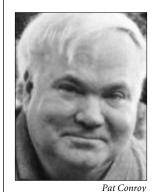
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### **My Losing Season**



Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, 2002; 402 pages; \$27.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: In 1954, in Orlando, Florida, nineyear-old Pat Conroy discovered the game of basketball. Orlando was another new hometown for a military kid who had spent his life transferring from one home to another; he was yet again among strangers, still looking for his first Florida friends, but when the "new kid" got his hands on the ball near the foul line of that unfamiliar

court, the course of his life changed dramatically. From that moment until he was 21, the future author defined himself through the game of basketball.

In *My Losing Season*, Conroy takes the reader through his last year playing basketball, as point guard and captain of the Citadel Bulldogs, flashing back constantly to the drama of his coming of age, presenting all the conflict and love that have

Lewis and Clark at the Fleet, authors Phil Konstantin (*This Day in North American Indian History* and James Thomas (*Corps of Discovery*) will give a brief lecture and then sign books on Saturday, November 16, noon to 2 p.m. at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. The program is included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Infamous Hacker Kevin Mitnick will discuss and sign his new book *The Art* of *Deception* on Saturday, November 16, at noon, at San Diego Technical Books (4240 Kearny Mesa Road, suite 128). Free. For information, call 858-279-4990. (KEARNY MESA)

North County Funnies, Russ T. Nailz, Jonathan Gotsick, and the Pearl Street Players perform on Saturday, November 16, at 8:30 p.m., at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets are \$15 at the door. For information, call 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

**Debut Mystery Authors** David Sherman (*The Dark Side*) and Twist Phelen (*Heir Apparent*) visit Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss their work on Saturday, November 16, at 2 p.m. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by calling 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

**An Arts Sampler Event** is scheduled for Saturday, November 16, at 6 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Featured performers include the Brown Sugar Poets, Afro-Mestizo Latin Jazz Band, pianist Glenn Kramer, the Planet Earth Multi-Cultural Theatre, Ricardo Peralta Danza Performa, and the Selah Ensemble. Tickets to the fundraiser are \$10. For information, call 619-641-6123. Free. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Author Margaret Wyman discusses and signs *Mission the Birth of California, the Death of a Nation* on Saturday, November 16, at 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Promising "Healing, Harmony,** and heartfelt beauty," the Crystal Vibrations Ensemble performs at Blisswoman on Saturday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m. At this yoga studio, guests are invited to lie down and "fully absorb this sacred healing music"; bring a mat if you have one. Find the studio at 4839 Newport Avenue. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$25 at the door. 619-523-5543. (OCEAN BEACH)

Twenty Local and National Authors will sign books to benefit Read/San Diego on Saturday, November 16, 4 to 6 p.m., at Waldenbooks in North County Fair (200 East Via Rancho Parkway). Participating authors include Karen Kenyon, Janice MacDonald, Christie Ridgway, Casey Fahy, Cherie Claire, Jill Limber, and Carol Roper, among others. For more information, call 760-746-4859. Free. (ESCONDIDO) been at the core of his novels. He vividly re-creates his senior year at that now-famous military college in Charleston, South Carolina, but also tells the story of his heartbreaking childhood and of the wonderful series of events that conspired to rescue his spirit.

In the 1966–'67 season, the Citadel basketball team enjoyed a few victories and suffered a string of defeats, but their true triumphs came when the team pulled together and, no matter what the scoreboard said, played the kind of joyous basketball that exceeded the sum of the players' individual talents. And their true humiliations came not at the hands of their opponents but at the hands of their stern, disciplinarian coach — Mel Thompson, who counted on the fear and cowering obedience he inspired in his young players to carry the day on the court. In young Conroy, the coach's intimidation also inspired an odd, crouching form of love that echoed his relationship with his own fearsome father.

And so, without the safeguard of fiction, Pat Conroy turns to the story of his own boyhood. With poignance and humor the author reveals the inspirations behind his characters, pinpoints the emotions that shaped his own character as a young boy, and recaptures his passage from athlete to writer.

Conroy begins My Losing Season with this:

"I was born to be a point guard, but not a very good one. "There was a time in my life when I walked through the world known to myself and others as an athlete. It was part of my own definition of who I was and certainly the part I most respected. When I was a young man, I was well-built and agile and ready for the rough and tumble of games, and athletics provided the single outlet for a repressed and preternaturally shy boy to express himself in public. Games allowed me to intro-

The Eighty Voices of the SDSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers present a "pre-holiday" concert on Sunday, November 17, at 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). Seasonal favorites, traditional carols, solos and ensembles, and Ariel Ramirez's Argentinean folk mass "Misa Criolla" may be heard, as well as African drumming ensemble Abaa Koma. An offering will be received. Call 858-483-2300 for information. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Tumbling, Flying, Twisting, Gravity-Defying...Cirque Éos — with 20 jugglers, acrobats, balancing artists, and high-flyers from Quebec — has extended its run, now closing on Sunday, November 17, in the big top found at Presidents Way and Park Avenue.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Friday, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday. 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)

**Rockin' the House,** full-time and adjunct faculty including Ken Ard, Steve Baker, Derek Cannon, Art Esposito, Paul Kurokawa, and Melonie Sacalamitao at Grossmont College present a faculty jazz concert on Sunday, November 17, at 7 p.m., in the Recital Hall, room 220. Tickets are \$8 general. Find the campus at 8800 Grossmont College Drive For more information, call 619-644-7254. (EL CAJON)

Finnish Folk Music is promised when Ensemble Suddenly Finnish presents a mini-concert at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at noon on Monday, November 18. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**The Drama About Immigrant Life** *Beast on the Moon* by Richard Kolinksy is showcased when the Carlsbad Playreaders perform on Monday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Admission is a \$5 donation. Call 760-729-3383 for details. (LA COSTA)

**Local Poet and Professor** Steve Kowit will read from his work and *In the Palm of Your Hand* for the open-mike poetry event slated for Monday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Admission is free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

An Original Survivor, Anchee Min survived a childhood of poverty, the Cultural Revolution, and acting as Madame Mao in political propaganda films, and she will discuss her life in China and her work on Monday, November 18, at 11 a.m., San Diego City College Theater (1450 C Street, at 14th Street). Min is the author of *Red Azalea* and *Becoming Madame Mao*. Free. Call 619-388-3512 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

**Greek Tragedies** are being read by Weeks of Greeks in conjunction with 6th@Penn Theatre. *Women of Trachis* by Euripides is slated for a reading on Monday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m. The requested donation is \$5. Find the theater at 3704 Sixth Avenue. Call 619-688-9210 for reservations. (HILLCREST)

"Magic to the Outer Limits" is offered when magician Michael Johnson appears — and disappears — every Monday night, 6 to 8 p.m., at Killer Pizza from Mars (3915 Mission Avenue). "Houdini Escape Night" is slated for November 18. Johnson's props include a fossilized dinosaur fang, pieces of eight, and two types of meteorites. The magic is free, the food is not. 760-747-4627. (OCEANSIDE)

duce myself to people who had never heard me speak out loud,

to earn their praise without uttering a single word. I lost myself

in the beauty of sport and made my family proud while passing through the silent eye of the storm that was my childhood."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Donald Patrick Conroy was born in

Atlanta, Georgia, on October 26, 1945. Pat, as he came to be

known, was the eldest son of a career Marine officer from Chicago

and a Southern beauty from Alabama. The family, which even-

tually would number seven children, moved 23 times before

young Pat entered the Citadel in 1963. Conroy, an English major,

graduated from the military college in 1967. For several years

account of his time as a teacher, was published. In 1976, The

Great Santini, whose characters were based on members of Mr.

Conroy's family, rose onto the bestseller lists and was made into

a film starring Robert Duvall. The Great Santini exposed Mr.

Conroy's father's violence. When Mr. Conroy's mother divorced

his father, she gave a copy of The Great Santini to the judge as

evidence in the divorce proceedings. Mr. Conroy's The Lords of

Discipline (1980), The Prince of Tides (1986), and Beach Music (1995)

followed The Great Santini into bestsellerdom; The Water Is Wide

(retitled Conrack), The Great Santini, The Lords of Discipline, and

in South Carolina with his wife, the novelist Cassandra King.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the morning that

we talked, Mr. Conroy was in his room in a Chicago hotel. He

was three weeks into what will be a four-month-long nationwide

Mr. Conroy, married three times and twice divorced, lives

The Prince of Tides all moved on to movie screens.

In 1972, Mr. Conroy's first book, The Water Is Wide, an

after graduation, Conroy taught school.

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Through Painstaking Research and Mapping, Harry Crosby traced historic land journeys in his new book, *Gateway to Alta California: The Expedition to San Diego, 1769.* Crosby will share tales of his research when he speaks and signs books on Tuesday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Admission is \$5 for nonmembers. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Hey, Math Guy! Keith Devlin, NPR Weekend Edition's math maven, will discuss and sign The Millennium Problems: The Seven Greatest Unsolved Mathematical Puzzles of Our Times, on Tuesday, November 19, at noon, at the UCSD Bookstore. Free. The bookstore is found in the Price Center on the UCSD campus; 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

**Applied Ecologist,** landscape architect, and earth structures pioneer Ianto Evans will share slides and discuss his new book, *The Hand-Sculpted House: A Practical and Philosophical Guide to Building a Cob Cottage*, on Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m., at the Ocean Beach People's Food Co-op (4765 Voltaire Street). The donation is \$3. Call 858-513-4247 or 619-298-8879 for information. (OCEAN BEACH)

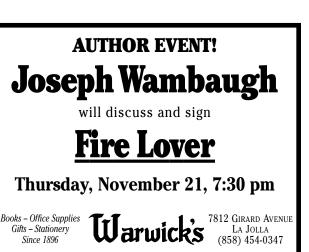
**Author** Neale Donald Walsch will discuss and sign *The New Revelations: A Conversation with God* at Barnes and Noble on Tuesday, November 19, at 2 p.m. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Hidden Animals that run through our language are revealed when wordsmith Richard Lederer signs and discusses *Our Beastly Language* on Wednesday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Admission is \$8 for nonmembers. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Life, Laughter, and Healing" are on offer when comedian Jerry Lewis examines the human condition for the Learning Annex on Tuesday, November 19, at 6:45 p.m. Tickets range from \$39 to \$84. To reserve a spot, call 619-544-9700. (DOWNTOWN)

**A Mass of Myth and Image** has built up around Marcel Duchamp, now considered one of the most influential artists of the 20th Century. Meet







tour of bookshops and auditoriums where he will read from My Losing Season, answer questions, and sign copies of his handsomely published new book.

In My Losing Season, Mr. Conroy reconstructs many of the Citadel Bulldogs' practices and games that took place during his senior year there. I said to him, when we began our conversation, that even though I knew nothing about basketball and had not seen a basketball game since I was in sixth grade, that I found myself following his accounts of games with an avidity that surprised me. I added, "I thought when I started the book, 'Well, maybe I'll be skipping this basketball stuff.' But I didn't, just because the detail was so good." I asked how he reconstructed the games.

Mr. Conroy speaks in a deep and resonant voice. His speech shows the effect of the years he's lived below the Mason-Dixon line. He said, about reconstructing the Bulldogs' games, "I went back to every teammate I had. I interviewed them for days. What I found out was that we had a collective memory of just about everything. I had a hotel guy. He remembered every hotel we stayed in, including the ones whose beds have Magic Fingers. I had a food guy who remembered every meal, every morsel we took in, the entire thing - every restaurant. I had a traffic guy who remembered how we got to every single game. Plane, bus, renting cars. And when I went around to the team, I found out, by going to all of them, I could almost put the season back together. I felt like all the king's men with Humpty Dumpty. And it became fascinating to me to see what the collective memory was."

"What," I asked Mr. Conroy, "did you tend to remember most clearly?"

"I remembered a lot. The one thing I carry with me as a novelist is a grand memory and especially for detail. And here's what happened is that these guys would spark off memories in me. Something they would

"the real Duchamp, an enigmatic Frenchman" when Alice Goldfarb Marquis discusses her new biography, Marcel Duchamp: The Bachelor Stripped Bare on Tuesday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. Call 858-454-5872 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

**Examining Deeply Human Ques**tions without geographic boundaries - it's one description of what local author Sanjay Nigam accomplishes in his new book, Transplanted Man. Head to Esmeralda Books and Coffee for a reading and booksigning by Nigam on Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307; 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

Over 350 UCSD Students from all disciplines participate in the UCSD Gospel Choir, which plans a concert on Tuesday, November 19, at 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium.

say would bring back a smell, a sensation, an emotion. And these guys were great memory bells for me."

Mr. Conroy had not seen his teammates for 30 years. About this, he said, "I had walked out of their lives completely and then walked back into their lives, in intimate ways, 30 years later. Their children were grown. Some of them had grandchildren. I had grandchildren. And it was astonishing to me how personal and intimate we became in a very short time. I think because we were young men, and we were jocks, we were inarticulate in our youth. And we were a military culture, and we knew very little about each other. But now that we were middle aged, we wanted to tell each other everything about ourselves. We never would have told a single thing to each other when we were young."

"How did your former teammates respond to the book?" "I found out that they were terrified of this book. They were scared to death of its coming out. And when we began getting together, one of the guys said, 'He's writing about us; look what he did to his old man.' And the other one said, 'Look what he did to our college.' So they were scared to death. I sent the book out to them with great trepidation. But I got a great gift of my middle age; they all love the book. And their wives love the book. Most of them

had their wives read it first." 'Do you follow basketball now?"

"I don't follow it as much as I should. I'll watch some of it, but playing the game ain't the same as watching it. And it's changed an awful lot. It's now above the rim. The thing that I've hated most in basketball, that has happened in my lifetime, is letting the pros play in the Olympics. They used to let those college kids go with those teams. I used to love those games more than anything.'

I asked about Mr. Conroy's editor, Nan Talese.

Admission is \$5 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Alternate History Author Harry Turtledove signs and discusses Ruled Britannia on Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. For further information, call 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

760-943-6400, Free, (ENCINITAS)

author Mike Yorkey on Thursday, members. For reservations, call November 21, at 7 p.m., at Barnes 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK) and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El As a Theoretical Astrophysicist, Camino Real). For information, call Victor Mansfield lives in a world of scientific knowledge. Mansfield will

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champion Michael Chang was the

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"She is an utterly charming, sophisticated New York woman, and how she and I got together is one of the great mysteries of the earth. But she's also one of the great editors of our time.'

"How do the two of you work?"

"What I do is I ask Nan to let me write everything down, everything. And then for her to then tell me what the book is. This means she has had to wade through 2000 pages of Beach Music. I think this book was about 1000 pages. I think The Prince of Tides was 1300 pages. But she allows me to do this. And she finds the book in there."

"[My teammates] were terrified of this book.... One of the guys said, 'He's writing about us; look what he did to his old man.' So they were scared to death."

when Brad Richter performs on

Thursday, November 21, at 7 p.m., in

the San Diego Museum of Art.

Richter was the winner of the na-

tional finger-picking championship

in 2001. Tickets are \$18 for non-

sign and discuss Head and Heart: A

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"And what happens after she 'finds the book' and gives your manuscript back to you?"

"She often tells me what it is I'm doing and what I should concentrate on. And then I work on it more, work relentlessly.

Mel Thompson, the Bulldogs' coach, was an ill-tempered and cruel man. I asked Mr. Conroy what he thought was wrong with Mel. "I think Mel was a child of

his time. I imagine Mel's father was an extraordinarily abusive man. I imagine Mel's college coach, Everett Case, was also abusive to him. But Mel blossomed under Everett Case. And I think he mimicked Everett Case, and that was the coach we had. One of the questions I asked the guys on the team when I first started interviewing, I said, 'Where did Mel Thompson live?' None of us knew.

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Sacred on Thursday, November 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway), Free, 858-684-3166, (MIRA MESA)

Latino Studies, Sociolinguistics, and political science are part of Brown Tide Rising: Metaphors of Latinos in Contemporary American Pub*lic Discourse*. Author Otto Santa Ana signs and reads from his work on Thursday, November 21, at 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). Santa Ana is a founder and as-

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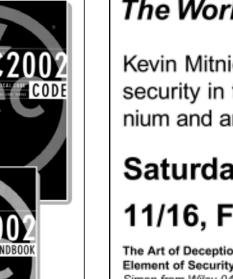
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Following Mitnick, the San Diego Linux User Group InstallFest, 1:30-4:30. Bring your computer and peripherals. SDLUG will install and configure Linux for FREE



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"And I asked, 'Was he married?' None of us knew. 'Did he have children?' None of us knew. Then one of the guys got mad. He said, 'Why are you asking us this?' And I said, 'It's my theory that most teams when they play for a college coach, they go over to his house and they meet the wife, they meet the kids, they know them. They go to their house for cookouts. We never saw the guy after he left the gym. We were shut off from our coach.'"

Mel Thompson, I said, reminded me of Mr. Conroy's cruel father. Mr. Conroy did not disagree. He went on to say, "I think

what happened on this team is that the team broke down in the middle of that year. I think it became a dysfunctional family. And of course, you know, that is my briar patch. That's where I was born. And I found myself because of that breakdown. It felt perfectly natural to me.

Why it felt perfectly natural to young Pat Conroy to be mistreated by his college coach is, of course, because his own father was even more unpleasant a person than his coach. Mr. Conroy writes about a game that the Citadel played against East Carolina University. This was the first game to which the Conroys had come to see Pat play. I said, about that scene, that it was one of the most shocking in the book.

"Yes," Mr. Conroy said, "and writing that, the big shock to me in the whole book was that all I remembered about that particular game was after the game when my father pushed me up against the wall and he said, 'You were shit, your team was shit, your coach is shit, and you couldn't hold my jock on the best day of your life.' That's all I remember. I don't remember being in North Carolina. I don't remember playing in that game. I don't remember any player, any cheerleader. I remember nothing except

sociate professor of the Cesar Chávez Center for Chicano and Chicana Studies at UCLA. Free. 619-299-9331. (HILL CREST)

One Chilling Excerpt from Joseph Wambaugh's new book Fire Lover recently ran in the Los Angeles Times Magazine. The master crime writer will discuss and sign his new book focusing on perhaps "the most prolific American arsonist of the 20th Century" - at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. For information, call 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Slightly Twisted Open Mike — po ets, musicians, comics - all are welcome to share their works at the 101 Artists' Colony on Thursday, November 21, at 7 p.m. The featured performer is Eber Lambert. For information, call 760-414-1949. The



requested donation is "\$5 or more." Find the colony at 25 East E Street. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS

Two Rides in One, join the Knickerbikers for either a mountain bike or road ride on Saturday, November 16 Both the 26- and 35-mile bicycle rides start at 9 a.m. in Collier Park (at the corner of 7th and E Streets). The road-riders get to the abandoned building in downtown Mesa Grande (population: 0) for lunch via the Old Julian Highway, and then Highways 78 and 89, while the mountaineers ride up Black Canyon with its elevation gain of 1800 feet. Bring water and lunch, 858-689-8407, (RAMONA)

Surf's Up, head to the south side of the Oceanside Pier for the American Surfing for Amateurs and Professionals competition, running from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17. Admission is free for spectators. 714-377-2124. (OCEANSIDE)

**Expect Three-Thousand Feet of As**cents if you join the Sierra Club bithat moment. And to find out that I had scored 25 points in that game, that really shocked me. And that was my father's response. What could I have done to make this guy proud of me?

'Nothing," I said, "nothing."

"I don't think a thing," Mr. Conroy said. "I don't think I could have done a thing."

The telling of that particular story, I said, seemed a particularly revelatory section in the book.

Yes, something lit up when I wrote that. I had been thinking, about my father, 'Okay, I have to do it without this guy. I've got to get through life, get through trying to get over this guy. I'll be 57 this week, and I know that now. I know I'm going to go through life as a beaten child. I will never have a good self-image. That was taken away from me. I can take no joy in any accomplishment I ever do. And I know that. But I've come to live with it; I've come to accept it.

'I told somebody today or yesterday that I would never, ever be able to feel I could write a good line. And they didn't believe me. And I said, 'No, I'm telling you. It's something denied me.' I've learned to work through that. I write anyway. But I'll never learn to feel good about my own writing because of my father.'

I read to Mr. Conroy from a passage toward the end of his book (see page 98 for the selection in which this passage is contained). What I read to him was this: "In my life as a writer, each day I bring the ruined, terrorized boy I was as a child and set him trembling on my desk, so I can study the wreckage of myself at leisure.'

"Well," Mr. Conroy said, "what I wrote there, it is true. That boy rides with me.'

Mr. Conroy's father died of colon cancer in 1998 at age 77. I asked about Mr. Conroy's relationship with his father during

cyclists for the Lake Murray to Harbison Canyon loop scheduled on Saturday, November 16. The moderateto fast-paced 50-mile ride starts at 9 a.m. in the parking lot at Lake Murray, via the Kiowa Drive entrance. 858-452-6237. Bring a snack. (LA MESA)

Catch Some Excitement, the IFMA Freestyle Motocross FMX takes place on Sunday, November 17, at 5 p.m. (doors open at 3:30 p.m.), at the San Diego Sports Arena (3500 Sports Arena Boulevard). Tickets range from \$16.50 to \$36.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

SD vs. SE, the San Francisco 49ers are in town for a game against the San Diego Chargers in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, November 17, at 1:05 p.m. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

Up for Water Skiing? The Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 8 to 11 a.m. on Sundays year round, with instruction on request. The group meets at the south end of Crown Point Beach, and guests of any skill level are welcome. For nonmem-

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

Athletes Helping Athletes, the Silver Strand Half Marathon - proceeding from North Island on Coronado to the Imperial Beach Pier - is set for Sunday, November 17, beginning at 7:15 a.m. For information, call 858-268-1250. (CORONADO)

No Big Hills? Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for a ride including Poway, Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, and Oceanside on Sunday, November 17. This 80-mile ride commences at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). Free. 619-583-8547. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

### SPECIAL

"In the Mood," this "style show" and fashion design lecture is slated for Thursday, November 14, at the San Diego Museum of Art, in conjunction with the "Vital Forms" exhibit. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with wine and "an old-fashioned demonstration of Tupperware containers from the past and present"; the party continues with a slide-illustrated lecture on the world of fashion design of the 1940s and '50s presented by fashion industry expert Leonard Simpson.

Following a break and more Tupper-fun, San Diego Historical Society costume curator Kimberly Preciado lends her commentary to a fashion show of clothes and designs of the '40s and '50s. Tickets are \$20.

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his father's last years.

"My dad had to confront my writing. One of the interesting parts of my life is that my father knew exactly what I thought about his child rearing. He would come over every day to my apartment in Atlanta for coffee, and I would tell him things that I did not write. This went on for about five years. I got to tell him everything I felt about how he raised his kids. He kept coming. He would deny it all. He died denying it. But he came, he heard me out. And my gratitude toward Dad is that after The Great Santini he tried to prove me a liar. And he spent the rest of his life trying to prove that he was not the man I wrote about. Even though, you know, it came too late to save that little boy, I appreciated the attempt because he had never showed anything to us except brutality and cruelty when we were growing up.

I molded and shaped that son-of-a-bitch until he became a reasonable father. I fought, and I did not let him deny anything with me. And he denied it to the end. But I said, 'Well, that's too bad. This is what happened, Dad, this is what you did. You were awful. You were the worst. And that we even speak to you, that we don't spit in your face when you walk into our door, is a credit to us, not to you.

"These days the kids and I will sit around and we'll say, 'Okay, now, are we fucking up? Was Dad ever nice to us, did he ever screw up and be nice to us? Did he ever do one nice thing to any of us during our childhood?' And we'll sit around and we'll think, and then finally one of my brothers will say, 'No way, not once, not a chance.'

I asked if Mr. Conroy ever wondered, given how brutal his father was and that his mother permitted the brutality, that his parents had seven children.

Mr. Conroy answered by saying, "Let me tell you the story

For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate the First Lighting of the lamp in the Old Point Loma Lighthouse during the party set for Friday, November 15. In honor of this 147th anniversary, the lighthouse tower will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and visitors may view the Fresnel lens and then walk around the catwalk. Rangers and costumed volunteers will interpret the lives of the keepers.

This is one of only two days each year the tower is open to visitors. Find the lighthouse at the end of Catalina Boulevard. Admission is \$5 per car, or \$2 per person arriving by bus, on foot, or by bicycle. For information, call 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Invigorating and Fun! Head to the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts for "Groovyoga," beginning on Friday, November 15, 6 to 7:15 p.m. Groovyoga is described as "a flow of yoga poses infused with groovy tunes...freeing to your mind, body, and soul." The fee is \$12. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue. 619-965-9642. (HILLCREST)

Like Putting Words Together? You're invited to a "drop-in, startup writing group" beginning on Friday, November 15, at 4 p.m., at the Golden Goose coffeehouse (10001 Maine Avenue). A read-and-critique group is also a possibility. The fee is \$5. For information, call 619-334-2961. (LAKESIDE)

Don't Miss the Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream! Explore "Inner Space/Outer Space" during San Diego State University's College of Sciences open house on Saturday, November 16,

from 4 to 8 p.m. SDSU scientists and students will give lectures and host interactive activities including telescope viewing, open computer labs, and use of the electron microscopes. Free. Find the physical sciences building on Avenue of the Arts, on the east corner of the campus. 619-594-4523. Free.(SDSU)

Party in the "Ellis Island of San Diego," enjoy the City Heights 21st Birthday Celebration planned on Saturday, November 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Teralta Neighborhood Park (on Orange Avenue between 40th Street and Central Avenue). Organizers promise children's activities, food booths, the Hoover High School Band, Vietnamese dragon dancers, and live music. Admission is free. 619-584-1535. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Half-Price! All used books will be offered for half price on Saturday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Call 760-839-4832 for information (ESCONDIDO)

"Objectivity and Truth" by R. Dworkin is the subject when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, November 16, 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)

Huichol Indians from the Sierra Madre Mountains of Nayarit and Jalisco, Mexico, are renowned for their exquisite beadwork and yarn paintings, but most live in extreme poverty. A Huichol art show and sale

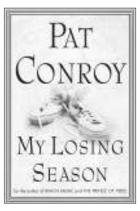


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that drove me most nuts about my mother. When Pope Paul did his encyclical against birth control, my mother wrote him a letter of congratulations. And he wrote her back. And she felt it a godly honor to be written to by a Pope. And I said, 'Mom, you were the only person on earth who agreed with him.' And I said, 'Mom, I cannot believe you feel this way.' Mom had six miscarriages. My sister always called them the lucky ones. Her theory was that these little embryonic Conroys heard what was going on outside and said, 'No way."

"But I think it was Dad more than Mom who wanted to have so many children. He told me once he wanted to have a baker's dozen. Thirteen. Drove me nuts. I'd say to him, 'You know, I'm just curious why there had to be so many. And then I would get this Catholicism from him that drives me nuts, 'It is God's will.' So I would stop that conversation very rapidly."

"Why do you think your father went into the military?" "I think it was a way out of the sort of Irish slum he was in.

It put him into the officer corps. Put him into a professional class. He loved to fly."

About his relationship with his own children and stepchildren, Mr. Conroy said he was not sure that he had been a great parent. "I tell the kids, I say, 'Look, man, I'm screwing you up somehow, and if I knew what I was doing I would stop, but I'm a parent, so I just know I am. So, do the best you can, get through

is slated for Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at High Tech High (2861 Womble Road). 619-884-7173. (POINT LOMA)

**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 sevenmile 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)

**Put 139 Candles on the Cake** when the Maritime Museum hosts birthday celebrations for the *Star of India* on Saturday, November 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sail crew will set the sails with help from visitors, cake will be served, and the Jackstraws will provide nautical musical entertainment. The ship is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive (along the Embarcadero). Festivities are included in regular admission. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

Seeking a Meditative Exercise for body and spirit? Or just want to experience group energy? Jeff Nagel leads *chi kung* and *tai chi* along with other systems on Saturday, November 16, 9 to 10:30 a.m., on the south side of the Sixth Avenue playground (near Upas Street). Donation. To make the required reservations, call 619-542-1903. (BALBOA PARK)

How's Your Hand? The Saddle Tramps motorcycle club hosts a poker run fundraiser benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs of East County on Saturday, November 16. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Custom Cycle Works (9901 Maine Avenue), with the ride starting at 10 a.m. The poker run includes five designated stops en route to the finish at Campland on the Bay at 3 p.m., with motorcycle games, music, and a barbecue. The fee is \$25 per person. Questions? Call 760-738-2677 for answers. (LAKESIDE, PACIFIC BEACH)

**How Appropriate** that the Carlsbad City Library is hosting a silent book auction on November 16 and 17.

it the best way you can, and just know I love you.' "

I said that as awful as life at the Citadel could be, Mr. Conroy, during his four years there, seemed to feel that the military school was better than home.

He agreed. "No question about it. And I grew to love the Citadel because it was the only place I'd ever been four years in a row. The only place. And when Dad was dying, and he told me I'd lived in 23 homes before I went to the Citadel, it stunned — it shocked me. But, yes, the Citadel was wonderful for me. I was resplendent in my Citadel uniform. And I had a uniform for everything. And I appreciated the school for that. It also fed me."

The Citadel's Plebe Week, during Mr. Conroy's time there, was one of the toughest ordeals any student at any military school went through. I asked about this.

"It's a very powerful thing the Citadel has. The plebe system was so horrible and so out of control when I went through it. And they should have sent guys to prison. But if you survived it, you simply fell in love with the kids who made it through with you. Because that school gave me everything I could handle. I mean, that was a test like none I had ever been through."

General Mark Clark was the Citadel's president during Mr. Conroy's years there. General Clark (1896–1984) was the Allied commander in North Africa and Italy in World War II and supreme commander of United Nations forces in Korea in 1952 and 1953, replacing the ousted General Douglas MacArthur. General Clark approved the tough plebe system at the Citadel. I asked Mr. Conroy about why the general encouraged such brutality.

"Well, Mark Clark decided he was going to have the school with the toughest plebe system in the world. We weren't as smart as the West Point guys or the Naval Academy guys. But he could make us tougher than those guys. He was like a god when I came

Bidding hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). For more information, call 760-434-2881. (LA COSTA)

Meet Some Owls, Bats, Foxes, Hawks, and other animals when San Diego Wildlife Day is celebrated from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, at the corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Project Wildlife volunteers and other guests will answer questions and talk about local wildlife. Free. 619-449-4319. (BALBOA PARK)

A Gallery Walk and tour of "Quilt Visions 2002" is planned by Joan Austin on Sunday, November 17, at noon, at the Oceanside Museum of Art 704 Pier View Way). Tickets to this fundraiser are \$20. To make the required reservations, call 858-385-0212. (OCEANSIDE)

**Decide a Defendant's Fate** when you act as a volunteer juror for mock trials presented by the USD lawyering skills classes Monday and Tuesday, November 18 and 19, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the South Bay Courthouse (500-C Third Avenue). Jurors sit in the jury box and listen to the trial, deliberate and reach a verdict, and give feedback to student attorneys after the trial. Free. To register, call 619-260-6843. (CHULA VISTA)

**"Art Across America: La Jolla,"** take part in a private tour and progressive cocktail party through some of La Jolla's leading galleries on Thursday, November 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. The evening begins with hors d'oeuvres at the Monroe Gallery (828 Prospect Street), proceeds to the Tasende Gallery, the Joseph Bellows Gallery, and Quint Contemporary Art and concludes at Scott White Contemporary Art. At each site, expect commentary from curators and gallery owners. Call 866-689-2106 to RSVP by November 15. (LA JOLLA)

**Food for Thought,** the Taste of the Triangle is set for Thursday, November 21, at 7 p.m., at the La Jolla Marriott. Twenty restaurants will offer samples of gourmet cuisine and dessert. Tickets — \$30 in advance, or \$40 at the door — benefit University City public schools. For reservations, dial 858-677-0989. (LA JOLLA)

onto the Citadel campus. I mean, he was tall, he had this great hawk nose, he looked like a general. And he was a great public speaker."

As a child, Mr. Conroy was an enthusiastic reader. "As soon as I learned to read, I fell in love with reading. And also there was a trick to it. When Dad saw me reading, he thought I was studying. And he would not hit me."

Mr. Conroy writes that one of the reasons he was as happy as he was at the Citadel is that it was where he began to find himself as a writer. I asked about his beginnings as a writer.

"My mother had raised me to be a Southern writer, always with the emphasis on 'Southern.' Now, where she got this I don't know. She didn't go to college. But my mother read to us every night of my childhood. I'm sure my becoming a writer in part was because of that. You should have seen how my mother would become rapturous when she read a book she loved. But my father, of course, when I started writing, thought that writing was open admission that I was gay. He would mock me for it, tease me for it. But at the Citadel I had more teachers encourage me to be a writer than you could possibly know. English teacher after English teacher, history teacher after history teacher. The encouragement was simply everywhere.

"When I wrote the short story 'The Legend' that senior year, my coach screamed at me, went nuts, he just screamed and went crazy. That was the first time in my life a fictional character was recognized by somebody who saw themselves in it and went crazy. But it also was the great liberation out of myself; I knew that writing was going to free me from that family, free me from that college. That writing was going to take me places I did not know. And I felt that first stirring there in that senior year. The year I first started calling myself a writer."

— Judith Moore

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

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

**Nestled on the Edge** of the natural reserve of rugged hills and protected

wildlife at the Lux Art Institute site stands three lifelike deer gazing over 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 Manchester Drive). Viewed the sculptures from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through January 2003. For information, call 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

"Mexican Retablos and Ex-Votos: A Window into the Soul of Mexico" is on view through Wednesday, November 27, in the donor corridor of SDSU's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive), courtesy of the Back from Tomboctou Gallery. Ex-votos are plaques produced as a sign of thanks for an answered prayer, a miracle, or a favor granted. Viewing is free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

**Colorful Work** by the Pacific Quilt Artists is on view through December at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). These quilts are created





by members of a local juried group of studio quilt artists. Free. For information, call 760-434-7491. (LA COSTA)

**Back in the USSR**, the American Institute of Graphic Arts exhibits "Poster Art of the Soviet Union" through Sunday, November 22. The exhibit showcases approximately 50 graphic posters designed in the 1970s and 1980s offering a glimpse into the cultural, social, and political realities of what once was the modern-day USSR. For information, call 619-233-5470. Find the San Diego Center for Design at 344 Seventh Avenue. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

### FOR KIDS

**Comic Ventriloquist** Lynn Trimble presents her take on *Pinocchio* at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, November 17. Let down your hair when the Phoebeke Puppets perform *Rapunzel* November 20-24.

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)

**Bilingual Story Time**, author Edith Fine will share her book *Under the Lemon Moon* on Friday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore. Free. Find the shop at 1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

**"Franklin's Class Concert"** hits the stage at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Friday, November 15, with performances at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$25. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

**Children's Discovery Museum of North County,** make a teepee card with a Native American peeking out and decorate it with symbols when the museum hosts a family program on Saturday, November 16, at 1 p.m. Participants may write or draw inside and give the cards for Thanksgiving.

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, minicity, and renovated children's marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

**Electricity** is the subject when the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts a family science day on Saturday,

### FROM MY LOSING SEASON

My books are all disfigured by the sullen presence of my child-beating father, Don Conroy, and this one is no exception. I can remember hating him when I was a two-year-old boy and first came to consciousness when my mother tried to stab him with a butcher knife and he backhanded her to the floor, laughing, a scene I observed from my high chair. My hatred of him lit up my eyes, causing him to hate my eyes from the time I was a little boy. Playing basketball was my pathetic attempt to build some common ground between us, and it never worked, not once. When I wrote the chapter about the first East Carolina game for this book. I remembered only that my father put his hand on my chest after the game, pushed me against a wall, and hissed at me, "You're shit." While doing research for this book, I was flabbergasted to discover I had scored 25 points in that game, my career high, and as the smallest player on the court had led both teams scoring. It is a strange and hollowed-out American father who cannot be proud of a son who scores 25 points in a college basketball game. But that was my father. I served 21 years under him trying to learn how to become a son he could learn to love. When I decided to major

November 16, from noon to 3 p.m. Participants will "make a free science experiment" to take home. The event is included in regular center admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**Stories in the Garden,** this readaloud program for preschoolers and their parents continues on Saturday, November 16, at 10 a.m., in the gazebo at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Volunteer readers will bring the stories to life. The fee is \$10 per nonmember child (accompanied by an adult). To register, call 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Autumn Harvest, grind acorns in bedrock morteros, pound yucca leaves for fibers, and learn how animals provided food and clothing when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this class for those in grades kindergarten through three on Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. The fee is \$24 for child/adult pair. Dial 619-255-0203 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

**Learn About Botany** and plant propagation when Coastal Sage offers a look at pressing flowers on Saturday, November 16, at 10 a.m. John Noble presents the class. Find Coastal Sage at 3685 Voltaire Street; call 619-223-5229 to register. The fee is \$7. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Stories and String," have you ever made a mosquito fly and a flea jump? String figure enthusiast Julie Hocking leads this children's program for kids in grades one through three on Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The nonmember fee is \$20. To register, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Meet the Instruments,** Classics for Kids and City Ballet present Sergei Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* on in English, I was a "homo," when I published my first poem I became his "favorite faggot," and when I wrote my first short story for The Shako, I was "Mama's most precious little girl." His taunts and his fists turned my boyhood into a long nightmare. I am not an

artist, I think.

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When I was growing up, I thought that not a single one of my father's seven children would attend his funeral, if the improbable happened, and this vital, seemingly immortal aviator actually had to die like everyone else. I used to dream of spitting on his body in the mortuary, spitting into the center of his dead,

embalmed face again and again, until my mouth was dry. Those were the happy daydreams that sustained me in the flyblown classrooms of my impossible childhood. I think I would have skipped his funeral completely if I had not accidentally built the bridge that would lead us back toward each other. When I

> to enjoy. Dan Zanes and Friends perform on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, at the La Jolla Playhouse Forum (on La Jolla Village Drive at Torrey Pines Road, on the UCSD campus). Concerts begin at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. both days. Tickets are \$7 for kids 2 to 10, \$10 for adults, free for those under 2. For reservations, call 858-550-1010. (LA JOLLA)

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)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 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 Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and

began to write the first sections of The Great Santini, I had been preparing my entire life for that public unveiling of the ruthless bastard who raised me. My rage was the molten lava of my art.

I did not tell the whole truth in The Great Santini by any means. At that time, I lacked the courage and I did not think anyone would believe me. It was my belief that if I told the truth about Donald Conroy I would lack all credibility and no one would want to read a book that contained so much unprovoked humiliation and violence. It was not just that my father was mean, his meanness seemed grotesque and overblown to me.

My father put me on my knees throughout my childhood, until that magic year when I turned 17 and it became dangerous for him to do so. To be honest, I do not think I was a physical match for my powerful father until I was five years out of college. But he thought so. The reason I know this is he did not touch me after my 17th birthday. He was not a sentimental man, but he was street-smart. Also, he did not need me for a punching bag any longer; I had four more brothers still serving as prisoners of war in his shameful household. I can barely look back on

> Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

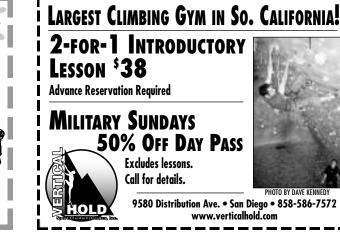
> J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto 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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wise Known as Sheila the Great. Kids in grades three through six will enjoy this production created by the ArtsPower National Touring Theatre, set for Monday, November 18, at 11 a.m., at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). Tickets are \$10 for

adults, \$5 for children; 858-748-0505. (POWAY) **A "Missing Music Mystery"** unfolds when Dragon Tales Live hits the San Diego Sports Arena for shows November 21-24. Based on the PBS TV show, the performances include

Sunday, November 17, at 2 p.m., at

the Spreckels Theater (121 Broad-

way). Tickets range from \$15 to \$22

for adults, \$7 to \$15 for kids, available

by calling 619-435-9111 or Ticket-

master (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

He Was Always Very Curious, mis-

chievous Curious George visits story-

time events on Sunday, Novem-

ber 17, at 2 p.m., at White Rabbit

Bookstore (7755 Girard Avenue).

Free. 858-454-3518. For children

The Trials of Growing Up, making

friends, and facing your fears are

highlighted in Judy Blume's Other-

three and older. (LA JOLLA)

music, songs, and Emmy and Max, among all the other dragon friends. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 21; at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 22; at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 23; and at 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 24.

4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 24. Tickets are \$14 and \$18, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the arena at 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (SPORTS ARENA) On a Quest to Make Kids' Music Cool. Dan Zanes has traded leader-

**Cool**, Dan Zanes has traded leadership of the rocking Del Fuegos to creating "rollicking 21st-Century folk and pop music" for the whole family are \$7 for kids 2 to 10, \$10 for adults, free for those under 2. For reservations, call 858-550-1010. (LA JOLLA) **MUSEUMS** (Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.) Antique Gas and Steam Engine



The Citadel basketball squad, 1966–67 (the author: front row, second from left)

my sorrowful youth, yet it haunts my every waking moment and makes me a terrible husband, father, and friend.

The character of Bull Meecham in The Great Santini is a toned-down version of Don Conroy. I added touches of humor and generosity

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 "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, over a dozen one-of-a-kind automobiles including hot rods, lowriders, and art cars are included in "Customize! Making It Your Own," on display through Sunday, January 26, 2003. The exhibition evolved out of the idea that cars are more than just transportation to many people; they may be self-expression, fantasy, or family projects.

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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.

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to Colonel Mecham that my father had never displayed in his military life. I humanized him and sanctified my mother by making Lillian Meecham an emporium of human virtue with a saintliness that would become even Carmelite nuns. My portrait of my mother rings sappy and shallow, but I survived the dependencies of those times because I idol-

ized Peg Conroy, and I needed a flawless icon. In my life as a writer, each day I bring the ruined, terrorized boy I was as a child and set him trembling on my desk, so I can study the wreckage of myself at leisure. If necessary, I can slap his youthful face, set in the rigid immobile

> (a.k.a. Highway 101) opened scenic and recreational opportunities and created a spine of development and urbanization is revealed in "Coast Road: 1900-1950," on display through Sunday, March 16, 2003. The exhibit features hundreds of photographic images, as well as artwork, artifacts, and ephemera paying tribute to Highway 101 and providing insight into the route's impact

on development. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, almost every year for 250 years, a ship loaded with silver from Spain's New World colonies crossed from Acapulco to Manila, then made the hazardous return trip laden with trea-sures from Asia. "Treasures of the Manila Galleons" focuses on the Manila galleon trade, the original commercial link across the Pacific. The exhibit includes recently discovered pieces from the cargo of a ship that wrecked on the shores of Baja California about 1575, the earliestknown Manila galleon shipwreck; Spanish silver and pieces of eight: and artifacts, documents, and handson activities. View the exhibit through November.

Paintings created for the "Portrait of the Big Bay: The Second Maurice Braun Memorial Plein Air Painting Festival" are on exhibit through Monday, January 6, 2003, on the museum's 1898 ferryboat Berkeley.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea,

including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library. The museum is located at 1306

defiance of bravado that he believes, quite falsely,

will impress his Marine father. But the Marine

sees right through the boy's most elaborate

defenses, sees straight to the yellow core of him,

the place where cowardice goes to pucker and

hide. Cruelly, I can watch the boy's eyes fill up

with tears, then watch the great internal war

convulse his body as he fights with every cell of

his imperiled boyhood not to let one tear breach

the spillage of an inflamed lid. I have purpose-

fully shrunken the boy to the size of a barn owl,

so I can move him around and turn him eas-

ily. As a desk ornament, he is easier for me to

study by pretending he has nothing to do with

me. As I watch him, the boy hiding his desper-

ate urge to cry, I realize that all my books inch

their way out of my flesh because of the million

things this boy wanted to say for 21 years, but

could not. I am simply writing down the screams

that stopped in this boy's chest during the voice-

less solitude he felt in his grail by father. I am

not an artist, I think. I am a recording secretary.

The boy screams my books at me. It is not the

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. All of the pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a

guillotine, chain flails, a knee split-

ter, and more. Ongoing. Hand-carved animals, vibrant ceramics and textiles, masks, and imaginative human images are showcased in the "Hecho en México," continuing through February 2003. The exhibition boasts more than 900 pieces of handcrafted Mexican folk art from the museum's permanent collection, described as "the largest of its kind outside of Mexico." In fact, the Mexican government donated over 500 pieces of folk art to the museum in 1952, and many of these pieces have not been on display since the 1960s.

The permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features five galleries filled with "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equipment are collected here. Among the pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric 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)

-Pat Conroy

violence of his childhood that repels me; rather, it is the violence of his sensibility now, after all

these years. The rage does not offend me, but

its incurability does. Its acid eats away at the

boy's face, but nothing fades out or drifts into

memory or smokes up into thime. The acid

leaves neither scar nor patina; it just makes the

boy's eyes glisten more fiercely with unliber-

ated tears. Then it strikes me that the boy is a

vessel of tears and nothing else. My father did

not allow his sons to cry after he backhanded

us. If he did, well, then the beating turned seri-

ous and then my mother had to pull him off us

and, then, my father would turn to her. That was always the most killing moment...because we

wept, because we did not take our punishment

like men, we drew our mother into the bloody,

fiery zone of our boyhoods where she would

receive her beatings for our cowardice. Those

are the steps and the tune and the words of the

song that framed the savage dance of my long-

ago Southern childhood.

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour re-counts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road, Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

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

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a preframed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp 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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arry Christophers's splendid singing group, the Sixteen, returned to St. James by-the-Sea, this time under the auspices of the church's own music series (their previous appearance in this venue, last year, was spon-

sored by the San Diego Early Music Society). The musical range of the Sixteen (there are actually 18 singers, but why quibble?) is extensive, including

orchestrally accompanied choral works by Protestant Baroque composers like Purcell and Handel (their recordings of the latter's magnificent Chandos Anthems — suitably on the Chandos label — are at the top of anyone's list). But for an ensemble whose flawless precision, perfect balance, and pellucid sound makes them ideal for a cappella choral performance, the center of their repertoire must necessarily be Catholic liturgical music of the Renaissance, and that has been the Sixteen's specialty: note their numerous CDs of Victoria, for example, and even more prominently of 16th-century English sacred music (many discs of Taverner, Carver, and Sheppard, and the complete Eton Choirbooks).

Last year's concert was all Palestrina, Victoria, and Byrd. This time the chief composers were Victoria, Byrd, Philippe de Monte, Guerrero, Tallis, and Sheppard. To that Renaissance core, however, two modern examples of Catholic sacred music were added: Francis Poulenc's Four Motets for a Penitential Season, and a recent work by James Macmillan composed expressly for the group. What gave the program its unity, aside from the Sixteen's exalted and impassioned performances, was indicated in the title: "Expressions of a True Faith."

While more or less apt (in its fuzzy way), said title nevertheless ought to give pause to any student of history or logic. "A true faith" implies that there are a number of such things: many religions that are true. This was by no means the position of the Catholic Church throughout most of its history, and surely not in the 16th Century, when the Church violently resisted challenges to its status as "the true faith." In any case, "a true faith" is a contradiction in terms, not only because the claims to truth that religions make are absolute and exclusive, but also because in the sense used here the word "truth" does not admit an indefinite article. It does not belong with expressions like "an interpretation of Hamlet" or "a theory of star-formation." In-

stead, it is more like a name. You cannot speak of "a Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber." JONATHAN SAVILLE

The more pertinent reason to object to the program's title is

that the music it supposedly refers to is characterized by an unshakably serene certainty. Tallis and Victoria do not compose as though the truth their music embodies were in any way relative, provisional, hypothetical, or subject to democratic negotiation. The luminous, unhurried, utterly poised euphony of this music is determined by the self-assurance of its view of reality. There is not a touch of doubt or struggle in it, no conflicted search for meaning, no heroic groping in darkness. It is not a late Beethoven quartet or a Mahler symphony, which arrive at their affirmations only after episodes of painful effort and despair. A work like Guerrero's Ave virgo sanctissima or Victoria's Vere languores begins at the top of the mountain and ends at the top of the mountain, except that the divine light at the end is even more intense than at the beginning. The Victoria motet asserts the truth of Catholic belief in its first word: "Truly He has borne our weaknesses, and He has taken charge of our sorrows." Its final outburst (thrillingly conducted by Christophers, in a Verdian *crescendo*) confidently proclaims "the King of Heaven, and the Lord" — and not as though this were an arduously achieved discovery!

I have commented before about the impassioned quality of Christophers's conducting, and his use of Romantic expressive devices. Ravishing as this approach is, it may well be an anachronism. We need not suppose that what we hear from the Sixteen is what was heard in the chapels where Tallis's Mass "Puer natus" or Sheppard's In pace were first performed. (Quite apart from the interpretive style, Christophers uses women sopranos rather than boy trebles.) We may feel free to enjoy these performances for their own sake, as gorgeous musical experiences outside of

history (as it were), while recognizing that the composers intended something significantly different.

In the modern pieces on the program, no double perspective was required. This is still Catholic music, set to Catholic texts, expressing the composers' piety and aiming to invoke a similar piety in the listener. But both Poulenc and Macmillan make full use of the resources of 20th-century music, and in particular of the expressive possibilities of dissonant harmonies. In the Poulenc Quatre motets, composed syllabically in block chords and with scarcely any counterpoint, the experience grippingly evoked is one of anguish and suffering: the agony of the Crucifixion, the despair of Jesus on the cross, the fear and trembling of the worshiper.

Macmillan's stunning O bone Jesu, in contrast, is a fervent prayer and meditation on the name "Jesus," in which the musical devices are in the service of an intense, personal, mystical longing for salvation and for the person of the Savior. The sinuous, interwoven, often melismatic setting of the Latin text is punctuated throughout by the name "Iesu," always on a falling major second in the soprano voice, at different levels of the scale, and with constantly changing (and often extremely dissonant) harmonization. The only exception is at the very last line ("Permit me to enter into Thy kingdom, sweet Jesus"), where, on a startlingly high pitch, the sopranos cry out the name as a rising minor second, with the effect of a resolution and cadence, as the loving and aspiring soul actually attains the goal of its quest. The dramatic shape of this work, and its emotional tone, differentiate it from 16th-century polyphony even more than its modern harmonic language does.

It is possible to listen to all this music without paying any attention to its doctrine or its historical background. In performances like those of the Sixteen, the sheer sound and the exquisite rightness of the writing can carry you away, emotionally and sensually, without any intervention of the intellect, like Ravel's Bolero. Naturally, a relationship to the music limited in

Harry Christophers

### The Sixteen; Harry Christophers, conductor St. James by-the-Sea

Francisco Guerrero, Ave virgo sanctissima; Thomas Tallis, Gloria from Mass "Puer natus"; Tomás Luis de Victoria, Vere languores; James Macmillan, O bone Jesu; Francis Poulenc, Quatre motets pour un temps de pénitence; John Sheppard, In pace; Philippe de Monte, Super flumina Babylonis; William Byrd, Quomodo cantabimus.

this way cannot do it justice. These works are not just sound; they are about something. When you pay attention to what they are about, you find religious doctrine, religious emotions, and the historical circumstances of Catholic devotion, all of which demand to be taken seriously, whether you are a Catholic or not (and whether you are religious or not).





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Sometimes, however, close attention to the extramusical aspects of these pieces raises disturbing questions. Take the Poulenc Quatre motets, for example. The texts, taken from the Offices for Holy Week, include the line "Tenebrae factae sunt, dum crucifixissent Jesum Judaei" ("The darkness came on, as the Jews crucified Jesus" — which the program notes for the St. James concert made even more inflammatory by translating "as the Jews nailed Jesus to the cross"). This is a traditional bit of Catholic anti-Semitism, of great antiquity. It is, of course, a slander, whose implied moral is "Take revenge on the crucifiers!" and whose consequences have included the numberless pogroms suffered by Jews over the last two millennia. No Jews ever crucified anybody. Cruci-Roman fixion was a punishment, exacted and administered by Romans against non-Romans. In Roman Judaea, the Jews were its chief victims. Poulenc's sincere Catholic piety, which from 1936 on illuminated his life and inspired much of his greatest music, is not to be deprecated. Still, an intelligent, civilized French artist, with a more acute sense of moral decency, might have refrained from giving further currency to these hateful words — especially in the year 1938, considering what was happening next door.

Another historical issue arises in the pair of motets by Philippe de Monte and William Byrd that — gloriously sung - concluded the Sixteen's recent program. The Flemish de Monte had been in England during the reign of Queen Mary, as a musician in the chapel of Mary's husband, the future Philip II of Spain. By 1583, de Monte was at the Catholic Imperial court in Prague, Protestant Elizabeth was on the English throne, and English Catholics such as Byrd were forbidden the open practice of their religion and punished with fines, confiscations, and sometimes torture and death. In that year, as a covert communication about the difficulties of a Catholic composer in a Protestant state, de Monte sent Byrd a motet setting the beginning of Psalm 137 (Vulgate 136): "By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion."

The Psalm was written by Judaean exiles in Babylon, after the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in 587 B.C. For Byrd and his co-religionists in England, the words could be allegorically reinterpreted to signify the "internal exile" of English Catholics under an "alien" Anglican regime. Byrd replied to de Monte's motet with one of his own (a masterpiece), continuing the same text: "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning...let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth." By

"Jerusalem" he meant "Rome." As the program notes describe Byrd's *Quomodo cantabimus*, it was "a defiant response in the face of persecution."

And so it was, although there is nothing in the intricate beauty of the music itself that would alert an uninformed listener to the fact, and the text can simply be taken in its original Biblical context, or - by extension — as a general assertion of fidelity to the Christian faith in the face of all obstacles. Once we have been told about its coded political meaning in 16th-century England, however, we also need to know something more about the historical circumstances. Under the regime of Catholic Mary Tudor, while de Monte was singing in Philip's chapel, hundreds of Protestants were burned at the stake because of their refusal to adhere to "the True Faith." After Mary's death, Philip (as King of Spain) went on to preside over the execution of tens of thousands of Protestants in the Netherlands; the wholesale slaughter was still going on in 1583. Three years before the de Monte-Byrd exchange of motets, Pope Gregory XIII issued a fatwa against Queen Elizabeth, declaring that any Catholic who assassinated her would be held guiltless in the sight of God (Gregory wanted a regime change). There were numerous violent Catholic rebellions and Jesuit-led regicidal conspiracies throughout her reign. These data perhaps provide some thought-provoking shadings to the bare, black-and-white historical background offered in the program notes.

Renaissance Protestants, by the way, also allegorized Psalm 137 to make it refer to their current situation. While to de Monte and Byrd the lamenting Judaeans in the text foreshadowed the griefs of the oppressed Catholic Church, the Protestants identified themselves with the victims and saw the Catholic Church as Babylon. (All sides persecuted the Jews.)

The attitudes alluded to here — the claim to absolute truth, the demonization of "heretics," the entitlement to torture and kill the enemy, the complaint of horrendous injustice when the shoe is on the other foot — are endemic in the history of religions (and not only in Christianity — not by a long shot!). What is amazing is that these same religions have produced so many magnanimous and compassionate individuals, and have regularly given rise to superb, moving, and profoundly humane art, like that displayed with such consummate brilliance on the Sixteen's program. Amazing....∎

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**String Students** under the direction of Philip Tyler will present a varied program of chamber music on Thursday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive).

Violinists Deanna Morrison and Emily Schanaker will be joined by violist Stephanie Vagim and cellist Mary Calantoc to present Beethoven's "String Quartet in F No. 1." In addition, violinists Nadejda Murahovscaia and Lauren Smith will play selections from violin duet literature, including works by Bartók, Telemann, and Mozart. Admission is free. For more information, call 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

The Jacobs Masterworks Series hosted by the San Diego Symphony continues with concerts conducted by Eduardo Diazmuñoz November 15-17. Andreas Haefliger will join the symphony for Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 3"; the program includes "Sensemayá" by Revueltas and the Mussorgsky-Ravel "Pictures at an Exhibition."

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from \$15 to \$70. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

**Recorder Players** are invited to join the San Diego County Recorder Society for instruction and playing on Friday, November 15, at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. Recorder basics begin at 6:30 p.m., with a guest conductor leading the group from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Find the center at 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). For information, call 760-726-8699. The first visit is free. (TIERRASANTA)

**Existing to Perform Piano Trio Literature**, the Trio Point Loma will play works by Beethoven, Fauré, and Shostakovich on Friday, November 15. Full-time music faculty Paul Kenyon (piano), Philip Tyler (violin), and Bill Clemmons (cello) present the concert at 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). For information, call 619-849-2325. Free. (POINT LOMA)

**The Pipe Organ Concert Series** at the First Church of Christ Scientist continues with a recital by Carol Williams on Friday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. Find the church at 8262 Allison Avenue (at Palm). Free. Call 619-442-8201 for information. (LA MESA)

**Celebrity Series,** violin soloist Joshua Bell and the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields present a concert for the La Jolla Chamber Music Society on Saturday, November 16. The program boasts J.S. Bach's "Violin Concerto No. 2 in E Major," the "Violin Concerto No. 1 in C Major" by Haydn, and Schubert's "Der Tod und das Mädchan (Death and the Maiden)."

A preconcert conversation is planned at 7 p.m., with the recital starting at 8 p.m., at the San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets range from \$20 to \$100. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

**John Rutter's "Magnificat**" is on the program when the San Diego Mesa College Chamber Chorale and Vocal Ensemble perform on November 16 and 17 at the University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue). Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 4 p.m. on Sunday. 619-388-2600. (HILLCREST)

**Parker on Piano,** composer David Parker shares his "romantic classical compositions and his art works" during a concert on Saturday, November 16, at 7 p.m., in Sunshine Brooks Theater (217 North Coast Highway). Tickets are \$10 general. For reservations, call 760-435-5532. (OCEANSIDE)

Saturday Night Chamber Music, the series continues with violinist Tiffany Modell on November 16. Modell, accompanied by pianist Yulia Atoyan, will plays the "Sonata No. 1" by Saint-Saëns, Bach's "Sonata No. 2" for solo violin, "Danse Espagnole" by Kreisler, and "Bess, You Is My Woman Now" by Gershwin.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). The requested donation is \$10 general. For reservations, dial 858-259-2503. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**"Music for Four Hands"** may be enjoyed when Marion Rodewald and Ron Morebello present the next concert in the series hosted the Carlsbad City Library on Sunday, November 17. Listen for classical selections by Mozart, Debussy, Kurka, and Mendelssohn. The concert begins at 2 p.m. in the library's Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (CARLSBAD)

**Works by Arcangelo Correlli,** Lea Schmidt-Rogers, Armand Russell, Kenneth Brewer, and W.H. Squire may be heard in concert on Sunday, November 17, at 2 p.m., at the Central Congregation Church (8360 Lemon Avenue). This concert features soprano Stephanie Linney, cellist Diana Lechman, and organist Schmidt-Rogers. Call 619-284-9722 for information. (LA MESA)

Keyboard Conversations, the Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard Conversations series continues with selections by Schubert, Beethoven, and Weber on Sunday, November 17, at 2 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$15 and \$21. Reach the box office by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

The Anthem "An Hymne of Heavn'ly Love" by Paul Callaway may be heard when the men's and boys' Choristers present the 5 p.m. evensong at Saint Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, November 17. The Choristers will use the Richard Ayleward service music. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). 619-298-7261. An offering will be received. (MIDTOWN)

Selections by Froberger, Rameau, Bach, and Scarlatti may all be heard when Susanne Shapiro presents a harpsichord concert on Sunday, November 17, at 4 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). The requested donation is \$10. For information, call 619-583-3385 or 760-497-3759. (DEL MAR)

Recognized as Virtuosi during their lifetimes, works by 19th-Century performer/composers Frédérik Chopin and Franz Liszt continue to be hallmarks of virtuosity in piano performance. Palomar College music professor Peter Gach presents "Virtuoso" on Sunday, November 17, at 2 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. What's on tap? Chopin's "Twelve Études," concluding with the "Revolutionary Étude"; and six compositions by Liszt demonstrating the full range of his 'expressive capabilities," from the "Thirteenth Hungarian Rhapsody" to the "Widle Jagd (Wild Hunt)" to "Legends of Saint Francis."

Tickets are \$10 general. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, call 760-744-1150 x2453 or 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Faculty Recital, piano professor Brenda Martin performs selections by Bach, Beethoven, Albright, Brahms, Liszt, and Muczynski at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 17, in Crill Performance Hall. Free. For more details, dial 619-849-2325. Find the hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

### Excerpts and Arias from the Grand

**Opera Repertoire** may be enjoyed when the San Diego Opera Ensemble performs on Sunday, November 17, at 7 p.m., in Linder Hall at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Call 619-297-4366 for information. An offering will be received; child care is available by reservation. (MISSION VALLEY)

**The Organist and the Chorale**, civic organist Carol Williams is joined by the El Camino College Chorale for a free concert in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, November 17, at 2 p.m. For more information, call 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Uptown, Downtown, and All Around,"** Westwind Brass explores the classical and popular music of the '40s and '50s, highlighting the works of Ingolf Dahl and the trumpet virtuosity of Rafael Mendez, in concert on Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12 for nonmembers. For more information, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

A Senior Composition Recital featuring William McKay is slated for Tuesday, November 19, at 8 p.m., in French Parlor in Founders Hall at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

**Premier Works for Two Violins** by Jude Weirmeir and Robert Wanna-

maker are promised when János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter present a concert on Wednesday, November 20, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. The program includes works by UCSD music alumni Victor Bloom, Erik Ulman, and Andrew May. Tickets are \$8 general. Call 858-534-4830 for further information. (LA JOLLA)

**String Chamber Music** may be heard during the concert planned at noon on Wednesday, November 20, in M-113 at San Diego State University. For information, call 619-594-6060. Free. (SDSU)

**Enjoy** *The Gondoliers* when the San Diego State University Opera Theatre presents this Gilbert and Sullivan operetta November 21-24 in Smith Recital Hall. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

**Choral Music** is on the program when the Chamber Singers and Women's Chorus at Palomar College perform for the Concert Hour on Thursday, November 21, 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)

An All-Beethoven Program — including the "Piano Concerto No. 3" and the "Choral Fantasy" — is promised when pianist Gustavo Romero joins the St. James Choir and orchestra in concert on Sunday, November 24. The concert begins at 4 p.m. at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$20 general, free for students and children. Call 858-459-3421 x109 for more information. (LA JOLLA)





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### GALLERIES

**Contemporary Issues and Controversial Themes** are illuminated in the 80 pieces on view in "Fall 2002," the annual student art exhibition in the San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104) commencing with a reception on Thursday, November 14, at 4 p.m. The annual student art sale runs concurrently, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and noon to 8 p.m. Thursday. 619-388-2829. Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

**"Box Constructions, 1996-2002,"** by artist and sculptor Christine Oatman are on view, along with selected books from the collection at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, in this exhibit opening with a reception on Friday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. Oatman is displaying her boxes on bookshelves at the library with related books.

Oatman will also be on hand at the Athenaeum to lead an artist's walk-through on Saturday, November 23, at 11 a.m. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Wednesday until 8:30 p.m. For information, call 858-454-5872. The show closes on Saturday, January 4, 2003. (LA JOLLA)

**"Vodou Redux,"** large-scale floor sculptures from Christopher Lee's "Mojo Stick" series are on exhibit at the David Zapf Gallery beginning with a reception on Friday, November 15, at 6 p.m. These new spearshaped works have been described as fetishes or power objects and "have distinct mystical properties assigned to them by the artist."

Examine the art through Saturday, December 14. Regular hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and by appointment. Find the gallery at 2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004. (DOWNTOWN)

**Grandly Scaled Floral Pieces** are the specialty of artist Scott Guhin, who also paints landscapes and seascapes. An exhibit of his work at the Phantom Art Gallery begins with a reception on Friday, November 15, at 5 p.m., and there are open houses planned from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17. See the show through Novem-

ber. Regular gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Find the Phantom in Artist's Alley, 212 East North Coast Highway; 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

**"From Gesture and Place,"** the master of fine art thesis exhibition for Cory Robinson, opens with a reception on Saturday, November 16, at 6 p.m., in the Everett Gee Jackson Gallery at San Diego State University. The show continues through Wednesday, November 20. 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)

"Visions of Cave Drawings from Compound Remnants," this exhibition of "unusual drawings" by Douglas Thompson starts with a reception on Saturday, November 16, at 6 p.m., at the Emporium Gallery. The show offers Thompson's "vision of the past, present, and future" while "seriously stimulating the imagination."

Curious? The show continues through Saturday, December 14, inside Ducky Waddle's Emporium (414 North Coast Highway 101). Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. 760-632-0488. (LEUCADIA)

**"Wildlife in Art 2002,"** the annual juried show hosted by the Foothills Fine Art Association, boasts a reception and presentation of awards on Saturday, November 16, at 4:30 p.m. This year's juror is Morton Solberg. The show is on view through November.

The gallery is located at 8053 University Avenue; 619-464-7167. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. (LA MESA)

Housed in a Historic 1924 Hotel on the La Jolla coast, the Front Porch Gallery at Casa de Mañana hosts a preview exhibit of "show-and-sell arts, crafts, jewelry, and text" with an opening reception on Saturday, November 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show continues through Sunday, December 22, with viewing every Saturday and Sunday, at 849 Coast Boulevard. For more information, call 858-362-5766. (LA JOLLA)

**"Past, Present, and a Hint of the Future"** may be enjoyed while recent paintings by Stanislaus J. Sowinski are on view at Sparrow Fine Art (127 North Highway 101) through December. Meet the artist during an opening reception planned on Saturday, November 16, at 7 p.m. Sowinski will also be on hand at the gallery on Sunday, November 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 858-350-1065 for further information. (SOLANA BEACH)

**The Annual Holiday Celebration** at the Trios Gallery — boasting new works by local artist and architect James Hubbell — is slated for Saturday, November 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. Find the gallery at 130 South Cedros Avenue, with hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For information, call 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

The Feral Cat Coalition benefits from the art show slated for Sunday, November 17, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Showcase Gallery. Artist Sinclair Stratton and the piece *The Story of Smidge* are featured. Admission is free. Find the gallery in the Studio Building, at 2400 Kettner Boulevard. For information, call 800-824-2272. (DOWNTOWN)

**Drawing on Unlikely Sources** to create their work, Matthew Forderer, Michael Svalberg, and Julia Wren have collaborated to create "Syzyrgy," opening at Sushi Performance and Visual Art with a reception on Thursday, November 21, at 5 p.m. This exhibit "engages the idea of things being cut up, only to be put back together again in a new form."

Take in the results through Saturday, December 14. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For more information, call 619-235-8466. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

### 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 participación/*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 fivefoot-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 headresses, necklaces, and bracelets. View these artifacts through Sunday, March 16, 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 Bohnchang 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" 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 Alÿs, Sylvia Gruner, Monica Castillo, Rubén Ortiz Torres, Eduardo Aboroa, and Daniela Rossell, working in a variety of media. "Axis Mexico" is said to reveal the impact of Mexican art on the evolving global art scene while highlighting Mexico as an axis for the circulation and exchange of art and ideas.

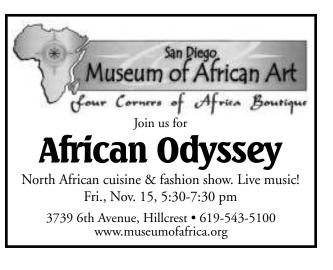
Surveying 100 years of American watercolor, more than 65 works from the museum's collection representing a diverse group of important artists who excelled at the medium are featured in "Mastering the Medium: American Watercolors from the Museum's Collection, 1870-1970," opening on Saturday, November 16. The artists include Winslow Homer, Mary Cassatt, John Marin, Charles Burchfield, Childe Hassam, and Stuart Davis, with a special focus on California artists. The show closes on Sunday, January 19, 2003.

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.

For additional information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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Even the young Brecht took dead aim at sacred cows.

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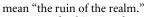
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n the movie Braveheart, Edward Longshanks is the ruthless English king who wants to impregnate his son's wife, to insure his lineage, and who thinks nothing of demolishing a Scottish hamlet, or throwing his son's

male lover from a high window. The son was Edward II, about whom Christopher Marlowe and Bertolt Brecht wrote plays.

You could call Marlowe's the play that launched a thousand motives. Young Edward makes one assertive act. When his father dies, newly crowned Edward II orders his "favorite," Piers Gaveston, back from exile. When Gaveston arrives, hoping to "draw the pliant king which way I please," Edward dotes on him and severs all other relations, including with his wife. The nobility think Gaveston wants to usurp the throne (they don't care that Edward and Gaveston are lovers; they're irate that the king chose someone so "low-born"). When they urge Edward to break off, he replies, "Ere my sweet Gaveston shall part from me, / This isle shall fleet upon the ocean." And it almost does, in brutal civil war.

Passive, tolerant, sharing, Edward wasn't raised to be king (a chronicler says he was "devoted to choristers, actors, grooms, sailors, and others skilled in similar avocations"). Deaths of older brothers made him next in line. As Edward II, his gentle, apolitical nature creates a power vacuum that Machiavellian hopefuls flock to fill. The death of Gaveston incites Edward to action. But his anger, says brother Kent, could



Except for his transformation, Edward II could be a character out of Tennessee Williams: a frail, sensitive soul trapped in a jungle of brutes. Brecht's version heightens both Edward's sensi-

tivity and the jungle. Once he's surrounded, however, something unforeseen in Edward prompts him to fight back.

UCSD Theatre opened its new season with Brecht's rarely produced early drama. But instead of setting it between 1307 and 1327, when the events took place, or in 1924, when it was first produced, director Bill Fennelly locates the play today, as "a contemporary homoerotic tragedy." The choice layers the production, drawing parallels to the medieval reign of Edward and to 1920s Germany where, the play claims, "the world is going under. What's an oath?"

Around 1923, Brecht invented the term "Mahagonny." He got the idea, says biographer Frederic Ewen, from watching "the processions of brown-shirted petty-bourgeoisie, those wooden figures, with their decorated and holeridden banners," who symbolized the rise of "the philistine's Utopia, that cynical, stupid, coffeehouse state which was brewing, out of anarchy and alcohol, the most dangerous witches' potion for Europe." Brecht said, "Should Mahagonny come, I go."

In the UCSD production, the parallels to today are chilling. Some signs are obvious:



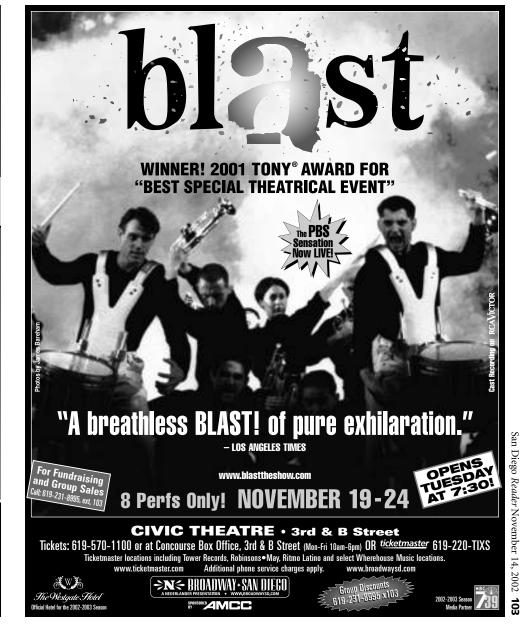
Alex Smith, Simone Moore in Edward II

### Edward II, by Bertolt Brecht, based on a play by Christopher Marlowe

UCSD Department of Theatre & Dance, La Jolla Directed by Bill Fennelly; cast, David Ari, Corey Brill, Kathleen Carthy, Jose Chavarry, Mike Horton, Michael Keyloun, Roger Kuch, Dan Lee, Ian McKinney, Greg Moore, Simone Moore, Joy Osmanski, Anthony Pecos, Adam Smith, Alex Smith, John Staley, Amy Stewart, Stephan Tate, Trevor Walker-Bennett; scenic design, Mina Kinukawa; costumes, Ivy Chou; lighting, Jason H. Thompson; sound, Stephanie Robinson; choreographer, Lavina Rich Playing through November 17; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. For information call 858-534-4574.

black-bereted Delta Force guards eager to impose order (in the guise of "homeland security"?); giving an event, such as Edward's love for Gaveston, the right spin to make it advantageous for

the spinner; power exhibited covertly by church and state. Other signs are behind the scenes. Brecht was obsessed with how people can change and the things that prompt it - in particular





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those that can turn a "good" person sour. Edward's French wife, Queen Anne, shifts from love to distance to hatred, and, a change from Brecht's version, she kills Edward.

Pushed forward by a relentless disco beat and drums that shake the walls, the threehour production includes scenes in bathhouses, an S&M all the things that Mortimer and his henchmen object to in public and perform, with relish, in private.

The production has a "satanic mills" look: an iron wall, like the rusted hull of a ship, looms over a playing space, with fanshell footlights down front. Massive sliding doors open to an inner chamber — a private world, often blazing red, made public. And the director is adept at spectacle and setting scenes imaginatively. Two examples: (1) the Battle of Killingsworth is a lightning bolt; and (2) near the end, the Archbishop of Winchester cradles a battered Edward on his lap in a perfect mock pietá.

The production is less adept at making the scenes play, however; the pace wanes when the frantic drumbeat stops. Edward II was the 25-year-old Brecht's first major attempt as a director. He was against the

"plaster monument grandeur" style of acting. And he would have wondered why so many in the UCSD cast resort to stiff, unnuanced speeches, like homemade Shakespeare auditions. Or why the actors speak, then move (or move, then speak) so mechanically. The exceptions — like Corey Brill's Edward II, especially in the end when stripped of illusions and regal trappings - prove the declamatory rule.

Also a puzzle: why is the murder of Edward offstage (and why by the Queen)? It's almost as if the director sacrificed the scene for an effect. Edward is in a cesspool, where he is "coolly disposed" of unjustly. Before the murder, two actors contribute to the "offal of London," by urinating on Edward. Problem is: the image takes precedence over the play's most dramatic scene, which happens beneath the stage. As so often in the production, the visual dominates the verbal.

Edward II is early Brecht, though some say he got the idea for "epic theater" as he directed it. The play is almost free of his theories, but even the young Brecht took dead aim at sacred cows. When Mortimer asks the Abbot why he's against Edward, the Abbot replies, "The church went the way God went.

MORTIMER: "Which way

was that?" ABBOT: "With the winner, Mortimer."

FIELD NOTES: Jack O'Brien, Globe Theatres' artistic director, won the prestigious "Mr. Abbott" Award for 2002. Voted by the Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation, and named after the legendary director/playwright George Abbott, the award goes to artists "whose distinguished body of work has made a lasting contribution to the American theater." This is a tremendous honor for O'Brien — and, by extension, for the Globe and San Diego.

It's fun to speculate about shows we send to Broadway. Will this or that one make it? Why or why not? San Diego exports one almost every year. Many became hits. San Diego theater, in fact, has a bigger reputation nationally than locally.

Come December 12, the Globe's Imaginary Friends opens on Broadway. But without substantial revisions we're talking overhaul here ---even Jack O'Brien's nationally recognized directorial expertise may not help this incidental play by Nora Ephron, with incidental music by Marvin Hamlisch and Craig Ćarnelia. ∎

### 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.

### Alice in Wonderland

Palomar College Performing Arts Department presents a stage adaptation of Lewis Carroll's popular tale about Alice's adventures. Michael Mufson directed. PALOMAR COLLEGE, FRIDAY, NOVEM-BER 15. THROUGH NOVEMBER 24: FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### Beehive

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gigantic domes of hair, worn by the 'Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. Beehive celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production

abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha

Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency. Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

### 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, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### **Catskills Conspiracy**

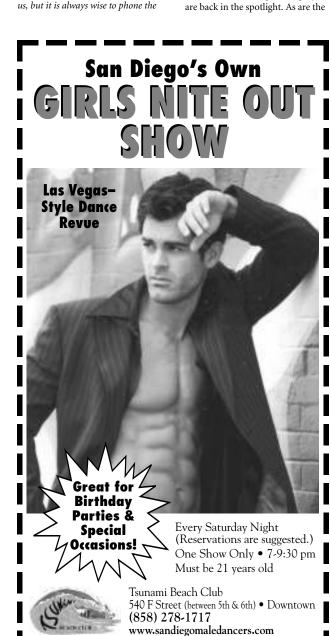
Mystery Cafe's interactive dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

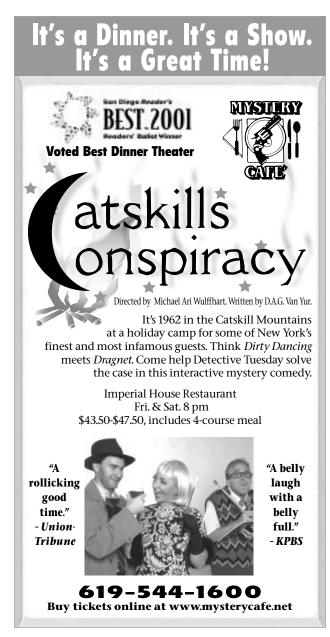
### Celebration

Patio Playhouse stages the world premiere of Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's revised "ritual musical," staged on Broadway originally in 1969. Kevin Jones directed.

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PATIO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH NOVEM-BER 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### **Cirque EOS**

As with Cirque du Soleil, when you watch a feat unfold by Quebecbased Cirque EOS you say, "I could do that"; then, "No way I could do that"; finally, "No one could do THAT!" The company, a "circus without animals," named itself after the goddess of dawn to call attention to marginal realms between dream and reality. Dressed in costumes that are themselves a mixture — of gymnast's tights, furry woodland creatures, and clowns -Cirque EOS evokes an atmosphere where the real intertwines with the unbelievable. As when three women perform the "floating cube." Hanging from their necks, or ankles, swimming through each other like fish, they move with micro-precision 15 feet in the air! Or the "Russian bar": two men hold a blue, red, and white pole. A woman climbs on, starts bouncing. The bar sags and snaps up, like a trampoline. Next thing you know, she's doing flips and landing back down on the bar. That's just act one. In two, the company really takes off (like aerial amphibians, they seem as comfortable in flight as on land). They perform "Nexus Straps" (lovers fly around the ring, embracing), 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). In olden days, kids dreamed of running away with the circus. Well, anyone wanting to run away with Cirque EOS better have special gifts! Worth a try.

THE BIG TOP, PRESIDENTS WAY AND PARK, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH NOVEM-BER 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY 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 INFORMA-

TION CALL 800-361-4595.

### Closer

Backyard Productions presents Patrick Marber's award-winning comedy, which asks, "What do you have to do to get a little intimacy around here?" Ruff Yeager directed.

6TH @ PENN STUDIO, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, THROUGH DECEM-BER 1; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

### Death Rides the Stage

HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear...and there's a dead body in the next room."

### A Gift of Murder

Dave & Buster's presents an interactive dinner/theater mystery about Christmas at Fink's Family Fruitcakes, at which someone slips Fred Fink a fruitcake with an added ingredient. DAVE & BUSTER'S, 2931 CAMINO DEL

RIO NORTH, SAN DIEGO, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, AT 8:00 P.M. FOR IN-FORMATION CALL 619-280-7115.

### **Holiday Memories**

La Jolla Stage Company offers a "family friendly" Christmas production, based on two of Truman Capote's memoirs of early childhood. Tim Heitman directed. LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, FRIDAY, DE CEMBER 15, THROUGH DECEMBER 22; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### How the Grinch Stole Christmas

The Globe Theatre presents its annual Christmas show — book and lyrics by Timothy Mason, music by Mel Marvin — in which the Green Meanie discovers his humanity. Jack O'Brien directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE. SIMON EDISON

CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, THROUGH DECEM-BER 31; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### **Irish Dance Cabaret**

Dublin Square Irish Pub & Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, comedy, and song — and a three-course Irish dinner.

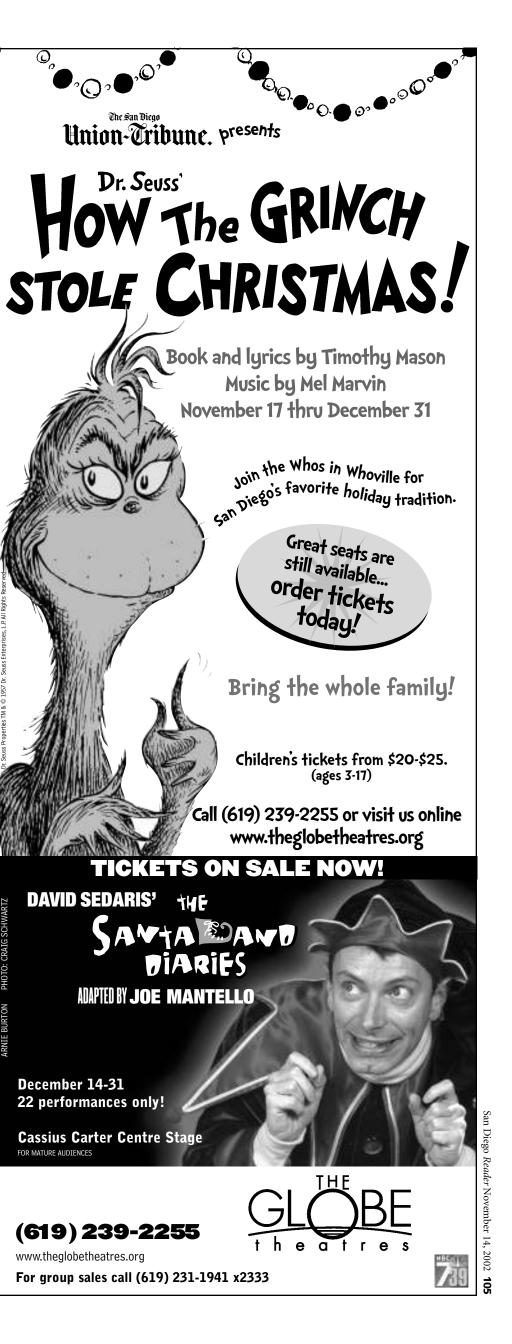
DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB & GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY, DIN-NER AT 6:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-239-5818.

### Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

### A Knife in the Heart

Susan Yankowitz's drama studies the effects of a John Hinkley-like assassin on his mother. Donald Holt, premeditated, stabbed and killed the governor and three others and paralyzed a young girl. The play, and a fine Sledgehammer production, probe Mrs. Holt's pain. How does it feel to be the mother of an assassin? Thanks to a moving performance by Rosina Reynolds, the answer is: a living hell, where "every memory is changed by what has happened." Mrs. Holt moves through thickets of second-guessing (where did she — or did she — go wrong?) and gauntlets of blame. Imagine Medea's mother. Reynolds's performance is so compelling one can almost overlook how the writing slants in Mrs. Holt's favor. The play is far more concerned with not blaming her than with what made the kid go off. She asks many questions but avoids the ones that might reveal complicity. And at times she's so self-centered you want to shout. "It always has to be about you!" Studies show that assassins, spree, and serial killers don't spring full-blown from Zeus's thigh. But Knife offers superficial motives and panders to the denial-laden stereotype that no one saw the violence coming. The play's a mix of ones and zeros, but the Sledgehammer production, di-



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rected by Kirsten Brandt, ranks among its best in some time. Much of the acting doesn't get beyond underwritten roles. Laura Lee Juliano, however, plays Linda, a voung Omaha woman who becomes Donald's groupie. What he did brings out a Pandora's box of ghoulish urges in her. And everyone else just laughs and looks away. Worth a try.

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, THROUGH NOVEM-BER 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### Latinologues

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Like Victoria Petrovich's set for the San Diego Rep — on moving pan-els, a sunset beams through a chain-link fence — Rick Najera's Latinologues layers its portrayals of people. In one, he plays Benjamin Felix, cartel drug lord. He can't go

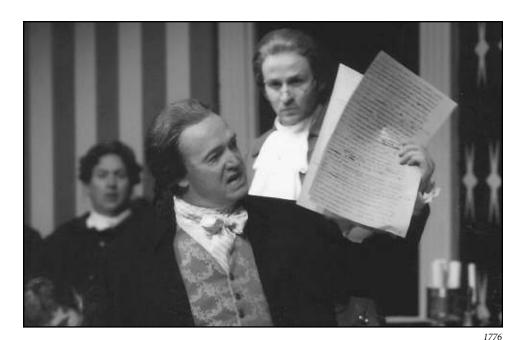
anywhere, can't sleep, yet has surprisingly witty things to say. You almost feel for the thug. The king of Naiera's hybrids remains Buford Gomez, U.S. Border Patrol agent, a redneck trailing clouds of xenophobia but with so many Latino links he's his own border crossing, at once Cortez and Montezuma. Threading through the pieces is the enormous cultural diversity the word "Latino" embraces. Latino logues feels uneven, in part because the best are so good. Some pieces don't work, like a call to Fidel Castro that goes on and on, or the protesters at SDSU (a.k.a. "universidad de fiesta," or "party school"). Rene Lavan showcases his versatility as "El Macho," a busboy who falls for a blonde woman, then really falls, and as a NYC janitor cleaning through rubble. Although her timing was a mite off 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.'

### Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE THROUGH NOVEMBER 24; TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M

### Major Barbara

South Coast Repertory Theatre opens its new season with George Bernard Shaw's comedy about an armaments manufacturer whose



children are appalled by his "munitions over morals" philosophy. Martin Benson directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. SEGERSTROM STAGE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

### More Fun Than Bowling

OnStage Playhouse stages this offbeat comedy about a champion bowler much more adept at con-

verting spares than dealing with three ex-wives and prospective Wife #4. Jayscott Crosley directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### The Mystery of Irma Vep

Charles Ludlam wrote a funny homage to things dark and stormy - werewolves, mummies, bumps in the night — for two actors. At Diversionary Theatre, David McBean and Farhang Pernoon excel in multiple roles, including Lord Edgar and Lady Enid Hillcrest. They perform in a stylistic homage to 19th-century acting (their characters are serious; they just express themselves ornately). Part of the fun, along with trying to follow Ludlam's circumlocutory



plot, comes from watching McBean

and Pernoon drift offstage, as one

person, then roar back, in seconds,

as another — often a different gen-

contribute: David Weiner's woodpaneled set, Shulamit Nelson's H. Ryder Haggard costumes, Chris Rynne's spooky lighting, and, especially George Ye's sounds, be they rhapsodic 1940s Hollywood violins or fright-flick mood music, which often intrudes like a third actor onstage.

### Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH DE-CEMBER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 РM

### 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 velled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.





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### The Nerd

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### Not Now, Darling

The Lamplighters Community Theatre stages Ray Cooney and John Chapman's broad British farce, set in the upscale fur salon of Bodley and Crouch, where "everyone seems to be having affairs." Jim Caputo directed.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, THROUGH DE-CEMBER 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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ENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, THROUGH NOVEMBER 29; THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 10:20 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-231-5949.

### 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 win-ning 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.' Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks! What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, 6th @ Penn offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' *Medea*, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-onfire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading and admission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Next play, Sophocles' Women of Trachis. Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, OPEN-ENDED RUN. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION, AND A LIST OF FUTURE READINGS, CALL 619-688-9210.

### 1776

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.

Worth a try. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### Songs for a New World

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# Triple Espresso: A Highly

Caffeinated Comedy Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" -Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama 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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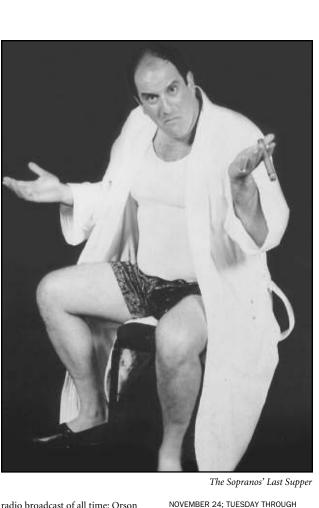
#### The Violet Hour

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of Richard Greenberg's drama about a post-WWI book publisher forced to choose from work by his lover and his best friend. Evan Yionoulis directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE,

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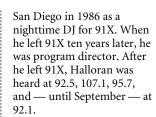
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Last Monday, San Diego's B-94.9, one of the last remaining oldies stations in the country, was "blown up." In radio lingo



this means that the name, the format, and most of the DJs were replaced by a whole new radio station identity. That station kicked off Monday at 10 a.m. as FM 94.9. The new 94.9 will have Mike Halloran as the afternoon DJ and assistant program director and morning man Garret Michaels, who worked at alternative stations in Philadelphia and Detroit, as the program director.

This marks the sixth San Diego County frequency for Halloran, who first came to



About a third of the music on the new FM 94.9 will be modern cuts, while

the rest will be older alternarock hits. The station will be positioned to draw listeners from 92/1, 91X, and Sets 102.

Clear Channel — which owns or controls 14 local stations ---will have a direct competitor for the first time against one of its major stations (91X). 92/1, 91X's direct challenger for a year and a half, only covered North County with its transmitter.

Advertisers care most about two different age groups: 18-34 and 25-54. Of the top seven stations in the 18-34 range, six are controlled by Clear Channel (the seventh is Spanish speaking). 91X is number four in that 18-34 group. FM 94.9 is owned

by Jefferson Pilot Communications, which also owns KIFM and KSON. To help get attention, local Jefferson Pilot general manager Darrel Goodin said the station will do a few things to get a leg up on 91X.

"We will only play 8 commercials an hour. They [91X] play 15." And Goodin said, because his research shows that the name "Clear Channel" has a bad connotation to many listeners, "at the top of each hour we are going say, 'This is FM 94.9 - not owned by Clear Channel.' " Goodin said Halloran was smart in branding 92/1 as "independent" and that the new 94.9 will prove to its listeners that it is also independent.

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HALLORAN'S BACK ON FM 94.9

KROQ. San Diego now has three: 91X, 94.9, and 92/1 (92/1 is expected to switch to a Spanish format soon). San Diego has a deep,

music," said Goodin. "It is one of the top five cities in the country for the alternative format, along with Seattle, San Francisco, Portland, and L.A." He notes that the long presence of 91X (it turns 20 in January) has

created a market full of alternative radio fans. — Ken Leighton

# "They were the

ultimate band on this year's Warped Tour.... They stole the show just like AFI did last year."

That's Ion Pebsworth's read on the rollicking Irishfueled punk band Flogging Molly.

Pebsworth is the former talent buver for the Epicentre and singer with local ska-punk band Buck-O-Nine. He is now based in L.A., where he works as the product manager for Side One Dummy, the independent record label that released Flogging Molly's last CD, Drunken Lullabies. The seven-piece band includes accordion player Matt Hensley of Carlsbad, who is also cofounder of the Innes clothing brand and a former pro skater. Flogging Molly sold out its shows at 4th&B last Saturday and at the Palace in Hollywood the following night.

"This is not the first time they sold out 4th&B," said Pebsworth. He also points out that the record is getting played throughout the U.S. on major alternative stations like WBCN in Boston, Live 105 in San Francisco, and the End in Seattle. He said more than 5100 copies of Drunken Lullabies have sold in San Diego — a remarkable figure for any independent release. So why, one wonders, would the major local

alternative station 91X avoid

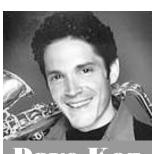


FLOGGING MOLLY NOT RIGHT FOR 91X?

Flogging Molly? "It's a band we've consistently been looking at, but we don't have enough

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space for everybody," said Bryan Shock, 91X program director. "They are a little different. They are not that close to the mainstream.' Pebsworth said one

reason his label was not able to crack 91X's playlist may be due to the fact that Side One Dummy does not have the money to pay for independent promoters who work" major stations. "We don't have the manpower or time to launch a majorlabel-style radio campaign," said Pebsworth.

But Shock made it clear that some independent releases actually do get on the air on 91X.

"We just added the Transplants [on Hellcat Records]. We're playing the new No Knife record." No Knife's Riot for Romance is on Better Looking Records.

"The label has nothing to do with it," said Shock about why his station adds or doesn't add certain records. "We don't have problems with labels. We only have problems with records that aren't right for us.'

But Flogging Molly has been right for another local alternative station, North County-based 92/1, which has been playing Flogging Molly's "What's Left of the Flag" for three months.

'It's one of the most requested songs of the year,' said Rick Savage, 92/1's music director.

But if rumors are true, Flogging Molly may soon lose its only local radio supporter. Many radio insiders say the station is set to be changing formats tomorrow. "I know nothing," said

Savage. — Ken Leighton

#### "Cocktails are coming but bands are going.

Following a year's struggle with a neighbor over the

upgrade of his bar's liquor license, Live Wire co-owner Sam Chammas sums up the future of his North Park nightspot. "We had to drop [music] because one individual was totally inflexible.'

The upshot: The state ABC (California Alcoholic Beverage Control) has approved an upgrade from beer-and-wine only to a full liquor license — but the

Live Wire will have no live music.

For ten years the Live Wire has been the place where the hip hang in North Park. In the mid-'90s, the 75-person-capacity bar on El Cajon Boulevard would host free-admission shows by Rocket from the Crypt, Lucy's Fur Coat, the Dragons, and Creedle. Until last year the Live Wire hosted bands like the Furious IV, Congress of the Cow, and Robert Walter's 20th Congress. "Frank Black once played

as a birthday present to Joe [Austin, Live Wire's other coowner]," said Chammas. It was fun, but the two have agreed to trade Hot Snakes for hot toddies.

"This is part of the evolution of the Live Wire,"



LIVE WIRE DROPS MUSIC

said Chammas. A neighbor protested the Live Wire's request for a license upgrade, according to Steve Ernst, the ABC district administrator. Ernst said the request, filed in December of last year, was originally protested by the police department because of "overconcentration" of too many liquor licenses in that

area. "They [the police] withdrew their protest when the [Live Wire] agreed to no live music or dancing." But he said the neighbor still protested as an individual. That protest led to a hearing in September before an administrative law judge, who approved the conditional license. "He worked the system as

long as he could until the judge made the decision,' said Chammas about his neighbor. 'The license says there

can be no live entertainment, dancing, DJs, karaoke, topless male or female entertainers, or fashion shows...and that noise would be not be audible outside." Chammas says he will still

continue to present bands at his South Park bar, the Whistle Stop, and at the piano bar at the Turf Club, which he co-owns with Austin and the Casbah's Tim Mays.

Ernst said the new license would be issued by tomorrow. Chammas said the Live Wire will be closed for "a short time" for remodeling. - Ken Leighton

"It's really tough times in the music

**business.** A lot of record companies lighten their load towards the end of the year," says Mark Stuart, singer/founder of the Bastard

Sons of Johnny Cash, about the 50 percent staff cut at Ultimatum, the band's Culver City-based record label. Over the past few weeks Ultimatum fired five fulltime staffers, leaving owner John Perenchio and four full-time employees. "They definitely lightened it, didn't they?" says Stuart.

Ultimatum also has local singer/songwriter Ron Founteberry (The Incredible Moses Lerov) in its stable of recording artists.

"What I would tell Mark...if they keep writing you checks, cash 'em." Sage advice from Joe Rinaldi, an ex-employee of Ultimatum and the Bastard Sons' former manager. He now owns Found Music, a record store on Wilshire Boulevard in L.A.

"The Bastard Sons...have a chance to carve out a nice career like the Paladins, who can keep doing national tours.'

Rinaldi describes Ultimatum as a "\$10 million jungle gym" for owner John

Perenchio.

"His family is worth five

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billion. They own half of Malibu.'

The Bastard Sons are now managed by Dan Gillis, the Nashville-based manager who handles Steve Earle. The band leaves next week to play



SONS STICK WITH ULTIMATUM

the three-day Beyond Nashville Music Festival in London.

The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash appear tonight at Tio Leo's. — Ken Leighton

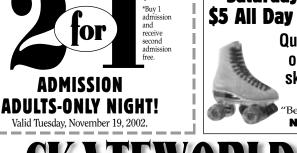
**"Outdoor rock** 

concerts were far more festive in the '70s. Guys would put their girlfriends in blankets and toss them in the air. I would get in on the action. There would be a small army of fans who





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would be tossing me 100 feet in the air. I would flap my wings like I was trying to fly. I held the audience's attention during intermissions."

Ted Giannoulas has been known as the San Diego Chicken since 1979. Five years before that, he was the KGB Chicken, arguably the most successful radio mascot

ever. "The audiences were for the most part inebriated," he recalls. "Back then they would bring boda bags full of Boone's Farm or Annie Green Springs wine. Concerts were tremendous fun.... One time I was at a J. Geils

concert in the Sports Arena. Toward the end of the show [lead singer] Peter Wolf pulled me onstage for their song 'Ain't Nothin' but a House Party.' I was onstage prancing around in front of 14,000

people. The harmonica player, Magic Dick, was laughing so hard that he couldn't bring his lips together to play the harmonica. He missed the part in the song where his solo began. Peter Wolf

looked at him as if to say, 'You're supposed to be there.' He finally got it the second time around."

Giannoulas, 49, started as the KGB Chicken in 1974. He

a court of law said the nowfamous Chicken character belonged to him, not KGB. He became his own industry, working major-league baseball games. While the L.A. Times said Giannoulas is a multimillionaire who commands \$7500 per appearance, the 2002 season was the first in 20 years that no major-league team asked him to appear. He still gets hired by minor-league teams in Indianapolis, Buffalo, and Nashville. He hasn't worked a Padre game for six years. Giannoulas lives in San

split from KGB in 1979 when



\$MILLION CHICKEN IN LESS DEMAND

Carlos with his wife Jane. "The first concert I worked was June 1974. It was Santana and Chicago at the Balboa Stadium." He said he



used to do 150 concerts a year in the 1970s. "Elvis was playing the

Sports Arena in 1976. While he was doing 'Whole Lotta Shakin', I danced up and down the aisle. I caught Elvis's eye. He starts laughing so hard he drops to one knee. He can't continue the song, but the band continues playing. Elvis already had had two seizures by then, and some people were worried. He had his hands over his eyes he was laughing so hard. This white-haired doctor in a Brooks Brothers suit rushed onstage to attend him. Meanwhile, the audience knows exactly what's going on. Elvis said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, you're not gonna believe this, there's a chicken dancing down there.

Giannoulas said he was roughed up by Sports Arena security guards at a 1976 Aerosmith concert. "They threw me up

against a cement wall. I passed out .... The city attorney brought charges against them, and he got a conviction."

# — Ken Leighton

The following online auctions of San Diego music memorabilia took place at *eBay.com* between September 10 and

October 23. A seller in Boston auctioned his Hot Snakes Tshirt, saying, "It is red and has only been worn once. Apparently I have grown without noticing. This is a Hanes 50/50 Youth Large and

it is too short for me.... This band is amazing and it bums me out to no end to not be able to keep this shirt. Give it a good home." Four bidders battled it out for the shirt off his back, entering ten bids totaling \$20.50.

A concert poster (11" x 17") and handbill (5" x 8") from the "Halloween '99" concert at the Westin in Horton Plaza mentions Rocket from the Crypt, Southern Culture on the Skids, Deadbolt, and others, but the only graphic is an orange pumpkin head on a stick figure body. The set sold for \$11.99.

Another poster and handbill set promoting Unwritten Law concerts at 4th&B January 14 and SDSU's Montezuma Hall

January 21 featured photos of the band and listed opening acts 22 Jacks and the Hippos as well. Three bidders racked up eight bids before the auction ended at \$22.50.

At least four different auctions were launched for the same Jewel concert poster (June 26 Coors

Amphitheatre — 11" x 17", black ink on pink paper stock) promoting her "Spirit" tour; opening act Steve Poltz is mentioned on the poster as well. No bids were ever entered.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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# **Rock & Roll Realtor**

*"There would be an empty bottle of Boone's Farm in the little trash basket."* 

INTERVIEW

JOSH BOARD

ock and Roll Peg Pollard was at Rock 102 in the late 1980s through mid-1990s. I worked there with her at classic rock station Magic 102.1, which became Rock 102, and finally Rock 105.3.

I became a DJ because I couldn't play guitar. I asked Peg why she followed this career path. She said, "I decided I wanted to be on the radio when I was 12. It was my action plan to meet and marry my mega-crush, Bob Seger. I was

my mega-crush, Bob Seger. I was a pretty determined kid."

Seger and Pollard both come from Motown (Detroit). Peg began by working at college station WSGR in Port Huron, Michigan, while still in high school. After graduating from Specs Howard School of Broadcasting in Detroit, she landed a job doing morning news at a rock station in Toledo, Ohio.

Her start in San Diego wasn't as exciting. She packed what she could in her hatchback and headed out west. She started out by working at a 7-Eleven in Lemon Grove while sending out tapes and résumés during her off hours to San Diego radio stations. Peg tells me, "I got a job at Z90 when it was an eclectic rock format that no one listened to. The program director, E. Curtis Johnson, told me, 'Just use this as a stepping stone and get out as fast as you can.'"

She ended up staying through three years and seven program directors, ending that stint with a program director who was "wasted every day when I arrived at our Tijuana studios to relieve his shift. There would be an empty bottle of Boone's Farm in the little trash basket. He didn't even have the sense to lose the bottle! One afternoon I was late because of traffic at the border, and he got pissed. He played the same song over and over, probably ten times straight, until I showed up. Another one of my PDs there got busted crossing the border with drugs, just commuting to do his shift."

Pollard got out of that mess and ended up at Magic 102.1. Peg was happy to be at a station that people listened to, and her popularity grew because she would make appearances at local clubs.

"The only other radio person I saw out there

as much as me was the late, spectacular John Leslie.... I started to be known by the crowd because I had the fun job of introducing all the bands at the Bacchanal. None of the other jocks wanted to go out late every night, and I gladly did the honors for the trade of free concert

tickets. Soon, when the other stations' jocks didn't show up to announce their 'presented' concert acts, the club would have me go up and do it. It was a riot!"

In 1990 Pollard moved from doing weekends to a full-time evening shift at 102. She convinced the program director to let her do a local music show. She kicked off *S.D. Roxx* with an interview with Joey Harris and the late Country Dick Montana from the Beat Farmers. Harris commented during the interview that this was "the very first time we've talked to a radio person who actually knows what she's talking about."

*S.D. Roxx* was successful, and Pollard got the chance on that show to play a San Diego band called Mighty Joe Young. They later changed their name to Stone Temple Pilots and never forgot that Peg played them first. She proudly showed me a demo cassette from Mighty Joe Young signed by all four members, on which drummer Eric Kretz wrote, "Peg, thanks for being the first," and Scott Weiland wrote, "Peg, we love you."

These are the types of things she cherishes now, even more than the *Billboard* awards she received during her tenure (the 1993 award for Air Personality of the Year and the 1996 award for Music Director of the Year, plus a people's choice award for "Best Ears" in 1994).

"I got to interview Eddie Vedder once. It was more exciting for me, though, when I picked him up hitchhiking. I had gone to the MTV awards, in '92 I guess it was, when Pearl Jam first won a bunch. The next day I got up early to drive back down here for work. I couldn't believe I saw Eddie walking down Sunset Boulevard. You couldn't miss him, with those long shorts and Army jacket he always wore at the time. I pulled over, and he saw the Pearl Jam sticker on my car and hopped in. He was reeling from the awards and the after-parties.



Peg Pollard shows Harlan Schiffman a house

He had no idea where he wanted to go, was just wandering around, and soaking it in. I ended up driving him about ten miles away to Mrs. Gooch's health food store. I let him out of the car and drove away screaming."

She was as nice to interns as she was to rock stars. I had seen some jocks hang up on callers or act rude to listeners at shows. At one concert, a young fan asked for her autograph. I watched as hundreds of people started handing her papers to sign. She smiled and kept asking the fans if they were kidding.

Now, as far as the dirt goes, there's a story about the time she kicked a hole in the wall of the hallway when she was mad for being scheduled six weekends in a row. Normally we would work every other weekend.

There was another infamous episode with Soundgarden. I asked her for the details.

Peg said, "Oh, that. They were opening for Guns 'N Roses — two sold-out nights in a row, which was rare for the Sports Arena. A few months prior, we were one of the first stations in the country to play their song 'Outshined.' Since I was now the music director, I decided to add their second single a few weeks early because of the hype of them playing. 91X had played 'Jesus Christ Pose' from their previous record...but hadn't yet supported *Badmotorfinger*. So, two of the band members came over for an interview as I was broadcasting from backstage. The guys were acting stoned and screwing around. I had interviewed other bands that acted silly like this, so I didn't think anything of it. They kept asking if we were 91X, even though they're standing in front of the Rock 102 banner. I thought they were just being stupid. Apparently, though, the band wanted to be known as 'alternative' and perceived a difference [between our stations].

"Anyway, 91X added 'Outshined' to their rotation, way late by industry standards, about two days before the shows, so that they could gain en-after us, the second night. The first night of the stint, Soundgarden introduced 'Outshined' onstage by saying, 'Thanks to 91X for playing our song...and any other station that has the balls to.' I got up and went to their A&M record rep's seat, tapped her on the shoulder, gave the band the finger, and headed backstage. She followed me, pleading with me not to be upset. She said the band would make it up to us the next night onstage. I said, 'Fuck, no. I don't want them to be forced to say, "Sorry.' I told her we were still going to add their single the next day but that she could tell Soundgarden it was a fucked-up thing to do. It ended up being a long night, people will recall, as Axl quit G 'n' R and rejoined in time to hit the stage at about 1 a.m. So the next night Mike Halloran says on 91X that he'll have Soundgarden on soon, and they'll call Rock and Roll Peg to apologize. Nobody lis-





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tening would even know what that meant. They ended up calling my house and left a stupid message on my machine. They did that live on 91X! Halloran and I were pretty good friends prior to this. It's just his idea of good radio to get people in fights on-air. He called my house afterwards for a month straight every day to apologize, but I wouldn't talk to him. We laugh about it now.

'Another time, Halloran rigged the 91X request lines to ring into Rock 102, thinking I'd get pissed. He listened in as I just told his listeners the correct number for 91X. He called me up after and couldn't believe it didn't piss me off."

There were far more fun times. Peg interviewed Ozzy ("He told me, 'I AM THE DEVIL'; of course, all you could do was laugh"), Rush, Rob Halford, Metallica, David Bowie, Aerosmith, Kiss, Alice in Chains, and Alice Cooper. Often bands liked her enough to thank her in their CD liner

notes. You'll find her name on the first Korn disc and on several Suicidal Tendencies and Infectious Grooves records.

One of her best days on the air was when Dean Deleo visited her show and debuted Stone Temple Pilots' Purple record. She claims she was the first to play Pearl Jam, Offspring, Stone Temple Pilots, and Korn on the radio — anywhere. She gets a kick out of the fact that she's still adding names to that list, even though she hasn't been a music director for a few years. Her long-time friends Alien Ant Farm broke huge last year, and she says if you ask them, the band will tell you that Peg played them first when she was on KCAL in Riverside.

Part of Peg's job was to "schmooze" and be the industry liaison for the station. She'd have dinner with the record labels' radio representatives. When I asked her if she felt uncomfortable with that part of the job, she said, "I'd have no problem telling them if the song they wanted us to play sucked.

Original rock-and-roll disc jockey Alan Freed had his career end in the 1950s when he pleaded guilty to 29 counts of commercial bribery.

Pollard tells me, "In the '90s, record reps had new ways to get around payola. They'd offer free trips and lots of other goodies in exchange for their artists' airplay on the station's playlist. At

some obscure cut. I remember a guy calling in to request Simon & Garfunkel's "Sounds of Silence." (We had just switched from classic rock to active rock.) Peg said to the guy, "Yeah,

# "Another one of my PDs there got busted crossing the border with drugs."

Rock 102 we had a lame-ass PD for a short time who added a new Triumph song straight into heavy rotation. That's a slot that was saved for popular bands. The guy got a trip to Canada for a Triumph party out of the deal.'

Pollard said the song didn't warrant airplay. She let her concerns be known to upper management, and a few weeks later the program director was gone.

As an intern at Rock 102, I helped answer phones on "Rock & Roll Peg's Friday Night Request Party." It was hectic because Peg insisted on playing the caller before each request, to show that it was truly "all request." We were always running around the studio trying to find

right," thinking he would start laughing, but he didn't. I told her to play the call back, have five seconds of dead air, then say, "There's your sounds of silence, buddy." And she did it. She never felt threatened to use a suggestion, even if it came from an intern.

Once another guy called in and said, "Fuck KGB!" She wanted to play some of his call, but she didn't have time to edit it. Back in the analog days, this required finding the word on the tape reel, marking it with grease pen, taking a razor blade and cutting it out, then inserting a beep sound, taping the reel back together, and re-cuing the tape. I said, "I can just press the beep button that we use for the emergency broadcast tests." She

agreed. Well, when it came time to do it, I screwed up, and the obscenity went over the air loud and clear. Peg remembers, "The PD from KGB called me at home the next day and said, 'I heard you screw up that bit and it sounded bad.' I told him the fact that we goofed it made it even funnier, and I didn't know about his sense of humor, but I was rolling on the floor laughing."

Deregulation was the end for "Rock & Roll Peg" in San Diego. The company that owned Rock 102 bought two other stations - KOGO-AM and Q106. Peg was told, "The station is going in a different direction.

The day after Peg was fired, she got a job at Global Satellite Network in Los Angeles. They produce syndicated shows like Rockline and Reelin' in the Years. The highlight of that job, she tells me, was having dinner with Bob Seger. It didn't conclude with a marriage, even though she gave him her business card and offered to bear him children.

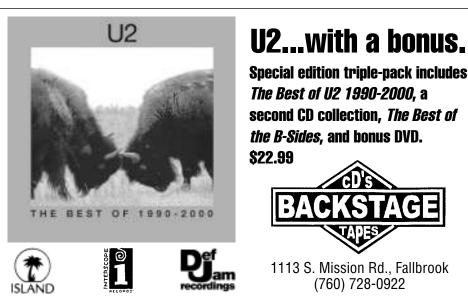
After this, Pollard ended up working with Suicidal Records (a label created by the band Suicidal Tendencies).

"Alas, the world wasn't ready for us, and we didn't have the money to play with the big boys as far as radio was concerned. It was a saddening experience. So many programmers told me how much they loved Suicidal Tendencies...but would not or could not play the band because the slots on their playlists were very expensive. That pretty much soured me on this whole business. I used to be able to live in my bubble. choosing to not pay attention to the nasty side of this business, but I can't hide from it anymore, and I no longer feel proud to be a part of it. I'd much rather dig ditches than to do something I'm so passionate about and do it the wrong way."

Living in Carlsbad now, "Rock & Roll Peg" is now a "Rock & Roll Realtor."

"Both [careers are] basically customer-service driven - if you do them correctly.... The satisfaction in both is what...keeps me motivated. And not that this is the most important thing, but people always think radio jocks make a ton of dough. I make as much in two transactions now as I did for a year of doing radio."

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# Ashbery Sunday

*Readers will by now have surmised that I am more* at home in a smoky cellar with drink in hand listening to a piano trio.

've been talking about the American Academy in Berlin and its resident composer Academy in Berlin and its resident compared Betsy Jolas. I shall return to Berlin, and to

Betsy, but let's make a detour to Leipzig and visit the resting place of Johann Sebastian Bach in the Thomaskirche, where he served as choirmaster from 1723 to his death in 1750.

Leipzig is an industrial city in the state of Saxony, east-central Germany, about a two-hour drive south-southwest of Berlin. Formerly part of East Germany, Leipzig — or what remains of it after the Allied bombing of WWII — has a population of around half a million. It is a center for publishing and the music trade and, of course, tourism.

The city was granted town status all the way back in 1165 and has long been a center of culture and learning. Its university was founded in 1409. It is home to the Deutsche Bucherai, the German national library, established in 1912.

Leipzig boasts the largest railway station in Europe (where one can spend the good part of an afternoon trying to find the restrooms) and a stunning Re-

naissance town hall dating from 1555 and built by Hieronymous Lotter.

The Thomaskirche, a late Gothic affair built between 1482 and 1496 and restored after the war, contains splendid Renaissance galleries also built by Lotter. Every Friday night and Saturday afternoon, the Thomanerchor choir still sings at services. There is a memorial to Bach in front of

the church (built in 1808), and nearby in the Baroque 17th-century Bosehaus is the Bach museum.

I never made it to Eisenach, Bach's birthplace, or Cothen, where he enjoyed his remarkably happy and productive period at the court of Prince Leopold. Nor did I make it to nearby Weimar, where Bach had earlier been employed for nine years. Quite a place, Weimar. Goethe spent most of his life there. Schiller and Liszt are also associated with the city. So is the Buchenwald concentration camp, five miles north of this great center of culture. To really understand Germany, one needs, first and last, to under-

stand the propinquity of culture and horror.

J.S. Bach

REVIEW

AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

Regardless, Leipzig very much felt like Bach Central, and that is an excellent feeling. I also had the wonderful good fortune to be in the company of the poet John Ashbery, along with a couple of

other friends. Ashbery, a distinguished art critic as well as a poet, is also knowledgeable about music, old and new. Smart guy. Also a stout com-

panion on any adventure, brief or extended. Years ago we toured Australia together. He is in his early 70s now and can seem frail at times, but he's a trooper, take my word; he is also a very droll fellow, a most amusing companion.

We had a pleasant dilemma: whether to at-

tend an organ recital at the 16th-century Nikolaikirche, with its 12th-century north tower, neoclassical furnishings, and humongous organ (Friedrich Ladgest, 1862) or catch a Motette und Kantate at Bach's church. We opted for the latter. Talk about northern Protestant! ("You're a

long way from Kansas, Dorothy," I thought to myself.) The place, with its vaulted ceilings, the choir and musicians on a very elevated platform in front, the magnificent windows - now, this was churchgoing. No guitars, folk songs, and liberal sentiments here, no sir. What majesty, what music. This wasn't like listening to Bach on the CD player. This was a hair-raising experience. The nickel finally dropped; so this is sacred Bach, the work I've always avoided. If one were to be won over, this was clearly the place on earth for it to happen.

The quality of musicianship matched

the surroundings. The motette, Singst dem Hern ein neues Leid, BMV 225, was for two choruses, one that sang the aria, the other the choral. The kantate was Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen, BMV 51, for soprano, trumpet, strings, and continuo. There was a hymn in there as well, from the 16th Century, in which the choir and worshippers alternated verses. I was thoroughly lost, but Ashbery was singing away. Before the kantate,

a minister delivered what I took to be the homily. (This was a religious service, after all.) He was blessedly brief.

Readers will by now have surmised that I am more at home in a smoky cellar with drink in hand listening to a piano trio play "All the Things You Are," but I wouldn't have missed this for the world. Nor should you,

if you're ever in the neighborhood. As I mentioned earlier, Germans take their music very, very seriously. If you go to Canada, see a hockey

Ton Koopman

game. When in Germany, go hear Bach, Beethoven, or Brahms, and if you want to hear sacred Bach, go visit the Thomaskirche, Nor do vou need to be an aficionado. I certainly am not. Even if you've got nothing but Dinah Shore or Kiss CDs at home, I defy you not to be

For Bach's part, he

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thrilled and moved by a Sunday service at der Thomaskirche. was never entirely happy in Leipzig, as he was in Cothen. You wouldn't know this by his output, which includes 295 church cantatas, the "St. Matthew Passion," the B-Minor Mass, "A Musical Offering," Well-Tempered Clavier,"

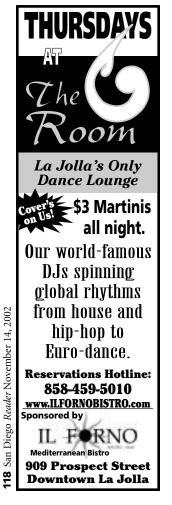
John Ashbery the "Art of Fugue," the

"Goldberg Variations," chorales, organ works, and sacred songs by the dozen. And this is only part of his output during those Leipzig years.

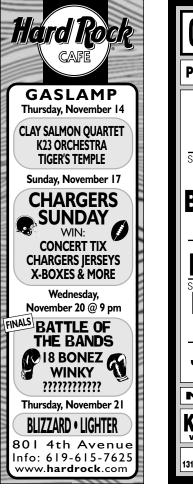
Bach was not the first choice of the Leipzig Council of Elders, and he would struggle with his administrative overseers for the duration of his life there. His teaching load was cumbersome, as were the demands on him to produce church music. But Bach's domestic life remained stable. He and his second wife, Anna Magdalena, produced seven children during these years. By 1749, Bach's eyesight began to go, returning only ten days before his death, in 1750, of a stroke, in his 66th year.

An inventory of musical instruments in his home was made after his death. It includes five harpsichords, a spinet, two lute-harpsichords, two violins, a piccolo violin, three violas, one "little bass," two cellos, a viola da gamba, and a lute. 🔳

Bach, Motets, Netherlands Chamber Choir (Philips 434 165-2PH) Bach, Complete Cantatas, Vol. 3, Amsterdam Baroque Choir and Orchestra/Ton Koopman (Erato 5984-21629-2)









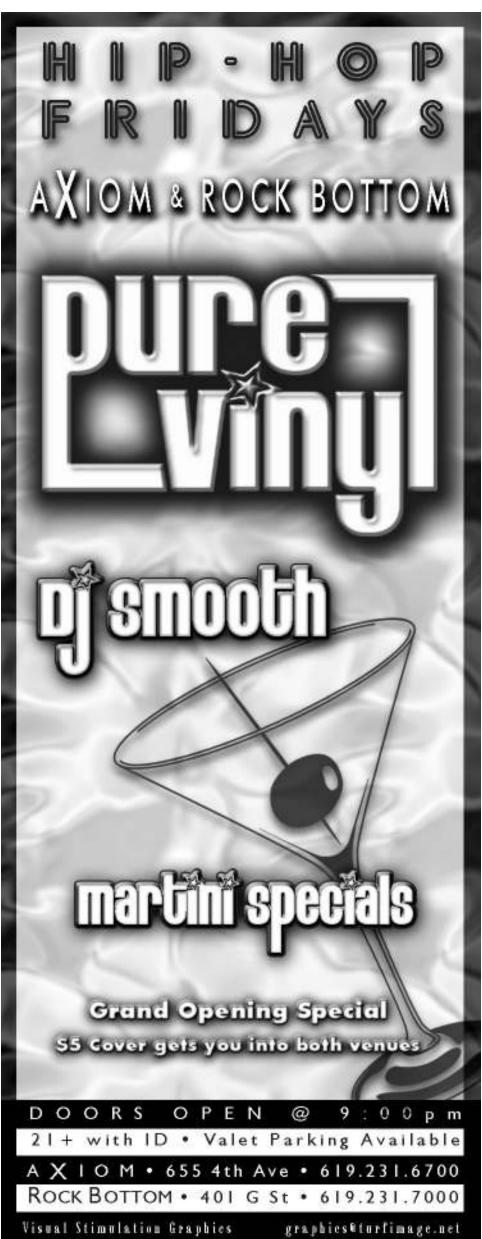






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## EXTENSION 4000

THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

## THURSDAY

**The Rolling Stones** [506]: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

### FRIDAY

Wayman Tisdale and Mike Phillips: Civic Theatre, Friday, November 15, 7:30 p.m., Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

Lisle Ellis [525] and Chris Brown: Spruce Street Forum, Friday, November 15, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

**The Young Dubliners** *[438]*: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, November 15, and Saturday, November 16, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

### SUNDAY

**DIO, King's X,** and **HammerFall:** 4th & B, Sunday, November 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

### TUESDAY

**The Pat Metheny Group** *[635]*: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, November 19, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Jurassic 5 /176) and the Beatnuts: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, November 19, and Wednesday, November 20, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

# EXTENSION 4001

# UPCOMING CONCERTS

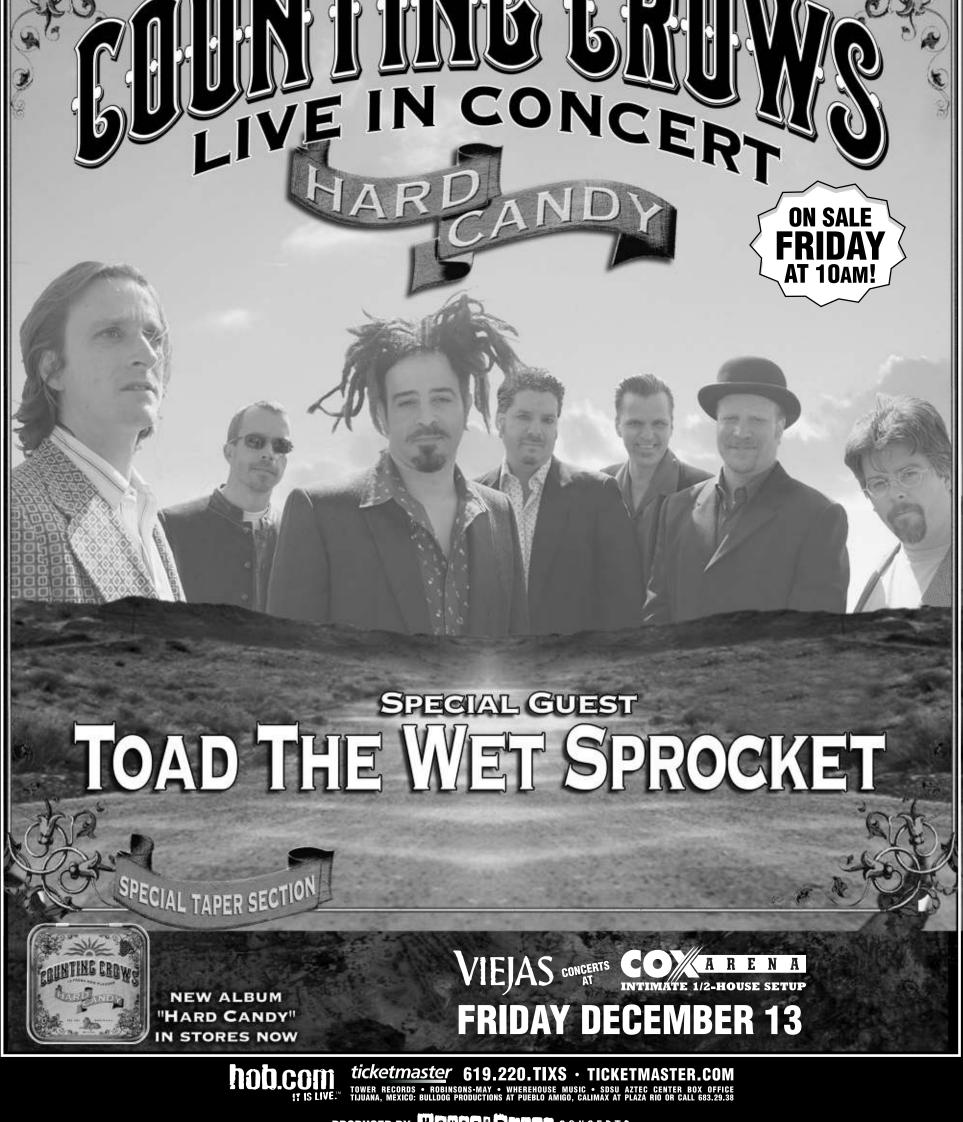
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Area, Thursday, November 21, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

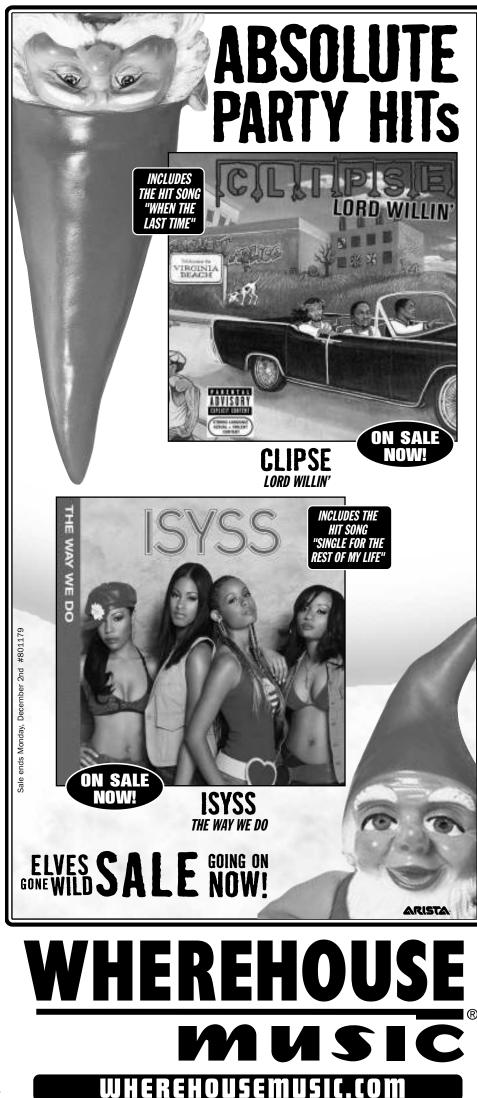
Bob Schneider [112], Ramsay Midwood, and Billy Harvey: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, November 21, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Slightly Stoopid [352], Capital Eye, Pepper, and Trapt: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, November 22, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.





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#### EXTENSION 4001

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

**The Lords of Acid** [*149*]: 4th & B, Saturday, November 23, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

John Pizzarelli: Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, November 23, 8 p.m., 15498 Espola Road, Poway. 858-748-0505.

Pedro the Lion [183]: The Casbah, Saturday, November 23, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Zero 7: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, November 24, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Nappy Roots [215] and 4th Avenue **Jones:** Belly Up Tavern, Monday, November 25, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Blues Traveler [458]: 4th & B, Monday, November 25, and Tuesday, November 26, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

No Doubt [159], Garbage [160], and the **Distillers:** Cox Arena, Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Boxcar Racer, Finch, H2O [281], the **Used**, and **Taking Back Sunday:** Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 27, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [403]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, November 29, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

3 Doors Down and Breaking **Benjamin:** 4th & B, Friday, November 29, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Poltz [815], Andy Gaunt, and Anya Marina [118]: The Casbah, Friday, November 29, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Donnas, Your Enemies Friends, and Campfire Girls: The Scene, Friday, November 29, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

**Sum 41** *[188]*: The Epicentre, Saturday, November 30, 8 p.m., 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

The Paladins [962]: The Casbah, Saturday, November 30, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown 619-232-4355.

#### DECEMBER

Cher [603] and Cyndi Lauper [615]: San Diego Sports Arena, Sunday, December 1, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497



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Bouncing Souls [332], Anti-Flag,

"Jingle Ball 2002" featuring John

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Mayer, Jewel, LeAnn Rimes, the Goo Goo Dolls, and Def Leppard: Cox

campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Supersuckers [367], Throwrag,

and the Mice: The Casbah, Friday, December 6, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or

The Rova Saxophone Quartet: Spruce Street Forum, Friday, December 6, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce

Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301. "Athenaeum Jazz at the Studio" featuring the **Allan Holdsworth Trio:** Saturday, December 7, 8 p.m., 4441 Park Boulevard, University Heights.

Peter Gabriel: San Diego Sports

Arena, Sunday, December 8, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

"The Rock That Stole Christmas'

SDSU campus, College Area.

featuring **Disturbed** and **Papa Roach:** Cox Arena, Sunday, December 8,

Glenn Tilbrook and Jim Bianco: The Casbah, Sunday, December 8, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or

Mariachi los Camperos de Nati Cano and Linda Ronstadt: East

County Performing Arts Center, Monday, December 9, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon.

Altan: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, December 10, 8 p.m., 340 N.

The Ataris [474], Sugarcult [421], Rufio, and the Go Reflex: 'Canes Bar

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## UPCOMING CONCERTS

**Venice** [432]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, December 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Lisle Ellis [525], Joëlle Léandre, and William Winant: Spruce Street Forum, Thursday, December 12, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301. Tori Amos [485] and Howie Day: PIMAC Arana Friday, December 13.

RIMAC Arena, Friday, December 13, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497. **Counting Crows** and **Toad the Wet** 

Sprocket: Cox Arena, Friday, December 13, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The and/ors [227], Sin Sin '77, and A.M. Vibe: The Casbah, Friday, December 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

**Ozomatli** [228]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 20, and Saturday, December 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"El Vez [834]: The Christmas Show": The Casbah, Sunday, December 22, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

**Billy Idol:** 4th & B, Thursday, December 26, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

# JANUARY

Reverend Horton Heat [134]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, January 2, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**"International Guitar Night"** featuring **Brian Gore, Ralph Towner, Martin Taylor,** and **Marco Pereira:** East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

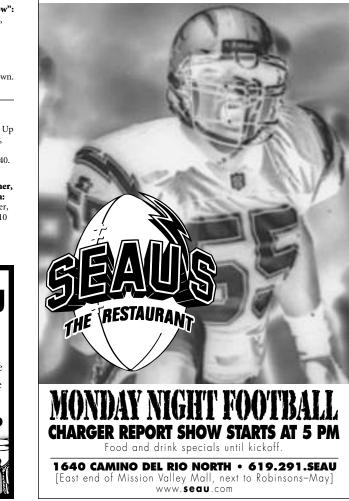


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# EXTENSION 4002

# ALTERNATIVE

Abigail: Club Xanth After Black: Dream Street The Agenda: The Casbah Alaska: The Casbah Alice Unchained: 'Canes Bar and Grill Alien Crime Syndicate [289]: The Casbab

Ambionic: Brick By Brick Anwyl: Club Xanth The Artificial Amateurs: Epicentre The Banana Seeds: The Kensington

Club Bartender's Bible: The Casbah Bavside: Club Xanth The Beatnuts: Belly Up Tavern Beauty to Ashes: The Scene Beyond Rhythm: Dream Street The Big Fellas: Dream Street Blazing Haley: Belly Up Tavern Blue Collar Special: Club Xanth Citizen Bird: The Casbah Cold Weather Rescue: Brick By Brick Counterfit: The Casbah d.fRost [389]: Winstons Discontent: Club Xanth Dissolution: The Scene D.O.A.: Club Xanth The Dragons [115]: The Casbah D.R.I.: The Scene

The Enchanted [220]: Blind Melons Epicedium: The Playhouse Exhausted Praver: The Playhouse Faceless: Pounder's, Dream Street Fear [178]: Brick By Brick Fith: Epicentre Foil: Dream Street Forfeit Nothing: Club Xanth Four Side Letter: Brick By Brick Free Confusion: Bub's Whiskey Dive The Gloria Record: The Casbah The Go Devils: The Casbah The Gossip: The Casbah Gunfighter: The Kensington Club, 4th & B HammerFall: 4th & B Har Mar Superstar: The Casbah Head First: Brick By Brick Hogg Farm: Dream Street Idle: 'Canes Bar and Grill Ilya [204]: 4th & B Intralus: Club Xanth Jackie & the Cedrics: The Casbah James & the Dead Whales: Epicentre Jiggawatt: Dream Street Juiced: Brick By Brick Junction 18: Club Xanth Jurassic 5 [176]: Belly Up Tavern Kennedy: The Casbah Key to Arson: The Kensington Club, Brick By Brick Kinetic: Epicentre King's X: 4th & B Kroybon: Dream Street The Lab Rats: Club Xanth Lance's Hero: The Scene Layover in Atlantis: Epicentre Left Hand Thread: Epicentre Likemillions: 4th & B Liquid Image: 'Canes Bar and Grill The Lonely Kings: 'Canes Bar and Grill Lou Barlow: The Casbah Lovelight Shine: The Kensington Club Magni: Dream Street Malachi Crunch: Brick By Brick Malady [418]: Dream Street

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Malady [418]: Dream Street Matt Pond Pa: The Casbah Minus the Bear [198]: The Casbah Mortuus Terror: The Playhouse Name Taken: Club Xanth Nekromantix: Belly Up Tavern Niacin: Brick By Brick No Knife [309]: 4th & B No Way Out: The Scene N.S.R.: 'Canes Bar and Grill The O.C. Bombers: Club Xanth Rochelle, Rochelle [570]: The Casbah The Satisfaction: The Casbah Say From Charms: The Scene, Epicentre The Scotch Greens: Tio Leo's Lounge Scribner: Epicentre Season of Decay: Dream Street The Shitgiveits: Club Xanth Simply Complex: Hard Rock Cafe (La Iolla) Skipjack: 'Canes Bar and Grill Smogtown: Club Xanth Societies Victim: Brick By Brick Socket Seven: Epicentre The Soundtrack of Our Lives: The Casbah Spell Toronto: Brick By Brick State of War: The Playhouse Stinkaholic [290]: 'Canes Bar Stolen: Epicentre Swords Project: The Casbah Tall: Dream Street Tenfold: The Kensington Club, Brick By Brick Tiger's Temple: Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp) Turam: Dream Street Uncalledfor: 'Canes Bar and Grill Undefeated: The Scene The Underhills: Brick By Brick Unsanctified: Club Xanth Unsung Zeroes: Club Xanth Verona: Epicentre Vuldetyrne: Club Xanth Waiting for Autumn: The Scene Watch It Burn: 'Canes Bar and Grill, The Casbal West 78: Dream Street The Ziggens [165]: Blind Melons

**Ornament:** Epicentre

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Rhythm of the Sun: Pounder's.

Red Eve Gravy [423]: Brick By Brick

P.B.R.: The Scene

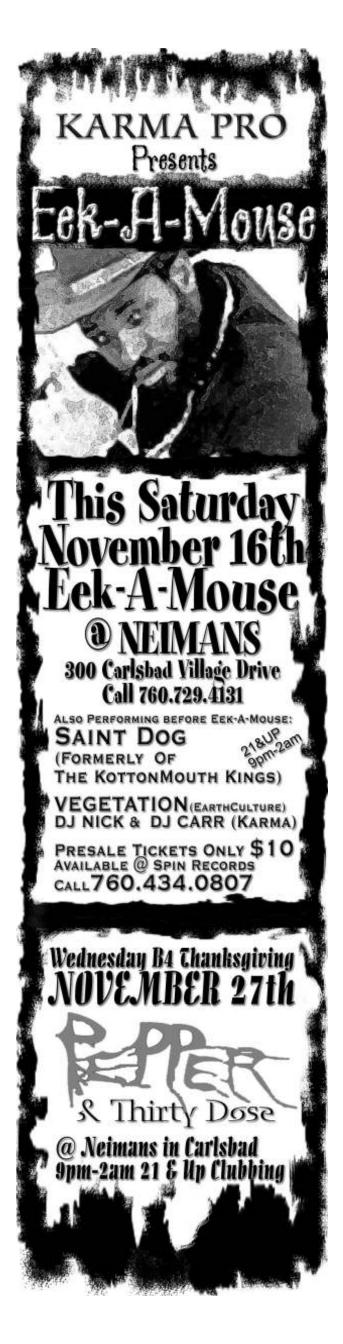
# EXTENSION 4003

### ROCK

Agrokulcher: 'Canes Bar and Grill Amherst: The Playhouse The Big Provider: Tiki House Big Rig Deluxe: California Club Big Sound: Surf N'Saddle Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill The Bumpin' Uglies: Tiki House Cilantro: Winstons Compass: Sham Rocks Shack D.J. Turbo: Sham Rocks Shack DIO: 4th & B



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# ROCK

Electro Vibe: Winstons The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken Green House: Winstons Hemi Cuda: Scolari's Office Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge

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#### ROCK

Syk: Blind Melons 3 Against 1 [456]: Blind Melons Three Foot: 'Canes Bar and Grill Toreback: 'Canes Bar and Grill Tragic Ritual: 'Canes Bar and Grill Tubby: California Club, Blind Melons, Winstons Undecided: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), The Scene Viva Santana: Humphrey's Fuzzy Waldorf: Blind Melons West of 5: The Kraken Christy Wilson & Powerhouse: The Alley Wither: Brick By Brick Wonka Bar: Tiki House

The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up Tavern

# EXTENSION 4004

# **POP / TOP 40**

Iames Bianchi: Bahia Hotel Cafe Savoy: Hot Monkey Love Cafe The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's Diva Soul: Jimmy Love's The Edge: Humphrey's The Fabulous Pelicans: Viejas Casino Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop Makai: Humphrey's NRG: Viejas Casino, Jimmy Love's The New Breed Band: The Alley, Dick's Last Resort

The New Breed Orchestra: Belly Up

North Star: North Bar Sports & Spirits Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: The Westgate Hotel

Steel Wave: The Raintree X-Cel: Jimmy Love's

# EXTENSION 4005

# JAZZ / BIG BAND

Robin Adler [633]: The Calypso Cafe Afinity: Il Forno The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

Big Daddy Orchestra: Cannibal Bar Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado Iohn Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado The Westgate Hotel Cal-Son: The Calvpso Cafe The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet:

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Coronado, Juke Joint Cafe The Jazz Allstars: Jimmy Love's The Jazz Mandolin Project:

Ed Johnson: Dizzy's The K23 Orchestra: Hard Rock Cafe

(Gaslamp) Brian Koehler: Mocha Market Place, Miracles Cafe

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's Jared Mattson: Miracles Cafe Bill Mavers: Hot Monkey Love Cafe The Keith Metheven Quartet: Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain)

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice: Loew's Coronado Bav Resort

Sue Palmer [641]: The Calypso Cafe, Juke Joint Cafe

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp) Martini Ranch (Encinitas) Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Dizzy's Calvin Romance: Humphrey's Rick Ross: The Beach House, La

Costa Coffee Roasting Co. Rick Ross-Piano [659]: Morav's

Lounge Royale Brasserie: Ole Madrid

The Clay Salmon Quartet: Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp)

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suite

Brett Sanders: Dizzy's The Shade of Blue Quartet: Cafe 828

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Psydecar [740]: Winstons, Buffalo

Quino: Chuey's Numero Uno,

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Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The Beach House

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# EXTENSION 4009

### **BLUES / SOUL**

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Gordon Biersch Brewery Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings [965]: Buffalo Joe's

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Gumboyaya: Coyote Bar and Grill Robin Henkel [914]: Coyote Bar

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Mississippi Muds: Tio Leo's Lounge, Patrick's II

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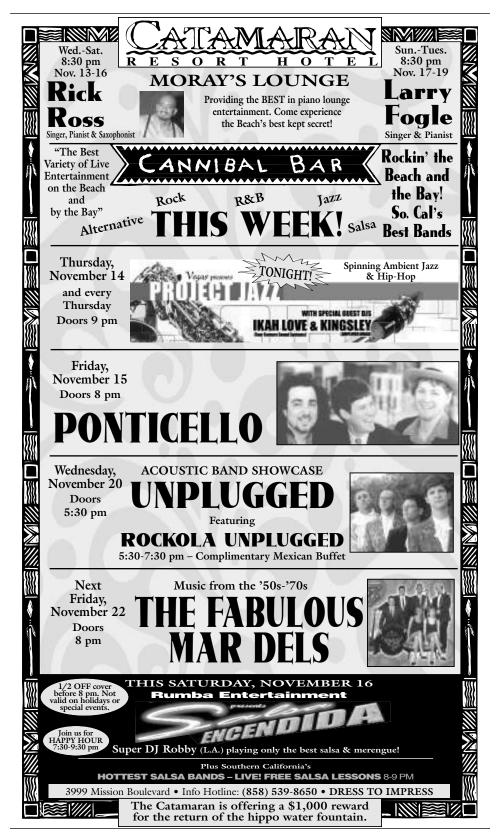
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**Acapulco:** Saturdays, DJ OneSlippa spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggae. 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-578-6390.

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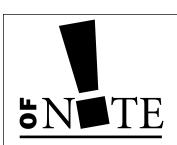
**Fluid:** Saturdays, dance, hip-hop, and house. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. Freeform: Saturdays, atmospheric

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Neon Beat: Mondays, DJ Eternalux and Abe spin '80s new wave, hits, misses, and obscura. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848.



#### BY DAVE GOOD

It wouldn't surprise me to find a copy of Women Who Run with the Wolves stashed in Jill Cohn's travel van. Her lifestyle speaks to the liberation described in the book (although I didn't get much past page one in an ex-girlfriend's copy). Cohn is unattached and drives all over creation with her cat, playing music for coin. It's a '70s living, resurrected from the ashes of the politics and lifestyles of the hippies who championed such free-spiritedness. I don't think Joni Mitchell did it that way, and certainly not Tori Amos, two artists to whom Cohn has been favorably compared.

Both Mitchell and Amos approach music as a novelist might approach paper. One tells stories, one burns the paper up. Cohn's songs do neither. Instead, her themes unravel from points of deliberation.

The Pompeii Room: Grand opening, Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16. World-class DJs spin house, hip-hop, and dance classics. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-5040

Pure: Saturdays, Clectic, upbeat dance music, dirty breaks, techstep, drum 'n' bass, no two nights the same. Sundays, Late Session, funky, deep house DJs, 2 am to close; 21 and up. 8125 Balboa Avenue (at Highway 163), Kearny Mesa. 858-538-PURE (7873).

The Room: Thursdays, house DJs spin hip-hop, Euro, Latin, and international beats Fridays, Forbidden Fridays, house, Euro, and Latin

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can cover a lot of ground, from refugees drowning at sea to global warming: "As the peo-ple get colder," she sings, "The planet gets warmer/ A circle in time/ Becomes a straight line." "Oneness" could get radio play, as could "Ask Me to Stay." They're both that strong, perhaps due in part to some of the com-pany that Cohn's maturing abilities have begun to lure. On Window to the Wise, she was able to enlist the talents of producer Ethan Allen and Grammy Award-winning engineer Jim Watts.

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Great Northwest has a subtle. off-center voice. Lots of air in it, and lots of breaths taken. This makes the pipes sexy in a delicate way that sheds heartache in all the right places. There's individualism in the songwriting too, and quality in the musicianship (Cohn plays both modern folk piano and acoustic guitar, and she debuts on electric guitar on Window). In the end, there's a singular body of work, the majority of which is



**JILL COHN** 

loaded with all those relationship danger signals: "If you'd just ask me to stay/ I'm melting in your mouth/ I'm drowning in my doubt." In Cohn's world, the qualities that bond also repel.

JILL COHN, San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Saturday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. 858-566-4040. \$12.

Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, Sundays, *Industry Lounge*. Il Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-459-5010. ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. The first Friday of every month at the Blue Agave, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., 6608 Mission Gorge Road, Allied Gardens, 619-521-3194. Remaining Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego,

Underworld: Sundays, dark-electro and industrial noize with DJs Bryan Pollard, Franck H-Bomb, and Grendel Prime. 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2233. Information, 619-465-5827.

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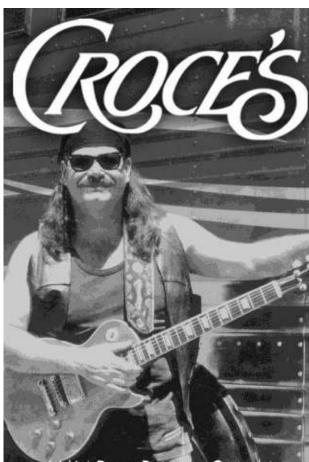
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The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Thursday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic pop rock. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 pm, Nekromantix with Blazing Haley, alternative. Friday and Saturday, 9:15 pm, the Young Dubliners, rock, with the Hatchet Brothers on Friday, and the New Breed Orchestra, on Saturday. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jurassic 5 and the Beatnuts.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall. 1-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *George Svoboda*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, *the Keith Metheven Quartet*,

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Music is blues and jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Candye Kane* and *Sue Palmer*, swing, jazz. Friday, *Cal-Son*, salsa. Saturday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Sunday, *Adrienne Nims* and *Richard Samuels*, Monday, *Robin Adler* and friends, jazz. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, blues. Wednesday, *Runnin' Blue*, blues.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Gumboyaya*, funk, blues. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers*, blues, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Bordertown*, rock, blues, folk. Sunday, 2 pm to 5:30 pm, *Robin Henkel*, blues, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Hollis Gentry*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Nude BBQ*, rock.

The Hot Java Cafe, 11738 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 182, Carmel Mountain. 858-673-7111. Thursday and Sunday, 7:30 pm, open mike. Friday, Alicia Lockett, folk. Saturday, Jody, folk.

**The Kraken**, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, *Salt Lickers*. Saturday, *West of* 5, rock.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday through Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Lencioni*. Sunday and Monday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Dick Matson*, piano and vocals.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Tuesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

**Miracles Cafe**, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, *Jared Mattson*, jazz. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Brian Koehler*. Tuesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, open mike.

**Mocha Marketplace,** 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Brian Koehler*, acoustic jazz.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Saturday, Saint Dog, Vegitation, and Eek-A-Mouse.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Billy Thompson.* Saturday, *Steel Wave*, contemporary.

Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, *Rain of Kings*, rock.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly.







#### BEACHES

Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, James Bianchi, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, 3 Against 1, Tubby, and Syk, rock. Friday, Scot Taber, KO.2, Spoken Gun, the Enchanted, the Otis Turbine, Hotbox, and G. Williams. Saturday, Fuzzy Waldorf, the Ziggens and Rad Bones, rock. Sunday, KO.2, G. Williams, and Willie Venant. Wednesday, call club for information.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Proof of Burden, Tragic Ritual, Agrokulcher, Plane, and Toreback. Friday, Alice *Unchained* and *Raw Kandy*. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *the* Lonely Kings, Losing Balance, Idle, and Liquid Image. Wednesday, Uncalledfor, Three Foot, Skipjack, N.S.R., and Stinkaholic.

**Cannibal Bar,** at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, Big Daddy Orchestra. Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, Rockola, classic rock.

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, Magni Season of Decay, Turam, and After Black. Friday, Foil, Tall, Malady, and the Drop Skots. Saturday, Faceless, Hogg Farm, Rhythm of the Sun, and Beyond Rhythm. Wednesday, Kroybon, Jiggawatt, the Big Fellas, and West 78. Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, 7 pm to 10 pm, Dejablu with Kymberlee Maxin

Galoka, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Iolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, Reggae Fever. Saturday, Shine Eye. Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909

Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Thursday, *Simply Complex*, alternative rock. Friday, *Undecided*, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach 858-483-8847. Saturday, Kitchen Fire, Irish folk.

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*, rumba and Spanish guitar. Saturday and Wednesday, *the* Wagnertorre & Christiano Novelli Duo Brazilian rhvthm.

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.

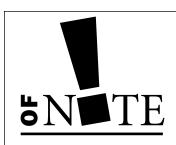
Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross, jazz*. Sunday through Tuesday, Larry Fogle, singer, pianist

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 1 pm to close, live bands on the patio.

**RT's Longboard Grill,** 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030. Sunday, 10 pm to 1 am, *the Devastators*, rock.

T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, 4315 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-270-6850. Friday and Sunday, Ashley Matte, folk.

**Tiki House,** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, the Bumpin' Uglies, rock.



#### BY WILLIAM CRAIN

On paper at least, Neko Case seems almost too good to be true. She's a smart and good-looking redhead with a voice that begs comparison to Loretta Lynn and a mouth that begs comparison to a sailor's. A twang as sharp as a Buck knife means she's born to sing country music, but she sounds equally fantastic singing power pop with her part-time gig, the New Pornographers. Her raunchy sense of humor practically ensures that she will never sell out and join the Nashville "blandocracy." (She is reportedly banned for life from the Grand Ole Oprv because she took her shirt off when performing with her band at the Opryland amusement park.)

But despite stealing the show on the New Pornographers album, Case hasn't quite

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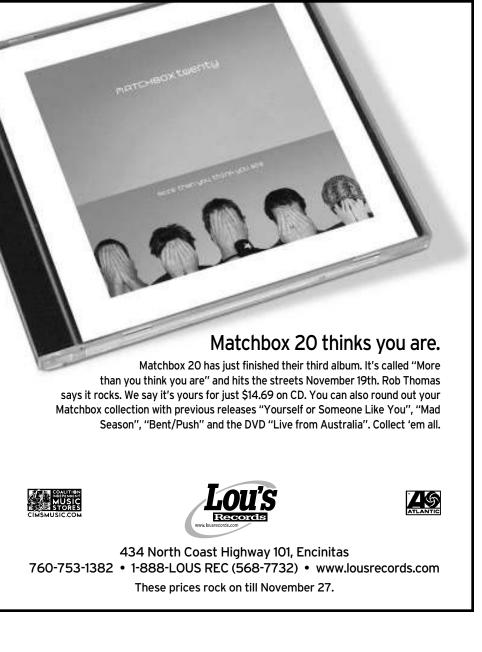
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9 pm, the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo

Friday, Wonka Bar, rock. Saturday, the Big Provider, rock.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay, 858-490-3380, Saturday, 6 pm. Pink Froyd, rock, 9 pm, Rocker T, Soul Majestic, and Tribe of Kings, reggae.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *d.fRost.* Friday, *the Jazz Mandolin* Project and New Monsoon. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Kingtone*, reggae, 8 pm, *the Om Trio* and *Electro Vibe*. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors, blues, 8:30 pm, Cilantro, rock. Monday, Green House, rock. Tuesday, Tubby, rock. Wednesday, Psydecar, reggae, funk.



lived up to her incredible promise with a great solo record. Her first two. The Virginian and Furnace Room Lullaby, which featured covers and fairly traditional originals, were good but uneven. Her latest, Blacklisted, is more consistent. Collaborating with likeminded guys from Calexico and Giant Sand. she finds a mildly experimental Americana sound that seems more suited to her.

Still, much of the material seems too dark and slow to contain her exuberant voice, which springs out of some of the songs like a trumpet. That's not necessarily a

bad thing, and I don't want anyone to tell Case to tone down her singing — I still lament what happened when former firebrand Sinead O'Connor started whispering everything. But one day Case is going to put out an album that knocks everyone on their backside. For now, her concerts will have to do. Jim & Jenny and the Pinetops and

**NEKO CASE** 

Bartender's Bible also perform.

(To hear a sample of Neko Case, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4780.)

NEKO CASE, The Casbah, Thursday, November 14, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10

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California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Friday, *Tubby*, rock. Saturday, *Big Rig* Deluxe, rock.

**Claire de Lune,** 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Dave Howard*, acoustic. Saturday, *the 7th Day* Buskers, alternative.

**Club Xanth,** 4225 30th Street, San Diego. 619-584-2720. Music is hard core/punk. Friday, 7 pm to 10 pm

Rats. Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, the Unsung Zeroes, Name Taken, Junction 18, Bayside, and Forfeit Nothing. Sunday, 2 pm to 6 pm, Smogtown, the Reducers, Blue Collar Special, Discontent, and the O.C. Bombers; 7 pm to 11 pm, *Abigail, Anwyl, Unsanctified, Vuldetyrne*, and *Intralus.* 

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. All music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Fith, Ornament, Stolen, and Kinetic. Friday, Layover in Atlantis, the Artificial Amateurs, and Scribner. Saturday, Socket Seven, James & the Dead Whales, Say From Charms, and Verona.

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Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday and Saturday, 9 pm, and Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, live rock and blues

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Big Daddy & the Money Shakers*, blues. Saturday, the Int'l Silver Strings Submarine Band featuring Billy Watson, blues, swing. Sunday, the Vince Clementson Group.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. Thursday, 6 pm, *Bill Mayes*, jazz. Friday, 8 pm, 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: 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, Calvin Romance, jazz. Friday, 6 pm, the Edge, 9:30 pm, Makai, pop. Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm, Michael Ward, jazz, 9:30 pm, Viva Santana, Latin rock. Sunday, 8 pm to midnight, Reggie Smith & Pressed for Tima jazz. Tuescday, 8:30 pm, Outpa Time, jazz. Tuesday, 9:30 pm, Quino, reggae. Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, Fattburger, jazz.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

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. Music is alternative. Friday, Gunfighter and the Banana Seeds. Saturday, Lovelight Shine, Tenfold, and Key to Arson.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, Sage Gentle Wing. Friday, Elijah Lee Hawken. Saturday, Allison Lonsdale. Sunday, Broken Hills and Peter Boland. Wednesday, call club for information

The Morena Club, 1319 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-275-4431. Saturday, 9 pm, the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash, country rock.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Fish & the* Seaweeds, funk, blues. Saturday, the Brother Blood Blues Band.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-6594. Friday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the* Hatchet Brothers, folk.

**Pal Joey's,** 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, Night Life, classic rock.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Friday, R.D.G., Amherst, and the Pinwheels. Saturday, State of War, Mortuus Terror, Exhausted Prayer, and Epicedium.

**The Scene,** 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Nemo, Undecided, Mr. Morgan, and Skeetball. Friday, Dissolution, Beauty to Ashes, Waiting for Autumn, and Say From Charms. Saturday, Off by One, Lance's Hero, One Last Time, and No Wav Out, Wednesday, D.R.I., Undefeated, and P.B.R.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Monday, 9:30 pm, *Hemi Cuda*, rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos, 619-465-1730, Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, Compass.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, James Intveld, the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash, and Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, Powerthud, rock. Saturday, Mississippi Mud and Scotch Greens. Sunday, Rubik's Groove.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597 1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm, the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet.



# >**h**ometown CDs

Album name: Live from Camp X-Ray (2002) Artist: Rocket From The Crypt

Label: Vagrant Records

Songs: 1) I'm Not Invisible 2) Get Down 3) I Can't Feel My Head 4) Can You Hear It 5) I Wanna Know What I Wanna Know 6) Bring Us Bullets 7) Bucket of Piss 8) Dumb Blind Horny 9) Outsider 10) Too Many Balls

Price/Where Available: amazon.com for \$15.98

Personnel: Speedo (lead vocals, guitar), N.D. (guitar), Petey X (bass, vocals), Apollo Nine (sax, percussion, vocals), JC2000 (trumpet, percussion, vocals), Ruby Mars (drums). Extra Info: Pledging to never play a venue with a stage,

singer/guitarist John Reis (a.k.a. Speedo) formed Rocket From The Crypt in the summer of 1990 after becoming disillusioned with the hardcore punk band he was in called Pitchfork. Website: rftc.com

The album's original title, Violate Me Like the

**Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company,** 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Sunday, *the* 

Celtic Ensemble.

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Blarnev Stone Pub. 502 Fifth Avenue. wn. 619-233-8519. Thursday downt through Sunday, and Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic. Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp),

668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 9 pm, *Root*, folk/rock.

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-236-1616, Thursday, Uproot. Saturday, the Disco Pimps,

11, 2001. Do not be fooled by this turnaround, though; the album is still saturated with Rocket's signature style of "garage punk 'n' roll."

Live from Camp X-Ray captures the rudimentary elements of rock: blaring guitars, pounding drums, and amplified vocals, all delivered with exigency. In "Outsider." frontman John Reis sings, "Somewhere in the darkness/ the one with red white and blue/ they beat their woman more than they should/ I seen it on the news/ cancel my subscription/ tear my ticket stub/ protected from the politics....Destroy un-American." Rocket still manages to render a poignant statement, despite their limited vocabulary.

Rocket's songs are not the most striking or memorable of melodies (the first song has the most melody and is the

Pa, Swords Project, and Minus the Bear. Monday, Lou Barlow, Alaska, and Earlimart. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, the Soundtrack of Our Lives, Citizen Bird, and the Cato Salsa Experience. Wednesday, Har Mar Superstar, the Gossip and the Agenda.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown, 619-234-6937. Friday, Quino, reggae, and Soul down.

**Club Montage**, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday



catchiest). However, with their performance of the standard three-chord guitar method accompanied by sporadic bursts of sound from either horns or additional guitars, Rocket has mastered the skill of creating rock songs brief enough to keep things interesting but substantial enough to leave the listener satisfied.

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the David Patrone Quartet. Friday, Yavaz. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Glen Fisher con Alma. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Comberos Quintet.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, Fuzzy & the Bluesmen. Saturday, the Mike Reilly Band, jazz

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Friday, the New Breed Band, jazz, pop. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock. Tuesday, Night Shift, rock.





Disgusting Potato Bug That I Am,

was dropped after September

alternative pop. Tuesday, Beston & the Kitchen. Wednesday, Psydecar. Cafe 828, 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-231-8282. Friday and Saturday, 9:30 pm, *the Shade of Blue Quartet*,

iazz. The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is

Jim & Jenny's Pinetops, and Bartender's Bible, Friday, 8:30 pm, the Dragons, Jackie & the Cedrics, the Satisfaction, the Go Devils, and Kennedy. Saturday, Alien Crime Syndicate, Rochelle Rochelle, Counterfit, and Watch It Burn Sunday, the Gloria Record, Matt Pond

alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 pm, Neko Case,



Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 pm, John Reischman & the Jaybirds, jazz, bluegrass. Friday, 8:30 pm, Ed Johnson, jazz band, Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, Rick Helzer, Marshall Hawkins, and Brett Sanders, jazz. Sunday, 7 pm to 10 pm, the Weller Brothers, jazz Wednesday, 8 pm, *Richard Smith* and *Julie Adams*, acoustic.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343. Saturday, *No Knife*, *Ilya*, *Likemillions*, and *Gunfighter*, alternative/rock. Sunday, DIO, King's X. and Hammer Fall, alternative Wednesday, Ray Price & the Cherokee Cowbovs.

Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp), 801 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-615-ROCK. Thursday, the Clay Salmon Quartet, the K23 Orchestra, and Tiger's Temple.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, 9:45 pm, NRG, high-energy dance. Friday, 9:45 pm, X-Cel, pop. Saturday, 9:45 pm, Diva Soul, pop. Sunday, 6:30 pm, Masterpiece, jazz, funk, R&B. Monday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, *the Jazz* Allstars. Tuesday, Mystique, jazz, funk, R&B. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, the Soul Revu

Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-232-SOUL, Bistro: Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the Gilbert Castellanos Quartet*, Latin jazz. Friday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Sue Palmer*, jazz, 7:30 pm, *Shelle*, blues. Saturday, 7:30 pm, Aubrey Fay, jazz. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Barbara Jamerson jazz. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Cynthia Hammond Trio*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, *the David Patrone* Quartet, jazz.

The New Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue (between Broadway and C Street), downtown. 619-232-6141. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, the Aubrey Fay Band, jazz.

Ole Madrid, 755 Fifth Avenue downtown. 619-557-0146. Thursday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Royale Brasserie*. Tuesday, 6 pm to 8 pm, Inner Voyage, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Thursday, the Bavou Brothers. Friday, Bill Magee. Saturday,

Family Style, Sunday, Red Lane, Monday, Jonny Viau and the Blue Allstars. Tuesday, Mississippi Muds. Wednesday, Texas Twisters.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, La Combinacion Tuesday, Orquesta 8.8. Wednesday, Orquesta Timbao.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, contemporary piano

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Leslie Gold*. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen* Giorgio, piano and vocales. The Fontainebleau Restaurant: Friday, Monday, and Wednesday,

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman. Saturday, John Cain, pop.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, *Joe* Tarrantino, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe* Tarrantino, pop.

#### **SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO**

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

**Cafe LaMaze,** 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring Sandy Chappel, Sammy Canonizado, and Burnett Anderson.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes, or Vicki Eriqat, European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Palm Court: Thursday through

Sunday, 5:30 pm, Ray Briz. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Joey West*. Monday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain*. Prince of Wales Thursday. Monday, and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Friday through Sunday, and Tuesday,



**MUSIC** ➤ Tuesday has karaoke, every other night has live music **SPECIAL NIGHTS** > none

**CLIENTELE** ➤ average age mid-20s; 85% Caucasian, 10% Mexican, 5% African-American; mostly couples **COVER** ➤ none

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of where the band plays on the outside patio, which is about 20 by 20 feet

**BATHROOMS** ➤ men's: one urinal and one toilet: sink didn't have blow dryer near it, but placed by the urinal, which makes it awkward when you're drying your hands right behind somebody: women's was clean, with two toilets

**CAPACITY** > 194 inside, but they didn't know about outside (they guessed 140-160, which seemed high to me)

**SPECIAL AREAS** ➤ the outdoor patio, where you can smoke and

5280. Thursday, Big City Shaman, blues. Friday, *4-Way Street*, acoustic. Saturday, *Sweet Blue Onion*, blues. Wednesday, Gene Warren, folk.

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Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 pm, Arigon Starr, world beat. Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway,

Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday, and Saturday, *the Late Edition*, classic rock.

watch the band, has four fire pits with ten chairs around each one **FURNISHINGS** > nice interior: Southwestern theme, but not overdone with cheesy murals of coyotes everywhere - a few coyote skulls, and a cactus or two; three TV sets outside, two inside at bar; ATM nearby

**DECIBEL LEVEL** ➤ 101 during a blues song by Chill Boy; the train that passed by was 120 decibels from 50 feet away (the level was 104 last week at "the Room" at II Forno Bistro & Bar)

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LAST MONTH ➤ Gumbovava **OUOTABLE** ➤ "What does the fire marshal say about these fire pits?'

It's nice that there are places like this that keep the local musicians employed. Live bands play here six days a week. Sundays are devoted to jazz (with talented locals like Peter Sprague and Hollis Gentry).

The menu stated, "Largest

Jennings, country.

Hoochie Coochie Men, blues, rock.

the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band featuring Jo Dark.

selection of tequilas in the Western Hemisphere." I asked the waitress why so many. She said, "We have some people that can taste the difference. They'll have it in their mouth, like it's a fine wine, and they can tell you all about it."

And I thought you were just supposed to down the shots, not sip 'em.

The kitchen closes at 10 p.m., which is also when the band breaks down. The waitress said, "Since the bands play outside, we have to end it at 10. I live a few blocks away, and I'm able to hear them play from there."

Sometimes when it rains (rain, here?) they have music inside.

I asked a guy by the fire pits what he thought of them, and he said, "They keep ya warm. And, it's like a bonfire at the beach, but you don't get sand in your shoes."

–Josh Board

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The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm,

Nemesis, classic rock.

Magnolia Mulvanev's, 8861 Emerald River, country. Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia



# Lobsterlandia

Every Thanksgiving, substantial numbers of San Diegans (and a few Yumans) descend on Baja to enjoy a turkey-free four-day weekend. Instead of the big bird, at some point during their mini-vacations nearly all the visitors will stop off in Puerto Nuevo to feast on a mess o' local lobster.

Legend has it that some 60 years ago, a handful of fisherman from Jalisco's Lake Chapala took their families in tow and headed to the Baja coast to try their luck. They discovered a small cove south of Tijuana where the fish were plentiful and the local spiny lobsters even better. Soon their encampment became a village of sorts, its location marked by a large roadside billboard advertising Newport cigarettes. By default, the village came to be known as Newport. Eventually the name was translated into Spanish: Puerto Nuevo. There's still no port there of any age, but lately the town has acquired yet another name: Hungry travelers call it "Lobster Village."

So numerous were the crustaceans of Newport that one couple, Juan and Petra Ortega, decided to share their bounty with those visitors from the U.S. who were motoring down Highway 1 to Ensenada. The Ortegas (who now have five restaurants in Puerto Nuevo and two in Rosarito) simply set up a big table in their living room and served inexpensive lobster dinners to anybody who managed to find their door. Other fishing families soon got in on the act.

"In those early days, the customers actually felt like members of an extended family and just went into the kitchen and grabbed sodas or beers out of the family refrigerator," writes Greg Niemann in his delightful regional history, *Baja Legends* (2002, Sunbelt Publications, San Diego). "Before the guests left, the owners would simply tally up the number of empty bottles on the table, a practice many restaurants still employ."

Later, as nearby Rosarito Beach bloomed into today's resort-and-revels destination, "real" restaurants started opening in the village. It's uncertain whether the first of them was today's Original Ortega's or Restaurant Puerto Nuevo. The latter remains the town's most popular destination, with long lines outside every weekend.

Today, a tall white archway welcomes you into bustling Lobster Village, home to some 35 seafood restaurants and at least as many souvenir, snack, and craft shops, not to mention strolling norteño *conjuntos* and mariachi bands. The village is one block long (north to south) and four blocks deep (east to



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west), including the sprawling row of vendor stands at the ocean edge of the bluff. From about noon onward, especially on weekends, the whole town is usually packed with cars, parked or trying to park. If you arrive after 1:00 p.m., the secret is to enter Puerto Nuevo from the south where you'll find a large free parking lot just past the "exit" archway.

The village specialty is "Puerto Nuevo–style" lobster — spiny lobsters split in half, quickly deep-fried, and finished off on the grill, served with rice, beans, flour tortillas, and

melted butter (or "butter substitute"). In front of all but the best-known restaurants, men call out to you with promises (mostly in fluent East L.A. English) of inexpensive lobsters and free drinks — on quiet weekdays costing as little as \$12 for "four halves" plus a margarita or a beer.

Given the hungry hordes (locals, gringos, and local gringos) who descend on Lobster Village every weekend, the supply of local crustaceans no longer begins to meet the demand; the majority of what's served is actually imported from other waters, even from other countries. The last of the year's legal local Rigoberto, at Malecón de Puerto Nuevo

lobster plays out over Thanksgiving weekend. (Officially, Baja's lobster season ends in mid-September and resumes in mid-March, but I encountered plenty of live spinies there in early November.)

Puerto Nuevo (at km. 49) is about 30 minutes south of Tijuana by the "Scenic Highway" (toll road), costing \$4.50 each way. It's worth the price to take the well-engineered, four-lane divided

tollway and avoid the current construction mess on the free road through Popola (just south of Rosarita) with its frequent long dolars

ito), with its frequent long delays amid blowing dust. Take the Cantamar exit, make a right, and go north for a mile on the free road. Lobster Village will be on your left — you can't miss the concrete arches. Don't bother looking for street signs in Puerto Nuevo (or Rosarito or Ensenada, for that matter); they're mainly absent. There are two hotels adjacent to Lobster Village, Newport Beach Hotel (800-562-1018) and Grand Baja Resort (800-275-3280). Both are rather expensive, but there are plenty of budget and mid-priced motels in Rosarito, about ten minutes north by the toll road.

Many guidebooks write about Puerto Nuevo

#### **Original Ortega's** (passable)

LOCATION: Next to Casa Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate, Puerto Nuevo, Baja NEED TO KNOW: Open three meals daily, serving spiny lobster dinners, "Mexican combinations" (*antojitos*), fajitas, chicken, several shrimp dishes and seafood combinations. Full bar. English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Appetizers about \$4–\$7. Entrées \$8 (antojito combos)–\$21 (seafood combo). Lobsters \$18–\$27, special \$12 (two small halves plus "trimmings"). No reservations, cash only.

> Malecón de Puerto Nuevo (Highly recommended, near perfect)

**LOCATION:** Northwest edge of town; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the oceanfront street market, edge right, park, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street market on the oceanside edge of town. **NEED TO KNOW:** Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Open brunch through dinner, serving spiny lobsters, fresh catch of the day. No written menu yet. Owner speaks minimal English, "pitchman" bilingual. Lobster special about \$14 (four smallish halves and "trimmings" plus ceviche appetizer and one beer or margarita). No reservations, cash only.

#### **El Galleón** (Pretty darn good)

**LOCATION:** One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road) and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road).

**NEED TO KNOW:** Three meals daily. Bilingual menu and staff. Fish, seafood, and lobsters, averaging about \$16 (including a whole fish, any style, for \$11). Lobster special about \$15 (four halves, "trimmings," one beer or margarita). Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only.





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as though all the food were the same, with little difference from restaurant to restaurant. My experiences at three restaurants there contradict that view.

#### THE ORIGINAL ORTEGA'S

Ortega's menu says the restaurant's been open since 1952, and it seems that time stopped right there. The spacious dining room has nice old-timey decor, the old wood of the walls giving off a warm glow on a cool evening, with a couple of barber poles lending an eccentric touch.

The menu is more expansive than most in town. It includes several à la carte appetizers (guacamole, ceviche, seafood cocktails, shrimp in spicy lime sauce), and, for entrées, in addition to the various lobster preparations, there are numerous Mexican "standards" and a host of seafood dishes. One that caught my eye was *camarones papagayo*, shrimp wrapped in bacon, stuffed with *queso fresco* and lobster (\$12) based on a recipe from San Diego's own Harbor House.

As at all local restaurants, a meal begins with the customary *tostones* (griddle-fried tortilla pieces) and salsas, here including a medium-hot *pico de gallo* (chopped fresh tomatoes, onions, chiles, etc.) and a hot-hot purée. Entrées come with salad or tortilla soup. The latter has a pleasing, light tomato broth with bits of red chiles and scallions, and tortilla strips festooned with melting *queso Monterrey*, a light, creamy, stringy cheese. We tried the ceviche appetizer — a classic of chopped fish, avocado slices, and *pico de gallo* stuffed into a semi-hollowed pineapple half, with the excavated chunks sprinkled with mild, darkred chile powder and served alongside. The pineapple wasn't sweet enough to make the contrast a thrill; it could've sat another week before meeting its maker. The waitress showed us the

lobster special at the start of the meal - not a live lobster, but two rather puny halves that had already been fried. When it returned to our table in its final form, the lobster meat was firm but not severely overcooked; its flavor, however, lacked even a hint of life. In fact, I've come to suspect that the whole rationale behind "Puerto Nuevo-style lobster" is to extend the "shelf life" of a good lobster catch without investing in a costly live tank. If you immediately fry fresh-killed, halved lobsters, they'll keep refrigerated for several days, to reheat on the grill as needed. Voilà, langosta estilo Puerto Nuevo.

With the lobster came unexceptional frijoles (not "refries") and red rice, flour tortillas, and for sauce, a bowl of melted - no, not butter. Baja supermarkets carry a product (mainly under the Kitchen Maid brand) called manteca de mesa—"table butter" or "spread" - composed of about half hydrogenated vegetable oil (margarine) and half unhydrogenated vegetable oil. Melted, it tastes like grease. Luckily, Ortega's also provides limes to squeeze on and cut the taste of the accursed spread, if you've been foolish enough to spoon some onto your precious langosta.

For dessert, there are crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel syrup) as

well as the usual flan, but the most interesting item appears on the list of liqueur coffees. (In "Viagra," the coffee is flavored with Kahlua and Damiana, the latter a delicious liqueur made from a Mexican herb reputed to be an aphrodisiac.) Still, Puerto Nuevo's basic business is lobster dinners, and that's precisely where Ortega's is clearly resting on its reputation and its ubiquity. Friends who've tried other branches tell me they're all substantially the same.

#### MALECÓN DE PUERTO NUEVO

A handsome, gray-haired man resembling *Presidente* Fox approached us as we headed for the waterfront and quietly urged that we try a brand-new restaurant with a real ocean view. To reach it, you take the main entry street of the village to the oceanfront "boulevard," park, and walk to the right, down a steep dirt road. (The owner of Malecón hopes to pave the road soon.)

Open only since August, the restaurant is a yellow building with blue trim, its cheerful, umbrella-dotted terrace extending from a cozy indoor dining room. The owner is an active fisherman; a slight, good-looking guy of about 40, wearing a captain's cap, he's been practicing his trade since 1975, and he's clearly very good at it. A snapshot shows him with a 73 kg (160 lb.) fish that he reeled in. The property includes his house next to the restaurant, as well as the pending pavement pathway. His dog, a placid Dalmatian mix, greeted us quietly as we approached but remained on the roadway, watching the shore, until he spotted something that interested him and took off at full speed. Next time we saw him, he

and his smaller *amigo* were joyfully racing each other up and down the beach.

Unlike the lobsters at most Puerto Nuevo restaurants, Malecón's are live — you get to meet 'em and eat 'em. The owner introduced us to our dinner, a pair of spinies clenched and writhing in a fierce territorial struggle. They looked plenty healthy. "People keep telling me afterwards how much better this food is than at the other places,' said the soft-spoken "pitchman." He was evidently telling the truth, because half the restaurant's patrons were repeat customers - Mexican families who walked in on their own, needing no one to guide them to the obscure location. Once the restaurant was full, our new amigo came inside to help serve. "The other restaurants are trying to get us run out," he continued, "especially the Ortegas, who have so many restaurants here." (Let's hope they don't succeed.)

Malecón's "special" (just \$14 for four halves) starts with ceviche (or fish soup, depending on what the owner hooked and the kitchen's cooked that day). The ceviche featured gloriously fresh fish, caught that very morning, with avocado slices of perfect ripeness, all bathed lightly in a simple, slightly spicy *salsita* of chopped tomato, chile serrano, and onions in lime juice. If you've never tasted ceviche this fresh, I can't begin to describe its delicacy. It's a rare pleasure.

Malecón doesn't follow classic Puerto Nuevo style — instead of a pre-frying, the lobsters were apparently treated with a simple kill'n'grill, emerging noticeably more tender for it. They came with *genuine* melted butter, good and fluffy red rice, and exceptional frijoles. Creamy, sweet, and faintly smoky, they were beans worth fighting for. The only flaw in the meal was that my free margarita had to be the worst drink in all Baja, tasting of lukewarm Jose Cuervo margarita mix spiked with a little rotgut mescal. But that's no reason to miss this gem of the ocean. There's not a restaurant in all of San Diego that could treat a local lobster any better, at any price.

#### EL GALLEÓN

The first time we came to Lobster Village, El Galleón had one of the funniest steerers in town. The second time, there was a different guy, equally clever and charismatic. More important, this medium-sized restaurant offered good "special" prices and a terrace with a view. The groundfloor dining room has a partial sea view, and on a windy afternoon it was toasty warm, with an open kitchen right by the door and a big, friendly bar sporting an impressive display of tequilas and other spirits. It's decorated with maritime memorabilia, including a wooden model of a galleon (the handsome ship shape that Columbus sailed on, with three masts, a tall prow, and a flat rear end). The terrace is upstairs, looking out to the sea.

The two salsas on the table were both red purées: hot and hotter. The lobster "special" starts with tortilla soup — a thick, substantial version, its cloudy red broth flecked with scallions, bits of hot pepper, and small pieces of avocado (sliced a little too long ahead of time), amid a flotilla of tortilla strips draped in melted Monterrey cheese. Our four lobster halves had good mesquite flavor from the grill and were reasonably tender and lively tasting, even if not quite as "live" as Malecón's. They came with a melted golden substance that included butter - you could tell by the floating white bits of milk fat - mixed about half-and-half with the dreaded "spread." The red rice was fine and fluffy, but the frijoles were dead - watery and a little hard. The margarita was about average for Baja, which is pretty good on a worldwide scale.

All in all, El Galleón is one of Puerto Nuevo's better choices. Although it's thoroughly informal, it still has in its ambiance a touch of "dining," rather than mass feeding.

Some other possible good choices: A friend of ours who works a mile down the road at the greenhouses near Cantamar favors Casa de la Langosta (the second restaurant on the south side of the street one block down Calle Entrada, the entry street). Tony's (in the little strip mall at the southeast end) has a good reputation. Chela's, a big yellow building, offers all-you-can-eat sides (including guacamole) free with your dinner. Miramar, La Perla, and La Escondida also have good word of mouth and low prices, and those long lines of locals waiting to enter Restaurant Puerto Nuevo must know something - at least, for their own sakes, I hope they do.

By the way, this was how I used my vacation days this year. You'll be hearing a lot more about the restaurants of Mexico Route 1 in the months to come. Stay tuned. ■









# **Neighborhood Dogs**

"This has been the official club of aviation guys since the 1940s."

unday, bloody Sunday, as the Brits say. What to do? Carla's off again, with her writing friends. La Mesa somewhere. This gal Susan picks her up in a swank cream Volvo wagon.

"So you'll fix that cistern, right?" yells Carla through the window.

I give my thumbs-up and head for the phone. "Hank? Yeah. Got about

three hours.' "By my calculations," Hank

says, half an hour later, "we should be right on time." It's just gone three. He pulls up out-

side a black cinderblock slice of building. A rack of guys and gals look out at us. They're sitting at a face-the-street counter. Drinks in hand. Sign above them reads Aero Club. That explains the metal propellers welded into the ramp railing.

"What can I get for you, gentlemen?"

Ohmygod. It's this dazzling, tall, willowy, open-faced gal, looking over the --- wow! --couple of dozen draft beer levers. But it's not just her, or the mega-draft selection. It's the madhouse of giant model planes dogfighting overhead. Zeroes, Mustangs, Cessnas...plus a mini Harley bike hangs behind the bar.

'Gentlemen?'

"D'agh…

"Domestic beers are \$2.00, the rest \$3.00 a pint," she says. Tori. Short for Victoria. "Sunday, everything else is free. Peanuts, hot dogs, pool, talk."

Hmm. Hot dogs.

"Where else do you get Guinness for three



bucks?" says this customer. Big guy. They call him "the Box." "And see the sign?" Sign says, "Guinness: Perfect Pint Award,

July 1998.

"They sent secret inspectors. It's all in the pouring. These people got the perfect score." "Gotta be Guinness then,"

says Hank.

But I check along the row. Eye stops at a tap right in front of me. "Stone Pale Ale." I'd heard about these two local guys making this stuff up in San Marcos

"I'll have that," I say.

Tori slides two bowls of peanuts our way. Great. "The hot dogs are behind you. Or sausages. Ray's cooking them out back if you want to tell him how you like 'em.

First though, the pale ale. It's actually quite amber-colored. Mmm. It's strong, sweetish, malty, hoppish. Whatever, it's beautiful. "Oh man. Support your local economy!" I say.

But Hank's already off his stool, going to the dogs. "Can we have more than one?" he asks.

"Absolutely," Tori says. "So, dude," he says, when I catch up with him. "Do I steer you right or what?"

He takes a dog, puts it in a warm, slightly crisp bun, adds mustard, ketchup, sauerkraut, some cornichons - French-style gherkins and one full-size gherkin, grabs some paper napkins, and hauls off back to the bar. I do the same, except I grab a sausage instead of the dog. Fatter, with neat, fresh crisscross burn lines. Just like in a magazine ad.

"Oh, yes," I'm saying a moment later. The sausage gives you this great herby taste. And it's done, but it's not dried out. It has a kind of luscious squishiness to it. And talk about the perfect match: it and my ale should get married.

So five glomps and that's down. I see Hot Dog Guy Ray making off with the hot dog tray. I follow him out back to a little space between the pub and the cliffside that drops sheer down from Mission Hills above. He has a Grillmaster BBQ grill smoldering with coals and spitting with half a dozen hot dogs and sausages.

"How would you like the dog?" he asks. "Uh, I'll take another sausage," I say. "That was perfect."

"It'll be a while. The dogs I flip three times. They're done quicker than the sausages. Sausage you've got to make sure they've cooked a full 15 minutes.

He says they're a sweet Italian sausage from Costco. "The key to taste is don't burn the juices away. If you cook 'em too much, they split and the juices leak out."

How popular are they? "I'll get through 40 sausages and 40 to 50 hot dogs before I'm through today," he says.

Ray's actually a political science student at Southwestern. Lives up the road. Knows Tony Florio, the owner. Comes down to help on Sundays. "I'd be here anyway," he says. "This is a real neighborhood place. Besides, Tori...<sup>7</sup>

"Oh, Tori?"

"Yeah. I'm the drummer in her band. Or our band, I should say. Kitty Hipkiss. Tori sings. But she's not just a chick singer. We have a kick-ass band. Very professional full-time musicians.'

When I get back with my sausage dog, Hank's yapping with Tori. "We'll be touring England," she's saying, "then U.S. military bases in Europe. We have a CD out, Sail Back to Me. I wrote it."

There's more. She was voted Miss USO here in San Diego, graduated from UCSD with a degree in TV-film production, teaches tennis, sings in the San Diego Opera chorus.

We're all Tori's fans here," says the Box, who's a ramp agent, the batman who leads planes into their docks down at Lindbergh Field, "but we'd be here anyway. This has been the official club of aviation guys since the 1940s. 'Course, back then there was no 5 freeway between us and the airport."

"You guys want to play some pool?" says Tori. "It's free, remember." She hands over two quarters. Me, I'm glooping down my third sausage dog. Yeah. We need some exercise.

Hank wipes me out in about a dozen shots, then taps his watch with his finger. "Hey, Cinderella."

"Still haven't fixed it?" says Carla, half an hour later.

I look up from the cistern.

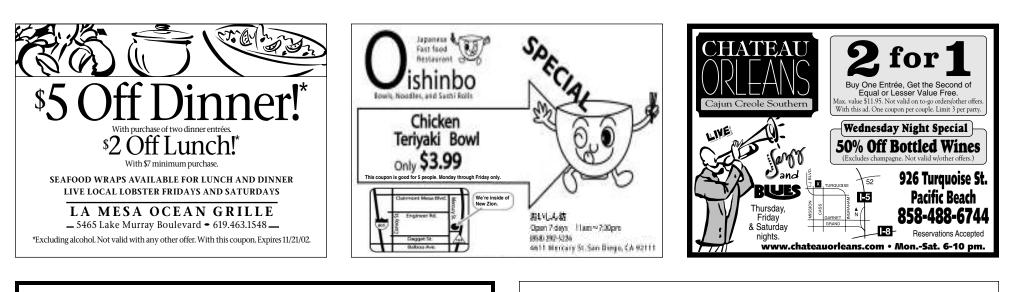
'Bedford, you're looking flushed."

The Place: Aero Club, 3365 India Street, near Sassafras Street (619-297-7211) Type of Food: Pub food

**Prices:** Hot dogs, hot sausages, free Sunday afternoons; cold cuts, cheeses, free Thursday, Friday afternoons Hours: Bar hours: 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., daily; happy hour, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; hot dogs, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sundays; cold cuts, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursdays, Fridays **Buses:** 5, 5A, 34, 34A

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# **Powers That Be**

"It's a clean industry, it adds to our ecotourism and our economic base, and it helps to preserve our backcountry as well."

ulzura grape grower Sam Dawson's wine-aging room is built into the back of the large metal outbuilding that houses his business. The building, situated on a hillside between his house and his vineyards, can become quite warm, even warmer than

the rest of the valley. But the aging room rarely gets over 60 degrees, thanks to excellent insulation, a temperature-regulating swamp cooler, and an enormous plastic tank of water to help add thermal mass to the snug interior. Dawson needs the tank be-

cause, at present, the room is home to only two wine barrels, but that is about to change. About a month ago, Dawson put a legal ad in the *San Diego Daily Transcript* for Samuel Givens Winery (Givens is his middle name). After some months of deliberation, and a fine harvest in 2002, "I decided that I would go ahead and start a very small winery — eight barrels a year," says Dawson. "My intention is to make a very good quality Syrah and maybe sell it to restaurants."

One of the reasons Dawson decided to go into business was the fact that Jim Jenkins had made wine from Dawson's 2001 Syrah grapes and was selling it under his J. Jenkins label. I remember tasting the wine from the barrel in Jenkins's aging room, which was built into the back of an apple-



processing building up in Julian. I also remember Jenkins's nightmarish tale of getting his winery started, particularly his difficulty in acquiring a use permit from the county. His site was zoned for agriculture, and the powers that be didn't allow that the turning of grapes into wine

could fall under the rubric of processing agricultural product. So, he had to wade through red tape, dance the bureaucratic limbo, and generally beg his way into business. Not so, Sam Dawson. He already has a building, so he won't

need any building permits. He's been growing grapes for years, so he already has agricultural permits for things like chemical spray. "The only thing necessary is to go through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the state's board of Alcoholic Beverage Control."

Dawson is avoiding Jenkins's woes because on January 9 of this year, the county's Board of Supervisors approved a zoning amendment that would allow wineries engaged in wholesale trade to qualify for agricultural packing and processing-use permits. People whose land was zoned as agricultural, A70 and A72, are now free to start wineries. No retail sales are permitted, and production is limited to 7500 gallons — about 3100 cases. But even with these limitations, the amendment represents something of a sea change for the county, a change that started with a brief speech Dawson made before the Board of Supervisors several years ago.

County Supervisor Dianne Jacob says that Dawson "just didn't think it was right" that he should have to get a special-use permit to make salable wine on his property. (Dawson pointed out that wineries are permitted to operate freely in industrial areas "where they have to dump all their [must] into a Dumpster and take it to a dump." He argued that it would be better to return the organic waste from the wine-making process to the soil.) "I agreed with him," says Jacob. "To have a small winery on your agricultural property has a very limited impact, so there was really no reason to have any kind of a special-use permit. So, we proceeded to set out to make some changes in the ordinance to make it easier to bring back the wine industry in San Diego County. I understand that the county was a big wine area, even before Napa and Sonoma. It's exciting to see, and to have government help the winemakers and grape growers to re-establish that agricultural business in San Diego." Also, she adds, "It's a clean industry, it adds to our ecotourism and our economic base, and it helps to preserve our backcountry as well."

That kind of talk must be stunning to an industry that has long bemoaned governmental hassles on matters ranging from direct shipping to label requirements. The loudest legislative voices have tended to be those of the "neo-prohibitionists," people who are hesitant to grant alcoholic beverages a place in civilized, everyday life. And while Supervisor Jacob's support may not be so surprising — she attended a San Diego grape-growing seminar a couple of years back the amendment's smooth passage is a wonder.

The supervisors consulted planning groups from unincorporated communities, three of which declined to support the amendment. Bon-



Dianne Jacob

sall worried about erosion in the vineyards and the industrial character of winery facilities. Valle de Oro objected to the amendment's allowance of up to 75 percent fruit at a given winery to be imported, arguing that importation could make for a bigger, more industrial operation than the area could absorb without change. (Importation was not part of Dawson's original proposal.) Twin Oaks also objected to importation, noting that "typically, 10 to 12 acres of producing wine grapes are required to produce 7500 gallons of wine.' Most home vineyards aren't that large, so the importation of fruit is a given for almost any winemaker who wants to make as much wine as he can. Importation means trucks, noted the Twin Oaks group, and it doesn't really support the idea of creating a cottage industry for grape growers.

But, in the end, their concerns were not enough to sway the Planning Commission, which voted 4-2 in favor of the amendment, or the Board of Supervisors, which voted unanimously to adopt it.



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### NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sun-deck overlooking Highway 101, some dishes (e.g., gyros) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also translates the Armenian specialties to the more familiar Greek food vocabulary. The gyro meat mixture is made on the premises; other good choices are Armenian marinated rack of lamb and shish kebab, including kebab-filled breakfast omelets. Music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W.

BIRD HOUSE GRILL 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Su-per Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, a pile of very fine-grained halved sausages (re-sembling soft-skinned hot dogs with Middle Eastern seasonings) dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific vogurt. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903, A sister restaurant to the venerable es-tablishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are *carnitas;* quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork; tostada *suprema;* and breast of chicken Milanesa. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - É.W.

LA ESPECIAL NORTE 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, in-cluding a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the au-thentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, in-teresting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (5/02)

PAPA GUS 698 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-9168. Health-ful Cuban food is the specialty at this tiny, hard-to-find café with a pleasant sheltered patio. (It's just north of La Especial Norte, but the doorway may be half-hidden by hanging T-shirts from the shop next door.) The lively dishes are full o' beans — savory black beans, Cuba's staple dish, cooked with no animal products. There's no red meat on the menu; tuna and turkey are the furthest Papa goes with critters. The "Cuban Black Bean Soup Deluxe," rightly subtitled "a meal in itself," is a cauldron of thick beans (more stew than soup) with melted cheese, onions avocado, a dash of sour cream and a



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daub of sprightly fresh salsita. Don't miss the cooked plantains, fully ripe and as sweet as candied bananas. The menu also offers some Mexican dishes styled with a Cuban accent, an oddtasting ground-turkey *picadillo* (Cuban hash), plus salads, sandwiches, and smoothies made to order with whole fresh fruit. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (10/01)

POTATO SHACK CAFE 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. - N.W. (10/01) RUBY'S DINER 1 Pierview Way. Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "for-ties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty

and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

TOM GIBLIN'S IRISH PUB 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, blocklong Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, at-tractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/02)

VIVACE Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it's an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menus change seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish. The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music. Go see the hotel. It's worth the trip. Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., dinners only. Expensive. - E.W.

## NORTH INLAND

BERNARD'O RESTAURANT 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. The restaurant is elegant in food, service, and ambiance. The cui-sine is California-French, menus change seasonally. Best bets are rack of lamb, filet mignon, daily fresh fish, and crème brûlée. You'll have a good experience here. Lunch weeknights, dinner nightly Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (8/99) EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn. 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destina-tions — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily-changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're the

## What the Chef Eats

## BOO-BOO AND MIKEY'S INDIAN CORN PUDDING BY CHEF DEBORAH SCOTT

Indigo Grill, Little Italv

One of the rewarding things about owning restaurants is the opportunity to meet wonderful guests, and how many become friends over the years. I tell my guests that I feel like I'm hosting a large dinner party nightly. I could not think of a more rewarding profession, and I feel fortunate to be associated with my partners, David and Leslie Cohn, my employees, and our dedicated customers. About a year ago, I

spent an evening with some guests whom I met at

food of thrills and revelations, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles and some nearbargains in the higher realms (the legendary Chateau Grillet Condrieu at \$126). Dress rules aside, the atmos-phere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's an ideal restaurant for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy, reservations essential. Very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

menu!

my first Indigo Grill venture: Paul and Brenda Hummel and Bobby and Mikey Stivers. We were having dinner at the Hummel's home, enjoying Paul's famous ribs. Mikey brought a corn pudding dish. By coincidence, I had been experimenting with similar dishes for my new Indigo Grill in Little Italy. I was so impressed with Mikey's dish that I used the basis of her recipe for my new menu item, which I list as "Boo-Boo and Mikey's Indian Corn Pudding."

ISLAND BOY GRILLE 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Cor-porate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa

HOW TO DO IT Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine in a large mixing bowl 4 packages of Jiffy Cornbread Mix, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cups of milk, 1 cup of melted butter, 1/4 cup of Tabasco, and 4 cups of cream corn. Butter a casserole dish, fill half way with mixture, and top with 4 cups grated cheddar cheese, 2 cups of sour cream, 2 cups of mayonnaise, and 4 thinly sliced white onions. Sprinkle the top with another cup of grated cheddar and a little chili

Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a re-ally big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (3/02)

LA TAPATIA 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk

on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. -N.W. (5/01)

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SAND CRAB CAFE 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many healthconscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. – N.W. (5/01) TONG SZECHUAN 609 North Broad-

**TONG SZECHUAN 609** North Broadway #E-F, Albertson's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks—pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao, ma la*, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)* 

VINCENT'S SIRINO'S 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)* 

## GOLD COAST

**BARONE'S TRATTORIA DEL MARE** 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Pleasant interior, 27 pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine rustica and chicken Marsala best bets. Lunch, Tuesday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (*1/00*)

**SAMURAI JAPANESE RESTAU-RANT** 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar" as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.* 

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## LA JOLLA

**910 RESTAURANT** Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400 In this lively, casual-chic dining room, Chef Michael Stebner shapes a constantly changing, luxurious menu based little on "luxury foods" and much more on inspired combinations of luxuriously perfect local, sea-sonal foodstuffs — clean, fine flavors that taste like themselves. Most items are available as either "small" or "large" plates, so it's easy to create your own tasting menu without breaking the bank. Pastry chef Jack Fisher creates the avant-garde desserts. Open daily, three meals; Monday (typically chef's night off) is a best bet, with Stebner usually on hand to cook for his peers. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)* 

FRENCH PASTRY SHOP 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakerv/restaurant includes both a simple. spacious dining room and a shaded

patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuff-ings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — N.W. (5/02) LA TAVERNA 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicil-ian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

MANHATTAN OF LA JOLLA Empress Hotel, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-0700. If you're searching for a restaurant that provides a sense of gaiety as well as good New York-style Italian food, then try Manhattan of La Jolla. Of the many tantalizing à la carte dishes, some of the best are rack of lamb, su-perb steaks, and "Seafood Mediter-ranean." Cannelloni is the best in San Diego. Very New York atmosphere. Lunch and dinner daily. Reserve for weekend dinners. Expensive. - E.W.

PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning pre-sentations carry the day here. The extensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp re-ceive special treatment. Open daily. Inexpensive to expensive. - E.W.

TAPENADE 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork ten-derloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs. Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — E.W. (7/98)

TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York-cut beef and chicken. Price is \$28.95, \$10.95 for children. Add \$10 for 1-1/4 pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive. — E.W. (6/99)

TRATTORIA ACQUA 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mush-rooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. - E.W.

TUTTO MARE 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oakfired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and din-ner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

## MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

94TH AERO SQUADRON 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farm-house chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy some-thing — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside

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"Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks - and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. In-expensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/00) ANDRES' PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy vuca con mojo (vuca root with garlic oil) Open for lunch Monday to Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01) BALE FRENCH SANDWICH SHOP 6937 Linda Vista Road (at Ulric Street), Linda Vista, 858-565-8057. Also, 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyer started this back in 1980, and her prices

haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread - fresh, feathery,

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HUNGRY STICK 4664 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 619-272-1412. "Life's too short to drink cheap beer," says the sign. They must mean it. At Happy Hour (weekdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.), a 24-ounce glass of Guinness is as cheap as a Bud. Which is nice because it goes great with this pool bar's greatest hit: "San Diego's Famous 1/2-lb. Steerburger." The burger bun is crisp, the big slab of meat's crunchy-grilled, and the tomato, lettuce and raw onion are fresh. The small menu also includes chicken breast on a bun, patty melt, and hot wings. They boast 24 beers on tap, and, of course, dozens of giant-screen sports TVs. Open seven days, until late. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for con-venience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa, Nijiva Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

PHUONG TRANG 4170 Convoy Street (at Balboa Avenue), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with offwhite walls, black-and-red chairs, green



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plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Michelob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) are all here. The *chao* long (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hotpots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (*1/02*)

**SEOUL B.B.Q.** 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N.* (12/99)

TODAI 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Calbased chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and has spawned branches in subur-ban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, teppanvaki, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before serving, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. -N.W. (10/02)

### THE BEACHES

**CHINA INN** 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand Avenues), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. At least 118 items appear on the menu, which offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties and includes sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. Simple setting; outstanding food. The dinner is always preferable when Andy Kam, the chef/owner, is there. Ask his advice about dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* 

**HARBOR'S EDGE** Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), Harbor Island, 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inexpensive diversion, try the Bakery (adjacent to the dining room) where sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* 

**THE MISSION CAFE AND COFFEE HOUSE** 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

**QWIIGS BAR & GRILL** 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good sushi bar, sprightly salads, and fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service. Long flight of stairs to the dining room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* 

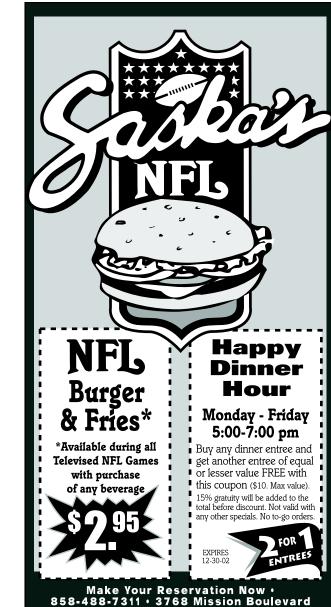
SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAU-RANT 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, par-ticularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice - all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)* THE SURFSIDE 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on sim-ple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small pri-vate dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, per-fect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (op-posite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni*, *toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the ama-ebi, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san*'s away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASIA CAFE 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *Larb-Kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *Bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *Lard Nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with slopp wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

HAPPY HOUR SPORTS BAR 2519 Market Street, Sherman Heights. (No phone.) Winner: hardest-to-find eatery in San Diego. You have to walk from 25th and Market till you hear the sound of barking dogs. Next to their dusty yard sits a little building that looks 100 years old and they say used to be a carriage house. It is 10 feet wide at the max, weather-worn chocolate brown, and hidden by a big California pepper



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## Calendar Restaurants

tree. No sign except for a notice in the musty window: "Yes, we're OPEN." Reminds you of *Lonesome Dove*. Inside, maybe the friendliest bar since *Cheers*, but a lot smaller, a lot more real. During the week expect only hot dogs, but weekends, great bargains with downhome dishes like the Pork Chop Plate, Swiss steak with mashed potatoes, gravy and corn, and BBQ spare ribs. Outside BBQ during the football season. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

**PHOENICIA** 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tinv restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue - look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and gar-lic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/00)

**TRIEU CHAU RESTAURANT** 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvai coffay dok ko" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)* 

**TURF SUPPER CLUB** 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal firepit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)* 

## EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

**EFFIN'S PUB AND GRILL** 6164 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-229-9800. Come here after a hard day's hittin' the books at nearby State. It's a brass-on-the-fan-blades, wild west-looking place where things can get pretty lively. The surprise is they have some pretty good food, especially the pizzas. Check the house specials: Monday Madness (an "x-large pizza with domestic draft pitcher"), Taco Tuesday (tacos are bi-ig), and Wing Wednesday (hot & spicy wings go for a song). But, best of all, you can come up to the bar and say "Gimme an Effin beer" and not have to duck. Closed Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01)

LA MESA OCEAN GRILLE AND SEAFOOD MARKET 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard (at Maryland Street), La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot speaks seafood in several accents — Italian,

Mexican, Caiun, and "Continental." One part of its menu is devoted to basic fare, such as seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish prepara-tions (fried, blackened, "wraps"). Then there are the more elaborately saucedand-garnished seafood dinner entrées, most with pasta accompaniment. Fisheschewers will find chicken and veal in classic Italian treatments (scaloppini, piccata, etc.), plus nightly specials Seafood here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps - too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat - cool, refreshing, and slightly tart. Baked Maryland-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. The ambience, too, is a mixture of styles — from the encyclo-pedic fish posters of a basic fish house, to the lace curtains and tablecloths of an old-style seafood restaurant, to the slightly hip modernity of charcoal-gray track-lighting and black-background fish-design upholstery. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. —

A.M. (5/01) **LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAU- RANT** 3983 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.* (9/99)

SUNNY GARDEN CUISINE OF CHINA 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of East County, in a main res. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. Yu-hsiang (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly nonsweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. - A.M. (4/02) VALLEY HOUSE RESTAURANT 10767 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plainspeaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef sim-mered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven

days. Inexpensive. - E.B. (8/01)

## FAR EAST

**DULZURA CAFE** Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes* of Wrath, Okies, the '30s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, cornshuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)* 

POTRERO'S CAFE 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2694. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**ADAMS AVENUE GRILL** 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasedt and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/01)* 

**BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF IN-DIA** 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest Cinemas complex, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. Don't miss the elegant food, the lovely setting, the loving service. Owned by the former proprietors of Monsoon. You will find the food subtle and sophisticated. This Indian restaurant is a blessing to our community. All-youcan-eat buffet lunch \$8.98 daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.* 

**CABLE CAR CAFE** 1945 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-291-8607. A lot of San Diego history is tied to this place. For starters, a real Frisco-style cable car used to terminate near here from downtown. So did later electric trolleys at Trolley Barn Park across the road. Harvey Bentley's ostrich farm was here too — which explains the mural of ostrich characters inside. They say the first Cable Car Café opened on this spot in the 1920s. Today it's a happy lit-

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**CAFE ON PARK** 3831 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoonand-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — *E.B. (10/01)* 

**CAFE PACIFICA** 2414 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-6666. Superior standards always prevail here. The cooking is clean to the palate and bursting with freshness. For appetizers: Dungeness crab cakes or mussels steamed in chardonnay. For entrées, daily fresh fish, lamb chops, pasta. Everything is memorable. Not to be missed. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* 

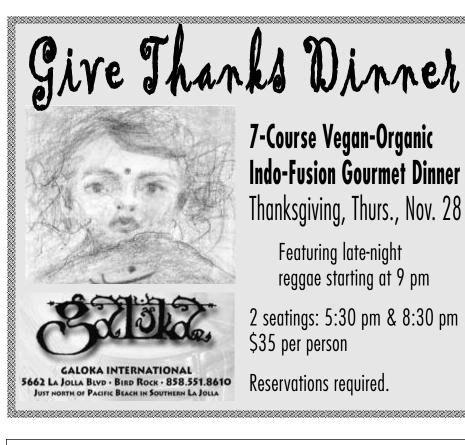
HAMBURGER MARY'S 308 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inchhigh double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

**ONO SUSHI AND PACIFIC SPICE** 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (11/98)

**SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE** 3737 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. Casual Thai food, noo-dle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) to eat in or take out. Best bet: chicken noodle soup and curry served Wednesday only. Gorgeous artwork. Open daily, same menu all day. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

**SEVEN** 1421 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0722. At this Southwestern American café you can easily make a meal from the first courses plus one of several salads. Pasta dishes are good choices. Smoked or grilled items include barbecue salmon, ribs, and skewered lamb. Venison chili or steak sandwich always a good bet. Pleasant atmosphere. Excellent service. Open nightly for dinner and Monday through Friday for lunch. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.* 

**TERRA** 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Coowner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropicalinfluenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining





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bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special din-ners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

## DOWNTOWN

CABO CAFE & GRILL 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Ru-bio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Star-bucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. -E.B. (5/02)

CAFE 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-8282. Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard'O in Rancho Bernardo) presides at this "find," a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediter-ranean dishes with some California touches. Everything's carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don't miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto. Desserts alone are worth the trip here: the classic warm apple *tarte* Tatin on a crackly-thin crust ... a pecan "cannoli" filled with a dense, satin-soft white chocolate mousse.... Full bar; below-average corkage for BYO wines. "Sunset special" three-course dinner is a bargain. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)* 

EDGEWATER GRILL 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention

and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered - like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features mid-dle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful this is not a bad place to "graze" on ap-petizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. -N.W. (8/01)

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GREYSTONE 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers reward ing California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Pa-trons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office par-ties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W.* (12/01)

KANSAS CITY BARBECUE 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in Top Gun. And it is kinda sleazy, espe-cially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch un-til late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

LA GRAN TAPA 611 B Street, down town, 619-234-8272. Here is a good spot for a light meal, especially before or after a cultural event. Tapas, Span-ish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is al-ways fine. Try *tortilla española* (cold potato and egg "pie") and paella. Lively, casual atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W. (1/99)

POKEZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT

AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 947 E Street (at 10th Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael - his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — E.B. (12/01)

**REI DO GADO CHURRASCURIA** 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio:* skewer after skewer of churrasco (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a Caipirinha). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. -N.W. (10/02)

TOP OF THE MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper downtown, floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious - the room's just as huge packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Eleva-tor provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

THE WESTGATE GOURMET DELI-CATESSEN Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with wal-nuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

WILDSIDE CAFE & REBEL IUICE **BAR** 1048 Seventh Avenue, (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lunatic lentil soup," sand-wiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites: "veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel with-out a cause" (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofties: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday, breakfast to late lunch; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inex-pensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND CREPES** 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-thecorner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coro-nado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634, Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals!

Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce.... Breakfasts are forgettable — lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take-out dinner" menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/00)

**ISLAND WOK** 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegeta-bles in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, kung pao chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

JADE HOUSE CHINESE RESTAU-**RANT** 569 H Street (at Broadway), Chula Vista, 619-426-5951. Fairly barebones, but comfortable, decorated with red dragons and paper lanterns. William and Anna, cook-owners from Hong Kong, seem to change the re-volving "All U Can Eat" lunch buffet dishes quicker than you can say "Refills!" *Kung pao* squid, beef with broc-coli, orange beef, and fried yam are great, but hang in for (in my opinion) the star turn: William's batter-covered crab puff --- imitation crab with cream cheese. Or go with the menu and try the Pu Pu Appetizer Tray (for two) including fried shrimp, crab puff, and paper-wrapped chicken with flaming habachi. Seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

MARCO'S FINE ITALIAN FOOD AND PIZZA 736 Palm Avenue (at 7th Street), Imperial Beach, 619-424-3636. You hardly notice it tucked into a row of TV repair shops, but Marco's is a jewel. Marco, Frank, and Rosa Palombo ran the place for 30 years. Now Alex Pacheco does, but nothing has changed. There are the classic red tablecloths, murals of Italian scenes, white trellises, dripping plastic grapes, and Chianti bottles. Try spaghetti, mostaccioli, or rigatoni with meat sauce and meatballs. Three meals, six days; Sundays, dinners only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

MARY J'S CAFE 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage,

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home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m, weekdays only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

MCDINI'S 105 East 8th Street, Na-tional City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chow-ing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily. Inexpensive. -N.W. (4/01)

MOONLIGHT ON THE SEA/CLUB

13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at McKinley Avenue), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The lit-tle blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas*, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of Califor-nia's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic "Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own mpia, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

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EL RODEO 1647 Blvd. Salinas, Tijuana, 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts, some cooked right at your table. The accompaniments are wonderful: an ap-petizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid even a dessert is included in the price of the entrée. Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. *Vaquero* decor, wood-paneled rooms. Good value if you like beef. Open daily from



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LA COSTA 8131 Galeana (Seventh Street between Revolución and Con-stitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. An extensive menu, consis-tently fresh product, and huge portions have made La Costa the reigning seafood house for Americans. Identical lunch and dinner menus offer lobster, shrimp, grilled fish, fish with sauces, squid, abalone, and oysters, all in a va-riety of preparations. Price of entrées includes soup, salad, rice, dessert, bev-erage, and after-dinner drink. Almost always crowded. Open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. - E.W.

ROSTICERIA LOS POLLOS Avenida Constitución, between 6th and 7th Streets, Tijuana. Relatives of prisoners in the Tijuana jail (one block south) come here to buy treats for their locked-up loved ones. The cops come too, for the cinnamon-flavored fried chicken. Think KFC, but a little sweeter. And with more variety: You can eat just chicken necks if you want. (Their meat slips down like salty fried oysters.) Each plate comes with corn tortillas, and a bowl of wicked red salsa. Ask for Alejandro. He brought the idea up from Mexico City. Inexpensive. — Ê.B. (12/01)

TAURINO STEAKHOUSE 7531 Sixth Avenue (off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Located in the heart of the old section of Tijuana, three blocks west of Revolución, this restaurant provides superb value in an excellent set-ting. Basically a steakhouse, it also of fers fish, seafood, and fowl. The price of the entrée includes grilled quail, soup or salad, and mammoth amounts of the main course. Almost everyone or-ders *cabreria*, or try *empapelado*, fish and shrimp cooked in silver foil. Supe rior service. The menu is printed in Spanish and English, and the maitre d' speaks perfect English. First-rate bargain for high quality. Open daily, noon to midnight. Continuous service. Inexpensive to moderate, except for lob-ster. — *E.W.* 

VALLARTA NATURAL 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten



daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo tlalpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and espe-cially *milanesa*. The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. -M.N. (9/98)

## MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Family-style, outhern Italian cooking in a dining



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IOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but

the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

**POPEYE'S CHICKEN & BISCUITS** 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some fla-

vors travel better than others in fastfood translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, meals. Inexpensive. three N.W. (2/02)

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# **Old Aquaintance**

Hanson is no longer one of my unsung *Hollywood heroes.* 

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his season has brought some relief, some comfort, for the loneliness of the long-distance film buff who would prefer to see films directed by people he has heard of, has gotten to know, has a bit of a history with, whether

or not they are people he actually likes. So far we have had Claude Chabrol and Jean-Luc

Godard, two survivors of the nouvelle *vague* of the late Fifties; Paul Schrader and Jonathan Demme, two survivors of the New Hollywood of the Seventies; the nonagenarian Manoel de Oliveira; the relative arrivistes Michael Moore and Mike Leigh (well, a few of us who attended the All or Nothing preview screening, before its playdate was scratched, have had Mike Leigh). And now.

*Invincible* brings back to the screen one of the contemporary cinema's most individual voices (for those who can still recall it), the urgent, zealous, highflown, half-daft, hypnotic, sinister, insinuating voice of Werner Herzog. Rather startlingly, it has been two decades, unless I'm forgetting something, since the last of his films to be released in these parts, Fitzcarraldo.

(Just the other week I was at Kensington Video looking at the box of one of his bypassed ones and wondering whether I should rent it: Cobra Verde, starring Klaus Kinski.) This new one — based on fact, like so many an

old one — traces the odd destiny of a simple village blacksmith, DUNCAN SHEPHERD Polish and Jewish, who sets out for Berlin in

1932 to assume the job of strongman in a theater called the Palace of the Occult, operated by a crank clairvoyant, and closet Jew, with a mind to becoming Minister of the Occult under Hitler: "I want to be to the present what the Oracle of Delphi was to antiquity." It puts Herzog in familiar company — the innocent, the visionary, the eccentric, the excluded, the intrepid, the overreaching, the grandiose and it hacks out a fresh trail into the realm of the Holocaust, with the strongman setting himself up (heroically, pathetically) as the New Samson. Along with the individual voice, needless to say, comes an individual eye: the jellyfish from the Monterey Bay Aquarium that provide atmosphere around the séance table, the legions of crabs that haunt the strongman's

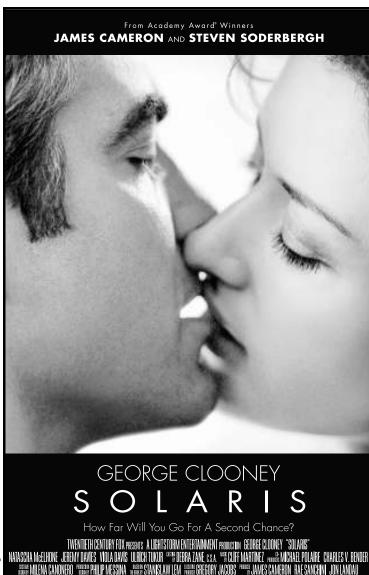


dreams, the all-over rough tactility of the photography. And anyone who knows the ways of Herzog will not be surprised to learn that the strongman is played by a two-time titlest in the "World's Strongest Man" competition, Jouko Ahola, a Finn, just as the theater's pianist will be played by a classically trained concert artist, Anna

Gourari, who gets to strut her stuff in Beethoven. If this results in some awkwardness in the acting (no more than in Herzog's dialogue), it's a price the filmmaker is happy to pay. Whatever price he paid for the unctuous "professionalism" of Tim Roth in the part of the charlatan, it was too steep.

Were it not directed by Curtis Han-

son, I would have had no interest whatsoever in seeing 8 Mile. To be compelled to form an opinion of Eminem, as either a rapper or a mummer, holds little appeal. At the same time, my interest would have been greater had L.A. Confidential and Wonder Boys not intervened since The Bedroom Window, Bad Influence, The Hand That



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Rocks the Cradle, and River Wild. Hanson is no longer one of my unsung Hollywood heroes; he is now quite widely sung and not remotely one of my heroes. From an unpretentious director of genre films, he has gone on to become a director of "prestige" films. That might seem an odd classification for what is in essence a pop-star acting vehicle not unlike some of the more serious (everything being relative) of the early Elvis vehicles: Loving You, Jailhouse Rock, King Creole, Wild in the Country. (The Eminem character is even addressed on occasion as "Elvis.") But these are different times, and pop stars nowadays are apt to pen operas and oratorios, and wouldn't be caught dead in a thing like Viva Las Vegas. The primary pretension here can be summed up in the veneer of "realism." One cannot fault the views of the ravaged urbanscape of modern Detroit (Michael Moore territory) or the trailer-park squalor of the hero's home life; and Eminem himself, who came out of this background, does nothing in his acting to dispel the illusion. But all this grit goes only so far to cover up a hip-hop Rocky centered around a blue-eyed, blue-collar rapper who freezes on stage during the opening "battle" — forty-five seconds apiece to trash an opponent in rhythm and rhyme - and who ultimately redeems himself in the climactic rematch. (A sort of Four Feathers in baggy pants.) What happens in between the beginning and the end is a sub-Scorsese series of scrapes and scuffles threaded together by a plotless blur of "What the fuck, man!" and "What's your fucking problem?" (Eminem, despite his runty size and his perpetual deer-inthe-headlights look of fright, holds his own in the physical battles, too.) And the grit, such as it is, never gets so thick as to blacken the rosy image of rap music as the voice of liberation: just what our Founding Fathers had envisioned for the disenfranchised youths of the inner cities. The un-PC "gangsta" element has been all but eliminated (at least to the extent I could decipher the lyrics); and although the personal vituperation in these "battles" leads naturally to challenges of an opponent's manhood — which leads naturally to imputations of homosexuality - our hero will not descend to such depths. He descends instead to the level of the grade-school playground where a rival will be perceived as vulnerable on the basis that his given name is Clarence. As in Darrow.

Brian De Palma, with over twenty films to his credit (or more often, debit), exhibits abundant mechanical skills and equally abundant delight in their application. It would be fruitless to wonder what kind of career he could have had if he possessed even half a brain. His new Femme Fatale, whose extensive English subtitles do not extend to the title itself (translation: female fatal), is a self-conscious film noir (film black) so full of baloney that we must limit ourselves, for illustrative purposes, to a single slice. Consider, to begin with, the height of the odds that a slinky jewel thief (supermodel turned commonplace actress, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos) would happen to have an exact double, unbeknownst to her, within the borders of France. And then calculate the rate of growth of those odds when the jewel thief gets thrown over a guardrail, plummets several stories through a glass ceiling, and happens to land unconscious but unharmed at the feet of her double's closest relatives, who take her straight home without a side trip to police station or

hospital. It only gets worse. Alfred Hitchcock's Vertigo - and in particular its nonverbal tailing scenes, its mysterious music, its revelatory flashback, not to mention its dead-ringer motif — is plainly a major influence, as it also was in De Palma's Sisters, Obsession, and Body Double. High time, then, to acknowledge that that hugely entertaining, slightly overrated, and severely nonsensical Hitchcock thriller has granted a lot of lesser filmmakers a carte blanche (card white) for wanton nonsense. To wit: if Vertigo is hunky-dory, and Vertigo is nonsense, then nonsense must be hunky-dory. I'm not sure, when all is said and done, that Vertigo is a good enough film to make up for all the ills it has loosed upon the world. I am, on the other hand, quite sure that its goodness has next to nothing to do with its nonsense.

At the outset of *Far from Heaven*, Todd Haynes carries us on a crane over a Peyton Place-y town square (or square town) and into the glossy world of the 1950s "women's picture." It is mildly amazing how straight he plays it, or anyway how deadpan, although there are nonetheless as many laughs as there would be if a present-day audience were to sit and watch *Imitation* of *Life* or *All That Heaven Allows*, the two Douglas Sirk soapers that provide the most overt inspiration. One flagrant difference between this and those is the taboo subject matter that never could have seen the light of day on the old Universal Studios backlot: the struggles of a white-collar family man with his suppressed homosexuality ("I know it's a sickness, because it makes me feel despicable") and the possibility, if not the actuality, of a clandestine affair between a liberal-minded suburban housewife and her cultured "Negro" gardener. Somehow the director's deadpan does not hide every hint of his condescension, self-congratulation, and higher evolution. Off screen, which is to say in interviews and in the press notes, he will insist on how relevant and universal — as distinct from Universal — the material continues to be, but this might have been easier to swallow if he had updated the setting. When Rainer Werner Fassbinder paid his own homage to Sirk in Ali: Fear Eats the Soul, he made the same point, and made it better, by taking an old soapy story (All That Heaven Allows cross-pollinated with Imitation of Life — and clearly Haynes owes as much to Fassbinder as to Sirk) and then transplanting it into a thoroughly modern style and setting. Why could the point not just as well be made a

slightly different, yet slightly more daring, way: by transporting an old story along with the old style into a modern setting? While it is well photographed (Ed Lachman), well designed (Mark Friedberg), well costumed (Sandy Powell), and well acted (Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert), the film has a dollhouse quality that stiffens it, flattens it, squeezes the life out of it. Perhaps there's significance in the fact that Haynes's name-making first film, Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story, was enacted entirely with Barbie dolls. What had seemed at the time a budgetary limitation might be a bigger limitation.

Oh, all right, I'll tear up my suicide note: a nick-of-time E-mail, from the same source that announced the cancellation, now informs me that *All or Nothing* has been snatched up by Madstone's Hazard Center for a November 22 date. (Which raises the question of who *really* crapped out on the earlier date: United Artists/MGM or Landmark? distributor or theater chain?) I'm also pleased to note that Madstone is reinstating, or re-enforcing, its "classics" policy, with *The Searchers* arriving this Friday. I am less pleased to note that *Invincible* (see above) has been twice postponed by Madstone and is presently in a holding pattern over Hazard Center. Keep an eye peeled.

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**Amy's Orgasm** — A me-myself-and-I film, starring as well as written, directed, edited, and co-produced by Julie Davis (*I Love You, Don't Touch Me*). For all her outward independence (or anyway, lack of big-studio support), Davis adheres to the strictest conventions, a balmily optimistic



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romantic comedy that brings together two opposites, a "feminist icon" self-help author and a "misogynistic pig" shock jock (Nick Chinlund, with a voice like a vibrating dildo). She's apt to win fewer believers than sympathizers, though even the second number will be held down by the heroine's material success, vast popularity, tiny waist, and cascades of curls. With Caroline Aaron, Mitchell Whitfield. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 11/14)

#### 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 wellarmed 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: GROSSMONT CENTER: HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Comedian** — Christian Charles's intimate documentary on the private hells of standup comics, focussing on two in particular, one big and one small: Jerry Seinfeld, honing a new act after the end of his TV

sitcom, and thirtyish Orny Adams, whose biological clock is noisily ticking. It makes you feel something like pity (of all things) for the big shot, and something like genuine worry for the small fry. There's some interesting shoptalk between Seinfeld and Leno, Shandling, Cosby; and the funniest story - Seinfeld's "favorite" show-biz story - is told off-stage. The digital-video image, meantime, is all but unviewable, and the sound quality is not much better 2002

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

8 Mile — Reviewed this issue. With Eminem, Mekhi Phifer, Brittany Murphy, Far from Heaven

and Kim Basinger; directed by Curtis Hanson.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Far from Heaven — Reviewed this issue With Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert, Viola Davis, and Patricia Clarkson; written and directed by Todd Haynes.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/15)

Femme Fatale — Reviewed this issue. With Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Antonio Banderas, Peter Coyote, and Gregg Henry; written and directed by Brian De Palma. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Flirting with Disaster — This is perhaps, just barely, recognizable as the work of the Spanking the Monkey man, if not for its gerundial title, then for its morbid fascination with family dysfunction. David O. Russell's move into or toward the commercial mainstream, though, has meant an accelerated, assembly-line manufacture of jokes, and damn quality control. Right along with the intermittently funny, we get the merely naughty (the boner in the boxer shorts), merely nervy (the senior citizen's push-up bra), merely kinky (the armpit fetish), merely what-have-you. Certainly the premise — the search of an adopted son, now with a wife and four-months-old, as yet-unnamed son of his own, for his biological parents - affords plenty of latitude to explore different types of familial embarrassment, especially because the adoption agency sends him twice to an incorrect address. (Plenty of latitude there, too, to explore different types of geography: sunny San Diego, snowy Michigan, spooky New Mexico.) And the cast is surprising, if not consistently and equally amusing, in its breadth and diversity: Ben Stiller (a little too sitcommy or comic-sketchy), Patricia Arquette (natural as can be, under the circumstances), Téa Leoni, Mary Tyler Moore, George Segal, Alan Alda, Lily Tomlin, and lessers. But the fresh material — blood-drawing jabs at the hallowed institution of B&B's — is overpowered by the stale: the caricatured Jewish couple, the pop-song montage, the bonking with a frying pan. The term "screwball comedy" will inevitably come to

mind, prudently to be followed by a reminder that that's just a label, not a laurel. 1996. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC

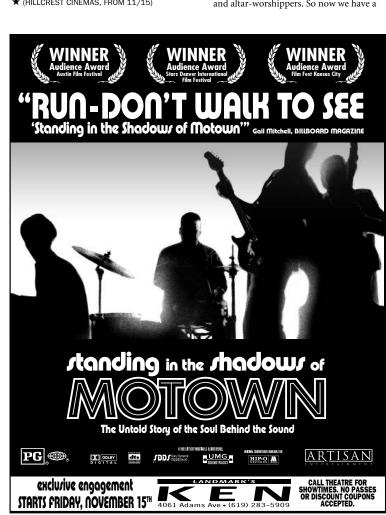
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Frida - Belated contribution to Fridamania. The same-named 1984 film by Paul Leduc, while timelier, was too low-profile to discourage additional spotlight-seekers and altar-worshippers. So now we have a

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an almost Manneristically elongated one, to grace the cover of the paperback reprint of Hayden Herrera's definitive biography, and to obstruct our view of the real woman The movie unmistakably works a kind of magic (not to say "magic realism") in the transformation of so fascinating a life, so lavishly re-created and so lusciously photographed, into something so dull and ordinary. Certainly we might have expected some visual pyrotechnics from director Julie Taymor, who had shaken up Shakespeare in Titus. And for sure, Taymor pulls out all the stops for the grisly trolley accident that crippled the artist in her youth (though she's dancing a tango before you know it). And her voyage to New York — otherwise known as the Invasion of Gringolandia — will be done as an animated collage of paper cutouts, with her muralist husband, Diego Rivera, scaling the Empire State Building as King Kong. For the rest, this is a surprisingly pedestrian "biopic," in the subgenre of Tormented Artist, endlessly relating the marital infidelities and blow-ups ("My goddam sister! You're an animal!"), and casting only passing glances at the oh-by-the-way paintings. Taymor, in effect, is like the socialite who attends a gallery opening only in order to gossip about the artist, and who can barely spare a moment for what's on the walls. The artwork is important to her, just as Kahlo's circle of friends is important to her, only to the extent that it confers a reputation. The movie counts on the cachet of the characters to compensate for the triteness and repetitiveness of the incidents. With Alfred Molina, Geoffrey Rush, Ashley Judd, Antonio Banderas, and Edward Norton, as Diego Rivera, Leon Trotsky, Tina Modotti, David Alfaro Sigueiros, and Nelson Rockefeller, in order. 2002. • (GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 11/15; HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA 12: PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 11/15; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 11/15)

new chiselled Frida Kahlo (Salma Hayek),

**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. (Ironic 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. With Julianna Margulies, Gabriel Byrne, Desmond Harrington, Ron Eldard, Isaiah Washington. 2002.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

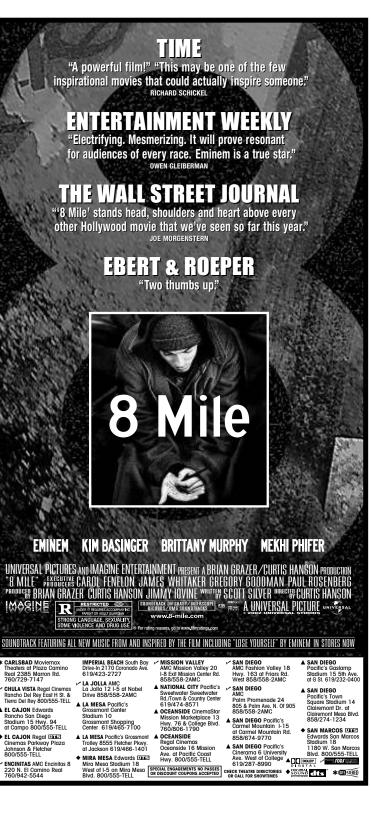
**Half Past Dead** — Action film with Steven Seagal, Morris Chestnut, and Ja Rule, written and directed by Don Michael Paul

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Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets — Second of the films adapted from J.K. Rowling's series of children's books; starring Daniel Radcliffe; directed by Chris Columbus. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: 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; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/15)

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), this is an apparently harmonious collaboration between a couple of fatechance-coincidence guys. The extended credits sequence, during which a bomb planted in an office wastebasket blows up instead in the cleaning lady's cart, presents a powerful illustration of the theme; and it immediately establishes the intensity of commitment, every carefully selected shot clicking into place with remorseless inevitability. Tykwer in general has toned down his visual tricksiness for the occasion, and cameraman Frank Griebe's soft, smooth, no-gloss color is a thing of beauty throughout. (The Tuscany setting unearths additional things of beauty.) The solemnity never falters, even as the storyline turns preposterous: the grand romance, or amour fou, of Philippa and Filippo, the revengeseeking Englishwoman who misguidedly planted the bomb, and the Italian policeman who helps her to carry out her revenge. Some big questions arise along the way: How does this grade-school teacher know how to make a time bomb? How is she able to come and go from police headquarters after her escape from custody? Why, if she wants only to kill the right person and not to avoid punishment for killing a few wrong ones, does she go on the lam once she accomplishes her mission? There is no bigger contradiction, though, no greater paradox, than the infinite expressiveness of Cate Blanchett's eyes







inside her stiff, sanded, plaster-of-Paris face. With Giovanni Ribisi. 2002. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 "undetectable 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 gastrointestinal groans. Famke Janssen, Malcolm McDowell; directed by Betty Thomas, 2002.

 (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Italian for Beginners** — Danish romantic comedy made in strict adherence to the Dogma '95 guidelines for unwatchable cinematography. Pity, because the loose-knit cast of characters widowed pastor, a cranky restaurateur, a shy hotelier, a clumsy baker, a somber hairdresser, and a sunny Italian waitress is not without its charms and its chemistry. The newspaper ad and the promo trailer want you to believe the film takes place, rather than merely ends, in Venice. What with the indoor, up-close, hand-held camerawork, it doesn't give you a very clear sense of where it does take place. With Anders Berthelsen, Anette Stovelbaek, Ann Eleanora Jorgensen, Peter Gantzler, Lars Kaalund, Sara Indrio Jensen; written and directed by Lone Scherfig. 2001. ★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11/18, 6:30 P.M.)

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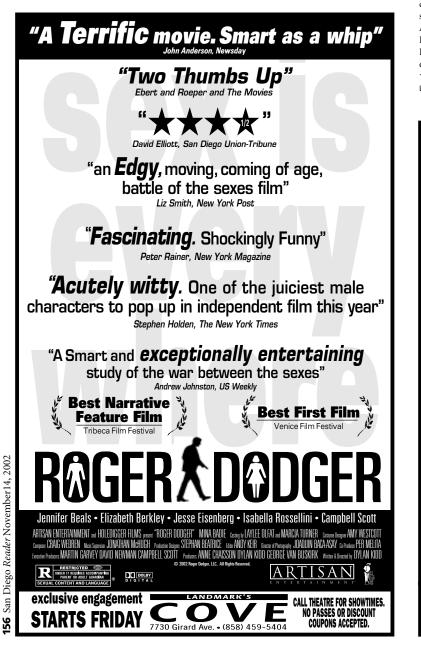
Jackass — Big-screen version of the defunct MTV series, with Johnny Knoxville and Steve-O, directed by Jeff Tremaine. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 11/15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Man from Elysian Fields** — Slowto-develop, yet not carefully or credibly developed, Faustian tale of a struggling writer whose financial straits impel him to moonlight as a male escort, and then as a collaborator with a dying Pulitzer Prize winner, rewriting the old lion's historical novel on Roman slaves into a topical piece on California migrants. Some glintingly polished lines; much honey-coated imagery. With Andy Garcia, Julianna Margulies, Olivia Williams, James Coburn, Mick Jagger, and Anjelica Huston; directed by George Hickenlooper. 2002. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

 $\label{eq:metropolis} \textbf{Metropolis} \hdots \textbf{Despite the dated politics}$ and romance, Fritz Lang's 1926 sci-fi satire establishes a clear line of descent to the likes of Blade Runner, Gattaca, Minority Report, what-you-will. Among the visual splendors of the movie: the sets and décors of the legendary UFA studios; the innovative compositing technique that came to be known as the Schüfftan Process (after the great cinematographer Eugen Schüfftan); and the architectonic solidness of the compositions. But if this is the granddaddy of screen science fiction, what does that make Méliès's Trip to the Moon, Conquest of the Pole, et al.? Great-granddaddies, evidently. With Brigitte Helm and Gustav Frohlich. ★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 11/15;

★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 11/15; KEN, THROUGH 11/14)

Monsoon Wedding — A gathering of the clan for an arranged marriage in modern Delhi. You won't be alone if you have a hard time telling who's who and how they're related: even one of the invitees voices the complaint. It's a standard comic situation (Father of the Bride, etc.), almost a can't-miss one, and the Punjabi exoticism goes far to compensate for all the conventionality. It may not, however, go so far as to compensate for the belated dark turn down the side street of molestation: a new comic convention, but no less a convention, now that every TV sitcom feels obligated to Address Important Issues. The conflict between the old ways and the new. too, is standard for Eastern cinema (Ozu, etc.), although Mira Nair's scrambling catch-as-catch-can camerawork — 16mm blown up to 35 — leaves no doubt, for even a moment, where her own sympathies lie. The movie comes to a somewhat premature climax, albeit a moving one, at the cathartic celebratory dance the night before the ceremony. It would all feel a lot more barren, though, without the delightful figure of the weaselly wedding planner ("Ten minutes," he promises, "exactly and approximately"), with his polka-dot scarf,







his leisure suits, his calculator wristwatch, his clip-on pager. By himself, this inch-byinch social climber embodies the strengths and weaknesses of the whole: complacently formulaic yet infused with a palpable humanity. However large a laughingstock, he is not denied his own romantic yearnings and his inhibiting self-awareness. Naseeruddin Shah, Lillete Dubey, Vasundhara Das, Parvin Dabas, Vijay Raaz. 2002. ★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC

LIBRARY, 11/17, 2 P.M.)

## My Big Fat Greek Wedding — Self-

anointed "Frump Girl" meets Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see the beauty within. Only problem: he's not Greek. Nia Vardalos, scriptwriter and star, gets to unburden herself on her lineage ("My cousins have two volumes, loud and louder"), and at the same time indulge herself in an Ugly Duckling fantasy. It seldom rises above an ethnic sitcom, but the "personal" angle stirs sympathy. With John Corbett, Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Gia Carides; directed by Joel Zwick. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 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 twoand-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 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. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

#### 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

'If there has not been a hurricane

compare cellulite. The cellulite, at any rate, is real, if not the women. America Ferrera, Lupe Ontiveros, Ingrid Oliu; directed by Patricia Cardoso. 2002.

● (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 11/15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 11/15; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

**Red Dragon** — A remake of *Manhunter*, 1986, for the sole purpose of instating the "real" Hannibal Lecter — Anthony Hopkins — in the role. (It would have been simpler, if it would have been



technologically possible, to cut-and-paste him digitally into the pre-existing film, obliterating Brian Cox.) And never mind that the aging, thickening, thinning-haired actor is here supposed to be younger than he was when he first assumed the role, over a decade earlier. Given that The Silence of *the Lambs*, 1991, was itself essentially a re-do of *Manhunter* — the incarcerated psychopath assisting the FBI on a serialmurder case — the opportunities for  $d\acute{e}j\grave{a}$ *vu* are manifold. The preludial explanation of how Hannibal the Cannibal initially got himself incarcerated seems a good place to start, and a few seconds before 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**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:





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"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 hairraising 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 COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;

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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. With Isabella Rossellini, Jennifer Beals, Elizabeth Berkley. 2002. ● (COVE, FROM 11/15; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/14)

The Santa Clause 2 — There's a lot going on, probably too much: the son of

Father Christmas has landed himself on the Naughty List and requires some emergency parental attention; a contractual codicil dictates that the incumbent Santa must leave office if he fails to find a Mrs. Claus by Christmas Eve; in Santa's absence from the North Pole, a plastic facsimile of him (a fascinating make-up job) oversteps his bounds into fascist tyranny; and the Tooth Fairy, unhappy over his name, is given a prominent supporting part. Each of these elements ends up getting short-changed. But altogether it's a serviceable holiday entertainment from Disney, in spite of the strain of wisenheimer irreverence that seems to have seeped over from the

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## DOWNTOWN

## Gaslamp 15

**7**01 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **8 Mile** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 12:35, 1:15, 2:15, 3:10) 4:30, 5:05, 5:45, 7:05, 7:40, 8:20, 9:40, 5:10) 4:30, 5:05, 5:45, 7:05, 7:40, 8:20, 9:40, 10:10, 10:50; Sun. (11:35, 12:35, 11:15, 2:15, 3:10) 4:30, 5:05, 5:45, 7:05, 7:35, 8:20, 9:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 11:15, 2:15, 3:10, 4:30, 5:05, 5:45) 7:05, 7:35, 8:20, 9:35, 10:00; **Come-dian** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:40) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; Marg. Thu (12:40, 2:65, 2:20) 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:05, 5:20) 7:50, 10:10; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, (13) 11:50, 12:00, 12:00, 12:00, 150, 5:00 3:30) 4:05, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55, 10:30, 10:55; Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30) 4:05, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:05, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55, 10:15; I **Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 2:55, 5:10) 7:45, 9:55; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:55, 5:15) 7:20, 9:50; **Punch-Drunk** (Licove (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:20, 5:40) 7:55, 10:05; **Real Women** 

Z Horton Plaza 14 457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:05, 5:05) 9:50; Femme Fatale (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:10, 11:45, 1:40, 2:25, 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20; Mon. (11:10, 11:45, 1:40, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, Thom (1110, 1145, 1146, 225, 505) 7.49,
 Total (1110, 1145, 1140, 225, 505) 7.49,
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 Fri.-Tue. 7:30, 9:40; Half Past Dead (PG-13)

Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 12:40, 2:00, 3:00, 4:35, 5:20) 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 10:15; Jackass (R) Fri.-Tue (11:00, 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:20, 4:45, 5:30) 7:05, 7:40, 9:15, 9:45; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 4:00) 9:35; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Tue. 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:50, 2:20, 2:50, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:30, 7:00, 8:50, 9:20; Secretary (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:20, 2:45, 5:00) 7:25, 10:00; Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 1:35, 4:15) 6:40, 9:10; The **Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:45) 7:20; **The Truth about Charlie** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (2:35) 7:30; The Tuxedo (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:35, 4:50) 9:40; White Oleander (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (2:10) 7:15

## LA JOLLA

#### Cove

730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404) **Roger Dodger** (R) Fri. 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. 4:35, 7:00, 9:25

### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 3:15) 7:00, 10:30; Sun. (11:30, 3:15) 7:00

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831) **Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Co**median (R) Fri. (2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **Femme Fatale** (R) Fri. (4:35) 9:45; No. Tol., 11:15) 4:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (4:35) 9:45; **Heaven** (2002) (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:50) 7:10; **Real Women** Have Curves (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55

#### **MIRA MESA**

**Mira Mesa 18** 10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

## MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 2:30, 3:15) 6:15, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:30, 4:00) 6:15, 7:30, 9:45

#### Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) Femme Fatale (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:40; The Man from Elvsian Fields (R) Fri.-Thu, 3:20, 7:30: Metropolis (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20, Punch-Drunk Love (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:25, 9:40; Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 3:10, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; **The Searchers** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; **Secretary** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 5:25, 9:35; Spirited Away (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 4:05, 7:05

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 11:30, 2:30, 3:15) 6:15, 7:00, 9:55, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:30, 4:00) 6:15, 7:30, 9:45

## **STATE UNIVERSITY**

#### Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) 8 Mile (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:00) 7:30; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 3:00) 6:30, 10:00; Sun. (11:30, 3:00) 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:15) 8:30; I Spy (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:30, 7:35, 10:00; Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:30, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:30) 7:50; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:30)

5:25, 7:25, 10:20; Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 5:25, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:25) 7:25; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:20) 7:40; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:30) 5:00, 7:20, 9:35; Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:00, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:15) 7:35

#### Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909) Standing in the Shadows of Motown (PG-13) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

## UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100) Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Tue. (2:00) 4:45, 10:15; Wed.-Thu. (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Far from Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; Sat. 11:00, 11:15, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; Sun, 11:00, 11:15, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00; **Frida** (R) Fri. 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 12:00, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:45

**Museum of Photographic Arts** 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Flirting with Disaster, Thursday, 8 p.m., and Friday, 9:20 p.m.; The Family Jewels, Friday,

1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. **Reuben H. Fleet Science Center** 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00; **Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Mon. Tue. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Wed. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Lewis** and Clark: Great Journey West (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 6:00; Sat. 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon. 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Tue. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Wed. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:30; **Ulti**mate X (PG) Fri. 9:30; Sat. 1:00

## **EAST COUNTY EL CAJON**

Parkway Plaza 18 
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 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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 8 Mile (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 11:45, 12:30, 1:00, 2:25, 4:00, 4:30, 5:05) 6:50, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; Femme Fatale (R) Fri.-Thu.
 (10:30, 4:40) 10:15; Frida (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 1:00, 4:20) 7:20, 10:15; Ghost Ship (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:05) 7:30; Half Past Dead (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 10:45, 11:20, 11:55, 12:15, 12:15, 12:55, 2:10, 2:45, 3:20, 3:40, 4:50, 5:35) 6:10, 6:45, 7:05, 8:15, 9:00, 9:35, 10:10, 10:30; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:30, 9:55; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:30) 7:10, 9:40; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10) 7:45, 10:25; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 12:50, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 11:45, 12:15, 2:10, 2:40, 4:35, 5:15) 7:00, 9:35; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:20; Tuck Everlasting (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:15) 7:50; The Tuxedo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 4:45) 10:25

## **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) 8 Mile (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 11:55, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05) 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15; Femme Fatale (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; Half Past Dead

(PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Se-crets (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:20, 11:55, 12:15, 1:25, 2:45, 3:20, 3:40, 4:50) 6:10, 6:45, 7:05, 8:15, 9:35, 10:10, 10:30, 11:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 11:20, 11:55, 12:15, 1:25, 2:45, 3:20) 3:40, 4:50) 6:10, 6:45, 7:05, 8:15, 9:35, 10:10, 5:40, 4:50) 6:10, 6:42, 7:05, 8:15, 9:55, 10:10, 10:30; **I Sp** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:00, 5:10) 7:20, 9:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:35; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (5:05) 7:25, 9:45

#### LA MESA

**Grossmont Center** *Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)* **8 Mile** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:00, 2:10, 2:40) 4:50, 5:20, 7:25, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50; Sun. (11:05, 11:25, 1:45, 2:10) 4:35, 4:55, 7:25, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu, (1:45, 2:10, 4:35, 5:00) 7:25, 7:40, Mon.- Inu. (1:45, 2:10, 4:35, 5:00) /:25, /:40, 10:00; **Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55; **Half Past Dead** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:05; **Harry Pot-ter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 12:30, 2:30) 4:05, 7:00, 7:30, Jackass (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 9:55; Jackass (k) Fri. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 9:55; Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 4:45, 7:05, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 4:45) 7:05, 9:25; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:50, 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:50) 7:35, 10:10; The Santa Clause 2 (G) Fri. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Sat. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:20, 9:55; Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:20, 9:50

#### Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) 8 Mile (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:15, 3:55) 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55; Femme Fatale (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 5:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 6:05; Frida (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50 Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:55, 5:45) 8:20; Harry Pot-ter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:30, 1:30, 3:00) 5:00, 6:30, 8:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:20, 3:00, 5:00) 6:30, 8:30; Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 12:10); Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 1:30); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 2:55) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 1:45, 3:50, 5:55) 8:00; Punch-Drunk Love (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 4:35, 7:05, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:35) 7:45; Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 3:20) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 4:05) 8:25; The Santa Clause 2 (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:10, 12:35, 3:05) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:05, 4:15) 6:25, 8:35

## SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 9:15; The Santa Clause 2 (G) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:25; Sweet Home Al-abama (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:25

## **SOUTH BAY**

## **CHULA VISTA**

Chula Vista 10

Cruia vista 10 Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) 8 Mile (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; Ghost Ship (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Se-crets (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:00, 3:30, 7:00,

9:00, 10:30, 10:30, 12:30, 2:00, 4:00, 5:30, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00; Jackass (R) Fri.-Thu, 10:00, 12:00. 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **The** Santa Clause 2 (G) Fri.-Thu. 9:45, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30

## Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG); Half Past Dead (PG-13); Frida (R); 8 Mile (R); Femme Fatale (R); I Spy (PG-13); The Santa Clause 2 (G); Punch-Drunk Love (R); Ghost Ship (R); Jackass; The Ring (PG-13); The Transporter (PG-13); Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13); The Tuxedo (PG-13); My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)

**Rancho Del Rey 16** *East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)* **8** Mile (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 2:55, 3:20, 3:50) 6:50, 7:15, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00, 10:25; **Femme Fatale** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30) 7:10; **Chost Ship** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05) 7:10, **Past Dead** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:25) 10:20; **Half Past Dead** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:15; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:45, 11:20, 11:55, 12:15, 1:25, 2:10, 2:45, Constant of the part of th 3:20, 3:40, 4:50, 5:35) 6:10, 6:45, 7:05, 8:15, 9:00, 9:35, 10:10, 10:00, 10:30, 11:45; Sun, Thu. (10:00, 10:45, 11:20, 11:55, 12:15, 12:55, 2:10, 2:45, 3:20, 3:40, 4:50, 5:35) 6:10, 6:45, 7:05, (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 9:45; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:20) 7:20, 9:45; **Jackass** My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:05, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05; Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, (12:25, 3:00, 5:15) 7:25, 9:40; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu (1:05, 3:45) 7:00, 9:50; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:30,

**Vogue** 226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436) Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 6:00; Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:45; Tuck Everlasting (PG) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 9:45

#### **IMPERIAL BEACH**

South Bay Drive In 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

#### NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In 32nd and D (619-477-1392) Call theater for program information

#### Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) 8 Mile (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:05) 5:35, 8:10, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:00, 5:30) 8:05, 10:30; **Half Past Dead** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:30, 9:40; **Harry Potter** and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:20, 3:20) 4:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 12:45, 3:45, 4:00) 7:05, 8:00, 10:25; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:50) 5:30, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:50, 5:10) 7:25, 9:50; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:20, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:15, 5:20) 7:45, 9:50; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:40, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 7:55, 10:10; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 2:20, 4:45) 7:20, 9:45; The Santa Clause 2 (G) Fri.-Sun (12:55, 3:10) 5:50, 8:20, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:05, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15

## **NORTH INLAND** BONSALL

Galaxy 6

76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. 8:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30

animation department. Molly Shannon contributes a show-stopping turn, suitable for *Saturday Night Live*, as a desperate blind date with Country-Western aspirations. Tim Allen, Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Lloyd, David Krumholtz; directed by Michael Lembeck. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REV 16: SANTEE DRIVE IN: SWEETWATER 9: TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Searchers — It's only natural — it's only human — that in any large and loved body of artwork, something will have to be singled out as The Essential One. For some reason in John Ford's body of work, The Searchers seems to get singled out the most. At least among the cognoscenti: the ignoranti may have thought it was still Stagecoach. But no, it's this one, a solemn and self-conscious (even self-parodying) Western epic, an Iliad in Indian territory, with an Odyssey of geographical scope, in which Ford shows no surer grasp than

usual of what's wonderful in his work and what's awful. John Wayne, as an unabashed racist, is one of the wonderful things (though his wide-brimmed white hat isn't); but Jeffrey Hunter as his fellow searcher and Natalie Wood as the sought-for white girl abducted by Comanches, if not awful, certainly could have been better: could have been someone else. With Vera Miles, Ward Bond, Hank Worden. 1956. ★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 11/15 THROUGH 21)

Secretary — Naughty romantic comedy (punish it if you please) about a selfmutilator since seventh grade, fresh out of

the mental institution, who finds employment and a perfect match with a lone-wolf lawyer and closet spanker. It gives away its destination, or at least part of its itinerary, right at the outset, in a graceful ballet of secretarial services performed while cuffed to a crucifixion-like yoke (stapler operated by chin, etc.), and then it jumps back to six months earlier, taking its sweet time to return to the starting point (and beyond). The gradualness of development is one of the keys to the strategy, making sure that this feels like the unrehearsed mating dance of two autonomous oddballs, instead of the freerein wish fulfillment of an S&M fantasist.

(Although far from a pivotal peg, the concept of Sexual Harassment In The Workplace crops up parenthetically in a casual conversation among minor players, just to show that filmmaker Steven Shainberg has a certain familiarity with contemporary society and has not been secluded in some unapproachable chateau out of *The 120 Days of Sodom*.) The potential offensiveness is deflected by two main devices. First, the utter and total individuality of Maggie (sister of Jake) Gyllenhaal, discouraging generalization. Not so much the individuality of her casefile character (prettier sister, alcoholic father, overprotective mother, and so forth,

11:00; Sun. 8:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30; Punch-Drunk Love (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; The Santa Clause **2** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:4 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45

#### **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770) 8 Mile (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:05; Femme Fatale (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:10, 9:35; Half Past Dead (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:55, 10:10; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 3:00, 3:30) 4:05, 6:30, (11:30, 12:30, 12:30, 5:30, 5:30) 4:05, 0:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30, 10:55; Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 3:00, 3:30) 4:05, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05; (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:45) 7:50, 10:00; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (1.30, 3.40) 5.55, 8.15, 10.15; Mon - Thu (1.30, 3:40, 5:55) 8:15, 10:15; Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 2:55) 4:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:45, 4:55); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45, 9:50; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:25, 7:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:25) 7:40, 9:45; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:10) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:10, 5:35) 8:00, 10:20; The Santa Clause 2 (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:50) Si15, 7:35, 9:55; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:15, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:15) 7:35, 9:50; Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:10, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 7:05, 9:25

#### POWAY

#### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) B Mile (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Femme Fatale (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 5:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 12:30, 5:15; Half Past Dead (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. 8:30, 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30, 10:30, 10:30, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:00, 11:00; Sun.-Thu. 8:30, 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30, 10:30, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:00; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; **The** Ring (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **The** Santa Clause 2 (G) Fri.-Sat. 9:45, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun, Thu, 9:45, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 3:00, 7:45

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10:35; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. (08:50, 10:00, 10:45, 11:20, 11:55, 1:25, 2:10, 2:45, 3:20, 4:50, 12:15, 3:40) 6:10, 6:45, 7:05, 8:15, 9:35, 10:10, 10:30, 11:45; Sun. (08:50, 10:00, 10:45, 11:20, 11:55, 1:25, 2:10, 2:45, 3:20, 4:50, 12:15, 3:40) 6:10, 6:45, 7:05, 8:15, 9:35, 10:10, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (10:00, 10:45, 11:20, 11:55, 12:15, 1:25, 2:10, 2:45, 3:20, 3:40, 4:50) 6:10, 6:45, 7:05, 8:15, 9:35, 10:10, 10:30; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:45, 4:25) 6:50, 9:15; Jackass (R) (11:15, 1:43, 4:25) 6:50, 9:15; **Jackass** (k) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:35) 6:55, 9:10; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 12:35, 2:50, 5:10) 7:25, 10:00; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:15) 7:50, 10:40; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. (09:50, 10:55, 12:10, 1:30, 2:35, 4:15, 5:05) (0).50, 10.53, 12.10, 130, 2.55, 4.15, 5.65) 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50; Sun. (12:10, 1:30, 2:35, 4:15, 5:05) 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (09.50, 10.55, 12.10, 1.30, 2.35, 4.15, 5.05) (09.50, 10.53, 12.10, 1.50, 2.53, 4.13, 5.03) 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:45) 7:15, 10:05; **The** 

Truth About Charlie (PG-13) Tue.-Wed. (2:00) 7:20; Tuck Everlasting (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 12:25, 2:30)

## **NORTH COASTAL** CARLSBAD

## Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) 8 Mile (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Thu. 9:30, 1:20, 5:00, 8:45; The Ring (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30; The Santa Clause 2 (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00

#### **DEL MAR**

Del Mar Highlands 8 El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

**8** Mile (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Se**crets** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 8:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 11:00; Sun.-Thu. 8:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30; **I** Spy (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 215, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. 9:45, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 9:45, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8.00

#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu, 10:45, 1:30,

4:15, 7:00; **Femme Fatale** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:30, 5:00, 8:30; 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

## **ENCINITAS**

Encinitas 8 220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) **8 Mile** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 4:00) 7:10, 10:00; Sun. (1:00, 4:00) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Hary Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri-Sat. (11:00, 11:30, 2:30, 3:15) 6:15, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30; Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 2:30, 3:15) 6:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:30, 4:00) 6:15, 7:30, 9:45; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:35, 5:50) 8:10; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30; Mon-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:45) 8:15; The **Ring** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. (1:30, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (1:30, 4:45) 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:15) 7:55; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (12:15, 2:45, 5:20) 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30, 5:55) 8:25; Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55; Sun. (1:15, 4:40) 7:15; Mon.-Thu.

### (2:15, 5:10) 7:50 La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Jackass; The Rocky Horror Picture Show Friday, midnight

## LA COSTA

La Costa 6 6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)

(760-599-8221) Half Past Dead (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Harry Potter and the Cham-ber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. 8:30, 9:00, 12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 10:30, 11:00; Sun.-Thu. 8:30, 9:00, 12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30; I Spy (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. 9:45, 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 9:45, 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

### OCEANSIDE

## **Mission Marketplace 13** College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

**8 Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 12:45, 2:20, 3:45, 5:00, 6:45, 7:40, 9:45, 10:20; **Femme Fatale** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00; Ghost Ship (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; Half Past Dead (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, **of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; **I Spy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **My Big Fat** Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 10:00; The Ring (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40; The Santa Clause 2 (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 12:15, 2:15, 3:15, 5:00, 6:30, 7:45, 9:20, 10:25

#### Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets San (PG); Half Past Dead (PG-13); Jackas; 8 Mile (R); Femme Fatale (R); I Spy (PG-13); The Santa Clause 2 (G); Ghost Ship (R); The Ring (PG-13); My Big Fat Greek Wedding



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though Shainberg is no more interested in "psychology" than was Luis Buñuel, a filmmaker who is brought to mind at numerous points), but simply the individuality of her look and manner: faintly moon-faced, buck-toothed, pigsnouted, with a twinkly Lillian Gish-y girlishness and a galumphing tomboy gait. (James Spader, more conventionally "attractive," feels obliged to signal his oddity more openly and incessantly.) Second, the absurdist, semi-surrealist exaggeration, coupled with the isolated, unpeopled, quasi-laboratory setting, discouraging us from taking the thing literally. But how, then, may it be taken figuratively and without offense? Well: how about as a metaphor of the miracle of love, the finding of the right fit, the happy discovery that what's wrong with you is all right with somebody else? Even then, however, the lightness of tone, the virtual giggliness of tone, might be felt to weaken not only the potential offensiveness but also the potential power. 2002.  $\bigstar \bigstar (HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14,$ FROM 11/15)

### Spirited Away — Cancellation of the

retirement of Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki, whose *Princess Mononoke* was a worthy valedictory to the traditional handdrawn method. For this addendum to his



career, he has made liberal, corner-cutting use of computer-generated backgrounds; and the clash of styles creates perhaps the most overt conflict in the entire film, together with an unwanted undercurrent of sadness and resignation. A contemporary fairy tale about a timid little girl (of indistinct race) who learns to cope - or in other words a textbook metaphor of growth — it lacks something of the drama and the narrative drive of Mononoke, though it lacks nothing in visual imagination (a fully realized spirit world where anything goes) and nothing, either, in audacity. No 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)

#### Standing in the Shadows of

**Motown** — Paul Justman's musical documentary on the uncelebrated Detroit sidemen known as the Funk Brothers. (KEN, 11/15 THROUGH 21)

Sweet Home Alabama — You can take the girl out of the country — take her away from her redneck husband, plant her in the Big Apple, launch her on a career as a fashion designer, affiance her to a 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: ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: SANTEE DRIVE IN: VOGUE)

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

Player; a visit to Truffaut's grave during the

simulations of the on-the-run, 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

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

that he never evokes anyone other than

Mouth-Breather Wahlberg. With Tim

the unexceptional, the unexciting thing, is

the original, not to mention a reminder

last-named in Truffaut's Shoot the Piano

closing credits; even some rough

Jackass

Robbins, Christine Boisson, Ted Levine. 2002. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 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. • (FASHION VALLEY 18: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: VOGUE)

**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.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)





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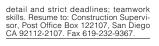
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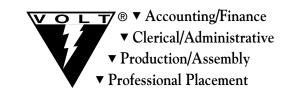
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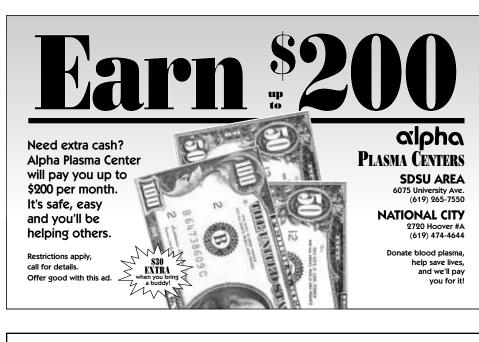
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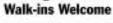
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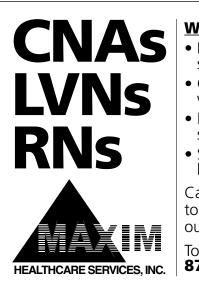
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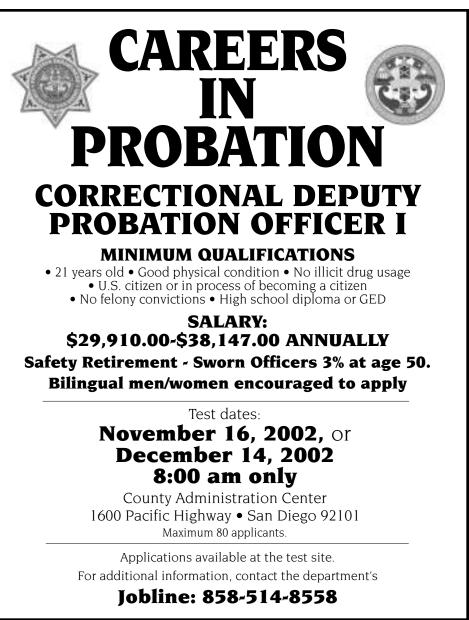
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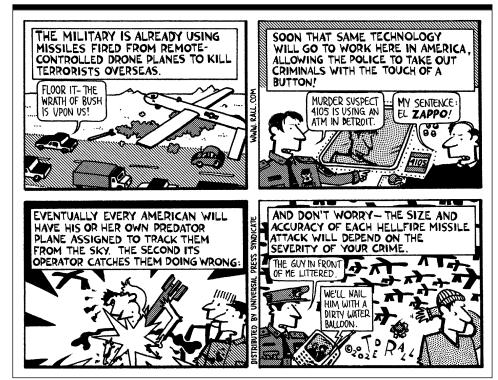
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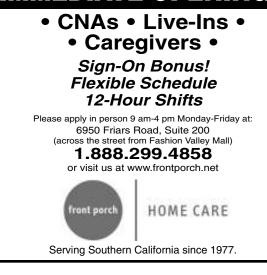
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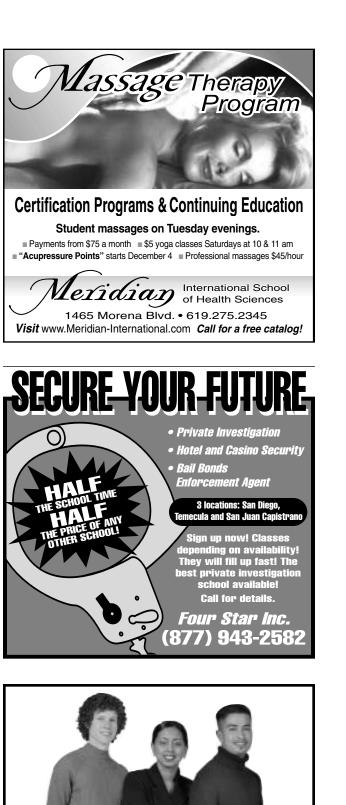
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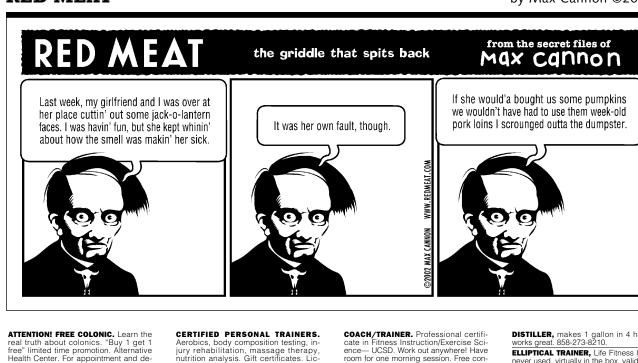
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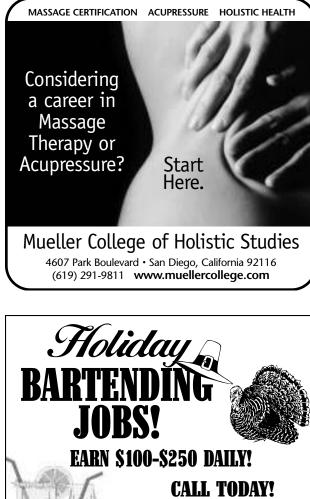
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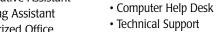


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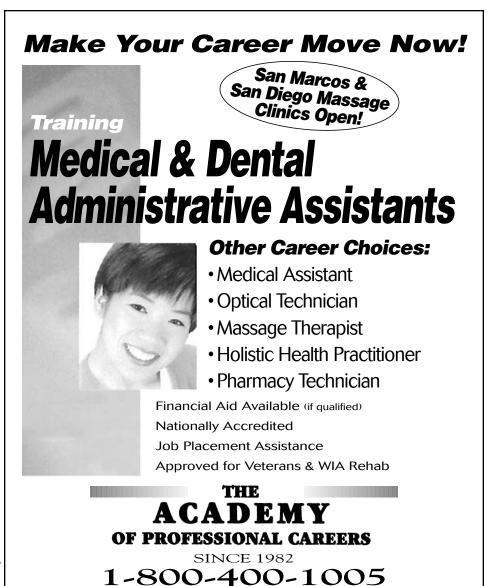
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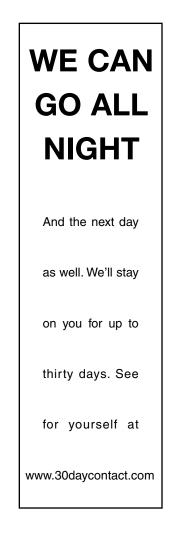
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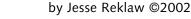
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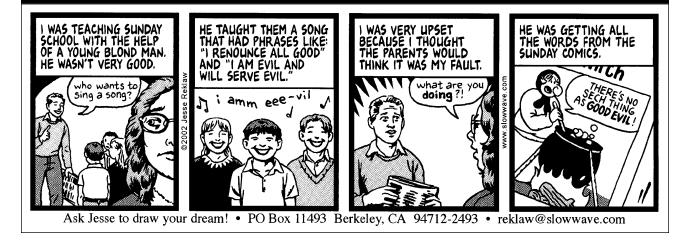
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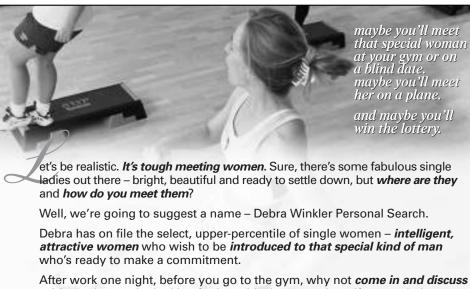
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casian gentleman. We're romantic, frust-worthy, considerate, healthy, humorous, 50+, financially secure. I'm 53, 125lbs., brunette. You're professional, 5'10"+, fit, great smile, passionate. (11/20) **3**34900

T 34900 PETITE LATINA, 38, seeks intelligent, pro-fessional, college educated, male. Must be honest, outgoing, with a sense of hu-mor and fun. Social drinker, no drugs. (11/20) T 34906 LINKIN PARK/ZEPPELIN. Laid back

witty rocker sought by North County babe. 36, 5'3", 104lbs. Us: Beauty brains, bankroll, cool life, clever, casual, com-passionate 34-44. (11/27) 234961 CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE MOM, 49, looks 43, active, fit, professional, homeowner, North County. Gentleman, 45-55, clean-cut, intelligent, active, fit, 5'9"+, finan-

cially/emotionally secure, riage. (11/20) 234889 mar GORGEOUS, GREEN EYED, 5'3", 117lbs. 42 year-old beauty. Seeking financially/ emotionally secure, 42-52 year-old pro-fessional who can make me laugh and think. (11/20) **3**34918

 Think. (11/20) **3**34918

 **GREAT KISSER** seeks same. Are you classy, romanic, funny, intelligent, hon-est? Want a pretty, sensual, witty, petite gal to share life and love? 59-66, non-smoker. (11/27) **3**34972

 **CUTE REDHEAD.** 27, full figured, easygoing, honest. Enjoy movies, theater, music, outdoors, traveling, hanging out. Want someone 26-38, open, honest, relationship minded, to share this. (11/20) **3**34909

5'6", 40, SVELTE, auburn goddess. Travel, tennis, dance, hike, scuba, sail. Loving, compassionate, virtuous, healthy, intelligent, fun. North County. Heart's de-sire: harmonious male counter-part. (11/27) 34978

part. (11/27) 334978 MEET GREAT: Great smile, great shape, great sense of humor, great jogger, dancer, hiker, great conversationalist, great charm, great adventurer, great fun, great date. (11/27) 334963

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, blue-eyed blonde. 5'8", 1251bs., classy, 52. Seeking handsome, intelligent, active profes-sional. (11/20) \$34920 FUN LOVING CHRISTIAN. Enjoys the

beach, gym, theater, movies. I love mu-sic, most of all I love to laugh, great sense of humor a must. (11/20) **2**34927

**31-YEAR-OLD, WHITE,** attractive, career minded female, seeking man, 28-35 taller than 5'8", for fun and possible last ing relationship. (11/27) **2** 34956 **INSTRUCTOR,** young mid 50s, attractive active, personable, bright, seeks successful, well-educated male, nonsmoker for movies, concerts, theater, travel, hik-ing, star-gazing, etc. Interested in rela-tionship. (11/27) 234976

PETITE PRETTY BLOND, 53, desires special man. I'm fun, spiritual, affectionate, adventurous. Love all activities at home, around town and world. I want to laugh! (11/20) 234896

Iaugn: (11/20) 23/34896 ASIAN, SWEET, SULTRY, sensational, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., chidless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous, white professional, 35-55. Let us enjoy food, music, explore. (11/20) 23/34924

TTRACTIVE, SWEET, attentive, white woman, 47. Looking for attractive, white man for relationship. Enjoy sports, dining, wining, romance. I'm interested in a long term relationship. (11/20) **2**34890

RATHER SPLENDID brains, looks, warmth, soul, heart, vision, 56, 5'4", slen-der. Please be good conversationalist, open, fun, quick witted and see glass as half full! (11/27) **2**34938

PRETTY, SOUTHERN LADY, 49, likes out door activities, motorcycles, dinners, dancing, music. Open to new interests. Seeking male, 40-60, who's humorous, honest, loving, affectionate, soul mate. (11/20) **7**34887 SEEKING DANCING PARTNER. Me

Asian, 5'2", 59, charming professional, food sense of humor. You: 57-65, Asian or Caucasian, loving, generous, cute, edu-cated, honest, for relationship. (11/27) **3**34966 SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, 29, full figured,

attractive, loves being pampered. Seek-ing white male, 25-45, who plays no

games. Serious minded and ready to set-tle down. (11/27) 234959 INTEGRITY. HONOR. MORALS. lovalty never married, exotic Polynesian beauty queen, gourmet cook, artist, model, edu-cated, athletic. You: Quality, never mar-ried, military background a plus, 37-52. (11/20) 334899

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ANIMAL LOVER, ITALIAN, widower, spiritual, faithful, passionate, compassionate, understanding, financially secure. Seek-ing 45+, partner for life, to share spacious country home and love. (11/27) 249345 country nome and love. (11/2/) 7249349 BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, edu-cated, professional, athletic, 52, partici-patory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, mid-west values. Seeking compatible/chemi-cal relationship with proportioned, outgo-ing woman. (11/27) 7249304

ing woman. (11/2/) 2749304 6'2", EYES OF BLUE, dark hair, profes-sional, family values, humorous, playful. Seeking active, confident, honest partner. Travel, outdoor activities, cooking, con-versation, romance, adventure, non-smoker. (11/20) 2749247

FRIENDSHIP: Mar's club. Looking for adults 35-40, divorced. Go out, meet women! Must be secure, flexible, straight! Have no fear! No alcoholics or drug ad-dicts. (11/20) 149269

IN THE OCEAN. That is where I am from. Attractive, smart athletic and loving life, fun all around. It is awesome, looking for that mermaid. (11/27) \$49325 LAST OF A DYING BREED. A man of

morals, conscientious, sensitive, caring, thoughtful, communicative, 47. Seeking petite, shy, nice, feminine woman, to share our feelings. (11/27) **24**9351

petite, sir, inc., (11/27) 2 49351
 HANDSOME, 52, millionaire, businessman, 5'10", 190lbs, personable character, goals, monogamous, commitment minded. Enjoy dinner, dancing, movies, travel, spoiling you. Seeking slim, classy, sexy beauty, 35-50. (11/20) 2 49245

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PLASE. (11/2U) 2749/234 PLAYFUL, CARING, intelligent, passion-ate, sensual, open minded, handsome, 53, 5'9", 170lbs., loves nature, arts, sci-ences, humor, desires slender, cute, 45ish, playmate to love forever. (11/27) 2749366

DOWN HOME WHITE GUY, 56, 5'8" 160lbs., bright, upbeat, financially stable. Enjoy movies, music, conversation, friendship, travel. You're 40-50, shapely, nonsmoker, sweet, humorous, easygoing, attractive. (11/27) 2749318 HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, suc

cessful executive, 50s, centered, spiri-tual, jeans to tux, 578°, eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well educated, fit, profes-sional lady, 35-55. (11/27) 2749371

UNIQUE LADY WANTEDI Fun Ioving, emotionally available with depth, self-awareness, and sense of humor. Love outdoors, extra adventurous a plus, hon-esty a must! (11/20) 27 49256

BLACK TEDBY BEAR, handsome, strong, cuddly, romantic, very down to earth. Seeking white/Hispanic female for friend-ship and more. Full figure is a definite plus. (11/27) 249315

FULL FIGURED LATINA wanted, 40-57 hot, sexy. Handsome, classy, black male, 6', green eyes, will love and cherish you. (11/27) **2**49339 TROPICAL FRUIT/BIRD paradise. Gar

den guy seeks friend for plant fun on 10 acre ranch in Bonita. Trees, fresh vegeta-bles, creek, horses, cats, guavas, cheri-moyas. (11/27) **2**49340

MISCHIEVOUS, DIVORCED, white, 47, 5'11", 180lbs., honest, positive, driven, good looking, humorous, real, looking for same. Take a chance, or you may miss the best. (11/27) **2**49363

Ute Dest. (11/2/) 2743935 VERY ATTRACTIVE, highly passionate, 100% pedigree male. Athletic, humorous, warm, positive, personable, romantic, generous, confident professional, gen-uinely cares/appreciates. Seeking white, 35-47, with similar qualities. (11/20) 249275

25-40 YEARS, female friend, nonsmoking, want to do movies, long trip/drive



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tennis, etc. together. I came from Asia. (11/20) **क**49258

HANDSOME, HIGH QUALITY, healthy. 61", 190lbs., widower, Retired, success-ful business, homeowner, financially se-cure. Seeking pretty lady, 45-65, shapely. Dates, fun, laughs, possible long term. (11/20) ☎49248

term. (11/20) 249248
HELP ME FEED THE DUCKS at the lake across the street. Sensitive, Lakeside homeowner, 60, 5'11", 150lbs., needs your caring, affectionate companionship. Enjoys movies, music. (11/20) 249274 HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL exec tive, 58, trim, 510°, blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeks pretty lady, 40+ for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relation-ship. (11/20) **2** 49239

I AM AN ATTRACTIVE, fit, fun person, seeking the same. I love my life, but need you to make it complete. Take a chance. (11/27) 2749311 make it (11/27) 2

ABSOLUTELY SINCERE, honest, fit, ad venturous, world traveler, good looking, stylish Dad. Seeking sincere, attractive, fit lady, 39-47, for inendship, fun, romance, possible marriage. Sense of hu-mor. (11/20) 149246

**INEC REAL LOVE IN MY** life. You're a sensual, loving woman that wants a man to give them what they need. Get in touch. (11/20) **T** 49262

TALL, 6'6", BROWN HAIR, hazel eyes desert. Want to find an energetic lady. (11/27) **2**49358 ME: 55, EAST COUNTY. You: adventur

ous, energetic for dancing, indoor or out-door fun. Us: open, easy, intimate and honest conversation, to become friends and more. (11/20) **2** 49266

**44 YEAR-OLD,** Hispanic male, born in USA, seeks Hispanic female for marriage. USA, seeks Hispanic temate tor manage. Must be 18-35 and loving, caring, nurtur-ing and mothering. All sizes weling and mothering. come. (11/27) **क**49355

YES MA'AM. Wonderful words showing the respect you deserve. Strikingly hand-some, 6'1", 46, 185lbs., emotionally/finan-cially secure. Seeking assertive, sublime, mature woman. Mutually beneficial rela-tionship. (11/20) **G** 49241

tionship. (11/20) **3** 49241 **CHRISTIAN:** Tall, blond, fit, 40, coastal, educated, content, bible study, prayer, fellowship, Scrabble, arts, conversation, hiking, kayaking, bicycling. Seeking godly, marriage-minded woman, to ap-preciate life's simple pleasures. (11/27) **3** 49337

LET'S MEET FOR DRINKS. Single white male, 40, 6', 195lbs., seeks female. Must like barbecues, dogs, frisbee, rock and roll. (11/27) 249336

MALE, 43, FIT, 5'9", self-assured, intelli-gent, adventurous, thoughful, open, hon-est, fun, romantic, creative, semi-vegetar-ian, never married, nonsmoker, career professional. Desire fun, meaningful rela-tionship. (11/27) 12 49332

HANDSOME, TALL, FIT, confident, per-sonable, passionate, caring, 44, 6'2", 180lbs., Believe in working hard, having responsible fun. Seeking my soul mate. Pretty, silm, intelligent. Nonsmok-ers. (11/27) **1**49367

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51, TALL, SLENDER, type B, easygoing, calm, healthy guy, seeks non-heavy, type B gal, for friendship and maybe ro-mance. (11/20) 249276

mance. (11/20) 2 492/0 COOL, TATTOOS, BUFF, great sense of humor. Smart for being blond. Divorced dad, loves kids, music, sports. Great cook, 35, look younger. (11/20) 2 49281 Cook, 35, 100k younger. (11/20) 2749281 GOOD LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 45, seeks slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43, for balanced, long term relationship. (11/27) 2749306

LIGHT SKINNED, BLACK, 44, seeks sen-suous, playful, white, 45-55, for fun, fan-tasy and emotional fulfillment. Outdoor enjoyment and quiet cuddling can be shared together. (11/27) ☎49360 I NEVER LIE. Life is too short for lies, much less passionless existence. Strong, silent type seeks athletic, intelligent part-ner for serious goofiness. (11/20) **74**9254

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**27, HANDSOME, 6',** 190lbs., single, white male. Seeking cute and petite, athletic woman to share sunsets and movies with and working out, love to laugh. (11/27) **34**9369

LIKE ARCHIE BUNKER, music, cross-words, football. Great looking, smart, funny, artistic, young, 39, 57", 140lbs., fit. You: 29-42, slim, like laughing, walks, an-imals, yes? (11/20) **2** 49240

Transity, 9657 (11/20) 4 49240 27, 6127, 1751BS, student, athletic, non-smoker, romantic, humorous, enjoys fly-ing, travelling, dancing, cooking and any-thing new and adventurous. Seeking 184, without children and nonsmoker. (11/20) 74/0240

YOU ARE 40-55, beautiful, with a great personality. Ditto. If you really want to change your life, call me to see if there is chemistry. (11/20) **1**49293

JEWISH MAN IN HIS 50s, looking for Jewish woman, 35-50, for long term rela-tionship. Only serious inquiries ap-ply. (11/27) 2749297

PREFERS PETITE. 6'2", businessman, 40s, athletic, lean, educated, romantic,

handsome, seeks diminutive damsel, for movies, dinners, walks, plays, conversa-tion. I will look up to you! (11/20)

AM DIVORCE FOR 15 YEARS and look woman that would like to enjoy life. travel. Very passionate and lov-1/27) **2**49343

aule. (11/2/) 2749343 BIG MAN SEEKS medium to fuller size woman, unencumbered, smart, emotion-ally stable who has broken the mold. Open to age, 5'11", white, good val-ues. (11/20) 2749291

ATTRACTIVE LOOKING, 42 year old, white male, 5'8", 1651bs, likes sailing, hik-ing, dining, working out regularly, never married, nonsmoker, interesting fun, car-ing, loyal, compassionate. (11/27) 49305

MUSICIAN, SURFER, salesman, 35. At-tractive male seeking female to share fun times. (11/20) 249263

SINGLE DAD with little girl, 4 years. 45 years, 5'10', 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing, thin woman. (11/27) **T** 49365

KIND, THOUGHTFUL, 50, 6'1", lean, fit, professional, dad, fun, mannered, seeks 38-50, North County Inland lady, bright, trim, music, movies, romance, dance, travel, love, marriage. (11/27) **क**49364 A LITTLE FUN is all I'm looking for. Work-ing hard with little time. Outdoors and a little nightlife. Flexible attitude. No gim-micks, clean and sober. (11/20) 76 49259

LOVE TO PLAY, but I'm not a player. You interested in playing? Contact me and be ready to play. Race is not impor-tant. (11/27) **2**49377

tant. (11/2/) 27 49377 ATRACTIVE, TALL, WHITE, 50, affection-ate, kind, sense of humor, employed, en-joys dinner, movies, beach, hiking, music, etc. Seeking single, attractive woman, un-der 50, for companionship. (11/27) 27 49346

LADY OF COLOR DESIRED for causal dating, consisting of dinner, dancing, movies, walks on the beach, conversation over coffee, as well as your inter-ests. (11/20) 249273

ests. (11/20) **12** 492/3 **ARE YOU SINGLE**, about 30 some-thingish, Caucasian, Christian, physically fit, financially responsible, childless and ready to click with similar, yet older, ma-ture, monogamous male? (11/20) **2** 49251

STRONG-WILLED WOMAN, likes to give direction, sensual, wants good, monoga-mous relationship. Desired by handsome, sweet, attentive man, 45. I am very eager to please. (11/20) **2**49290 30, PRESCHOOL TEACHER, loves foot

ball, soccer, kids, steak, family and beach. Would like meet a Asian lady who like same thing. (11/20) **2**49270 STEVIE RAY, KIROSAWA, Carlin? 25 smart, twisted, easy on the eyes, love kids. Guitarist, writer, hopes you're posi-tive, caring, sensitive lady who appreci-ates being appreciated. (11/27) **2**49359

UNAMBIGUOUSLY MASCULINE, sensitive and mannered. Tarzan-like hysique, average face, 5'10", 170lbs., 50, brown/ blue, books, dining, wine, road trips. Seeking feminine, approximately propor-tionate lass. (11/20) **2**49242

1951 CADDY IN NORTH COUNTY. Built for comfort, easy on fuel, great on curves, good throttle, unique inside and out, good rubber left, won't last. (11/27) 249323 **TREE FLOWERS**. Female, fortunate for me. 40 something, physician, 6'+, ath-letic. Seeking professional woman, 30-40, full of gusto, fun, travel, and maybe grow old together. (11/27) **C** 49319

ASIAN AND FILIPINA female, 18-35, I'm the guy for you. 35, 5'11", 175lbs., adven-tures, let's talk. (11/27) ☎49373 tures, lets talk. (11/21) ℃ 49573 HARD BODY, SOFT HEARTI Super ro-mantic, handsome, white executive, tall, trim, youthful 69. Needs passionate, no hang-ups, modern lady, wake up smiling, Dentures, glasses OK. (11/27) ☎ 49322

ROMEO SEEKING PRINCESS. Single, white male, 47 years old, upbeat, looking for special princess! She is between 25 and 38 years old, has one arm. (11/27) 749326

**324326** STUDENT, **25**, looking for a woman, 18-24, pretty, white, likes clubs, music, hang-ing out. I am Latino, attractive, easygoing and open-minded. (11/27) **3243314 SEEKING TALL, 5'8"+,** white, slender fe-male, for good times and long term rela-tionship. I'm 6'8", fit, 54, and white. La Jolla/UTC area. (11/20) **3249237** 

**I'M A 6'4"**, 200LBS., **38**, black man, work as a chef, love to travel. I have no kids. Looking for someone to cook for, 27-49. (11/20) **2** 49243

49. (11/20) A 49249 EASYGOING, NICE LOOKING, Latin gen-tleman Adventurous, romantic, down to

tleman. Adventurous, romantic, down to earth, enjoys home life and the outdoors. Dance, theater, movies, travel. Seeking attractive lady for friendship. (11/20) AND ACTION, looking for a movie going friend. Comedy, adventure, and horror

friend. Comedy, advenuure, and nonco-films. Occasional chick flick is accept-able. Nothing serious, good clean fun and entertainment. (11/27) **2**49378 PASSIONATE, RESPONSIVE, unselfish

gentleman, 50, Hispanic, seeks 40s, His-panic, Asian, Caucasian, liberal import. For exciting, fun, satisfying partnership. You must make this call. Need you! (11/27) **1**49352

PRINCE CHARMING seeking to meet Cin-derella. Fun, adventurous, Jewish male, 33, seeks honest, sincere, quality woman, for good times, laughter and new adven-tures. (11/27) 249353

tures. (11/27) **3** 49353 BLACK, JAZZMAN. Creative, intelligent, 42. Seeking attractive, slender female, any race, 5-5'8", for good times. Con-certs, plays, parties, dining, dancing, travel, sports, romance. (11/27) **3** 49307 LET'S DO THIS. 42 years, Italian-Ameri-can male, seeking soul mate to discover the secrets of Kama Sutra. If you've got time, I've got heart. (11/27) 249349 BLACK OR HISPANIC lady, 30-45, attrac-tive, romantic, down to earth, looking for

possible relationship with attractive, tall, white male, 39, single parent. Love family time. (11/27) 249298

SKI PARTNER WANTED, or water sport lover, or bike rider. Late 30's+. Motorcy-cles, boats, traveling OK. Must be happy, excited, fun and smile a lot. (11/20)

BLACK, SLENDER LADY, under 30, de sired by white, 44, professional make, business owner. North County, must be romantic, adventurous and passion-ate. (11/27) 249316

HUGS, JOKES, TRAVEL, hiking, biking, beach walks, financial independence, no beach walks, financial independence, no worries. If optimistic, fit, under 39, non-smoker/drinker, not pretentious, and love life, please respond. (11/20) **3** 49261 met, prease responde. (11/20) 27 49261 OUTGOING INDIVIDUAL looking for confi-dent, active, young woman with set goals. Someone who likes to have fun and is open to try anything once. (11/20) 27 49252

**ROMANTIC, FRENCH**, 25. I want to meet a sweet girl, share my laugh and fun. I am attractive and love to have romantic evenings. (11/27) **27** 49335

ATTRACTURE, AFFLUENT, independent bachelor, wishes to share life and beauti-ful home with 30 something female coun-terpart. Me: Caucasian, trim, childless. You: the same! North County. (11/27) 72 49341 **2**49341

AVERAGE SEEKING AVERAGE. 6', 40, slim, seeking slender, classic rock, blues, country. Seeking travel buddy, fun, na-ture, hikes, hot springs, positive, good communication, dance, hiking. (11/20) **7**4923

**PLAY COUPLE READY?** 2 fit, just di-vorced, professionals, looking for rela-tionships, friendships with like-minded women. Be 32-45, fun, attractive, sensual, mature, daring, bright, spiritual. (11/27) **24**9331

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. (11/27) 249370

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HI, THIS SEXY, FUNNY, romantic, San Diego guy, 45, 6'4", seeks woman 27-53, for barbecues, sports, beaches, music. Listen to my introduction and call me. (11/27) **2**49300

TIRE OF HEAD GAMES and bars? Maybe you need a change. 53, divorced, happy with life. Be 37-55, with good sense of humor. Call! (11/27) 249361

AFRICAN AMERICAN, 46, sincere, hon-est, healthy, attractive, reliable, 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoys music, beach, dining, cof-feehouses. Seeking attractive, marriage-minded, blonde female, 33-41. Be my lady. (11/20) **3** 49271

FILIPINA, 32-50, very attractive, athletic sought by Italian/American, 48, 6' 181lbs., athletic, professional, biking



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Passionate, fun, silly, goal oriented, affectionate, 25 year-old entrepreneur/ movie buff, looking for the same in woman, for potential relationship. Movie buffs will be given 100 extra credit points. You love sparkling conversation, laughing until your stomach is sore, and you are honest. No smoking/drugs please. (11/20) 249282

FUN PROFESSIONAL, likes sailing, movice trips, wine tasting, swap meets, rel. Looking for nonsmoker, 35+, morn-person, spontaneous who laughs and fun. (11/27) 249301 YOUNG, 49, ACTIVE, happy, indepen-

dent, fun-loving professional, looking for an easygoing, healthy woman without luggage. (11/27) **क**49309

RIENDS FIRSTI 34, 6'4", classy profes-sional, values, confident, warm, passion-ate, open-minded. Enjoy socializing, act-ing, culture, tennis, outdoors. Seeking emotionally healthy, educated, fit. Photo online( 11/20) **2**49265

### **Bonjour Beautiful**

Ladies. I'm on a journey from Canada to explore an adventure with a sexy, open, honest, lady like you, so have no fear. Here in open arms to give you happiness/faith in your heart. I don't play games, so don't play games with me. (11/20) ☎ 49233 BLACK MALE, 40, looking for full figured, black, woman, for conversations, walks each, music, closeness, honesty, , long term relationship. Age be-0-45. (11/27) **2**49354

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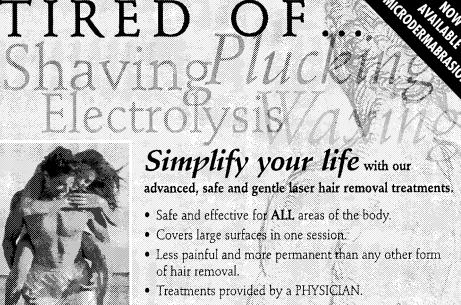
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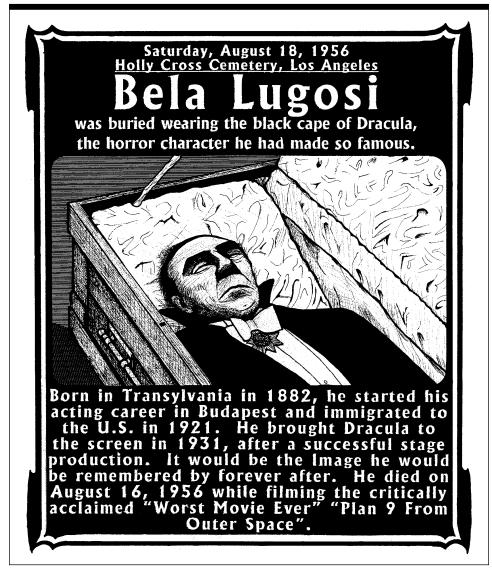
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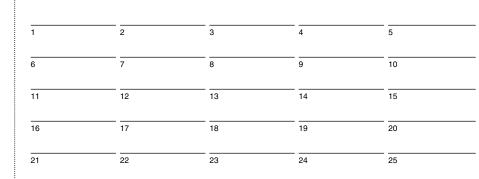
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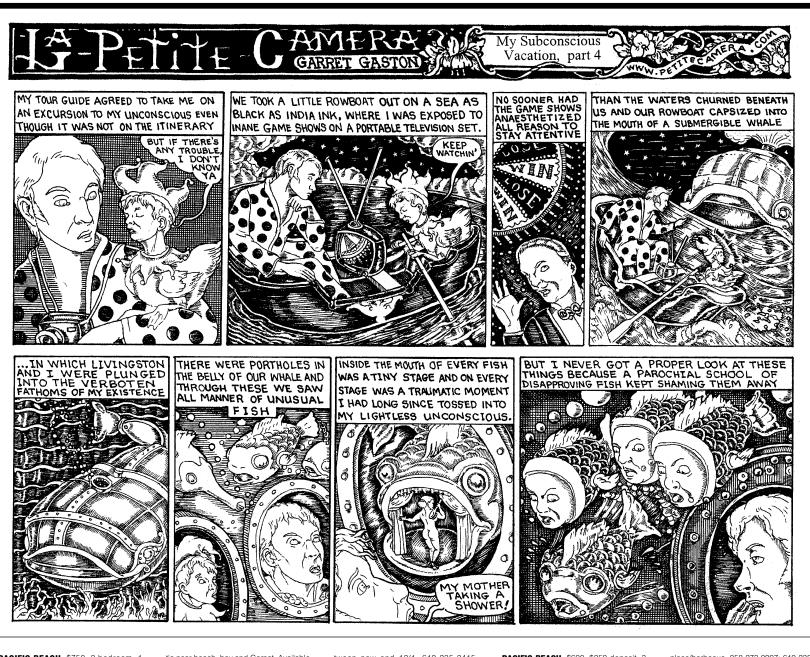
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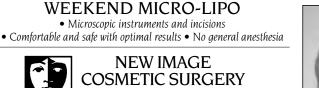
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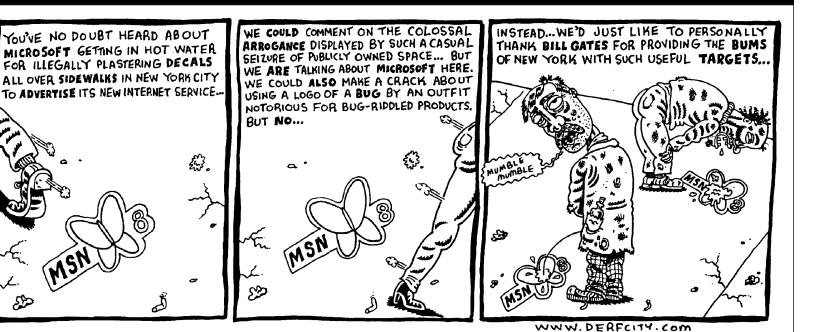
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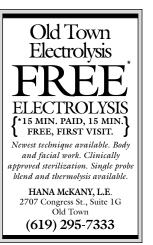
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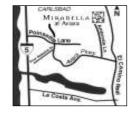


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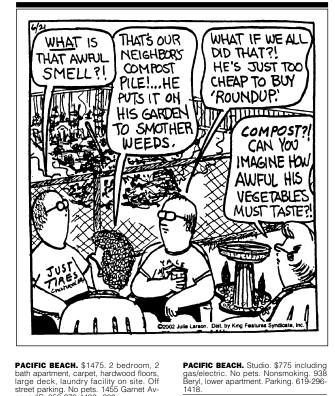
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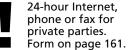
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#### LEAD STORIES

- Among issues in the months-long labor-management strife at the Taronga Zoo (Sydney, Australia): Workers have resisted managers' alleged solution for getting Kibabu the gorilla to mate (following his rejection of all females for six years now), which was to have the keepers sedate him, stimulate him manually, and collect his sperm in a container (but that, said one keeper, would be "too bloody dangerous. What if he woke up?"). It now appears that zoo officials are resigned to use technology instead, by a process called electro-ejaculation. Earlier, workers had announced a partial strike for a 3 percent pay increase, in that they would stop picking up animals' droppings (whereupon management began docking their pay of the "poo allowance" of the equivalent of US \$2.40 an hour.

- On Nov. 2, skydiver Ron Sirull (1,000 career jumps) performed at the Air and Space Show at Vandenberg Air Force Base (just north of Lompoc, Calif.) accompanied by his Dachshund, Brutus the Skydiving Dog (100 career jumps), to the protests of animal-rights activists but (according to Sirull) to the delight of Brutus, who was "totally turned on." (Brutus doesn't jump alone; he wears goggles and rides in Sirull's jumpsuit. According to Sirull, Brutus's vet and the Arizona Humane Society say the jumps are safe.)

#### **People Lower than a Snake's Belly**

 In August, Brian Lynch of Scotchtown, N.Y., was convicted of stealing \$8,000 in donations intended for a Sept. 11 FDNY widow. Also in August, Vernon Coleman, 32 (of Philadelphia), and Dane Coleman, 28 (of Upper Darby, Pa.) (who are not related), were arraigned on charges of stealing \$35,000 from a donation fund for Afghan children displaced by the war. Also in August, New York City landlord Denise M. Lyman announced she would not allow the family of Sept. 11 victim Danielle Kousoulis into Danielle's old apartment to secure DNA to help detect her remains because Danielle had breached her Sept. 1, 2001, lease by failing to give three months' notice before "abandoning" the apartment.

#### Chutzpah!

- According to a September New York Times report, New York City homeless-shelter workers believe that "50 to 75 percent" of the current population of 8,000 families (2,000 more than the year before) are "unreasonably picky" about moving into permanent assisted housing, thus remaining in temporary apartments at an average cost to the city of \$2,800 per family per month. Sara Kelly, mother of six and an eight-year assistedhousing client, said she could not accept a threebedroom apartment because "you had to walk through one bedroom to get to another bedroom to get to a bathroom (and) I can't live like that. (I am) choosy about where I live."

- In White River Junction, Vt., in October, Stewart Fuller, 41, was charged with looting about \$30,000 worth of goods from the house of neighbors Roger and Shirley Labelle (who were away) and holding a three-day yard sale nearby so that when the Labelles returned, they couldn't help but notice that some of their neighbors had their stuff. - Earlier this year, 89 wives, daughters and lovers of wealthy or powerful Mexican men posed chicly in extravagant settings with complete lack of inhibition about their opulence, for photographer Daniela Rossell's coffee-table book, Ricas y Famosas ("Rich and Famous"), thus appearing to taunt the 53 percent of Mexicans who live in poverty. Rossell, who comes from the upper class herself, and is thought to have made the book in part because of conflicted views of her upbringing, has since received threats from the embarrassed wealthy, who apparently miscalculated how their pictures would be perceived.

#### Life Imitates a Rodney Dangerfield Joke

 Herbert Toney, 36, and Latisha Washington. 29, were arrested in October in St. Bernard Parish, just outside New Orleans, and face several charges including deserting their 8-year-old son. According to police, the couple instructed the son to go into a Winn Dixie supermarket and steal groceries and beer. When a security guard stopped him, the boy pointed out his parents nearby, but Toney and Washington matter-of-factly denied knowing the kid and walked away. Deputies brought the couple in again a while later, but Washington said only that maybe she had seen the boy around the neighborhood a few times. Finally, she admitted he was hers.

#### **Extremely Effective Clothing**

- According to a July Reuters photo dispatch from the mountains of northeast Colombia, U'wa Indian girls' traditional "cocora" hats, designed to encourage chastity from puberty until marriage, consist of oversized cones made of layers of large sheets of green leaves, all completely covering the girls' heads, except for narrow eye slits.

#### **People Different From Us**

 Suspected cult leader Scott Caruthers, 57, was arrested in September in Carroll County, Md., and charged with conspiracy to murder the ex-husbands of two of his alleged disciples; according to a Baltimore Sun report, Caruthers has claimed to be an alien who reported back to the mother ship by messages to cats. And Dem Mam, 54, head of a fringe Buddhist cult, was freed from custody in October, having been determined not responsible for three disciples' immolating themselves in a bathtub of gasoline in a Cambodian countryside pagoda; Dem Mam teaches that ritual suicide is the only path to heaven but told police that he did not need to commit suicide himself because he is already holy enough.

#### Least Competent Criminals

 Ronnie Dale Jones, 33, was arrested in Brevard, N.C., in September after he, for some reason, drove into a parking lot and past several police officers standing by their cars, talking; Jones apparently had momentarily forgotten he had a very large marijuana plant in his back seat. And a 22-year-old man was detained by a sheriff's deputy in Gainesville, Fla., in October after he had been stopped routinely for an expired tag; as the men were conversing casually, the deputy noticed a rolled-up marijuana joint behind the man's ear (to which the motorist said, "Man, I forgot that was back there").

#### **Multitasking Gone Too Far**

- In Tucson, Ariz., in August, Iris Jazmin Rangel, 24, was sentenced to three years' probation in the death of her 10-month-old daughter in a minor collision caused by Rangel's inability to brake quickly enough; her attention was diverted because she was breastfeeding the girl at the time. And South Carolina Highway Patrol officers said in July that Marie Butler, 20, triggered a five-car collision on State Road 90, sending three people to the hospital, when she lost control of her car while changing clothes during her drive to work.

#### The Classic Middle Name (all-new)

- Arrested for murder: Anthony Wayne Grimm (Springfield, Ill., August); Daryl Wayne Smith (Wheeling, W.Va., August); Seth Wayne Campbell (Houston, July); Douglas Wayne Clark (Austin, Texas, October). Convicted of murder: Gary Wayne Davis (Louisville, Ky., September). Arrested on suspicion of murder at press time: Michael Wayne Bartlett (Ridgetop, Tenn., October). [Springfield Journal-Register, 8-21-02] [The Intelligencer (Wheeling, W.Va.), 8-6-02]

#### Also, in the Last Month ...

- The North Korean government gave its top yearly science prize to Pyongyang Hospital for developing a rhubarb-and-marijuana concoction that is "97 percent effective" in curing constipation. Adele Robinson and several other New York City public-school contract teachers were mailed checks for 1 cent to correct a calculation error on summer-class pay. Cheyenne Harley Kahnapace, 26, pleaded guilty to violating his parole restrictions after a police officer caught him out for a walk pushing a baby stroller containing a small keg of beer (Regina, Saskatchewan). Prominent entomologist Elmo Hardy passed awav at age 88, his legacy secure in that 50 species of flies are named for him (Honolulu).

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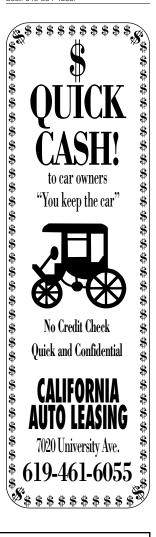
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### Who Is This Guy?

have a superhero living in my house. A couple of weeks before Halloween, I took my older son Johnny costume shopping. On a cloudy Thursday, I loaded Johnny and his younger brother Ben into the minivan and headed to Toys R Us. When we arrived at the store and the automatic doors slid open in front of us, Johnny stared up at a mannequin dressed as the blue Power Ranger. Johnny has never seen the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers television show. He has never seen a Power Rangers movie. He has no

Power Rangers toys. "Mom," Johnny said as he ran up to the manneouin and fingered the thin blue polyester, "who is this guy?" "He's a Power Ranger," I

answered. "He looks cool," Johnny said.

"Looks co-o-o-o-oh," twoyear-old Ben echoed Johnny.

I noticed the sign hanging on a shelf next to the mannequin. "Clearance. \$14.99." "Do you want to be this guy for Halloween?"

I asked Johnny. "Yeah," he said. "Yeah," Ben echoed.

On the ride home, Johnny asked, "Can I put

the costume on when we get home?" "Sure," I answered. "You can wear your costume today. Then we're going to put it away

until Halloween so it doesn't get ruined." "Okay, Mommy. Can I put it on when we

get home?"

"Yes."

"Right when we get home?"

"Right when we get home."

Johnny put the costume on right when we got home. I pulled the jumpsuit over his legs and torso. He slid his arms into the sleeves. I tied the belt with the plastic yellow Power Rangers buckle around his waist. He put the shiny blue shark mask over his face. When Johnny turned around to look at me, he assumed a threatening pose and growled.

"Yikes," I said. "Yikes," Ben said. "Scared a Djonny."

Johnny pulled the mask up to reveal his hugely smiling face. "You don't have to be scared, Mom," he said. "It's just me."

Johnny scared his three sisters when they came home from school. He scared lack when Jack unlocked the front door after work. "Yikes," Jack feigned terror when Johnny raised his arms and growled. "Is it safe to come inside?"

'It's okay, Daddy," Johnny said as he lifted his mask. "It's just me.

At the end of the day, I folded up the Power

Rangers costume and put it up high on a shelf in my bedroom. "Please, can I wear it tomorrow?" Johnny pleaded.

"Nope," I said. "Not until Halloween." "Is that long?"

"Not too long."

The day before Halloween, Johnny ran into my bedroom at 7:00 a.m. "Mom," he told me in his most excited voice, "it's the day of my party." Because Johnny goes to preschool Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, his party was held the Wednesday immediately preceding Halloween.

"You're right, buddy," I answered groggily. "I can wear my Power Rangers costume," Johnny exulted and clasped his hands together.

Yes, you can. We can put it on right after lunch, right before you go to preschool."

'Okay, Mommy.'

Right after lunch, I helped Johnny transform from mild-mannered four-year-old to superpowered superhero. "Teacher Jennifer will be scared when she sees me," Johnny told me as we drove to school. "She won't know it's me."

At school, Teacher Jennifer acted scared when Johnny growled inside his mask.

"It's okay," Johnny said as he lifted the mask. "It's just me."

For the next two and a half hours, Johnny played with his friends. All the girls were princesses. All the boys were superheroes. There were some Star Wars characters, a white Power Ranger, another blue Power Ranger. The boys ran in circles around the playground, shouting and making shooting noises. The girls milled around in small groups and watched the boys or joined in the chase.

On the drive home, Johnny asked me if he could wear his costume for the rest of the day. Sure," I told him. "Just try not to get food on it. You have to wear it tomorrow night for trickor-treating."

Johnny reluctantly let me remove the costume that night before he took his bath. "Can I wear it to sleep in tonight?" he asked as he stepped into the tub.

"Sure," I said.

Johnny slept in his costume. "Look, Mom," he said when he got up Halloween morning. "I'm all ready for trick-or-treating."

Johnny wore his Power Rangers costume all day while we drove Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy to the small Catholic academy they attend near our home in San Marcos. While we watched each girl give her saint speech before the school's annual All Saints' Carnival. While we played in the back yard after the girls came home from school. While we ate dinner. By the time we headed out for trick-or-treating, the Power Rangers costume had begun to smell a little gamey, a little like a sweaty four-year-old boy who needed a bath.

Up and down the streets of our neighborhood, I watched Johnny dart in and out among the hedges. He followed his sisters up front walks to porches decorated with jack-o'-lanterns and orange Halloween lights. His face glowed with delight each time he ran down yet another walk, his bag heavy with candy.

By the end of the evening, Johnny's powers began to fade. He trudged to the last few houses. He asked Jack to carry his bag. We took our little Power Ranger home and put him to bed.

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